

LIFE AT ST. NICHOLAS

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OF ST. NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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The Voice of the Shepherd: The Divine Gift of the Priesthood

During the months of June and July, Fr. Michael will offer Homilies on the divine gifts that God sends us through our priests.

June 15—The Perils and Prize of the Priesthood

June 22—The Call of the Priesthood

June 29—The Challenge of Having a Priest

July 6—The Royal Priesthood

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 15

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

Fathers Day Coffee Hour
hosted by
The Women of St. Nicholas

Monday, June 16-

Saturday, June 28

Apostle's Fast

Tuesday, June 17

6PM—Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday-Sunday

June 18-22

Parish Life Conference in
Louisville, KY

Saturday, June 21

6PM—Great Vespers
followed by Confession

Sunday, June 22

8:50AM—Orthros

10AM—Divine Liturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, July 19

Kayaking & Church Picnic

Sunday, July 13

Town Hall

Sunday, July 27

Farewell Brunch for
Fr. Michael & Vicky

CATECHUMEN WELCOME

Last Sunday, we had the joy of enrolling and introducing two new Catechumens: Sydney Steuwe (left) and Ethan Gaines (right)! We are blessed that they have chosen to make St. Nicholas their church home. In the weeks ahead, we encourage everyone to get to know these wonderful people – sit with them at Coffee Hour, chat with them after a service, invite them to attend an upcoming ministry event, and/or invite them over to your house for fellowship. Let's continue to extend the love of Christ!



SAVE THE DATE: FAREWELL BRUNCH

Sunday, July 27

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend a brunch following Fr. Michael's last Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas. Be sure to write it on your calendar now. More details coming soon!

NEW TO ST. NICHOLAS?

You are invited to meet Fr. Michael and Fr. David after the Divine Liturgy on **July 6 or July 13** in Heritage Hall. Come and enjoy refreshments, meet the priests, and learn more about St. Nicholas and Orthodoxy.

YOU ARE NEEDED

Our good news is that we are projected to have over 85 students registered for the 2025-2026 school year! With this increase in youth involvement comes the need for Church School teachers. Our youth's spiritual education is an important part of their life in Christ, helping them to have the faith and knowledge to bring the presence of God out into the world.

We have openings in a variety of classes, including Pre/K, 3rd/4th grade, Middle and High School, as well as subs. Please see Gretchen Zahn, or volunteer at stnicholasgr.com/youth. Thank you for prayerfully considering this vital ministry!

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

It is important to remain strong in the Faith while traveling. Stay connected by attending an Orthodox church while on vacation. If you are unable to attend an Orthodox Church in-person, worship at stnicholasgr.com/watchlive/.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

*But as it is written:
"Eye has not seen,
nor ear heard, Nor have
entered into the heart of man
The things which
God has prepared
for those who love Him."*

1 Corinthians 2:9



Our hope is that ALL families host (or co-host) a Coffee Hour once every Ecclesiastical Year, which ends on August 31. If your family has not hosted since last September, it's your turn! With teamwork the yoke is easy, and the burden is light. Please consider hosting a Coffee Hour this summer on one of the following dates:

