

# LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

## THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OF ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

### JULY 10, 2022

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#### CHURCH PICNIC

We look forward to seeing everyone at this year's All-Parish Picnic at the Richardson-Sowerby Park located at *65 S. Main St., Rockford, Michigan*. The church will provide dinner, water, and lemonade. Please bring a dessert to share. Feel free to bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage if you choose. Also, you may bring sunscreen, sun hats, lawn chairs, grass blanket, and lawn games. Please note that Vespers will be held at the park at **5PM!**

#### COFFEE HOUR

All families are encouraged to host at least one Coffee Hour each year. Feel free to invite another family to partner with you if you prefer. When selecting a Coffee Hour date, take into account significant events such as memorials, anniversaries, names day, significant birthdays, etc. The Coffee Hour sign-up sheet can be found on the Parishioners' table in the Narthex. As a reminder, Coffee Hour does not have to be elaborate. We have all of the paper products and coffee supplies on hand. The following dates this summer are open to host:

July 17 - open	August 7 - open
July 24 - open	August 14 - open
July 31 - open	August 21 - open
	August 28 - open

#### SUMMER READING

##### Adults

- ◇ *Thinking Orthodox*, by Dr. Eugenie Constantinou. (We will be using it in Adult Ed programs in the future, so this is a good time to get started on it.)
- ◇ *Christ—the Conqueror of Hell*, by Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev
- ◇ *The Orthodox Veneration of the Mother of God*, by St. John Maximovitch
- ◇ *Gifts of the Desert: The Forgotten Path of Christian Spirituality*, by Kyriacos C. Marakides

**Young Adults:** *The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis

**Teens:** *The Great Divorce*, by C.S. Lewis

**Kids:** *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, by C.S. Lewis

#### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, July 10**

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

Evangelism Team Meeting -  
Welcome Table & Special Greeters  
Training

**Thursday, July 14**

10AM—St. Xenia's Circle

**Saturday, July 16**

Church Picnic @

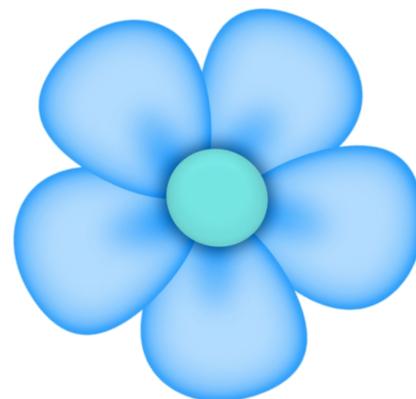
- ◆ 12:45AM—Kayaking
- ◆ 3PM—Fellowship & Games
- ◆ 4PM—Dinner
- ◆ 5PM—Vespers

**Sunday, July 17**

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

11:45AM—Women's Retreat  
Planning meeting



## COMPOSTING BEGINS!

This Sunday, July 10, we will begin having a compost option at St. Nicholas. We now have utensils/cups/plates/napkins which are all compostable. When it's time to throw away your Coffee Hour snack (food scraps and all), place these in the bins labeled 'compost'. Most of our bins are color coded based on the waste stream they belong to (green=compost, blue=paper recycle, gray=landfill). The composting bins will then be collected into one large container that will be picked up by Organicycle (<https://www.organicycle.org/>), a local composting company. Please reach out to Scott Storey, David Cowles, or Jesus Alvarado if you have any questions/concerns.

### COMPOST



### RECYCLE



### LANDFILL



### TRIPLE STREAM



## PIGRIMAGE TO RIVES JUNCTION

**Monday, August 15**

We will be traveling to Holy Dormition Orthodox Monastery at Rives Junction for the Feast of the Dormition. This is a great opportunity for families and for anyone wishing to visit the monastery. Details will be announced soon.

## CHEESE BREAD SALE

Once again we will be selling cheese bread this year. Baking will take place in September and October with the following options available for ordering this month:

- \* July 10, 17: in-person following Divine Liturgy @ \$20/dz
- \* July 10-31: online @ \$21/dz
- \* Order online at [stnicholasgr.com/cheese-bread](https://stnicholasgr.com/cheese-bread).



## 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](mailto:parishcouncil@stnicholasgr.com)

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

Email:

[strategicplanning@stnicholasgr.com](mailto:strategicplanning@stnicholasgr.com)

For updated information go to:  
[stnicholasgr.com/parishioners](https://stnicholasgr.com/parishioners)

## SUBMISSION REMINDERS

Announcements and Holy Oblations are due by noon each Wednesday.

