



# LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

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

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### CHRIST IS RISEN!

#### WHITECAPS BASEBALL OUTING—REGISTER TODAY

**Thursday, May 30 @ 5:15PM**

**Purchase tickets by midnight tomorrow, Monday, May 21**

Our entire parish is invited to go to a Whitecaps ballgame along with our friends from Shepherds of Independence! The festivities begin with an all you can eat BBQ at the Lumbermen's BBQ Areas at LMCU Ballpark at 5:15PM followed by a Whitecaps game starting at 6:35PM. Purchase your tickets with a meal pass at <https://stnicholasgr.com/baseball/>. **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.

#### FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE & CHARITABLE OUTREACH

**Today is the last day to bring in boxes and make a donation.** While we are getting closer to our \$7,500 goal, we still have a ways to go. We appreciate your donation to this very worthy cause. 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/](http://stnicholasgr.com/contributions/)

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

2 Corinthians 9:7

#### 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 @ 11:15AM:** 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.

#### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, May 19**

**Sunday of the  
Myrrh-Bearing Women**

8:50AM—Orthros &  
Orthodox Education Classes  
(Last Day)

10AM—Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, May 22**

6PM—Parish Council Meeting

**Thursday, May 23**

10:30AM—St. Xenia's Circle  
@ Gabby's Cafe

5:30PM—Liturgical  
Choir Rehearsal

6PM—Fall Gathering Meeting

**Saturday, May 25**

6PM—Great Vespers  
followed by Confession

**Sunday, May 26**

**Sunday of the Paralytic**

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

#### 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

## 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 (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 8AM, and work will begin at 10AM. Lunch is provided. If you are interested in attending, please let Scott Storey know so he can give a final count to Mother Gabriella.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH COUNCIL TREASURER

Christ is Risen! We hope you had a blessed Pascha with your families. As we approach the summer months with vacations and enjoying the warmer weather, we want to remind you to still continue to give your offerings to the church. We normally see a slow down of giving during these months but expenses remain the same, so we encourage your regular giving during this time.

## UPCOMING USHER TRAINING

**Sunday, June 2** following Divine Liturgy

If you would like to join our team, or if you are on the team and need a refresher, please email [davidt@rdvcorp.com](mailto:davidt@rdvcorp.com) and plan to gather in the cry room 10 minutes after Divine Liturgy.

## PLC TALENT SHOW

The Diocesan Talent Showcase will be the highlight of the last evening of the PLC! We are looking for well-prepared and highly-entertaining performances of all kinds: music, comedy, magic, drama, etc. The Talent Showcase is for entertainment purposes only and not a competition.

We invite individuals or groups from Antiochian Orthodox Parishes in the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest to submit this form to Paul Cline ([officehtaoc@gmail.com](mailto:officehtaoc@gmail.com)) by **Saturday, June 1**. The contact person will be notified no later than June 6th confirming their participation in the Talent Showcase!

2024 DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

# PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

June 26-29

Attend the Parish Life Conference

All Saints in Chicago and Holy Transfiguration in Warrville are excited to welcome everyone to the Parish Life Conference this summer in June. We have a full schedule with activities for everyone. Read on to find the details of the hotel, event registration, and list of speakers.

Register for the conference using the QR code here.

**EVENT DETAILS**

**Date**  
Wednesday, June 26 to  
Saturday, June 29

**Hotel**  
Chicago Marriott Oak Brook  
1401 W 22nd St, Oak Brook, IL

RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM HERE

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**Nathan Hoppe**  
OCMC Missionary to Albania

**Fr. Gabriel Nassif**  
Author and Pastor of Holy Transfiguration Church, Warrville

**SPEAKERS**

**Christian Education**  
**Bob Snyder**

**Teen Speaker**  
**Gabriella Hoppe**

**Sacred Music**  
**Dr. Zhanna Lehmann**

[toledopl.org](http://toledopl.org) [tolplc@antiochianevents.com](mailto:tolplc@antiochianevents.com)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*Let nothing be done  
through selfish ambition or conceit,  
but in lowliness of mind  
let each esteem others  
better than himself.*

Philippians 2:3-4

## ETIQUETTE CORNER: STANDING IN CHURCH

We understand the need for some to sit during parts of the service on Sunday, but there are times when everyone ought to stand. Those times include:

- \* Beginning of Divine Liturgy
- \* Little Entrance
- \* Holy Gospel
- \* Great Entrance
- \* Nicene Creed
- \* Anaphora
- \* Lord's Prayer
- \* During Holy Communion

Help your children by having them follow along in the service books/liturgical pamphlets for readings; this will help them learn the significance of the services and remain focused. Children Divine Liturgy books are on the Narthex Table.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

So many of us are looking for little ways to help out around St. Nicholas. When you need something to do, consider reviewing the project list found under "Volunteer Opportunities" at [stnicholasgr.com/parishioners/](http://stnicholasgr.com/parishioners/).

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

### 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](http://www.stnicholasgr.com/women).

### GNO FUN

About 40 women of St Nicholas met for a Girl's Night Out at Noco Provisions this past week. Many thanks to Carol Assaly and Mimi Amash for organizing a lovely event. A special highlight of the night was a presentation by Zenobia Taylor-Weiss, daughter of Debra and Doug, on the founding and operation of her business, Cellar Door Preserves. Her products are made exclusively from Michigan-grown fruits. Delicious samples were provided that evening and are available in Meijer and many local specialty markets. Thank you, Debra, for introducing us to Zenobia. The evening was one of great fellowship and an opportunity to get to know the women of our community better. Thank you also to Brittany Abraham for being our evening's photographer.



### YOUNG ADULTS

Early Summer Bonfire

**Friday, May 31 @ 6:30-10PM**

We have finally rescheduled the bonfire from January! Scott Storey is kindly hosting us at his farm for a great night with friends and s'mores on a fast free Friday. Bring food and drinks to share.

*10840 Midway Rd. Clarksville, MI 48815*

Internships

**June and/or July**

Men ages 18-35 can apply now to live and work at The Monastery of Our Lady and St. Laurence in Colorado, even if they're not considering a monastic vocation. Starting this Friday, young men and women can apply for internships that will teach servant leadership in Alaska, Puerto Rico and Texas for the 2024-25 school year.

Orthodox Young Professionals Conference

**July 25-28 in Anaheim, CA**

Attendees will have opportunities for spiritual growth, and building future friendships and lasting memories. Be one of the first 50 people to register and earn a discount!





May the Light of Pascha continue to shine in all of our lives.

## YOUTH IN ACTION

### VCS SIGN-UP

The Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School will take place this year at Holy Trinity. To register your child/children go to: [stnicholasgr.com/vcs/](http://stnicholasgr.com/vcs/).

Sign Up Here



# VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**JUNE 9-13**



Ages: 4 years - 12th Grade  
Kick Off Picnic (Mulick Park)  
Remaining Days Hosted at Holy Trinity  
330 Lakeside Dr NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

### 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

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

### SUBMISSION REMINDERS

Announcements and Holy Oblations are due by noon each Wednesday.

#### Submit Announcements:

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

#### Submit Holy Oblations:

[stnicholasgr.com/parishioners/](http://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](http://stnicholasgr.com/appointments) and do so directly online.