◇ June 22 & 29

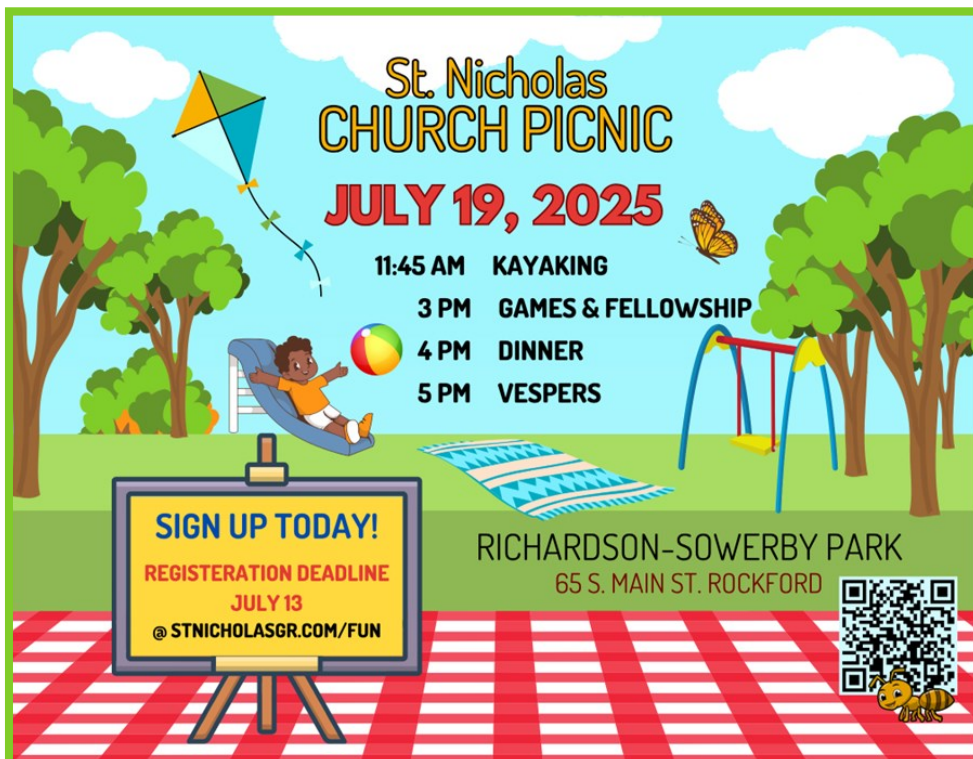
◇ July 6

Use the QR code or the link: stnicholasgr.com/coffeehour.



PARADE OF PONDS

One of our parishioners, Nina Ledford, and her husband Matt, will have their garden and waterfall featured in this month's Parade of Ponds tour! The Parade of Ponds is like the Parade of Homes except that participants view amazing gardens and waterfall features! The Parade of Ponds is **Saturday, June 28 @ 10AM-1PM**. To learn more including purchasing tickets go to: awmwaterfeatures.com/events.





DEEP DIVE INTO MATTHEW—THE COMPLETE EDITION

The Deep Dive Bible Study of Matthew has been completed. This summer is an excellent time to listen and reexamine the Book of Matthew. Dive in... there are new details to notice and appreciate! stnicholasgr.com/deepdives



FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

FELLOWSHIP GROUP EVENTS CELEBRATING FR. MICHAEL

Below is each Fellowship Group's event with Fr. Michael before we send him off to St. Vladimir's Seminary. Events are listed in order of date.

- ⇒ A-Men: Saturday, June 28 @ 6PM
- ⇒ Women of St. Nicholas: Saturday, July 12 @ 9AM
- ⇒ Choir & Chanters: July 15 @ 6-9PM
- ⇒ Young Adults: To be announced

WOMEN OF ST. NICHOLAS

Saturday, July 12 @ 9AM

Women of St Nicholas, join us for breakfast with Fr Michael and Kh. Vicky in the Cultural Center, to wish them well in their future endeavors and thank them for all they have given us. This will be a potluck breakfast so please bring something to share. RSVP through the Evite sent out for this. Please contact Marian Lambert with any questions.

WHITECAPS OUTING WITH SHEPHERDS' RESIDENTS

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or financially supported our night out at the Whitecaps game with our friends from Shepherds of Independence. We had a great time together, and the residents really appreciated the night out. It was an exciting see-saw battle between the Whitecaps and the Lake County Captains with the Whitecaps winning in the bottom of the 11th inning! Special thanks to Greg and Marian Lambert for all the extra effort they put in to ensure the success of the event.



YOUTH IN ACTION

TEEN SOYO'S FAREWELL TO FR. MICHAEL & VICKY

Thursday, June 26 @ 6-8:30 PM

Fr. Michael and Vicky are looking forward to hosting the teens one last time at their home (1055 Dogwood Meadows Dr SE, Ada). Please bring to share: chips & salsa, pop or a fasting dessert!

HOPE & JOY PANCAKES WITH PADRE!

Saturday, June 28 @ 9:30-11AM

All HOPE (Pre-3rd) and JOY (4th-6th) kids are invited to *one last* Pancakes with Padre before Fr. Michael heads to St. Vladimir's! As always, Father will be cooking breakfast for our kids. Be sure not to miss it! Register at stnicholasgr.com/youth.



ST. NICHOLAS KIDS' FOOD BASKET FARM DAYS 2025

Another opportunity for our youth to serve those in need (and have a lot of fun!)

Wednesday, June 25 followed by a Beach Day @ Versluis Park

Tuesday, July 15 followed by a Pool Party @ the Sirotko's

Wednesday, August 6 followed by a Lake Day @ Fr. David & Kh. Jenny's

Parent, keep a look out for emails with details & register at stnicholasgr.com/youth.



A LOOK BACK AT VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL



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

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 and do so directly online.

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.