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February & March 2020



*Presentation of the Lord into the Temple
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SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Fr. Steven Klund – Parish Priest



“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” – 2 Corinthians 9:8

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The two key words are “Sufficiency” and “Abound”. Sufficiency is translated from the Greek word “αὐτάρκεια” which literally means to “self” (*auto*) “satisfy” (*arkeo*). To satisfy an objective means to meet the requisite limits of the task at hand. It means to simply “check off the boxes” and complete the task. However, Paul is saying that our self-sufficiency is exponentially enhanced by God’s Grace. That when we combine our efforts with the Holy Spirit we no longer are sufficient, but now we abound in every good work! This word, abound (“περισσεύω”), means to overflow, or far exceed the ordinary. Left to our own devices, our efforts may be sufficient to achieve some nominal accomplishments. Yet now that we are strengthened by the Grace of God, our sufficiency abounds and overflows to point that we are able to perform amazing feats that few have ever dreamed of!

This year we will have tremendous opportunities to carry out “good work” in the Name of the Lord. In the coming months you will see several notable examples: our unprecedented stewardship levels, a generational 75th Anniversary celebration, exciting new local outreach partnerships, and—*perhaps most notable of all*—the expansion of our Saint Nicholas campus here on College Road. Do not be mistaken, the work that is required for many of these goals is considerable, but so too is the abundant Grace of our Lord!

With this in mind, I would like to close with another piece of wisdom from Saint Paul. In the third chapter of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul encourages them saying that they are “able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power [of Christ] at work within [them],” (*Eph. 3:20*). God’s Grace is undoubtedly abounding within our Saint Nicholas Family. Even if we question our own sufficiency, we should be supremely confident in our Lord’s. We must do our part to ensure that we make sound decisions, and we must put in the effort and time to cultivate the gifts we have been given. If we do that—take care of the things we can control—God will do His part to allow us to abound in every good work.

With Sincere Confidence in Christ,

Fr. Steven Klund

Pastoral Report - Spring General Assembly - February 23, 2020

Parish Council President's Update

Evangelos Fragos

My fellow parishioners,

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season with their families! I certainly have! We have been very busy at the church as well! From caroling, to holiday parties, all the way through to the Superbowl party! What a great turn out for each of these events! I am proud to see how our community comes together around the holidays. I am also very delighted to see how our church family really unites when we face difficult times. There was and continues to be so much support to those who have faced hard losses in the past few weeks. I want to take a moment to again send sympathies and condolences to those who have lost loved ones. May their memories be eternal.

We should take a moment also to thank Father Steven for his endless dedication to our church. I'm sure I can say this for everyone when I say that none of his efforts go unnoticed and we appreciate you. His time and efforts paired with his enthusiasm has already transformed and refreshed so many different events and procedures. We thank you.

I want to recognize our children again for their successful trip to Orlando for HDF! I was fortunate enough to be able to attend with my wife and son and we had a blast! January also was our Cross Dive, congratulations again to Matthew King for retrieving the cross! It was a beautiful day, and a beautiful event at the Bluewater Grill in Wrightsville Beach! Thank you all who organized as well as those who attended! I want to point out that the Cross Dive was also the first of our 75th Anniversary event series! All those who were baptized at St. Nicholas were recognized on this day! The second 75th anniversary event was in February, the AHEPA Valentine's Dance, all those who were married at a St. Nicholas we recognized! This too was a beautiful evening full of great food, great music, and dancing! Great work AHEPA! Our Annual Superbowl party was a wonderful event also! It was a great turnout, with the game playing on two screens, great fellowship, and TONS of food! We hope this event continues to grow and improve for years to come! Also, keep a special eye out for the next 75th Anniversary events, to be then wrapped up with our Anniversary in October!

Now, its time to get in gear for the Lenten Season and prepare for Great Pascha. Please keep an eye out for our schedule of events pamphlet for Lent. This will include dates and times of all services as well as weekly events, and ministry schedules. I challenge you this year to attend at least one more event than you did last year! I then raise you to attend at least one more service than you did last year! We have so many great things on our calendar I'd love to see high attendances at these events!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns with anything please contact me.

