

LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OF ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

THANK YOU

We want to give a BIG thank you to everyone who made Holy Week and Pascha a beautiful occasion. Don't forget to look at the photos on the back page!

PROJECT GR: DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MONDAY, MAY 13

Saturday, May 18 @ 8:30AM to 4PM

Our Antiochian Orthodox community will be working together to rehabilitate homes in Grand Rapids. REGISTER AT: <https://iccf.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/panorthodox/>.

Projects include raking, mulching, pruning, painting, minor carpentry, and cleaning.

Workers 14 years old and up can participate with adults. St. Nicholas Teens (7th-12th grade) will be assigned their own location.

- * **8:30AM:** Kick off meeting @ ICCF headquarters. Volunteers will be assigned and given directions to various locations. Our Teens will also be presenting a check for \$2000 to ICCF.
- * Drive to nearby work sites
- * **12:30-1PM:** Lunch at site (bring a sack lunch)
- * **4PM:** Clean up/Departure from worksite
- * The day is sponsored by St. George, Holy Cross and St. Nicholas. <https://iccf.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/panorthodox/>



WHITECAPS BASEBALL OUTING

Thursday, May 30 @ 5:15PM

Our entire parish is invited to go to a Whitecaps ballgame and along with our friends from Shepherd's to join us! The festivities begin with an all you can eat BBQ at the Lumbermen's BBQ Areas at LMCU Ballpark at 5:15 PM followed by a Whitecaps game starting at 6:35PM. Purchase your tickets with a meal pass at <https://stnicholasgr.com/baseball/> and consider helping us pay the cost of our Shepherds guests by making a contribution. Ball game tickets and BBQ passes can be picked up the day of the game at the LMCU Ballpark "Will Call" window. **Tickets must be purchased no later than next Sunday, May 19.**

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 12

Thomas Sunday

8:50AM—Orthros &
Orthodox Education Classes
10AM—Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, May 14

6PM—Women of St. Nicholas:
GNO at Noco Provisions

Thursday, May 16

12PM—Forerunners:
Lunch @ Sheshco
5:30PM—Liturgical Choir
Rehearsal
6PM—Stewardship
Leadership Meeting
7:30PM—OK Mama:
Moms Night Out

Saturday, May 18

8:30AM-4PM—Adults & Teen
Project GR Workday
6PM—Great Vespers followed
by Confession
7PM—OK Mama: Moms Night
Out-Rise Volleyball

Sunday, May 19

**Sunday of the
Myrrh-Bearing Women**

8:50AM—Orthros &
Orthodox Education Classes
(Last day)
10AM—Divine Liturgy



FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE & CHARITABLE OUTREACH

It's time to bring in boxes and make a donation (through May 19).

Christ is Risen, Truly He is Risen!

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers!

The 50th Food for Hungry People and Charitable Outreach Lenten fund drive is officially over, and it's time to bring in your donations.

We appreciate your donation to this very worthy cause. We are still a long way from our \$7,500 goal. Giving can take place in one of the following ways:

- ◇ Place your giving box on the FFHP table in the Narthex.
- ◇ Give electronically and please note FFHP in the memo line.
stnicholasgr.com/contributions/

"When giving, give magnanimously with a look of kindness on your face, and give more than what is asked of you." St. Isaac the Syrian

SPRING WORKDAY AT THE DORMITION MONASTERY

Saturday, June 1 @ 8AM

All are invited to this year's Spring Work Day at the Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction, MI (3389 Rives Eaton Rd, Rives Junction, MI 49277). It's a fun day of spring work outdoors, meeting fellow Orthodox Christians from around the Midwest, and getting to know the nuns better! Divine Liturgy will begin at around 8am. Work will begin at 10am and lunch is provided. If you are interested in attending, please let Scott Storey know so he can give a final count to Mother Gabriella.

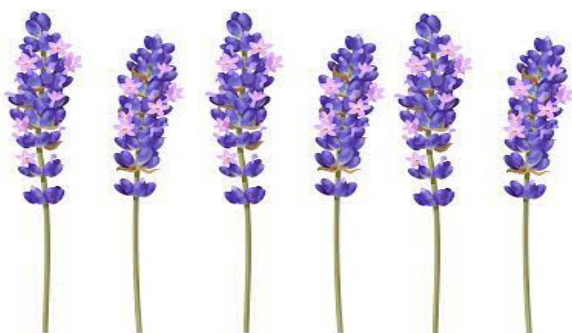
BLESSING OF GRAVES

Memorial Day (Monday, May 27)

A wonderful Orthodox tradition is to have the graves of our departed loved ones blessed. Fr. Michael will be meeting families and blessing graves at the cemeteries listed below. If you would like to have your loved one's grave blessed, please meet him at the designated location at the cemetery.

