



LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OF ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SPEED SOCIAL

March 2 @ 7-9PM

Have you ever looked around the Nave during Divine Liturgy and wondered: "Who are all of these people? I see them most Sundays, but I have no idea who they are." If we are honest, most of us have felt this way. For those who haven't thought this, you are probably saying, "I love attending St. Nicholas each Sunday, but I wish I knew more of the people here."

Well, we have just the event for all of us to get to know each other better. All adult women and men 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.



RSVP by February 28 - stnicholasgr.com/adult-social

HOST A 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.

To use the electronic sign up feature, go to: stnicholasgr.com/coffeehour. You can still sign up to host a Coffee Hour by using the paper sign up sheets located on the easel in the atrium. **The following host dates are available: March 17 (Cheesefare) and April 7 & 21.**

As a reminder, Coffee Hour does not have to be elaborate. It can be as simple as coffee and bagels. **If you are serving anything that contains nuts, please make certain to place a tent card "Contains Nuts" by that dish.**

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 25

8:50AM—Orthros &
Orthodox Education Classes

10AM—Divine Liturgy

5PM—Griffins Hockey with
Shepherds of Independence

6PM—Books with Abouna:
Screwtape Letters,
by C.S. Lewis

Wednesday, February 28

Parish Family Night

6PM—Vespers

6:30PM—Dinner

7PM—Groups

Thursday, February 29

10AM—Bible Study

7:30PM—OK Mama: Moms
Night Out/Galentine's

Saturday, March 2

10AM—Choir Rehearsal

5PM—Byzantine Choir
Rehearsal

6PM—Great Vespers
followed by Confession

7PM—Speed Social

Sunday, March 3

8:50AM—Orthros &
Orthodox Education Classes

10AM—Divine Liturgy

5PM—SOYO Night

8PM—The Chosen
Discussion Group via Zoom
Season 2, Episodes 1-3

THIS WEEK'S TIP ON BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Challenge yourself in the month of March to play a role in building community at St. Nicholas by doing one of the following :

- * Introduce yourself to someone you don't know
- * Attend a St. Nicholas social and Fellowship Group event
- * Sit with someone new during Liturgy or Coffee Hour

MEAL SPONSORS FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Our West Michigan chapter of OCF is looking for meal sponsors for their meetings on **March 12 and March 19**. Meals should feed 15-20 people and can be either home-cooked or purchased from a restaurant.



If you're interested in volunteering, please contact one of the following:

Dn. Justin Adolphson at dnjustin@stnicholasgr.com

Schuyler Brinks at schuyler.brinks@gmail.com

Emily Cameron at emcm375@gmail.com

THE CHOSEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Next Sunday, March 3 @ 8PM

Join us via Zoom to discuss the popular TV series, *The Chosen*, depicting the Gospel and ministry of Jesus Christ. Fr. Michael will lead the discussion from an Orthodox perspective as we begin Season 2 (Episodes 1-3). The Discussion Group Zoom link is posted on the church calendar. Invite a friend!



IOCC NEEDS YOU

MARCH 11TH - 16TH

Families are still rebuilding their homes from the 2021 tornadoes that swept through western Kentucky. They continue to need help with minor repairs, restoration of garages and outbuildings, and removal of debris.

IOCC will provide transportation, housing, and food.

Registration deadline – March 3, 2024

stnicholasgr.com/iocc-kentucky

Questions: Contact Jeanine Heibel
JeaHeib@gmail.com or 616-826-0288



VERSE OF THE WEEK

*For to set the mind on the flesh
is death,
but to set the mind on the Spirit
is life and peace.*

Romans 8:6

TRINITAS CLASSICAL SCHOOL

Do you desire a Christian education for your child that is joyful, academically challenging, and screen free? Trinitas Classical School is a community of Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox Christians committed to cultivating lives of faith, reason, and virtue. We are now enrolling full-time students in grades K-8 and home school partners in grades 5-8. Join us for Discover Trinitas Night this Tuesday, February 27, 6:30-8PM. or a Drop-In Tour on Tuesdays at 10AM and 1PM. You can find more information on our website www.trinitasclassical.org.



YOUTH IN ACTION

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION NEEDED!