Sincerely,
Evangelos Fragos
Parish Council President



Treasurer

Tina Bostic


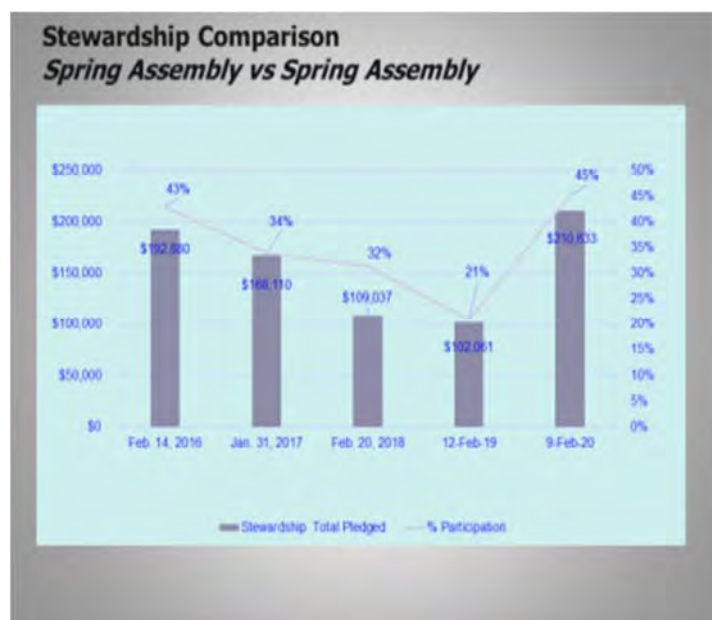
The General Assembly held on 2/23/2020 approved the 2020 budget with a stewardship goal of \$279,361.00.

A few of the slides presented at the meeting are below.

We had a positive budget end for 2019 with the net revenue at \$4,168.98 after paying back \$20K to the Festival in 2019.

Our history of the number of Stewards continues to increase as well as the amount! Great work!

Year	STEWARDS	Amount Given	Average giving per steward
2014	139	\$227,120	\$1,634
2015	188	\$259,331	\$1,379
2016	179	\$274,335	\$1,532
2017	188	\$271,901	\$1,446
2018	196	\$223,819	\$1,142
2019	203	\$254,928	\$1,256

We have a fantastic rate of participation for 2020 stewardship with 154 pledging \$210,633 so far.

Current Assets and Liabilities:

Bank Statements	Fall Assembly 11/2019	Spring Assembly 02/2020	Comments to differences
General Fund	\$29,137.22	\$19,150.43	
Money Market	\$403,005.68	\$330,118.87	Transfer to Fest
Festival Checking	\$12,692.80	\$63,985.36	
Designated	\$57,823.45	\$72,031.64	
*Benevolent	\$13,048.53	\$11,904.82	
*Building Fund	\$9,851.74	\$19,851.74	Donation to building
*Memorial	\$26,764.34	\$32,760.20	Inc. from funerals
*Greek School	\$6,534.57	\$6,290.60	
*Designated Other	-\$326.24	-\$326.24	
*GOYA	\$1,950.51	\$1,550.52	
Total of all Accts	\$502,659.15	\$485,286.3	
GF owes Fes account	\$40,000.00		

Thank you St. Nicholas for your continued support!

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

Kim Dandulakis
910-798-9726

Our local Parish Oratorical Festival will take place on Sunday, March 8 at 12 PM.

Our past participants report that participating in the Oratorical Festival was a positive event for them and very helpful as they advanced in their studies and later careers.

In addition, each senior and junior division first, second, and third place finalist in each category at the parish, district, metropolis, and national levels of competition is eligible to receive a Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College. This scholarship has been amended to provide awards ranging from \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year. Participation in the Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is an excellent accomplishment to list on College Applications!

There are packets available about preparing your speech, 2020 topics and speech timing requirements in the Hellenic Center or from Sunday School teachers. More information can be found at:
<https://www.goarch.org/-/2020-st-john-chrysostom-oratorical-festival-topics>

Please encourage your children to participate!

Policies for the Safety of Youth and Children

Stella McTaggart

As we begin the 2020 Calendar Year I am pleased to report we have 65 volunteers who are CERTIFIED YOUTH WORKERS based out of our church, who can also work for the Metropolis and the Archdiocese. These are the only people who can participate in Youth Ministry and Events at any church and any level of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO REGISTER, SCREEN, AND TRAIN!!! You are invaluable hands to continue the work of our Lord.

