



LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OF ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

JUNE 5, 2022

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PARISH TOWN HALL COMING UP

Sunday, June 26 following Divine Liturgy

Our Annual Parish Town Hall will be held so that everyone can receive a midyear update on the big things happening around our community. You will hear updates on the following:

- ⇒ our Youth Program
- ⇒ new Youth Room and other facility projects
- ⇒ current status of Strategic Planning process
- ⇒ Centennial Celebration
- ⇒ Clergy Renewal application
- ⇒ mid-year financial update.

Please come, and bring your questions and get answers!

SOUL SATURDAY COMMEMORATION OF ST. NICHOLAS DEPARTED

The Saturday of the Soul Liturgy, held **this Saturday, June 11**, will commemorate all those departed St. Nicholas members whose names will be placed on a beautiful new memorial wall to be constructed in connection with our centennial. This list has been carefully compiled and goes back nearly 100 years. It is an important part of our faith to pray for the souls of not only those who "we love but no longer see" but also those who may no longer have anyone to remember them. The Church has provided the Soul Saturday liturgy for this purpose, so that all of us some day can be remembered and prayed for, in faith and love.

To review the list of St. Nicholas parishioners who have fallen asleep in the Lord, visit [[MEMORIAL WALL](#)]. If the information listed for your departed loved one is incorrect, please visit [[CORRECTIONS](#)] to update the information. Please contact [Archdn. David](#) if you have any questions.

FATHER'S DAY

Due to the Parish Life Conference on June 19, Father's Day will be celebrated **next Sunday, June 12** (Pentecost).

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 5

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, June 7

5:15PM—Whitecaps Game with
Shepherds of Independence

Thursday, June 9

10AM—Bible Study

11AM—St. Xenia's Circle

Friday, June 10

6:30PM—Young Adults Disc
Golf Outing at Garfield Park

Saturday, June 11

Saturday of the Souls

9AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

6PM—Great Vespers
followed by Confession

Sunday, June 12

Holy Pentecost

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy
with Kneeling Vespers

Father's Day Observance

CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

We will be emailing to everyone a letter describing how you can support our centennial celebration commemorative book by purchasing an ad or family page that will enable you to tell your story so that it is preserved and remembered. This commemorative book is not your typical ad book; it is a hardcover, coffee table style, 100 year pictorial history of St. Nicholas that people will look at for the next 100 years to know who we are and where we all came from.

The book will have sections on each decade of our history, up to the present, and it will include this opportunity for you to purchase space to tell your personal or family story as well. Whether that story goes back 100 years or one year, this opportunity only comes around once every 100 years, for the benefit of the next 100 years. Please give supporting this effort your every consideration. We look forward to seeing how creative and what wonderful stories many of you can tell about yourselves and your family's life at St. Nicholas, for the benefit of future generations.

ETIQUETTE IN CHURCH: TOYS

We understand the need for kids to be quiet during the Divine Liturgy, but we also do not want to distract them from the purpose of being in church. Some suggestions to help them may include:

For ages 2-5: point out the icons and look for similar colors, crosses, the Lord Himself, then give them a break for a few minutes and then find something else like singing the responses or what the priest is doing.

For ages 6-8: have your child follow along in the service book or purchase one of the children's liturgy books from the bookstore. Give them shorter breaks throughout the liturgy but always bring them back to focus on the liturgy.

By age 8 or 9: children should be able to follow along in the service with very minimal distractions. Having them sing and say responses keeps them engaged.

***Note: anything being brought to church for quiet time should be church related and not create any noise to distract others. See Mykel if you need suggestions.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Young Adults

Friday, June 11 @ 6:30PM

Join the St. Nicholas Young Adults for a night of disc golf at Garfield Park. Never disc golfed before? No problem! We'll have extra discs available for you to use. If disc golf isn't your thing, come along anyways to enjoy a nice night in the park. Meet at the Garfield Park (2111 Madison Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507) Northwest pavilion, which is near the corner of Burton and Jefferson) at 6:30PM. Contact Ben Bauman with questions at bauma300@umn.edu.

Forerunners

Thursday, June 23 @ 12-2PM

Save the date for the Annual July 4th Party. For more information, contact Eileen Adolphson at eadolphson@outlook.com.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN JUNE

Saturday of the Souls

June 11 @ 9AM

Holy Pentecost

June 12

Orthros @ 9AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10AM

Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul

June 28

Orthros @ 5PM

Divine Liturgy @ 6PM

Join us for fellowship, friendship, and worship!



SAINT GEORGE
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Grand Rapids, Michigan invites you to join us for the

2022 Parish Life Conference

June 15 to June 19, 2022



WHAT'S YOUR PLAN FOR THE PLC??

