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Annunciation of the Theotokos
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From the Desk of Fr. Jon

Dear Faithful in Christ,

My last Sunday - February 24, 2019

Thank you for coming to church today! God is so pleased that you were in His house. You bring a smile to Jesus's face and to mine.

Thank you for all your kindness these past six years.

Thank you for all the prayers, especially when Presbyteria Barbara and I were sick.

Thank you for the love you shared.

Thank you for disagreeing with me, it helped me grow in many ways.

Thank you for lending me your ears in church.

Thank you for giving me more reasons to pray for you. This is essence of what it means to be a shepherd and pastor.

Thank you for lending me your children for retreats, camps and lock-ins, they are loved like my own children and are dear to me and to the Lord.

Thank you for your wisdom.

Thank you for your patience.

Thank you for your commitment to Christ and our Orthodox faith.

Thank you for trusting me to love you in good times and in tough times.

How do you measure a ministry?

Is it how many weddings and baptisms?

Is it how many meetings or retreats?

I have never measured ministry in this manner.

Oftentimes, ministry can be measured in the little things we do out of love for God, for each other and without being asked or being thanked. Thank you Presbyteria!

Instead we should measure ministry by how we grow our relationships with each other and with God. We should always desire to be at peace with each other and to deepen our love for each other! Our relationships should be so deep that when one of us feels pain, we all feel pain. When one of us feels joy, we all feel joy! Our relationships should be so honest that we speak the truth in love, and cause all barriers to vanish. Then we can understand our spiritual needs, and minister to those needs. God desires St. Nicholas to be the bright lamp of Christ burning bright on South College Rd.

Be the lamp of the Lord Jesus! Embrace each and every person you meet as if it was the Lord Himself. Love one another as the Lord loves us all!

Let us strive for spiritual growth with each Liturgy we attend, with each time the devil is defeated and the temptation disappears, and each time we come to confession to seek out God's forgiveness.

I do not say good bye today. I say until we meet again.

You are with me now and you will be with me as we travel to Maine.

My heart only has entrances, there are no exits.

My prayer for you is salvation in God.

My prayer for you is a deep and abiding faith.

My prayer for you goes out to the next blessed shepherd and priest of St. Nicholas. May the Lord Jesus grant all wisdom, strength and love to him for many years.

I pray you take him into your hearts and into your homes. Trust your priest, he will guide you in the gospel. Love your new priest and his Presbyteria and his children. Love him, support him and encourage him. He will pray for you and take care of you.

Please support your parish council and leaders as they chart a path through this transition. Please be united in purpose and in love for St. Nicholas and each other. Please pray for Metropolitan Alexios as he finds and sends you a new priest.

Lastly, Please continue to pray for us, for my whole family! Know You will be remembered well for many years until we meet again.

Love and live in Christ Jesus, FR. JON

President
Evangelos Fragos

My fellow parishioners,

Father Jon and Presbytera Barbara shared their last Sunday with us on February 24, 2019. We held a wonderful and heart-warming farewell luncheon. We love and will miss them very much. During the luncheon the Parish Council presented a few gifts for their new home. Thank you all who wrote cards and letters, I'm sure they will cherish them. We all have a special place in our hearts for them always.

I want to thank my brothers again for all their help in the kitchen. I also want to thank all those who helped Father pack. On behalf of the parish council and the congregation of St. Nicholas, we wish Father Jon and Presbytera Barbara all the best with their move and their futures in Maine.

As we all know we are in a transitionary period until early summer. Moving toward the Lenten season we look forward to everyone's continuous love, support, and patience to make it through. Right now, is a very crucial time for us to be here for one another with love and patience as a parish. We need everyone to be all in.

Looking back, we have accomplished a lot these past few months. HDF was a great turnout, one of our largest groups we have ever sent! Both of our groups came home with medals! We also had a very successful cross dive. Congratulations again to Nick Zaharias! The AHEPA and Greek School sponsored a Valentines Dance that was wonderful.

Let's keep looking forward with a great momentum!

Like always, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Evangelos Fragos

Parish Council President



Treasurer's Update

The Operating Income/Expense table below represents what we have received as of the end of December 2018.
We continue to owe the Money Market acct. \$40,000 for 2018 and 10,000 for 2017.

Operating Income/Expense			
General Fund	Income	Expenses	Variance
Dec	\$36,266.47	\$25,072.87	\$11,193.60
YTD	\$289,877.81	\$340,103.04	\$(50,225.23)

Status of Stewardship below as compared to Budget Goal. We did not meet our Stewardship Goal for 2018.

The new 2019 budget and stewardship goal will be presented at February's General Assembly.

