

LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OF ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

JUNE 2, 2024

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

THE GREAT FEAST OF OUR LORD'S ASCENSION

Wednesday, June 12 @ Holy Trinity

5PM—Orthros

6PM—Divine Liturgy

The Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, where Jesus ascended into heaven to be glorified at the right hand of God, will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church.

This Feast is not merely the remembrance of an event in Christ's life. When Christ ascends from Earth to Heaven, He takes our humanity with Him and seats our humanity at the right hand of His Father. Come and be renewed into the blessedness of God's presence.

Those planning on receiving Holy Communion should observe a complete fast after an early afternoon lunch.

ST. NICHOLAS IS HOSTING THE 2024 MIDWEST DIOCESE FAMILY FALL GATHERING & CLERGY SYNAXIS!

October 17-20

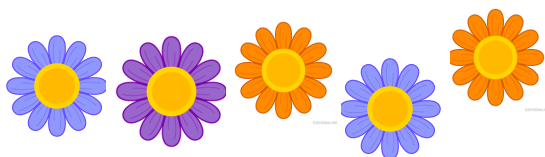
Each fall, His Grace Bishop ANTHONY gathers with his clergy for annual meetings. This is followed by a weekend of fellowship, fun and learning for the faithful of the Midwest. We'll be asking for assistance from our various Fellowship Groups and for volunteers from amongst the parish. Please be a part of helping to make this a fun, successful weekend!

NO COFFEE AFTER CHURCH?

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

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

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.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 2

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

* Usher Training

* Women of St. Nicholas: Meeting & Elections

Thursday, June 6

11AM—St. Xenia's Circle

12PM—Forerunners Leadership Meeting

6:30PM—Liturgical Choir Practice

Saturday, June 8

9AM—Young Adults: Bridge Building Activity

6PM—Great Vespers (no Confession)

7PM—New Family Dessert Reception (RSVP)

Sunday, June 9

Sunday of the Blind Man

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

1PM—Vacation Church School @ Mulick Park



TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

It is important to remain strong in the Faith while traveling. Stay connected by participating in each Sunday's Divine Liturgy and all of the other services being prayed throughout the summer. The livestream link can be found on our website: stnicholasgr.com/watch-live/.

It is easy to financially support St. Nicholas while you take a week here and there this summer to enjoy family vacation time. Continue your faithful contributions to St. Nicholas in any of the following ways:

- * Mail a tithing check to the church for the time period that you will be on vacation.
- * Venmo your tithe before traveling or while away.
- * Go to our website at stnicholasgr.com to submit your tithe.

Your continuous contribution supports the ongoing mission of our parish and is critical during the summer months.

SUMMER SERVICE ATTIRE

Summer weather is upon us—a time for shorts, tank tops, and sandals. The question arises as to whether these types of clothes are appropriate for church services. Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind when dressing for church:

- ◇ Shorts should only be worn by children below the age of nine years old
- ◇ Dresses should always be of a modest length
- ◇ Backs and shoulders should be covered
- ◇ Shirts and blouses should cover one's chest or cleavage

If you are going out to the beach or somewhere else after Liturgy, you are welcome to bring clothes to change into following the Liturgy.

The Divine Liturgy is a solemn offering to God of our very best.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

HOLY TRINITY'S FEAST DAY

Apolitikion of Pentecost: "Blessed are You O Christ our God. You sent down the Holy Spirit into the fishermen and You gave them knowledge and wisdom in everything; and through them, as in a net You caught the whole world. O Lord who loves humanity, glory to You."

Saturday, June 22
Pan-Orthodox Pentecost Vespers 5:00 PM
Reception 6:00 PM

*Holy Trinity Parishioners: Please bring a dish to share

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, June 12
Feast of the Ascension

5PM—Orthros
6PM—Divine Liturgy
@ Holy Trinity

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

*He is the image of the
invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.
For by Him all things were created
that are in heaven
and that are on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions
or principalities or powers.
All things were created
through Him and for Him.*

Colossians 1:15-16

LOST ITEMS

Lost rings and prayer bracelet from kitchen at Pascha. See Keith if it's yours.



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/.

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

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!

TUESDAY JUNE 18 PICNIC, PLAY & SPLASH PAD AT WILCOX PARK 10:30- 12:30PM	FRIDAY JULY 19 LAKE DAY AT THE LAMBERTS' 10:30-4PM	TUESDAY AUGUST 6 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!

ETIQUETTE CORNER: "LOVE THE BEAUTY OF THY HOUSE"

We are blessed with a beautiful church. As members of St. Nicholas we are responsible to care for this wonderful gift. One area that we need to improve upon is cleanliness. We encourage everyone to follow these simple stewardship practices:

- * If your toddler needs a snack during the Divine Liturgy, please take him/her to the Cry Room. No snacks, regardless of type, should be eaten in the Nave.
- * If you happen to find trash on the floor, whether in the hallways, classrooms, or restrooms, pick it up and place it in a trash can.
- * Refrain from eating Coffee Hour foods in the Atrium or Heritage Hall. All food should remain in the Cultural Center.
- * Please look around your table before leaving it at the end of Coffee Hour to pick up food on the floor around your table area.

Thank you in advance for being good stewards of our beautiful church.

PRAYER TRAIL WORK DAY

Saturday, June 8 @ 9AM—12:30PM

Join fellow parishioners this Saturday, June 8 to continue work on our new Prayer Trail in the St. Nicholas woods. Our Young Adult team will be building a bridge over the stream in our property. One other crew will be shoveling and raking the trail and clearing the area where all the farm fencing came out. Bring gloves, sun and bug protection, shovels and rakes. We will provide water and snacks. Contact David Cowles for more information.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual St. Nicholas vs. St George Softball Game

Sunday, September 14 following Divine Liturgy

Please contact Scott Storey for details.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

WOMEN OF ST. NICHOLAS

Saturday Morning Brunch

June 15 @ 10AM

Join the women of St Nicholas for brunch at the Lambert's home. Please bring some fruit, baked good (no bagels, we will have those) or dessert to share. Contact Marian Lambert with questions. Please RSVP to Marian via the Evite for this event or via the above contact information. *Address: 13825 W Point Drive, Gowen, 49326*

FORERUNNERS

Salute to the 4th @ 12PM

Our annual Salute to the 4th will be held at St. Nicholas in the Gathering Room. Everyone is encouraged to wear red, white and blue! Please bring a dish for the potluck – if you are creative, bring something red or white or blue or just patriotic! Please arrive at noon. We will eat and enjoy music by Elaine and Linda Audy as well as a sing-along. Anyone who would like to share his/her talent, don't hesitate! Please contact Barbara Thomas.

YOUNG ADULTS

Bridge Building on Prayer Trail

Saturday, June 8 @ 9AM

We need help finishing the Prayer Trail! Please join us to complete two bridges that will cross the stream. We need 6-8 people to assist in the building and placement of the bridges on the trail. Ice cream to follow!

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.