

# LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

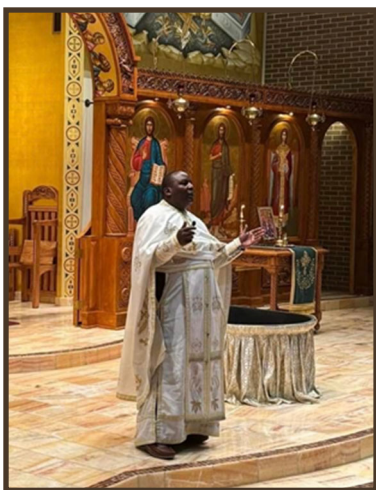
## THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OF ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

**JULY 21, 2024**

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### GET INVOLVED WITH ST. IRENE

Now that you've had a chance to get more familiar with *St. Irene Orthodox Mission Centre & Orphanage* and Fr. Contantinos, take action! You can help make the lives better for these vulnerable children. For as little as \$35 per month you can help feed a child, for \$60 per month you can feed and provide clothing, and for \$100 per month you can fully sponsor their progress. To donate, go to: <https://stireneorthodoxmission.org/>.



### MIDDLE EASTERN DINNER PREPARATION

One of our favorite activities as a parish is working together for our Middle Eastern Dinner. The first step in this preparation is to render the butter. If you have any of our rendered butter jars at your house, please bring them back to the church as soon as possible. Below is the baking schedule for the dinner.

<b>Friday, August 9</b>	9AM-2PM Render Butter
<b>Tuesday, August 13</b>	9AM-2PM Meat Pies Baking
<b>Tuesday, August 20</b>	9AM-2PM Meat Pies Baking
<b>Tuesday, September 10</b>	9AM-2PM Cheese Bread Baking
<b>Saturday, September 14</b>	8AM-1PM Meat Ball Baking
<b>Tuesday, September 17</b>	9AM-2PM Cheese Bread Baking

The Middle Eastern Dinner will be held on Tuesday, October 15. Please plan ahead by marking this date, as well as the above baking dates, on your calendar. We need everyone's involvement!

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, July 21**

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

\* Annual Town Hall during  
Coffee Hour

**Monday—Friday July 22-26**  
Antiochian Clergy Symposium

**Thursday, July 25**

12PM—Forerunners: Lunch @  
the Golm's Home

6:30 PM—Liturgical Choir  
Rehearsal

**Saturday, July 27**

**Camelot Block Party**

10:15AM—Training & Prep @  
Church of the Servant  
(3835 Burton St. SE,  
Grand Rapids, 49546)

11:30AM—Lunch & Activities  
@ Camelot Park  
(2230 Rowland Ave SE,  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546)

6PM—Vespers followed by  
Confession

**Sunday, July 28**

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

## CAMELOT BLOCK PARTY

**This Saturday, July 27**

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

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 begin 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](http://stnicholasgr.com/camelot) or contact Greg Storey.



## PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY DORMITION MONASTERY

**Thursday, August 15**

We will travel to Holy Dormition Orthodox Monastery at Rives Junction for the *Feast of the Dormition*. Register online at [stnicholasgr.com/dormition](http://stnicholasgr.com/dormition). This is a great opportunity for families and for anyone wishing to visit the monastery.

**Note:** The bookstore, Prayer Garden, and grounds will be open except during services.

- 8AM: Depart from St. Nicholas
- 10AM: Divine Liturgy
- Lunch: Bring your own lunch
- 2PM: Holy Unction Service
- 6 PM: Arrive at St. Nicholas

## FORERUNNERS: PIZZA PARTY

**This 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.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Monday, August 5**

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

5PM—Orthros

6PM—Divine Liturgy

@ Fallasburg Park

followed by a potluck

**Thursday, August 15**

Feast of the Dormition Pilgrimage

**Sunday September 8**

First Day of Church School

**Thursday-Monday**

**September 20-23**

Adult AV Camp

**Tuesday, October 15**

Middle Eastern Dinner

**Friday-Sunday, October 18-20**

Fall Gathering

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/okmama) 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)