I am so proud we were able to comply with all requirements set forth by our governing bodies. After seeing a rollup from the Metropolis it looks like we are in third place after Holy Trinity Cathedral in Charlotte, NC and Holy Transfiguration in Marietta, GA having more CERTIFIED YOUTH WORKERS as of February 13, 2020.

Way to go Parishioners!!!! And well done to our sister churches for working towards full compliance.

If you want more information about the program please

visit the website: <https://www.goarch.org/safety> which has a wealth of videos to watch and manuals to read about this new standard to ensure children and youth be safe at every youth ministry program or event and families can have peace of mind.

The Mid-year enrollment period is going on now and will last until March 31, 2020. This will cover the rest of the current Ecclesiastical Year. To take the first step and (R) REGISTER, please email me with your FULL LEGAL NAME, telephone number, and email address.

Our next Ecclesiastical Open Enrollment Period AND RE-REGISTRATION will take place FROM JUNE 1-AUGUST 31, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact me – your Youth Safety Coordinator – in person or via email at youthsafety@stnicholaswilmington.org.

St. Nicholas Summer Camp

Stella McTaggart

summercampstnicholaswilmington@gmail.com

Who is ready for a week of fun-filled mornings? I hope the answer is every child in our community from rising Kindergarten to 8th grade! #christmasinjune is our exciting program for **the week of June 15-19**. Online registration is NOW OPEN at: <https://forms.gle/Lv1Udk2GEqsPR5Qt7>

Finally, we are inviting all high school student and CERTIFIED YOUTH WORKERS to be Camp Counselors. We need your help to make camp possible for our youth.

Also, if you have photos from years past, please email your memories to us so we can share and celebrate our Church's 75th Anniversary with all of our campers this year.

If you have any questions, or to volunteer/register for camp, please reach out to Stella McTaggart. WE CAN'T WAIT FOR SUMMER CAMP!



Forever Young

Kay Skandalakis

Our Valentines lunch was a great success!! We enjoyed being together and seeing the movie "Faith Hope and Love." Thanks to all for participating!! Please join the Forever Young club on Tuesday, March 3 at Olive Garden on Market St. at 11:45 AM for our monthly lunch get together.

Hellenic Culture

Kitsa Wiersteiner

Greek Independence Day Celebration will be held in the Hellenic Center after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 22, 2020. The speaker will be Daphne Snow to be followed by poems, and dances. The lunch will be provided as a fundraiser for the Hellenic School at \$10 per person (Children 12 and under free). Poem practice for the children reciting poems will be offered on Sundays, March 8 & March 15 during the fellowship hour. Please come join us in celebration of this special event.

Philoptochos

Enosis Chapter #5027

Maria Stasios

The Ladies of Philoptochos continue to give thanks for our Parish's support of our many projects. We received several thank-you cards from those we supported during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you all for your generous donations that allow us to achieve what we do.

Thank you to all who either baked or purchased a Vasilopita. This was another terrific show of a parish family working together for a greater cause.

We continue to prepare and deliver meals to the Lower Cape Fear LifeCare Center on the first Thursday of each month. The staff at the facility sends their thanks, as do the families of patients who receive the meals. If you'd like to participate, please reach out to a Philoptochos Board member.

It takes many hands to do the good works of Philoptochos. If you have not yet become a member, we invite you to complete a Philoptochos membership card. Be on the lookout for the announcements of our General Meetings. We would love to see more women there!

New this Lenten season, we will be selling homemade Lenten soups. Check out the enclosed flyer and visit us at the table in the Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy

to support this. We will also have Lilies for sale in honor or memory of a loved one.

Our Ladies Philoptochos will be honoring all past presidents at our Palm Sunday luncheon on April 12. Please help us remember all ladies who have served over the past 75 years. Please provide names to Maria Stasios or Irene Sotiriou by March 29.

Important March / April dates:

March 4 - packaging "snack packs" for Nourish NC during our parish family night.

