



# LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

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

**MAY 4, 2025**

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### CHRIST IS RISEN!

#### PRAYING DURING PASCHA

Hopefully, we all enjoyed a joyous “reboot” of our personal prayers with the Bright Week Paschal Office. In the weeks between Bright Week and the Leavetaking of Pascha, we return to a modified version of the Trisagion Prayers, as follows:

##### Normal Trisagion Prayers

Glory to thee, our God, glory to thee.

O heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art in all places and fillest all things; Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and abide in us and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (Thrice)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for thy Name's sake.

##### Paschal Trisagion Prayers

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (three times)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit : now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. .

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for thy Name's sake.

Continue with the rest of the Trisagion Prayers

#### FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE AND CHARITABLE OUTREACH

We are excited to share that our collection, including the matching gift, is over \$14,000! This is because of your generosity and belief in this wonderful program. Thank you to all who gave.

*“The greatest act of love is to take care of a sick person. If you take care of him with love and patience, he is saved through you and you are saved through him.”* +Elder Paisius of Sihla

#### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, May 4**

**Sunday of the  
Myrrhbearing Women**

8:50AM—Orthros &  
Orthodox Education

10AM—Divine Liturgy

5PM—SOYO Night

**Monday, May 5**

5:30PM—Women of St.  
Nicholas: GNO

**Thursday, May 8**

10AM—Bible Study

11AM—St. Xenia's Circle

7:30PM—OK Mama:  
Moms Night Out

**Saturday, May 10**

10AM—Liturgical Choir  
Practice

6PM—Great Vespers  
followed by Confessions

**Sunday, May 11**

**Sunday of the Paralytic**

8:50AM—Orthros &  
Orthodox Education

10AM—Divine Liturgy

Mother's Day Coffee Hour  
hosted by A-Men

#### LOOKING AHEAD

May 26—Blessing of Graves

May 29—Holy Ascension

June 7—Saturday of the Souls

June 8—Feast of Pentecost

## WHITECAPS BASEBALL

Thursday, June 5

Please join us as we host our friends from Shepherds of Independence at a Whitecaps Baseball Game.

- ⇒ Arrival time: 5:45PM (approx.) to greet the Shepherds residents, pick up tickets at the will call window, and help Shepherds guests navigate the concession stand and get them to their seats.
- ⇒ Game time: 6:35PM
- ⇒ Something different this year: everyone will purchase their own food at the concession stand and eat at your seats in the stands. Shepherds guests will be given a food voucher.
- ⇒ Tickets: \$15 per person. Please consider helping us pay the \$33 cost of our Shepherd's guests which includes game ticket and food.
- ⇒ Purchase tickets at [stnicholasgr.com/baseball](https://stnicholasgr.com/baseball) by **Sunday, May 25.**

Come out to the ballpark and have fun with our friends from Shepherds!

## SMALL GROUPS

We are starting Small Groups this fall! These are monthly gatherings of 8 to 12 people, designed to help us connect more deeply with one another and grow in community. If you've ever wanted more time to talk, to listen, and to build real relationships beyond Sunday mornings, this is for you. More details can be found in our brochure, at the information table during coffee hour, or at [stnicholasgr.com/small-groups](https://stnicholasgr.com/small-groups). We hope you'll consider joining us!



A perfect day for our Prayer Trail Dedication.



## ST. NICHOLAS NEEDS SOME HELP!

If you have some spare time and would like to help out, check out [stnicholasgr.com/volunteer/](https://stnicholasgr.com/volunteer/) to sign up. Tasks include removing wax from pews, wiping down furniture in Heritage Hall, spot carpet cleaning with handheld machine, a few outdoor jobs....and more!

# Orthodox Workday

Saturday, May 17th

In partnership with ICCF, we'll rehab houses in GR doing minor carpentry, painting, cleaning, & yard work making them ready for those in need of affordable housing.

### MEET AT ICCF: 415 MLK JR. ST. SE

Volunteers must be 14 years old and any under 18 years old must be supervised by an adult.

8:30 AM - Prayer & Assignments

9:00 AM - Work Session

12:30 PM - Lunch (Bring a sack lunch)

1:00 PM - Work Session

4:00 PM - Clean-up



### VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

<https://vhub.at/922AA7/>



### SPONSORS

Holy Cross  
Holy Trinity  
St. George  
St. Nicholas

REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE:  
MAY 11



## 2025 ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION

Have you registered for the Archdiocese Convention in Chicago yet? There will be so many great things happening during the week!

- ◆ Church Services
- ◆ 100+ Events and Meetings
- ◆ Club Saint George for Ages 4-12
- ◆ Teen Events
- ◆ Young Adult Events
- ◆ Archdiocese General Assembly
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Bible Bowl
- ◆ Oratorical Festival
- ◆ "My Kind of Town"
- ◆ Antiochian Legacy Grand Banquet and Hafli
- ◆ Arabian Nights Dinner and Hafli
- ◆ Ask Abouna All Week
- ◆ And More...

