

# LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

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

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### CHRIST IS RISEN!

#### BLESSING OF GRAVES

**Tomorrow, 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.

#### PRAYING DURING PASCHA

Hopefully, we all enjoyed a joyous “reboot” of our personal prayers with the Bright Week Paschal Office. In the weeks between Bright Week and the Leavetaking of Pascha we return to a modified version of the Trisagion Prayers, as follows:

##### Normal Trisagion Prayers

Glory to thee, our God, glory to thee.

O heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art in all places and fillest all things; Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and abide in us and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (Thrice)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit : now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for thy Name's sake.

##### Paschal Trisagion Prayers

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life (three times)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit : now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for thy Name's sake.

Continue with the rest of the Trisagion Prayers

#### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, May 26**

**Sunday of the Paralytic**

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

**Monday, May 27**

10AM—Blessing of the Graves  
(see schedule)

**Thursday, May 30**

5:15PM—Whitecaps Baseball

Game with Shepherds of Independence Residents

**Friday, May 31**

6:30PM—Young Adults:  
Bonfire @ Scott Storey's

**Saturday, June 1**

10AM—Spring Work Day @  
Dormition Monastery

5PM—Byzantine Choir Practice

6PM—Great Vespers  
followed by Confession

**Sunday, June 2**

**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

11:30AM—Women of St.  
Nicholas: Meeting & Elections

## SPRING WORKDAY AT THE DORMITION MONASTERY

Next Saturday, June 1 @ 8AM

All are invited to this year's Spring Workday 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, with work beginning at 10AM. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please let Scott Storey know so he can give a final count to Mother Gabriella.

## UPCOMING USHER TRAINING

Next 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 Warrenville 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.

**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**

Register for the conference using the QR code here.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**Nathan Hoppe**  
OCMC Missionary to Albania

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

**SPEAKERS**

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

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

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

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

## PARISHIONER UPDATE

Ann Hoodhood is out of the hospital and is now undergoing rehabilitation. You may send her a card at the following address:

Ann Hoodhood  
c/o Corewell Health Rehabilitation  
4118 Kalamazzo Ave, SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49508

## 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

*The righteous cry out,  
and the Lord hears,  
And delivers them  
out of all their troubles.*

Psalms 34:17

## OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

Handmaiden of God, Lydia Rose, was born Saturday, May 18 at 2:43AM, weighing 6lbs 13oz and stretching to a length of 19.5 inches. Congratulations to parents, Ben and Meredith Solak, on the birth of their newest family member!



## YOUTH IN ACTION

### VCS SIGN-UP

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

Sign Up Here



# VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

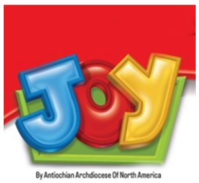
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**JUNE 9-13**



Ages: 4 years - 12th Grade

Kick Off Picnic (Mulick Park)  
Remaining Days Hosted at Holy Trinity  
330 Lakeside Dr NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

### JOY MAGAZINE



The Antiochian Archdiocese has released a new magazine for Orthodox youth called JOY! Inside you'll find resources designed to educate, entertain and empower our youth to nurture their faith and enhance their understanding of our Church. Pick up a copy on your way out of church today in narthex and be sure to

subscribe using the letter in the magazine or by using the QR code here:



## KIDS' FOOD BASKET & FARM DAYS 2024

### SUMMER FUN!

**PLANT, WEED, AND/OR HARVEST FOOD**  
**AT KIDS' FOOD BASKET 8:30-10:30 AM**

### THEN ENJOY A FUN SUMMER ACTIVITY!

<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>JUNE 18</b> PICNIC, PLAY & SPLASH PAD AT WILCOX PARK 10:30- 12:30PM	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>JULY 19</b> LAKE DAY AT THE LAMBERTS' 10:30-4PM	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>AUGUST 6</b> POOL PARTY AT THE SIROTKOS' 10:30-4PM
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PARENTS: WATCH YOUR EMAIL THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER FOR DETAILS AND THE KFB SIGNUP LINK!