March 15 - General Meeting (Sunday following Divine Liturgy). Focus on Pascha preparations

March 8, 15, 29 – Lenten Soup Sales

April 12 – Palm Sunday Luncheon

April 19 – Great and Holy Pascha

Hellenic School

Anestis Logothetis

There are classes for youngsters and adults every Friday from 4-6 pm. We encourage all Parishioners to consider sending their kids to Greek School especially those in kindergarten and 1-3 grades. These are the ages when youngsters learn the easiest and are not occupied with too many other activities. Remember learning another language is very useful especially the language of our heritage.

On Saturday, February 15 the Greek School and AHEPA organized the annual Valentine's Dance open to the whole St. Nicholas family. The Hellenic Center was beautifully decorated by Greek School teachers and parents and the Paschalis band played Greek music all night long. A special recognition with a bouquet of flower was made to the couples present that were married in St. Nicholas. The dance was a great success and Parishioners and friends filled close to 20 tables. There was wonderful food prepared by AHEPAN brothers as well appetizers and desserts put together by the school teachers. A Raffle that was well received offered Greek specialties, beverages, and gift certificates. Most importantly the people who attended the dance had a wonderful time and enjoyed dancing and socializing with their friends. We want to thank all the folks who support such activities that bring our together in celebration of our proud heritage.

ParishNews

Did you notice?

In an effort to reduce publishing costs (printing, postage and man-hours), our newsletter will now be printed every other month. Please refer to our weekly bulletins and our website for a complete listing of our Liturgical Services and other Ministry Events. As always, you can also con-

tact Office Staff with any additional questions. **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR OUR PARISH EMAIL BLAST!** Emails are sent out weekly with all pertinent happenings.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

On Sunday February 2, Super Bowl LIV between the San Francisco 49'ers vs Kansas City Chiefs, played in Miami, Florida. St. Nicholas tuned in live for a parish watch party. Doors opened at 6 pm. We had a great crowd. We had a smorgasbord of great super bowl favorites. What a great game and wonderful fellowship we all had on this day!! Thank you Cameron and Pam for setting up our Fellowship hall in game day style!! Thank you to Alexandros for ensuring we went live to enjoy this game!



KOLIVA & PROSFORO MINISTRY



AHEPA Cape Fear Chapter 408



R:Past Supreme President Dr. Spiro Macris, Supreme Secretary James Stasios, Supreme President George Horiates and Chapter President Dr. Nick Lazaridis.

Supreme President George G. Horiates, and his wife, Lisa, visited Cape Fear Chapter 408, Wilmington, NC, February 15, for the chapter's annual Valentine's Dinner and Dance. During the event, we honored all of our faithful who were married at Saint Nicholas in the last 75 years. Fittingly enough, George and Lisa Horiates were married at our church as well. Chapter 408 is home to Supreme Secretary Jim Stasios, Past Supreme President Dr. Spiro J. Macris, and Chapter 408 President Dr. Nick Lazaridis.

GREEK MARKETPLACE

Get your Greek supplies from St. Nicholas! We have olive oil, orzo, dolmathes, gigantes prepared beans, oregano, honey, spoon sweets, cookies, chocolates, Greek coffee and Nescafé coffee. See Sandra Papanikolaou or Irene Sotiriou Vogiatzis during the coffee hour on Sundays

CONGRATULATIONS

On February 2, 2020, **Stavros and Stephanie Chantiles** were joined in marriage. May your lives be blessed always!

For all the people celebrating their birth, anniversary and name day in the month of February & March may you have many happy and healthy years ahead to enjoy God's many blessings!!!

PLEASE PRAY

Please Pray for those who are ill, recovering, and/or homebound:

Konstantina Alimaras (sister to Stacey Papalitskas), Angelo Angeledes, Bobby Bobon (brother of Sue Lawler), Stavros Chantiles, Anthony Constandy (father of Elisabeth Baynard), Sherry Demas, Nicholas & Margie Devoles, Constantine Dukas, Sue Fokakis (Autumn Care), Demitra George, Mary Gianoplus, Olga Mancuso, Calvin McGowan, Mary Compos Marmaras (Cypress Pointe), Dorothy Manolukas, Maria Padgett-Velaetis, Irene Voneiff, Anne Bakalis Pinkston, Dorothy Radomsky, Peter W. Saffo, Joanna Skandalakis, Pat Skinner, Tom Souflas, Peggy Stephanou, Vasilios Vogiatzis, Mary Ann Wall

Please contact the church office to add/remove someone from the list. The names will stay on our prayer list for 40 days unless we're called to remove

