



# LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

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

### JUNE 30, 2024

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#### **NARTHEX ICONOGRAPHY**

Today, we welcome Fr. Tom Zain who has come for the blessing of the Narthex icons. Donations made in memory of his parents, George and Lorraine Zain, provided the icons that have transformed this area into a reverent place of prayer before we enter the Nave.



#### **YOUTH PARTICIPATION AT THE PLC**

##### **Oratorical Festival**

Eli Hajjar (Senior Division) and Jackson Amash (Junior Division) represented St. Nicholas. Eli took first place, and Jackson came in second place in their respective divisions. Congratulations to both boys for their hard work and inspiring words.



##### **Bible Bowl**

We are blessed to have Sam Adolphson, Eli Hajjar, and Emma Rolon represent Team St. Nicholas! Our team competed Thursday evening and battled to show their proficiency based on the book of Romans.



#### **THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, June 30**

Campers leave for Antiochian Village

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

\* Blessing of the Narthex Icons

**Thursday, July 6**

No Office Hours

**Saturday, July 6**

5PM—Byzantine Choir Practice

5:30PM—Chrismation

6PM—Great Vespers followed by Confession

**Sunday, July 7**

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Saturday, July 20**

St. Nicholas Church Picnic

**Sunday, July 21**

Parish Town Hall

**Monday, August 5**

**Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

5PM—Orthros

6PM—Divine Liturgy

@ Fallasburg Park followed by a potluck

**Tuesday, July 9**

6PM—12AM -

St. Joseph of Damascus All-Night Vigil

## NEWLY ILLUMINED AND CATECHUMENS

Please take a moment to get to know our Newly Illumined and Catechumens.

### Newly Illumined



Jeremy Carlisle



Caden Hembrough

### Catechumens



Sarah Pullins



Grant Boyer



Leslie & Tyler Williams



McCullough Family:  
Amy, Jordan, Evelyn,  
Owen, Colin and Lucy

### VERSE OF THE WEEK

*If any of you lacks wisdom,  
let him ask of God,  
who gives to all liberally and  
without reproach,  
and it will be given to him.*

James 1:5



### 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)

## KIDS' FOOD BASKET

Friday, July 19 @ 8:30AM

Join us as we help at Kids' Food Basket followed by an enjoyable lake day at Lamberts' home!

## CREATION CARE WORK DAY

Saturday July 13 @ 9AM

It's time for another workday in the woods! Join the Creation Care Ministry in the woods to help with the next steps in building the trail in our woodlot. Contact David Cowles with any questions.

## PARISH TOWN HALL

Sunday, July 21

Please join Fr. Michael and our church leadership during our annual Town Hall. This is a great chance to get informed by the church leadership and ask questions. Lunch will be provided.

## ADULT A.V. CAMP

September 20-23

Attention adults: don't let the kids have all the fun! Registration is open for Adult Camp at Antiochian Village! Adult Camp will be featuring our very own (we can still claim him as ours, right?!) Fr. Raphael Daly as the guest speaker. This is your chance to go back to camp (or go for the first time) for a weekend! You're never too old for camp! This is open to ANY adult 21+. To register, and for more information, go to: <https://avcamp.org/programs/adult-camp/>.

## PARISHIONER UPDATE

Aleksandr is enlisted in the Marines and is currently at basic training. He would appreciate encouraging cards and letters.

Aleksandr de Morrow  
Delta Co 1st RTBN Platoon 1052  
Box 16150  
Parris Island, SC 29905-6150

Please note that it is NOT a PO Box, just "Box". **Please only send cards/letters at this time.**

## DEPARTED IN JULY

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



7/0/1940	Tofick Sickrey
7/1/1988	Linda Lou Sylvester
7/1/1996	Haseebie Gantos
7/2/2021	Barbara Sielaff
7/2/1967	Fozee Yared
7/3/1997	Mary Sayfee
7/5/1967	Ferris Sickrey
7/6/1956	Michael Azkoul
7/11/1967	Andreas Nakas
7/13/2002	Edward Khouri
7/16/2017	Millard Laramy
7/16/1977	Kh. Anna Mickel
7/17/2006	Maxine Hattem
7/17/1969	Antonina Oleszezuk
7/18/1988	Hazel Salhaney
7/21/2007	Thomas Bander
7/23/2017	George Mickel
7/26/1967	Julia Sickrey
7/26/2020	Theodore Azkoul
7/26/1983	Louise Salhaney
7/27/1963	Arthur Watson
7/28/1935	Rev. Philip Assaley
7/29/2018	Nora Ayoub

**St. Nicholas  
CHURCH PICNIC  
JULY 20, 2024**

11:45 AM KAYAKING  
3 PM GAMES & FELLOWSHIP  
4 PM DINNER  
5 PM VESPERS

**SIGN UP TODAY!**  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
JULY 14  
@STNICHOLASGR.COM/FUN

RICHARDSON-SOWERBY PARK  
65 S. MAIN ST. ROCKFORD

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

# July 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church Picnic Registration 	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Antiochian Village					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Antiochian Village						9 am - Creation Care - Workday in the woods 6 pm - <b>Great Vespers</b> followed by Confession
8:50 am - <b>Orthros</b> 10 am - <b>Divine Liturgy</b>		10 am - Women of St. Nicholas Leadership Meeting 6 pm - Vigil for St. Joseph of Damascus		10:30 am - St. Xenia's Circle @Gabby's Café		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:50 am - <b>Orthros</b> 10 am - <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 12:15 pm - In the Footsteps of St. Paul Pilgrimage interest meeting				10 am - St. Xenia's Circle 12 pm - Forerunners Monthly Lunch & Activity	8:30 am - Kids' Food Basket Farm Day & Lamberts' home	<b>CHURCH PICNIC</b> 11:45 am - Kayaking (Registration Required) 3 pm - Games & Fellowship 4 pm - Picnic Dinner (RSVP Required) 5 pm - <b>Great Vespers</b> NO Confession  Richardson-Sowerby Park 65 S. Main St. Rockford
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:50 am - <b>Orthros</b> 10 am - <b>Divine Liturgy</b> * Townhall following Liturgy	Antiochian Clergy Symposium					
				6:30 pm - Liturgical Choir Rehearsal		10:15 am - Camelot Block Party—Works of Mercy Opportunity 6 pm - <b>Great Vespers</b> followed by Confession
28	29	30	31	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OUR MISSION – WHAT WE DO</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Nicholas Orthodox Church is a worshipping community living and sharing the Faith Christ gave to the Apostles.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WHY WE EXIST</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Nicholas Orthodox Church exists to seek and share Christ's love so that all will find Eternal Life in Him.</p>		
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