## BASK IN A GOOD BOOK THIS SUMMER

Summer is a great time to catch up on reading! Whether camping, sitting by the pool, hanging out at the kids' practices, or just lounging at home, take advantage of the longer hours of sunlight by reading. Below are resources to connect you:

**Ancient Faith:** This is an excellent resource for kids and adults. Kids can enjoy story time as well as great sing-along music. You will be amazed when you visit their website to see all they have to offer. Use the following links to help in your search for resources:

Ancient Faith 4 Kids:

<https://www.youtube.com/@ancientfaith4kids>.

Ancient faith Podcasts:

<https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/>

Ancient Faith Books:

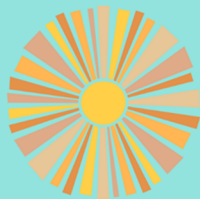
<https://www.ancientfaith.com/ancient-faith-publishing/>

**St. Nicholas Library:** We have Orthodox books for all ages and interests from introductory materials to parenting, grief, prayer, history and Church Fathers. The library is open before and after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays as well as during office hours.

The digital catalogue is almost complete, and we hope to move to automated checkout by late fall. Thanks to Mary Torres who volunteers each week. If you currently have library materials on loan, please remember to return them as soon as you have finished reading.

**St. Nicholas Bookstore:** Our bookstore offers great books to keep you growing in your faith. Have you heard of Fr. Steven Freeman? He has a Popular blog called - *Glory to God for All Things*: <https://glory2godforallthings.com/>. We also have two of his books on our shelves: *Everywhere Present* and *Face to Face: Knowing God Beyond Our Shame*. Both are thoughtfully written with practical perspectives on spiritual living from an Orthodox perspective.

## 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!

### VERSE OF THE WEEK

*Put on the whole  
armor of God,  
that you may be able  
to stand against  
the wiles of the devil.*

Ephesians 6:11

## WELCOME!

GRAND RAPIDS  
**YASSOU!**  
GREEK CULTURAL FESTIVAL

## EAT, DANCE, BE GREEK!

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church | 330 Lakeside Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI | 616.454.6563

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18  
3 pm - 10 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19  
11 am - 10 pm



## UPDATE THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Now that you've had a chance to flip through the church directory, please check to see if your contact information is current, and if your photo is more than a year old, please update it by sending the photo to [secretary@stnicholasgr.com](mailto:secretary@stnicholasgr.com).

## ST. NICHOLAS PHOTOS

Want to see more photos than what is pictured in the bulletin? We are constantly adding photos to our Instagram account. To view the pictures head to <https://www.instagram.com/stnicholasgrmi/>.

## 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/>.

## YOUTH IN ACTION

### TEEN SOYO BEACH DAY

**Sunday August 4, 1-7PM**

We'll grab a bite at Coffee Hour and leave for Holland Beach around 1PM. We'll hang out at the beach for a few hours and head over to *Legacy Icons* for dinner and a bonfire. Parents are encouraged to pick up their teens from *Legacy Icons (3496 76th Ave STE 1, Zeeland, MI)* at 6:30PM. Any other teens will be back to church around 7PM.



Teens should bring a swimsuit/beachwear, a towel, money if you want concessions, beach shoes, and a change of clothes for the bonfire. If you'd like to bring games or a book that is great too!

## CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

As you enjoy your summer, we are already working to prepare for this fall! Please take a moment to register your child for Church School 2024-25! This is our annual youth form, so if your children will be participating in ANY youth activities this year, please complete this form. There is a box to check if you are registering for Church School; all children ages 3 (in the fall through) through 12th grade are welcome to participate in Church School. Please let Gretchen Zahn or Meredith Solak know if you have any questions. To register, go to <https://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](https://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/holyoblation/](https://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](https://stnicholasgr.com/appointments) and do so directly online.