



LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OF ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

JULY 14, 2024

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CHURCH PICNIC

Don't miss out on the fun!

RSVP: stnicholasgr.com/fun/

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

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

RICHARDSON-SOWERBY PARK
65 S. MAIN ST. ROCKFORD

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

PARISH TOWN HALL

Next Sunday, July 21 during Coffee Hour

Please join Fr. Michael and the leadership team for our annual Town Hall. 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.

Council Corner
PC UPDATES

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 14

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

Thursday, July 18

10AM—St. Xenia's Circle

Friday, July 19

8:30AM—KFB Farm Days & Summer Fun

Saturday, July 20

Church Picnic

11:45AM—Kayaking

3PM—Games & Fellowship

4PM—Dinner

5PM—Great Vespers

@Richardson-Sowerby Park
65 S. Main St. Rockford

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* Annual Town Hall during
Coffee Hour

LOOKING AHEAD

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

NEWLY ILLUMINED

With joy, we congratulate newly-illuminated, Tony Passaniti who was entered into the Holy Orthodox Church last Saturday. If you haven't already, please take a moment to introduce yourself to Tony and congratulate him.



CAMELOT BLOCK PARTY

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

The annual Block Party for our neighbors across the street living in the Camelot Community is the last Saturday of July.

St. Nicholas and several local churches will sponsor a cookout and various activities at Camelot Park (2230 Rowland Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546).

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.

We need parishioners to assist throughout the event. This year will start with a brief training event at 10:15AM at Church of the Servant (3835 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, 49546) 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 tear-down, grill, manage the soccer tournament, and assist with face painting. Interested in helping? Please sign up at stnicholasgr.com/camelot or contact Greg Storey.



VERSE OF THE WEEK

*For who is God,
except the Lord?
And who is a rock,
except our God?
It is God who arms me
with strength,
And makes my way perfect.*

Psalm 18:31-32

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](https://www.facebook.com/okmama) Facebook group

FORERUNNERS

stnicholasgr.com/forerunners

YOUNG ADULTS

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

YOUTH

stnicholasgr.com/youth



VISITING KENYAN PRIEST

Next Sunday, July 21, we will be welcoming Fr. Constantinos Eliud, a Kenyan Orthodox priest who runs St. Irene Mission Center & Orphanage. Check out <https://stireneorthodoxmission.org/> to learn more about the organization before he arrives.

If you are willing to house Fr. Constantinos for a minimum of two day this week, please contact Fr. Michael.

**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!

FORERUNNERS

Thursday, July 25 @ Noon

Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, fun, and food at Bob & Denise Golm's home! Bring a dessert or beverages to share. They will be cooking pizzas in the outdoor pizza oven! Access their address from the Church Directory or emails that have been sent.

NEVER MISS A BEAT!

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/>.

PILGRIMAGE

The pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of St. Paul" has been cancelled due to limited interest. However, we are in the preliminary stages of planning a domestic pilgrimage for this fall, so watch your bulletin for more details. Additionally, we are still planning another international pilgrimage for the Fall of 2026.

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 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.

YOUTH IN ACTION

WELCOME BACK, CAMPERS!

Fr. Michael, Dn. Justin, Gretchen, and our campers came back on Friday. They had a fun, fruitful time! Go to <https://avcamp.smugmug.com/AV-2024/Summer-Camp/Session-2> to view more photos from camp.



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.

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.

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

PARENTS: WATCH YOUR EMAIL THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER FOR DETAILS AND THE KFB SIGNUP LINK!

