



# LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

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

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**Lessons from the Road**

In this sermon series, Fr. Michael will share spiritual lessons from his Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage.

**FAMILY NIGHT**  
**DON'T MISS FAMILY NIGHT!**  
**CONNECT WITH FR. MICHAEL FOR GREAT CONVERSATION AND DISCUSSION TO FURTHER EXPLORE HIS SERMON TOPICS.**

#### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, September 3**

8:50AM—Orthros  
10AM—Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, September 5**

No Scheduled Office Hours  
7PM—Works of Mercy  
Leadership Meeting

**Wednesday, September 6**

Cheese Bread Baking  
9AM—Dough Ball Prep  
10AM—Assembling and Baking

**Thursday, September 7**

10AM—Bible Study

**Great Feast of  
the Nativity of the Theotokos**

5PM—Orthros  
6PM—Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, September 9**

*Renewing You* Retreat  
with Rev. Dr. Nicholas Louh

6PM—Great Vespers  
followed by Confession

**Sunday, September 10**

8:50AM—Orthros &  
First Sunday of  
Orthodox Education Classes

10AM—Divine Liturgy

Blessing of  
All Students and Teachers  
Special Celebration Coffee Hour

#### Sunday Morning Orthodox Education

Beginning Next Sunday, September 10 @ 8:50AM

#### Church School

Parents, please visit this link today to get your children registered.  
[\[REGISTRATION\]](#).

#### Adult Sunday Class

Dr. Charlie Makhoul's Adult Class will discuss the life and teachings of Christ at the beginning of the Gospel using Metropolitan Hilarion's book *Jesus Christ: His Life and Teaching* Volume 1. The class will take place in the Cultural Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.



## SOFTBALL GAME

**Sunday, September 17** following Divine Liturgy

The softball game vs. St. George is just around the corner! Bishop ANTHONY will be throwing out the ceremonial first pitch this year. The festivities will begin with lunch at Manhattan Park. Hot dogs, burgers, chips and drinks will be provided. The game will begin at 12:30PM. Please come to play or to cheer on St. Nicholas! (No experience or glove required). Please contact Scott Storey ([srstorey@umich.edu](mailto:srstorey@umich.edu)) if you have questions or are interested in playing.

## MENTORING

As the school year begins we are also starting up our mentoring program. St Nicholas parishioners will spend a half hour or an hour a week with a Ridge Park Academy student in K- 8<sup>th</sup> grade playing games, chatting or helping with school work. There are students waiting for mentors, so please consider if you have time to give this school year. To learn more please talk with one of our current mentors, Hannah Boorman, Kathy Corey, Mike Karolle, Amy Amash, Joe Manica, Fr Michael or Jenny Khorey. To volunteer, email Jenny Khorey @ [Khoreyegr@gmail.com](mailto:Khoreyegr@gmail.com), even if you have already spoken to her about your interest. Thank you!

## NAVE SOUND SYSTEM EXPERIMENT

Next Sunday, September 10, during the Divine Liturgy, you will see displayed on the Solea scaffolding with speakers. As you know, the audio system in the church is not adequately meeting our needs. Put simply, for most people, it's been challenging to hear.

Your Parish Council Sound System Committee has been researching solutions and will need your feedback to assess the sound clarity as we look for a positive solution to the issue of sound clarity in the Nave.



**RENEWAL RETREAT** 

WITH REV. DR. NICHOLAS LOUH

**Saturday, September 9, 2023**

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM (COFFEE AND PASTRIES)  
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM (RENEWING OUR FAITH)  
10:45 AM - 12 PM (RENEWING OUR MIND)  
12 PM - 1 PM (LUNCH / FR. MICHAEL WILL SHARE STORIES FROM HIS RENEWAL JOURNEY)  
1 PM - 2:30 PM (RENEWING OUR PURPOSE)





**SCAN ME!**

**RSVP BY AUGUST 31**

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Wednesday, September 13**

**Great Feast of the Elevation of the Cross**

@ Holy Cross

5PM—Orthros

6PM—Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, September 20**

Family Night Begins

**Sunday, September 24**

Ministry Fair

## PARISHIONER UPDATE

Address Change

Jaredt & Christianna Hultink

605 Scottview Ct. NE

Comstock Park, MI 49321

## SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR CELEBRATION

**Next Sunday, September 10**

Please join us at Coffee Hour as we honor Virginia (Ditty) Salhaney on her 100th Birthday! We encourage each family to send a card wishing Virginia a blessed birthday. Virginia loves children so feel free to have your child draw and color a special picture for her. Please drop-off your card in the special box located in the Narthex or mail it to the church (2450 East Parish, Grand Rapids, 49546) by **this Friday**.

## INFORMATION FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN

For more information about the following topics, go to:

[stnicholasgr.com/bulletins/](http://stnicholasgr.com/bulletins/)

- ◆ Beginning a New Ecclesiastical (Church) Year
- ◆ Renewing You: A Priest, A Psychologist, and a Plan
- ◆ July Financial Update
- ◆ OK MAMA: Moms & Kids Kick-off Even & Mom's Night Out
- ◆ September Calendar

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS



### WOMEN OF ST. NICHOLAS

**Save the Date: Saturday, October 21 @ 9AM**

Do you love books? Do you have some books that you no longer need to keep? Are you interested in getting some new books at no cost? Then the Women of St Nicholas Breakfast is the place for you. Bring any books you are willing to give away, whether fiction, non-fiction, spiritual or children's books, and maybe find some new ones.

