

THE PLC WAS A BLAST!

Our youth contributed so much to this year's PLC and performed with tremendous skill and sportsmanship. We sincerely hope that for years to come, we can have just as much youth participation - and more!

If you are a youth who would like to participate in next year's Creative Arts Festival, Bible Bowl, or Oratorical Festival, please contact Dn. Justin and he will work with you on how to make that possible.



FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE & CHARITABLE OUTREACH

"A holy soul cares for his neighbors, either close at hand or far away. He cares where the homeless will spend the night, how the hungry will be fed, with what the naked will be clothed. He cares and he prays for the salvation of his neighbors: that their hearts may be filled with love towards God, that their minds may be directed towards God, that the wicked may turn from the paths of wickedness, that the hesitant may be confirmed in the Faith, that the firm may persevere, that the departed may behold the Face of God, that the living may be written in the Book of Life in the Kingdom of Light."

St. Nicholas Velimirovich

Thank you to all who donated to this wonderful cause, helping to feed the hungry worldwide and locally. This year we have collected \$6,481, which is short of our \$7,500 goal, but still is a generous amount. The FFHP&CO has done so much to help the hungry and poor over the last 50 years. We reported earlier that \$30,000 was given back to local charities here in Grand Rapids, and we're happy to say that this year we were given another \$10,000 to be donated to the Kids Food Basket Farm as part of the Charitable Outreach program.

"Whoever gives a hand to help his neighbor is helped by God's own hand." St. Isaac the Syrian

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:

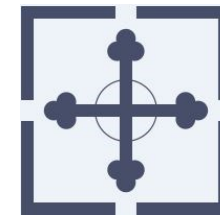
announcements@stnicholasgr.com

Submit Holy Oblations:

stnicholasgr.com/holyoblation/
or by completing an envelope located on the Parishioner's Table in the Narthex.

SCHEDULING TIME WITH FR. MICHAEL

To make 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.



LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OF ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

JULY 7, 2024

(616) 954-2700 ▪ info@stnicholasgr.com ▪ stnicholasgr.com


ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

This Tuesday, July 9 @ 6PM to approx. 12AM

An All-Night Vigil will be held for the Patron Saint of the Chapel, St. Joseph of Damascus, on his Feast Day. The Vigil will take place in the Chapel.

ST. JOSEPH
HIEROMARTYR OF DAMASCUS & HIS COMPANIONS
ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

“SHINING INTELLECT
AND MARTYR
OF ANTIOCH”
Pray unto God for us!



**ST. NICHOLAS
ORTHODOX
CHURCH**

TUESDAY, JULY 9TH
6:00PM~12:00AM

- VESPERS
- LITIA W/ ARTOKLASIA
- ORTHROS
- DIVINE LITURGY

2250 EAST PARIS AVE., SE

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 7

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, July 9

10AM—Women of St. Nicholas
Leadership Meeting

6PM—Vigil for St. Joseph
of Damascus

Thursday, July 11

11AM—St. Xenia's Circle @
Gabby's Cafe

Saturday, July 13

9AM—Creation Care Work Day

6PM—Great Vespers followed
by Confession

Sunday, July 14

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

FOCUS GR

Today during Coffee Hour, we will have an informational table for FOCUS GR. Please stop by the table with any questions you may have, if you are interested in learning more, or would like to get involved.

For the most up to date information about FOCUS GR, please go to <https://stnicholasgr.com/focus/>. You will find information about what FOCUS is, a detailed explanation of what Shepherds of Independence would look like as a FOCUS Center, and a summary of their next steps to make a FOCUS Center in Grand Rapids a reality. There is also a link to donate should you wish to contribute to the fundraising.



CAMELOT BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, July 27 @ 10:15AM-1:30PM

We need parishioners to assist at the annual Block Party for our neighbors across the street living in the Camelot Community. New this year is a brief training event at 10:15AM at [Church of the Servant](#) (3835 Burton St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546). The training is based on the YES program principles designed to help us see the "face of Christ" in those in need. This will be followed immediately by food prep/setup. We also need parishioners to set up/tear down, grill, manage the soccer tournament, and assist with children's activities throughout the party.

The Block Party, which includes a cook out and various activities for the Camelot community. is sponsored by St. Nicholas and several local churches. At the end of the event 200 school backpacks, with back-to-school supplies purchased by St. Nicholas and the other churches, will be distributed to the children.

The event will be held at [Camelot Park](#) (2230 Rowland Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546). Please sign up at stnicholasgr.com/Camelot/ or contact Greg Storey. (gregorystorey1@gmail.com).

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 during Coffee Hour

Please join Fr. Michael and the leadership team for our annual town hall meeting. The following are a few of the topics to be addressed:

- ◇ Capital Campaign
- ◇ Higher Partnership Initiative
- ◇ Financial Position
- ◇ Fall Gathering
- ◇ FOCUS GR

This is a great chance to hear from the church leadership and ask questions. Lunch will be provided.

KFB FARM DAY #2 & LAKE DAY AT THE LAMBERTS

Register Today!

Friday, July 19 @

8:30-10:30AM: KFB Farm

10:30-4PM Lamberts' house on Gowen Lake

Parents, check your email for more information and the KFB registration link. If you have not received the email, please contact Amy Amash (amy.amash@gmail.com).

Volunteering at the KFB Farm is open to all children ages 5 and up, plus any parents/chaperones who would like to join us. The Lake Day at the Lamberts' is for kids in JOY or SOYO (4th-12th grade). We will carpool there and back, and kids will be back at church by 4PM to be picked up.

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, October 15

Middle Eastern Dinner

Friday-Sunday, October 18-20

Fall Gathering

VERSE OF THE WEEK

*For God has not given us
a spirit of fear,
but of power and of love
and of a sound mind.*

2 Timothy 1:7

ARE YOU INFORMED?

Each Wednesday and Saturday, we send electronic communication to our members and friends of St. Nicholas. Additionally, this distribution list is also used to keep everyone updated on critical news that affects those within the church family. If you are not receiving these weekly and special updates, please sign-up at <https://stnicholasgr.com/stayinformed/>.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Don't delay, register now for the most fun you could possibly have with your brothers and sisters in Christ at a church picnic! **The deadline to register is July 14.** An RSVP for kayaking and dinner is required.



**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

5 PM - ORTHROS
6 PM - DIVINE LITURGY
followed by a potluck and fellowship

Fallasburg Park
13565 Covered Bridge Rd., Lowell, 49331

Please bring lawn chairs, games,
and a dish to share!

ST, NICHOLAS VS. ST. GEORGE SOFTBALL

Sunday, September 15

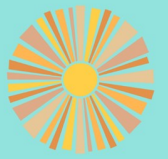
The softball game vs. St. George is just around the corner! The festivities will begin with lunch following Liturgy (approximately noon) at Manhattan Park. Hot dogs/burgers/chips/drinks will be provided. The game will begin immediately following lunch (typically around 1PM, or sooner). Please come to play or to cheer on St. Nicholas! (No experience or glove required). Please contact Scott Storey if you have questions or are interested in playing. (Manhattan Park, 331 Cascade Rd SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506)

ADULT CAMP AT THE VILLAGE

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/>.

PAN-ORTHODOX FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION MONDAY AUGUST 5



5 PM - ORTHROS
6 PM - DIVINE LITURGY
followed by a potluck and fellowship

Fallasburg Park
13565 Covered Bridge Rd., Lowell, 49331

Please bring lawn chairs, games,
and a dish to share!

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

stnicholasgr.com/forerunners

YOUNG ADULTS

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

YOUTH

stnicholasgr.com/youth