### PROJECT GR: TEENS SOYO

On Saturday, May 18, our St. Nicholas Teen SOYO participated in the ICCF Project GR Pan-Orthodox Workday along with other Orthodox Christians of Grand Rapids. The day started with the Teens presenting a check to ICCF for \$2000, the combined amount from the TRUST Initiative grant they were awarded, plus money they raised on their own! They then helped cook, clean, garden and serve food to residents at Family Haven. They then moved along to a newly renovated home to lay mulch and prepare it for a family to live in. Lastly, they covered graffiti for a resident on their landscaping wall. It was a hot, sunny day and there was lots of work to do, but the teens had a blast!



## NO COFFEE HOUR AFTER CHURCH???

Right now, we have no Coffee Hour hosts for most of the summer.

- ◇ June 2, 9, 16, 30
- ◇ July 7, 14, 21, 28
- ◇ August 4, 11, 25

Do you attend Coffee Hour? Most of our church family have come to enjoy catching up and building stronger relationships with others who have attended the morning's Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour hosts are needed. Please consider hosting a Coffee Hour with a few of your friends.

### FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

#### WOMEN OF ST. NICHOLAS

**Next Sunday, June 2**, immediately following Liturgy

Join us in Heritage Hall during Coffee Hour as we elect Women of St. Nicholas officers and learn about upcoming events.

#### YOUNG ADULTS

Early Summer Bonfire

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

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. Address: *10840 Midway Rd. Clarksville, MI 48815*

#### ST. XENIA'S CIRCLE

**Thursday, June 6 & 20 @ 11AM**

Saint Xenia Circle, a very special support group, invites you to join them at their two upcoming June meetings being held at church. The Circle is for all who are struggling with loss and the grief that often occurs with it. Loss of a loved one, a friendship, a job or a special furry friend can cause us to feel that sense of loss. In addition to sharing thoughts and feelings during their time together, they will be reading the book: "Memory Eternal" which is available in the bookstore and our library.

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### STAY IN THE FELLOWSHIP LOOP!

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

#### MEN

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

#### WOMEN

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

#### OK MAMA

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

#### FORERUNNERS

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

#### YOUNG ADULTS

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

#### YOUTH

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



### 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.

## PROJECT GR: THANK YOU

Thank you to the 20 parishioners that worked at Project GR 2024 this year! We had a great day of fellowship and work. We spent the day with our fellow parishioners from St. George and Holy Cross beautifying existing affordable housing rentals. We landscaped and painted. It was fun to work together and have the satisfaction of helping others and seeing the immediate results of our work improving the neighborhood.



## GRADUATION AND END OF CHURCH SCHOOL



## ETIQUETTE CORNER: WHAT TO WEAR

Whether you are coming to a Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas or visiting another parish while traveling this summer, it is important to be reminded of how to dress when attending a service.

“Every Christian (and non-Christian too) should use their best judgement before entering an Orthodox church. The church is not just any ordinary place. It is the House of God. When we enter, we do so humbly...” To continue reading visit [\[DRESSING FOR GOD\]](#).

## DEPARTED IN JUNE

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



6/1/1980	Mary Maloley
6/4/1975	Rev. Gabriel Salhany
6/5/2013	Marie Catrib
6/5/1976	Margaret Khouri
6/7/1951	Archim. Peter Horton
6/08/1989	Theodore Assaley
6/10/1982	Charles Hiemstra
6/13/1969	Eli Ade
6/17/2023	Russell Adolphson
6/16/1977	Matilda Zain
6/17/1999	Lauretta Yared
6/18/1968	Mack Nassif
6/18/1965	Anna Simon
6/22/2010	Gregory Graban
6/23/1978	Zahia Abraham
6/24/1962	John David
6/25/2001	Elizabeth Hanna
6/25/1991	Eddie Abraham
6/26/1966	Elias Bendekgey
6/26/1974	Sadie Nagel
6/30/2020	Mansour G. Zain