SYMPATHIES

On Wednesday, January 15 Emmanuel Semanderes passed away in hope of Resurrection. For his full obituary please visit <https://www.jonesfh.org/notices/Emmanuel-Semanderes>. May his Memory be eternal. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ

On Friday, January 17 Peter Saffo passed away in hope of Resurrection. For his full obituary please visit <http://www.andrewsmortuary.com/obituary/peter-saffo>. May his Memory be eternal. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ

On Sunday, January 19 we held a 40 day memorial for Lazaros Alexiou. May his Memory be eternal. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ

TOY Η ΜΝΗΜΗ

On Wednesday, January 22 Anna Psilos passed away in hope of Resurrection. For her full obituary please visit <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/anna-psilos-obituary?pid=195158146>. May her Memory be eternal. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΗΣ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ

On Thursday, January 23 John Petrolas passed away in hope of Resurrection. For his full obituary please visit <https://www.wilmingtoncares.com/obituary/john-petrolas/>. May his Memory be eternal. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ

On Sunday, January 26 we held memorials for Nicholas (Nickie) Bakalis-(42 years) Husband of Anne Bakalis Pinkston & Father of Debra Bakalis Rallis & George Bakalis, George (22 years) & Despina (Dalton) Rallis (10 years)- Parents of Michael & Rebecca Rallis, Argiro (Irene) Zarnas Karafas-(35 years) Mother of Irene Karafas Voneiff and Constantine Karafas, and Stelios (Steve) Karafas- (30 years) Father of Irene Karafas Voneiff & Constantine Gus Karafas. May their memories be eternal. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥΣ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ

On Tuesday, February 11, Roula Andrew Sister, Sophia, Hatziiouannou passed away in hope of Resurrection in Athens Greece. May her Memory be Eternal. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΗΣ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ

On Wednesday, February 19, Nick Karloutsos passed away in hope of resurrection. For his full obituary please visit <https://www.thenationalherald.com/286995/memory-eternal-of-nicholas-karloutsos/>

**With the Saints, give rest to the souls of
Your servants, where there is no pain, sorrow,
or suffering, but life eternal.**



Epiphany Cross Dive 2020



Fr. Andrew Cannon, Fr. Steven Klund and other local Orthodox Priests joined together to celebrate the Feast of Holy Theophany



For photos taken by the Star News visit:

<https://www.starnewsonline.com/photogallery/NC/20200111/PHOTOGALLERY/111009988/PH/1?fbclid=IwAR14h80VbA50cW1tAIRM2zeYmmruBnGgoiQIDB9HneAMOFM6mNpyPCtrkA>



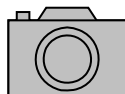
Our Acolytes lead the procession on the docks at Bluewater Waterfront Grill



Our brave youth prepare to brace the chilly waters. Pictured L-R: JT Burgee, Thomas Burgee, Anna Patsalos, Eli Theodoropoulos, Jacob King



Jacob King retrieved the cross this year from the waters of the Intercoastal Waterway.



Thank you Zaharoula Katsikis for these photographs!



Sunday, January 5, 2020: Blessing of the Waters & Parish Council 2020 Oath of Office



Hellenic Dance Festival 2020



Our Goyans taking part in an IOCC Disaster Kit packing



Many of our Parishioners gathered for the Awards Dinner & Ceremony Sunday, January 19, 2020

Zoyra & Nea Smyrni



Group photo hijinx #neasmyrni



Zoyra performing



Nea Smyrni boys practicing while waiting to perform their afternoon set.



Dancers thanked their Instructors during the HDF Recognition Event held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 9.



Congratulations to all of our Dancers and Instructors on performing well at HDF. Zoyra medaled with a Bronze in the Advanced Junior Division. Nea Smyrni medaled with a Silver, Best Folk Expression and Best Costume in the Primary Division.

Our 2020 HDF Spirit Cup Winners are Nicholas Zaharis and Sayed Mayorga. They were selected by their own teammates as leaders who were kindhearted and had the best "SPIRIT" through the entire season.



During the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at HDF a member of the Youth Congregation shouted out an answer to a question His Eminence Bishop Alexios posed during his sermon. He heard Fiona McTaggart's voice though all those who answered.