Two simple rules:

- ◇ You must take home any books you bring that no one else takes.
- ◇ If more than one person wants a book, you must agree to give that book to the other person(s) when you are done reading it.

Not interested in books? Just come for breakfast and fellowship! Contact Marian Lambert at [gmlambert@att.net](mailto:gmlambert@att.net) or 616-648-0469 if you have questions.

## MINISTRY TEAMS

### ST. XENIA'S CIRCLE: A TIME TO SHARE AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER

*It's the circle of life  
And it moves us all  
Through despair and hope  
Through faith and love...  
--From The Lion King*

We will soon begin a new session of "St. Xenia's Circle". This group is designed to help each other with the grief and sadness that we experience when we are separated from our loved ones or the other losses we endure. Father Michael will guide us through this very important circle of life that touches us all. We will reflect on short readings, sharing our thoughts and supporting one another.

Saint Xenia endured much loss, and we will learn how she used her faith in God to find comfort and peace. If you would be interested in joining, please email Father by **September 15** at [frmichael@stnicholasgr.com](mailto:frmichael@stnicholasgr.com), and indicate your preference on when to meet for a monthly gathering.

### WORKS OF MERCY

**Saturday, September 16 @ 11:30AM-1:30PM**

We are sponsoring a BBQ/Concert for the residents of Shepherds of Independence (1400 Morgan St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504), an Adult Foster care facility in Grand Rapids. Please come join us as we play yard games, hang-out and sing-along with our own Sam Granger. It is a wonderful opportunity to "show mercy with cheerfulness" (Rom. 1:28). Please send an email to [gregorystorey1@gmail.com](mailto:gregorystorey1@gmail.com) if you can join.

*Shepherd's of Independence provides housing and food for some of the most vulnerable people in our community.*

## NEW CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM: CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

### TAKE A TOUR TODAY

Hello St. Nicholas family! Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a new program in our Church School this year for our children ages 3-6. "The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd...is both religious education and spiritual formation. Our focus is on helping each child strengthen his or her personal prayer life, participate more deeply in the Divine Liturgy, and grow knowledge of Scripture and God's unfolding salvific work throughout history." We would love to show you more about this program--anyone who is interested is invited to tour the classrooms (in the middle hallway) **today, September 3** during coffee hour. The CGS teachers will be available to answer questions and share information about the program. We are so excited for this beautiful way of connecting our youngest children with Christ! We hope you'll join us!

# MIDDLE EASTERN DINNER TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

## WISH LIST GIVING BOARD

All parishioners are encouraged to make a donation to help underwrite the ingredients and supplies associated with the Middle eastern Dinner. Pull off a giving card from the Wish List located in the Atrium and make your donation.

*"It's not how much we give, but how much LOVE we put into giving."*  
Mother Theresa

## PROMOTE THE DINNER

We need everyone in the parish to promote the dinner!

1. Give a promotional card, available at the Middle Eastern Dinner table, to your friends, co-workers, and family members.
2. Please be certain to send the link to your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers.
3. Promote the dinner by hanging posters at businesses you frequent.
4. Be sure to "like" us on Facebook.

## TICKETS

Middle Eastern Dinner tickets are available! Please start to sell and purchase your tickets! We are counting on your cooperation to help make this dinner a success! You can sell or purchase online tickets or physical tickets. Tickets are \$22/person. New this year, you must provide the money ahead of time to pick up tickets. We will not be providing a book of tickets this year without payment. This allows us to better plan for food preparation and future ticket sales. We hope this is not an inconvenience for you and we look for your support on this new process.

A few helpful tips to get you started on selling tickets.

1. Reach out to your family and friends that would enjoy our delicious dinner and get the money from them for the tickets.
2. Stop by the ticket booth to pick up the tickets you have money for and then give them to those you sold them to.
3. Send the online ticket link to your friends and family.

Tickets will be sold to our parishioners until October 4, so come get yours before we sell out. Doing so helps us get an accurate food count.

Have you seen the photos of our wonderful chefs on social media? Make sure you share these photos, and our Middle Eastern Dinner flyer on your social media to promote this delicious event! Remember, St. Nicholas is on Facebook and Instagram so share, share, share! Let's make this the most successful dinner yet!



## BAKING DAYS

A table is set-up in the atrium outside *The Cultural Center* for all parishioners to sign-up and work for each baking session. **NOTE: Please do not wear open-toe shoes.**

### This Wednesday, September 6

#### **Cheese Bread**

9 AM-Dough Balls  
10 AM-Baking Begins

### Tuesday, September 12

#### **Cheese Bread**

9 AM-Dough Balls  
10 AM-Baking Begins

### Saturday, September 16

#### **Meatballs**

8:30 AM

### Wednesday, September 20

#### **Baklava**

10 AM



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