Register at [ac2025chicago.org](http://ac2025chicago.org)



**Antiochian**  
ORTHODOX  
ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION

### VERSE OF THE WEEK

And if I go and  
prepare a place for you,  
I will come again and receive you  
to Myself; that where I am,  
there you may be also.

John: 14-3



### FROM THE ST. NICHOLAS MAILBOX

Dear Brothers and Sisters  
in Christ,

I would like to thank you for your many cards and telephone calls with well wishes, thoughts and prayers. I am very thankful for each one of you. God has been with me through this entire ordeal and I truly appreciate your prayers of healing for me.

Bob Golm

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

# 2025 PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY  
JUNE 18-22, 2025

**HOLIDAY INN LOUISVILLE EAST**

1325 S. HURSTBOURNE PKWY.  
LOUISVILLE, KY 40222



#### FEATURED SPEAKERS

##### Fr. Joseph Lucas

RECTOR, CHRIST THE SAVIOUR  
ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
MIAMI LAKES, FL

##### Fr. Seraphim Ramos

ASSOC. PASTOR, ST. MICHAEL  
LOUISVILLE, KY

##### Dn. Marek Simon

OCF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

##### Jennie Gelles

ICONOGRAPHER

##### Robert Synder

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MIDWEST  
DIOCESE COORDINATOR

##### Kris Howard

SACRED MUSIC COORDINATOR,  
THE DIOCESE OF TOLEDO AND  
THE MIDWEST

#### PLUS

- Antiochian Women & Men Fellowship
- Young Adult Gathering
- Kids Church Camp
- Iconography Lectures
- TEEN SOYO
- Bible Bowl
- Oratorical Contest
- & Much More!



REGISTRATION  
NOW OPEN!



[www.antiochianevents.com/toledo](http://www.antiochianevents.com/toledo)

### CONGRATULATIONS

Servant of God, Ryan Abraham was born Saturday, April 26, weighing 9 lbs. 8 oz. and stretching to a length of 21.5 inches. Congratulations to parents Rick and Lexy Powell, and big sisters Maci, Melanie, and Brooke on the birth of their newest family member!



## SPRING WORKDAY AT THE DORMITION MONASTERY

**Saturday, May 24 @ 8AM**

All are invited to this year's Spring Workday at the Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction (3389 Rives Eaton Rd, Rives Junction, MI 49277). It's a fun day of spring work outdoors, meeting fellow Orthodox Christians from around the Midwest, and getting to know the nuns better! Divine Liturgy will begin at 8AM, with work beginning at 10AM. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please let Scott Storey know so he can give a final count to Mother Gabriella.

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

### FORERUNNERS

**Thursday, May 17 @ 1PM**

Don't miss this truly unique event which will take place at Equine Assisted Development (3224 32nd. St. and Shaffer SE). This facility is a faith based nonprofit farm providing horse therapy to those who need hope and healing. Jeanine Heibel, a certified equine specialist, will conduct the tour. For complete information about the farm, go to [www.equineassisteddev.org](http://www.equineassisteddev.org). Please respond to Eileen or Barbara your response. Looking forward to a special experience together!

## YOUTH IN ACTION

### MAY TEEN NIGHT

**Tonight @ 5-7:30PM**

It's election time! Teens, come join us for our May Teen Night. We'll hold elections for our officers, break in the new ping-pong table, discuss summer plans, and share a FAST-FREE meal!

### ORATORICAL CONTEST

Teens, there is still time to prepare and sign up for the 2025 Midwest Diocese Oratorical Contest. This year's theme is, *"Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word."* - Luke 1:38

Junior Division: 13-15 yrs old

Senior Division: 16-19 yrs old

For more details, go to [teensoyo.org/oratorical](http://teensoyo.org/oratorical).

### 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](http://stnicholasgr.com/parishioners)

### 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.

### SCHEDULING 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](http://stnicholasgr.com/appointments) and do so directly online.

### 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/](http://stnicholasgr.com/holyoblation/)  
or by completing an envelope located on the Parishioner's Table in the Narthex.



The graphic features a central illustration of five diverse children holding up wooden picture frames. To the left is a large gold cross. Below the children, the text reads: **GRAND RAPIDS PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL**. Underneath that is the quote: *Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! - Psalm 133:1*. At the bottom left, a black arrow points to a QR code with the text: **SIGN UP HERE JUNE 8-12 MON-THURS 6PM-8PM**. At the bottom right, there is a list of details: **Ages: 4 years - 8th Grade**, **\$10/student (\$30 max) - Scholarships Available**, **Sunday Kick Off Picnic (Mulick Park)**, **Remaining Days Hosted at Holy Cross**, and **2828 Richmond St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504**.