He asked her to join him on the makeshift Solea. He blessed her with the honor of a kiss. What a pleasure it was to see one of our very own Parish children confident in her voice shout out the correct answer. May God bless her and all the children in our world.

FOCUS ON YOUR BLESSINGS:
MAKE EVERYDAY THANKSGIVING



Let us continue to foster and develop our Youth Programs to ensure an environment for the growth of worship, fellowship, service, and witness in our Church.

#HDF2020 #HDFVISION
DEVELOPING AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION FOR OUR HELLENIC CULTURE AND ORTHODOX TRADITION THROUGH DANCE AND MUSIC.

Winter Youth Rally 2020



Join thousands of teens across the nation & **#ShareOrthodoxy!**

2020 ORATORICAL FESTIVAL



EXPLORE a deeper knowledge of your Orthodox faith
THINK critically about current issues
SPEAK to a gentle and loving audience

Share Your FAITH

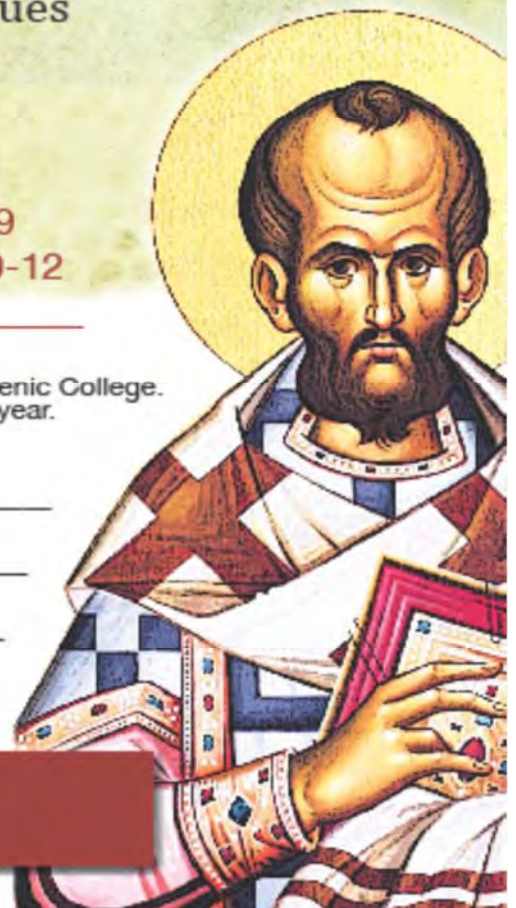
Junior Division for Grades 7-9
Senior Division for Grades 10-12

AWARDS - The Chrysostom Scholarship for Hellenic College
The 2020 finalists are eligible to receive a Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College.
This scholarship provides awards ranging from \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year.

Parish Festival Date March 8, 2020
Parish Chairperson Kim Dandulakis
Contact Information 910-798-9726

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is a Ministry of the Department of Religious Education from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

Find the topics, rules, guidelines, and prize information at
www.goarch.org/oratorical





Greek Independence Day will be celebrated on Sunday, March 22, 2020 in the Hellenic Center following Divine Liturgy. The guest speaker will be Daphne Snow. This special festivity also includes poems, dances and songs. The Hellenic School will sponsor the luncheon. Assistance will be available for those participants reciting poems for Greek Independence Day, on March 8 and March 15 during the fellowship hour.

This program is sponsored by the Hellenic Culture Ministry.

EASTER LILY OFFERING

\$10 Each
Please make checks
payable to:
St. Nicholas Philoptochos



If returning by Mail:
St Nicholas Philoptochos
608 S. College Road
Wilmington, NC 28403

Donated By: _____

Number of Flowers _____ Total amount \$ _____
One flower each per person/ couple/ family.

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Deadline for submittals is Sunday, April 5th



LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS

*Lenten Soup
to-go
Fundraiser*



**SUNDAY, MARCH 8,
MARCH 15, & MARCH 29**

28th Annual Wilmington Greek Festival

This year's festival is going to be held on May 15th through the 17th here at the church. The festival committee's preparation is well underway with the aim of improving on a successful festival last year. The festival will have a new look this year with the roll-out of our new festival logo designed by Father Steven and adopted by the committee. We will be using the logo throughout our media campaign running up to the festival to bring awareness to the community at large. In addition to the new logo, the festival also has launched a new twitter domain which can be used as a source for information before, during and after the festival. You can access by searching Wilmington Greek Festival on Twitter or by going to @greek_nc.