If your child or teen is registered for Antiochian Village Summer camp *or* is on the waiting list, please contact 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 next Sunday, March 3!**



STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARDS

If you have not submitted your stewardship Commitment Card, please do so. A month ago, we mailed Commitment Cards along with a self addressed stamp envelope to each family who did not submit a card. Thank you for submitting your card this week. We appreciate your cooperation.

AV GOLF

Saturday May 18

Attention golfers! Would you like to enjoy a golf trip (maybe reunite with old Village friends?) all while helping out the Antiochian Village? Registration is open for the AV Open Golf Outing! It takes place at the scenic Champion Lakes Golf Course in Bolivar, PA. Registration includes a day of golf, green fee, cart, special competitions, lunch on the course, and dinner at the camp. All proceeds will go towards the newly established AV Camp Endowment, which will help support camper scholarships and/or capital improvements in the future.

For more information or to register, go to: <https://avcamp.org/golf/> !

MINISTRY TEAM NEEDS

Ushers

The ushering ministry is still looking for volunteers. Training for ushering is mandatory before you can perform this duty. Contact David Tappan @ david@rdvcorp.com for more information.

Bookstore Assistants

We are looking for volunteers to staff the Church Bookstore after each Sunday Divine Liturgy. Volunteers would work one or two times per month. The duties are super easy: be on duty for approximately 20 minutes, be friendly, and swipe a credit card. Please talk with Leo Olson or email him at rleoolson@gmail.com.

Stewardship Ministry

The Stewardship Ministry is looking for a young adult to join their leadership team. This person is needed to provide a perspective currently missing from the team. If you are interest in knowing more about this role, contact Dn. John @ rvkaufman@gmail.com.

DEPARTED IN MARCH

Remember in your prayers the following members who fell asleep in the Lord during the upcoming month of March:

3/2/1956	Mike Simon	3/10/2012	James Salhaney
3/2/1996	Mary Aboosamra	3/14/1947	Mitchell Livantis
3/3/1967	Della Azkoul	3/16/1945	Damoos Sayfee
3/3/1978	Carrie Wawee	3/16/2020	Dorothy Salhaney
3/3/2017	Abe Simon	3/17/2005	Yuri Sarkisov
3/6/1968	Alexander Mallick	3/19/1969	Charles Bedree
3/7/1968	Wadia Laham	3/20/1960	Louise Salhaney
3/7/1991	Juri Sulizki	3/21/2018	Louise Whalen
3/7/2017	Rojina Jawiche	3/30/2021	Vera Mijatovic



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

For updated information go to: stnicholasgr.com/parishioners

SUBMISSION REMINDERS

Announcements and Holy Oblations are due by noon each Wednesday.

Submit Announcements:

announcements@stnicholasgr.com

Submit Holy Oblations:

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

SCHEDULING TIME WITH FR. MICHAEL

To make a an appointment, please call the Church Office and arrange. For those who would like to arrange their own appointments, please go to stnicholasgr.com/appointments and do so directly online.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 9 @ 9-10:30AM

Join us for the men's monthly breakfast in the Gathering Room. Our guest speaker will discuss how to get the most out of Lent.

WOMEN OF ST. NICHOLAS: PANCAKE BREAKFAST

March is Women's Month in the Archdiocese, and you will see the women of the parish take a more visible roll. We will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast with a silent auction on **March 24**. The proceeds from these events will go towards the Antiochian Women's 2024 Project, "Establish an Endowment Fund for Widowed Clergy Wives". More details to follow.

Women's Paint Night

Join us as Nathan Adolphson leads us through creating a beautiful painting.

*Thursday March 14
6:30 pm
Cost is \$25*

Go to <https://stnicholasgr.com/womensnightout> to register

OK MAMA

Moms and Kids Morning: Butterflies!

Friday, March 1 @ 10AM

Who loves spring and warm sunny days? Good! Meet us at Frederik Meijer Gardens (1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525). It may not be sunny, but it will be warm as we visit the "Butterflies are Blooming" exhibit! What a special outing with our Pan-Orthodox friends! We do hope you can come! There is more information at the website: <https://www.meijergardens.org>. Please note that there is a cost for admission to the gardens (\$20 for adults, \$10 for 3-13 yr. old's, free for 2 and under).

Contact: Hannah Seeley @ hrseeley@gmail.com or visit our Facebook group: O.K. Mama.



Women's breakfast gathering on February 17 with guest speaker Sheryl VanderWagon from St. George and National Antiochian Women's President.