



LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OF ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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GRIFFINS HOCKEY W/ SHEPHERDS OF INDEPENDENCE

Sunday, February 25 @ 5PM

We are again hosting the Shepherds of Independence residents to a Grand Rapids Griffins Hockey Game. *All* parishioners are invited to attend. Even if you can't come, please consider sponsoring a ticket for a Shepherd's resident.

Registration Deadline: This Thursday, February 15.

Registration and more information: stnicholasgr.com/hockey/.



TIPS ON BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS (AND VERSES OF THE WEEK)

This week's tip: Standing in line during Coffee Hour is a great time to introduce yourself or strike up a conversation with the people behind or in front of you while waiting for coffee and treats.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalms 133:1

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 11

8:50AM—Orthros & Orthodox Education Classes

10AM—Divine Liturgy

* Parish Council
Prayer of Blessing

* Hospitality Team Meeting

1PM—SOYO Ice Skating @ Patterson Ice Center

Monday, February 12

6PM—FOCUS meeting @ Holy Trinity

Thursday, February 15

No Bible Study

12PM—Forerunners Bowling @ Clique Lanes

6PM—Stewardship Leadership Meeting

Saturday, February 17

9AM—Women of St. Nicholas Breakfast

6PM—Great Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday, February 18

8:50AM—Orthros & Orthodox Education Classes

10AM—Divine Liturgy

* Usher Ministry Training

Please Join Our
SPEED SOCIAL

MARCH 2ND
7-9 PM

All adult women and men of St. Nicholas are invited for a fun night of camaraderie and games! You will get a chance to make new friends and get to know others better!

Snacks and beverages will be provided.
Feel free to bring your adult beverage of choice!

Please RSVP by February 28, 2024
<https://stnicholasgr.com/adult-social/>




FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Fellowship activities provide great opportunities to invite others to engage in faith, fellowship & fun.



FORERUNNERS: BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Thursday, February 15 @ Noon

Back by popular demand! Join us at Clique Lanes (533 Stocking NW, Grand Rapids) for our bowling tournament. Games and shoe rental are \$3 each. Lunch baskets will be paid by the Forerunners. Contact Eileen (eadolphson47@gmail.com) if you have questions.

WOMEN OF ST. NICHOLAS: BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 17 @ 9AM

Join the Women of St Nicholas for fellowship at our monthly breakfast. Sheryl VanderWagen, St. George parishioner and President of the National Antiochian Women's Group, will be attending to tell us about the plans and initiatives of the National Women's Group.

9AM: Breakfast 9:45AM: Program begins

Contact Marian Lambert at gmlambert@att.net or 616-648-0469 with any questions.

OK MAMA: MOMS NIGHT OUT—"GAL"ENTINES

Thursday, February 22 @ 7:30PM

Happy "Gal"entines, Mamas! We are meeting at Emily Campbell's home (3271 Hidden Hills Ct SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546) for a party! What are we celebrating? Christ's love and the gift of friendship, of course! Please come, and bring a friend or two. We are an all-welcoming group of Pan Orthodox Mamas, and we can't wait to see you! Please contact Hannah Seeley @ hrseeley@gmail.com or visit our FB group (search: O.K. Mama) for more information or questions.

YOUTH IN ACTION

TEEN SOYO: ICE SKATING

Today @ 1-3PM

All members of Teen SOYO (Grades 7-12) are invited to join us at Patterson Ice Center (2550 Patterson Ave. SE 49546) for open skating! Lunch will be provided during Coffee Hour for any teen who's coming. Cost: \$10 per teen (includes ice skates)

HOPE/JOY: PANCAKES WITH PADRE

Rescheduled: Saturday, February 24 @ 9-10:30AM

Don't miss out on this very special time with Fr. Michael!
Register at: stnicholasgr.com/youth.



SUMMER CAMP INFO NEEDED!

If your child or teen is registered for Antiochian Village Summer camp *or* is on the waiting list, please tell Dn. Justin Adolphson or Gretchen Zahn so we can arrange transportation.

If you are seeking a camp scholarship from St. Nicholas, please see Dn. Justin Adolphson ASAP! **Scholarship requests are due March 3!**

OFFERING CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED

With so many so new to our Orthodox Faith, we are making an effort to educate everyone on some of the small "t" traditions of living out our faith in Christ in our parish. One of these important traditions is supporting our brothers and sisters as they mourn the loss of loved ones. There are several ways this can be done:

Home Visitations

Should the family of the Departed choose to follow this tradition, friends and family come by their home for a brief visit to stand by the family in their grief. Visitors often bring food, both for the family's sustenance and to share with others coming to visit.

Visitation:

at the Funeral Home or Church

Here, friends and family come to pray for the soul of the Departed as their body is present, and to again offer condolences to their family. The Trisagion Prayers of Mercy are offered at a scheduled time, and the faithful often schedule their visit before this time and stay to pray with the family. An opportunity to make an offering to the Parish or charity of the family's choice in memory of their Departed is another way to express one's sympathy. The family typically receives a list of those who donate, though not the amount given.

Meals of Mercy,

Coffee Hours or Other Meals

On these occasions, the family of the Departed hosts a meal for the visitors, thanking those who have come for their love and support. Guests at these meals should make a point to personally thank the family for their hospitality, once again offering their condolences.