- ◇ **Graceland @ 10AM:** meet at Mausoleum parking lot
- ◇ **Woodlawn @ 11:15PM:** meet at cemetery office parking lot (east side of Kalamazoo Ave)
- ◇ **Oakhill @ 12:30PM:** meet at cemetery office parking lot (north side of Hall St)
- ◇ **Chapel Hill @ 1:45PM:** meet at cemetery office

If you would like the grave of your loved one blessed on a different day or at a different cemetery, please contact Fr. Michael.



LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, June 22

Saturday of Souls

9AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

5PM—Vespers @ Holy Trinity

Sunday, June 23

Feast of Pentecost

Vespers with the Kneeling Prayers following Divine Liturgy

VERSE OF THE WEEK

*These things I have spoken to you,
that in Me you may have peace.*

In the world

you will have tribulation;

but be of good cheer,

I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE

September 26-October 7

This fall we are taking our first overseas pilgrimage as we walk in the footsteps of St. Paul. Good Shepherd Travel has arranged the pilgrimage. They are the same company that arranges pilgrimages for the Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia. Packets are available in the Atrium for those who are interested. We are planning another pilgrimage in 2026 to the Holy Land! **A date for an information meeting coming**

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

FORERUNNERS LUNCH

This Thursday, May 16 @ Noon

Join the Forerunners for a delightful lunch at Schesco next to Celebration Cinema. Each person is responsible for his/her meal. Please reply with your attendance by **tomorrow, May 13**, to Barbara Thomas or Eileen Adolphson. Looking forward to a fun-filled afternoon!

OK MAMA

Mom's Night Out

This Thursday, May 16 @ 7:30PM

After all of Lent and Pascha delights, we should meet for a Mom's Night Out! Right? Right! We are meeting outside at The Green Well (924 Cherry St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506). Come and get some food and drinks, or just come and enjoy the company of our Pan-Orthodox Mamas! This will be the final Moms Night Out until next fall, so we'd love to see you there! Let Hannah Seeley know if you have any questions, or you can find us on FaceBook (search "OK Mama").

WOMEN OF ST. NICHOLAS

Sunday, June 2 during Coffee Hour

A meeting for the annual election of officers for the Women of St. Nicholas ministry will occur following Liturgy on Sunday, June 2.

Any woman over 18 who is a member of St. Nicholas is automatically a member of the Women of St. Nicholas Ministry and, if in good standing in the church, eligible to run for any of the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

For more information regarding officer elections and Women Ministry activities, visit: www.stnicholasgr.com/women.

YOUTH IN ACTION



**GRAND RAPIDS PAN-ORTHODOX
VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL**

**SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 9-13**

Ages: 4 years - 12th Grade
\$10/student (\$30 max) - Scholarships Available
Kick Off Picnic (Mulick Park)
Remaining Days Hosted at Holy Trinity
330 Lakeside Dr NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

STAY IN THE FELLOWSHIP LOOP!

Stay up to date with your fellowship group by checking the links for upcoming information:

MEN

stnicholasgr.com/men

WOMEN

stnicholasgr.com/women

OK MAMA

[O.K. Mama](#) Facebook group

FORERUNNERS

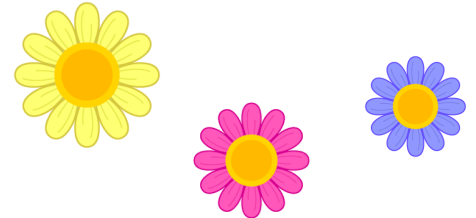
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YOUNG ADULTS

Ethan DeJonge or Dn. Justin for the GroupMe app invitation.

YOUTH

stnicholasgr.com/youth



THE CULTURAL CENTER IS HIRING

With the continued booking of the Cultural Center to our Grand Rapids community, we are looking to hire additional set-up, re-set, and staff personnel. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about this flexible, part-time opportunity, please contact Janet Ansara or Keith.