We are excited to announce the addition of the first annual Wilmington Greek Festival 5K Run/Walk which will be held on Saturday May 16th on the campus of UNCW across from the church. The festival is partnering with Go-Time of Wilmington to hold the event. Interested participants will be able to register on the Go-Time website and will receive a race T-shirt and be eligible for prizes including private classes at Orange Theory. Orange Theory, a race sponsor, will also host the race registration and pick-up which will be from 4pm – 6pm on Friday May 15th at their Orange Theory south location at The Pointe. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Daphne Snow, Mary Beth Miliotis or Manny Miliotis.

Two local charities will benefit from the festival this year. Good Shepherd Center will be a benefiting charity. The mission of Good Shepherd is to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and foster transition to housing. Established in 1983, Good Shephard is the largest provider of homeless services in the Cape Fear region and includes a soup kitchen, food salvage and distribution, transitional and permanent supportive housing for veterans and men with disabilities, a day shelter for the homeless, a 118 bed night shelter and a recently opened affordable housing unit with 40 apartments for chronically homeless adults with disabilities.



First Fruit Ministries will also be a benefiting charity at this year's festival. First Fruit Ministries, founded in 1998, shares the unconditional love of God through food, shelter and friendship to those experiencing homelessness and poverty in Southeastern NC. First Fruit focuses on supportive housing for women and families and street outreaches including feeding programs, food pantry service, outreach to home-bound widows, and a day shelter which provides medical care, emergency services and housing referrals.



For more information on this year's festival, contact Nick Saffo or Lee King.

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Thank You

Thank you to our entire Saint Nicholas Family for supporting the Hellenic Ministry Youth Dance Program. Through your stewardship and support at various fundraisers throughout the year, you helped to pay for the registration fees for the 25 children and 3 instructors. Any additional funds we raise will cover the hotel cost for our 3 amazing volunteer dance instructors who donated hundreds of hours each year to prepare the dancers. *A special thanks to Basile Katsikis who hosted a solo special event fundraiser in December.*

Thank you to the Dancers and Instructors for participating in various community events throughout the year. From the opening act at the University of North Carolina Wilmington's Intercultural Festival to the Azalea Festival Parade of Nations and many events in between, you share our Hellenic Culture with the Wilmington Community. Each year your performances are a highlight in our Annual Greek Festival attended by thousands of people.

Thank you to the parents who support this Ministry with their time and treasure. From ensuring the dancers attend practice, to leading fundraisers, to paying for the additional costs associated with these events, we thank you for your continued support of this Ministry.

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1 Corinthians 12:4-7



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Forgiveness Sunday 8:45 AM Orthros 10 AM Divine Liturgy 11 AM Sunday School 5 PM Vespers 6 PM Community Soup Meal	2 Great Lent Clean Monday 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 9:15 Orthros 10 AM Synaxis 11:45 AM Forever Young Event 7 PM Parish Council Meeting	4 5:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 Family Night	5	6 4 PM Greek School 7 PM Salutations to the Theotokos	7 Saturday of Souls 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy 11 AM Oleander Memorial Gardens
8 Sunday of Orthodoxy 8:45 AM Orthros 10 AM Divine Liturgy 11 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Poem Practice 12 PM Oratorical Festival	9 6:30 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 10 AM Synaxis	11 5:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 PM GOYA - The Relationship Project 6:30 PM YAM - The Happiness Lab	12	13 4 PM Greek School 5 PM Prosforo Baking Workshop 7 PM Salutations to the Theotokos	14 10 AM Koliva Workshop 1 PM HOPE/JOY Mini Lenten Retreat
15 Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas 8:45 AM Orthros 10 AM Divine Liturgy 11 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Poem Practice 12 PM Philoptochos General Meeting	16 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	17 9:15 AM Orthros 10 AM Synaxis	18 5:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 PM GOYA - The Relationship Project 6:30 PM YAM - The Happiness Lab	19	20 4 PM Greek School 7 PM Salutations to the Theotokos	21
22 Sunday of the Holy Cross 8:45 AM Orthros 10 AM Divine Liturgy 11 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Greek Independence Day Program Philoptochos Lenten Retreat	23 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	24 9:15 AM Orthros 10 AM Synaxis 7 PM COM Meeting	25 Annunciation of the Theotokos 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy	26	27 4 PM Greek School 7 PM Salutations to the Theotokos	28 District Oratorical Festival (Greensboro, NC)
29 Sunday of St. John Climacus 8:45 AM Orthros 10 AM Divine Liturgy 11 AM Sunday School 11:45 AM 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting	30 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	31 9:15 AM Orthros 10 AM Synaxis	Great Lent is from March 2 until April 18			