**Submit Announcements to**  
[announcements@stnicholasgr.com](mailto:announcements@stnicholasgr.com)

**Submit Holy Oblation to**  
[stnicholasgr.com/parishioners/](https://stnicholasgr.com/parishioners/)  
or by completing an envelope located on the Parishioner's Table in the Narthex.



## YOUTH IN ACTION

### KIDS' FOOD BASKET FARM DAYS!

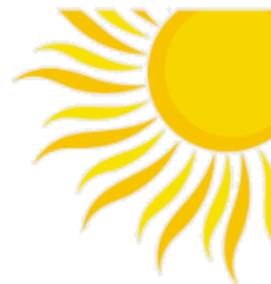
**Tuesday, July 19 and/or August 9 @ 8:30-10:30AM**

Kids ages 5+, sign up now to plant, weed, or harvest with us at the KFB Farm to help local children in need. Bring a parent and your siblings, too! Go to <http://vhub.at/19DDRZC> and either sign in if you already have an account, or create an account for each person who will be volunteering. (Each adult and child must sign up under their own account!) Then simply click on your desired date (s) on the calendar and follow the prompts. Please register for our July 19 date by July 12! JOY/SOYO: On July 19, plan to carpool from the farm to the Lamberts' house on Bass Lake! See below or your parents' email for details.

### JOY/SOYO DAY AT BASS LAKE!!

**Tuesday, July 19 @ 11:30AM-4PM**

All JOY and SOYO members (incoming 4th-12th graders) are invited to Greg & Marian Lamberts's house on Bass Lake in Gowen for a day of fun in the sun and an "After AV Camp Party!" We'll have lunch and enjoy tubing, kayaking, swimming, volleyball, and more! Plus, we will hear all about this year's Antiochian Village Camp experience from our very own campers. Plan to carpool from the Kids' Food Basket farm (see above), or meet us there at 11AM. Carpoolers will arrive back in GR around 5PM. Parents, please RSVP for your child(ren) to Mykel ([mykel@stnicholasgr.com](mailto:mykel@stnicholasgr.com)) and Amy ([amy.amash@gmail.com](mailto:amy.amash@gmail.com)), and let them know if you can help with driving and/or chaperoning. Thanks!



### INFORMATION FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN

For more information about the following topics, click the date: [\[JULY 3\]](#)

- ◆ Pray for Our Campers
- ◆ Treasurer Update
- ◆ Volunteers Needed for Evangelism Team
- ◆ The Gift of St. Nicholas
- ◆ Email Address for New Secretary
- ◆ Youth In Action: Kids' Food Basket
- ◆ Centennial Moment: Very Reverend George Alberts
- ◆ VCS Recap & Photos

**JULY 25 - JULY 29**

In partnership with ICCF, we'll rehab houses in GR doing minor carpentry, painting, cleaning, & yard work making them ready for those in need of affordable housing.

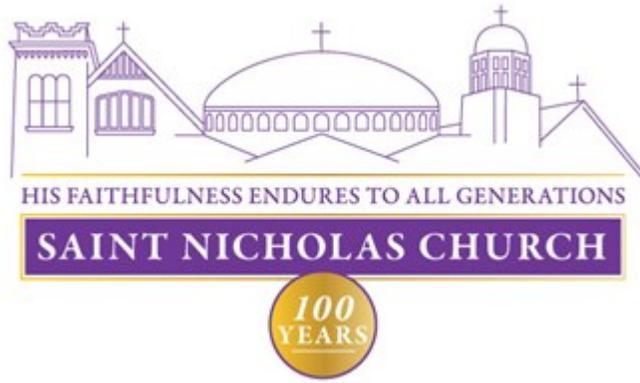
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[www.panorthodox.iccf.volunteerhub.com](http://www.panorthodox.iccf.volunteerhub.com)

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## CENTENNIAL MOMENT: *It's Picnic Time!*

This coming Saturday July 16, everyone is invited to the All-Parish Summer Picnic in Rockford with kayaking, fun, and fellowship, dinner, and Vespers. This event continues a long tradition of summer picnics at St. Nicholas throughout its 100 year history. Featured below is a scene from a 1928 picnic. Summer church picnics then also served as regional reunions for people who immigrated from Rashayya, Lebanon, where the early members of St Nicholas came from. Also pictured is Father Khouri manning the shish kabob on the grill in 1955 with parishioners in seasonal fashions of the day, and a photo from a 1995 summer picnic on Boston Street. Pictured are Chris Khorey, Mike Simon, Pat Coleman, Alan Abraham, and Diane Coleman at bat. Here's to making new memories this coming Saturday!