We are now two weeks away from the Diocese Parish Life Conference, hosted by St George right here in Grand Rapids. Three general ways to go:

All In: register, purchase a ticket book or at least a bunch of events, and enjoy a staycation with our diocesan family.

Commute: you may not be able to stay for everything, but register, purchase a book, and spend a good portion of each day / evening at the Conference.

Commute-Lite: Just registering the conference for \$35 get you into all of the speakers, services, and many other opportunities. It also gets you free parking!

Saturday, June 11 is the last day for Online Registration. Remember that Liturgy on **Sunday, June 19** will not be held at St Nicholas but we will join Bishop ANTHONY and our diocesan family for services at the hotel. Again, parking is free for anyone registered for the Conference. The link to register for the hotel is <https://group.embassysuites.com/jhuvwp>. Register for the conference at www.toledopl.org.

CREATION CARE UPDATE

Why compost instead of recycling?

Less than 10% of the roughly 300 million tons of new plastic produced annually is actually recycled. A majority of the plastic placed in your recycling bin at the end of your driveway doesn't make it all the way through the recycling process (often due to the type of plastic). This is where using reusable or compostable materials steps in. St. Nicholas will shortly be moving towards composting a very large percentage of our waste and reducing our dependence on landfills.



creation care
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

INFORMATION FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN

For more information about the following topics, click the date: [\[MAY 29\]](#)

- ◆ Etiquette in Church: Standing
- ◆ Creation Care Update
- ◆ Thank You Note
- ◆ Youth in Action: Year End Celebration/Photos
- ◆ Youth Room News
- ◆ Centennial Moment: Memorial Day Memories

Vacation Church School SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 26th @ Manhattan Park:
12:00-3:00pm – Family Welcome Picnic and Games!
430 Manhattan Rd, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Monday, June 27th @ Holy Trinity:
6:00-8:00pm – Saint Peter the Apostle
330 Lakeside Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI

Tuesday, June 28th @ Saint Nicholas:
5:00-8:00pm – Saint Paul the Apostle
2250 E Paris Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Wednesday, June 29th @ St. George:
6:00-8:00pm – Saint Thekla the Protomartyr
334 La Grave Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Thursday, June 30th @ Holy Cross:
6:00-8:00pm – Saint Maria of Paris
2828 Richmond St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Register Online @

<https://stnicholasgr.com/vcs/>

BLESSING TEACHERS AND STUDENTS



For the past several years, we have had a relationship with the teachers and students at Ridge Park Elementary School which is next to the church. We have provided treats for the teachers and mentored some of the kids. Over the past two years, we have been limited in our ability to help; however, things are getting back to normal.

We will be providing sweet, salty, and healthy treats to the teachers to celebrate the end of the school year on June 8. Please contact Jenny Khorey if you are able to help. Treats should be at St Nicholas by 10AM on **Wednesday, June 8**. Also, we are pleased to announce that we expect to return to mentoring during the next school year. If you are interested in mentoring, or would like more information, please contact Jenny Khorey (khoreyegr@gmail.com).

A LIFE-LONG FAITHFUL SERVANT



In memory of the Servant of God, Robert (Bob) Laham, we desire to share highlights of his dedication to the Orthodox Faith. We hope you will find encouragement and renewed commitment as you serve Christ and the Church.

Bob and his wife, Gladys, are members of St. George Church, Boston. He served the Church faithfully his entire life. At a young age, not only was he an Altar Boy, he was ordained a sub-deacon, beginning his ministry in the Church. Bob served on the Archdiocese Board of Trustees for over 50 years, 30 of which he served as treasurer. He also served as Chairman of the Antiochian Village Council. Fr. Michael was camp director when Bob was Chairman. Many of the improvements and renovations that have been made are a result of Bob's due diligence and love for the "Village". Bob and Gladys provided scholarships for participants in the Archdiocese Oratorical Festival.

Bob is an example of using one's "time, treasure, and talents" to serve his home parish of St. George and our Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese. Bob has received recognition for his contributions, including the Gold Order of St. Raphael for his lifelong service and philanthropy to his parish and the Archdiocese.

"Well done thy good and faithful servant". Memory Eternal!



OUR MISSION—WHAT WE DO

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church is a worshipping community living and sharing the Faith Christ gave to the Apostles.

WHY WE EXIST

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church exists to seek and share Christ's love so that all will find Eternal Life in Him.

PARISH COUNCIL

Please use the following email address when communicating with the Parish Council:

parishcouncil@stnicholasgr.com

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Email:

strategicplanning@stnicholasgr.com

For updated information go to:
stnicholasgr.com/parishioners

SUBMISSION REMINDERS

Announcements and Holy Oblations are due by noon each Wednesday.

Submit Announcements to
announcements@stnicholasgr.com

Submit Holy Oblation to
stnicholasgr.com/parishioners/
or by completing an envelope located on the Parishioner's Table in the Narthex.