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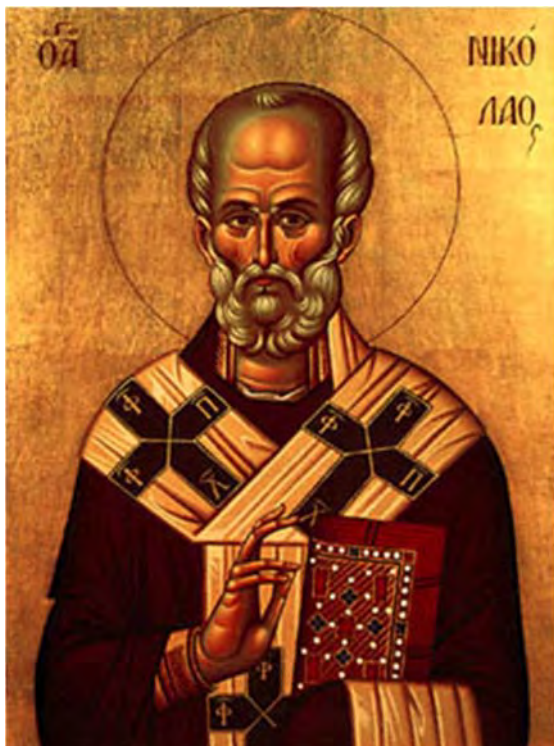
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<p>For the most current version of our Parish Calendar, please visit us online at:</p> <p>http://www.stnicholaswilmington.org/ParishCalendar.html</p>			<p>1</p> <p>5:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy</p> <p>6:30 PM GOYA - The Relationship Project</p> <p>6:30 PM YAM - The Happiness Lab</p> <p>6:30 PM Adult Lenten Book Study</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4 PM Greek School</p> <p>7 PM Akathist to the Theotokos</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4 PM YAM Test Kitchen (at the Snow's Residence)</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt</p> <p>8:45 AM Orthros 10 AM Divine Liturgy 11 AM Sunday School</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:15 AM Orthros 10 AM Synaxis</p> <p>11:45 AM Forever Young Event Cape Fear Seafood Co.</p> <p>7 PM Parish Council Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy</p> <p>6:30 PM YAM - The Happiness Lab</p> <p>6:30 PM GOYA Relationship</p> <p>6:30 PM Adult Lenten Book Study</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Saturday of Lazarus</p> <p>9:30 AM Divine Liturgy</p> <p>11 AM Palm Folding and Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>11 AM YAM - The Happiness Lab</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>8:45 AM Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>11:30 AM Philoptochos Palm Sunday Luncheon</p> <p>6:30 PM Bridegroom Service</p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due for next issue</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Holy Monday</p> <p>6:30 PM Bridegroom Service</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Holy Tuesday</p> <p>6:30 PM Bridegroom Service</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Holy Wednesday</p> <p>5:30 PM Holy Unction</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Holy Thursday</p> <p>9:30 AM Divine Liturgy</p> <p>6:30pm Service of the 12 Gospels</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Holy Friday</p> <p>9 AM Royal Hours 10:30 GOYA Holy Friday Retreat 12 PM Hope/Joy Retreat 3 PM Apokathelosis (Unnailing) Service 7 PM Lamentations Service</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Holy Saturday</p> <p>9:30 AM Divine Liturgy</p> <p>11 PM Pascha Vigil</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Great & Holy Pascha</p> <p>11 AM Agape Vespers</p> <p>12 PM Agape Luncheon @ St. Nicholas</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 PM Adult Dancing</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10 AM Synaxis</p>	<p>23</p> <p>St. George</p> <p>9:30 AM Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4 PM Greek School</p>	<p>25</p>
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