Stewardship December and Year to Date Summary			
	stewardship received	stewardship goal	Variance
Dec	\$29,671.72	\$24,196.28	\$5,475.44
YTD	\$223,818.67	\$290,355.36	\$(66,536.69)

Stewardship Dec 2018	
Total Pledgers	167
Pledged	\$192,117.24
Full Year Goal	\$290,355.36
Variance pledged to goal	\$(98,238.12)
Amount received	\$223,818.67

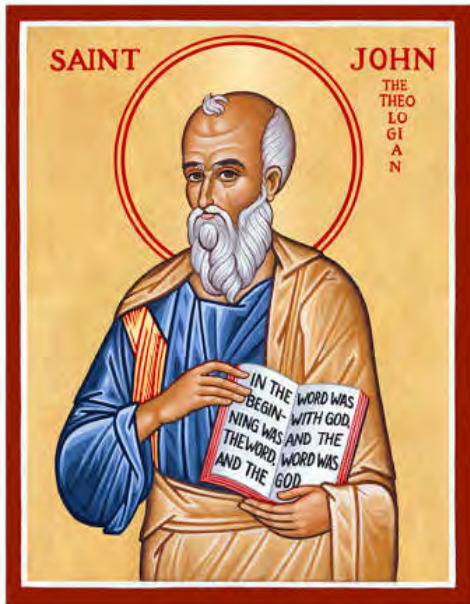
Year	# of Stewards Giving	Amount Given
2014	139	\$227,120
2015	188	\$259,331
2016	179	\$274,335
2017	188	\$271,901
2018	195	\$223,819

We had 7 more parishioners giving however overall giving is down from last year by \$48,082.00.

Stewardship

John Whitley

What this Past Year Has Meant to Me



I have spent the last 14 months on a personal stewardship journey. The journey began with a phone call from Fr. Jon asking me to lead the Stewardship Team.

There is a lot of wonderful stewardship material on the Archdiocese and Diocese web sites, but I found a lot of stewardship material right here in our St. Nicholas Parish.

I begin with the icon of Saint John, my personal patron saint.

I found stewardship in the Bible.

- Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves

do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21

I have discovered the footnotes and commentary in our Orthodox Study Bible.

- Thus, the Christian actively cultivates a habit of doing good works for the glory of God, and as a way of life. Greek Orthodox Study Bible Notes page 1601.

I have been enriched by quotes from the saints.

- People of the 21st century will be saved and even acquire holiness for three observances: for keeping the Orthodox faith and passing it to others, above all to their children and grandchildren; for daily repentance; and for regular participation in the Mysteries of the Church. St. Paisios the Athonite.

In my stewardship journey I have come to accept that stewardship is indistinguishable from our faith. Just as our faith is a living faith, stewardship is something we live.

If you want to be good Orthodox Stewards, begin by learning and living the faith and passing it on to others.

We see in the Bible that where are treasure is there our hearts will be also. We see in our Orthodox Bible footnotes that we cultivate stewardship as a habit of doing good works. We see from the saints that we live our faith by keeping it, passing it to others, and participating in the Mysteries of the Church.

All of this is wrapped up in our stewardship message of giving our Time, Talents, and Treasures to God and the Church.

This will be my last stewardship article. I have asked our leadership team to pass the baton to the next stewardship chair. From the bottom of my heart I thank each of you for joining me in this stewardship journey of the past year. In this journey I have learned so much about our faith. Above all, I have learned that with God all things are possible.

THE METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA STRATEGIC PLAN

Metropolis Strategic Planning
Koula Katsikis, Parish Champion

What is Strategic Planning

Strategic planning is a process to define our direction (strategy) and allocate our resources to achieve our goals.

A Strategic Plan must answer four fundamental questions:

1. Why do we exist?
2. Where are we now?
3. Where do we want to be?
4. How will we get there?

The Metropolis Strategic Planning was excited to announce the official Faith Forums in March 2018 in Charlotte NC. More details to follow.

Parishioners are invited to use the content found at www.atlstrategicplan.org/portal To learn more about these goals visit the metropolis web site or contact me with any questions.

Forever Young *Kay Skandalakis*

We had a wonderful get together lunch at Chris's restaurant in February with many who attended. Please join us for our next lunch scheduled for March 5, at the Olympia Restaurant (Bradley Creek Shopping Center) 11:45AM sharp. I wanted to mention a loyal member, Pat Poulos, of our Forever Young club is moving to Fayetteville, NC. This is not goodbye but wishing you and Koula well as you move to your new residence. Pat has always been a faithful member of our Forever Young group. Just remember, any 1st Tuesday of the month, please come and join our group for lunch. As always, we would love to see you. Wishing you all the best!!

Hope/Joy *Renée Karonis Psilos*

We had wonderful January and February events! In January, we enjoyed popcorn and snow cones while watching one of our very own, Fiona McTaggart, on the big screen! In February, the moms took a night to enjoy each others company over dinner. Lots of laughs were shared! We look forward to cookie decorating with the kiddos after church on March 10th....just before Lent begins! See you there!

Hellenic Culture *Kitsa Wiersteiner*

Our Independence Day Celebration will be held in the Hel-

lenic Center after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 24. The guest speaker will be Emmanuel Miliotis. This special festivity will also include poems, dances and songs. The Hellenic school will sponsor the luncheon as a fundraiser for the Hellenic School. The luncheon will be \$10 a person and free for those 12 and younger. For those children wanting help reciting their poems, help will be available on Sundays March 10 and 17 during coffee hour. Please, come join us in celebration of this special event. A big thank you to Zaharoula and Katerina Katsikis, Antonia Ioannou, Sophia Brewer, Rena Poulson and Alexandros Theodoropoulos for spending all their free time teaching our youth to dance and enjoy and appreciate Greek Dancing - ΑΧΟΙΟΙ. Καλή Σαρακοστή!

Hellenic Culture - Youth Dance Groups *Kitsa Wiersteiner*

Our youth dance groups competed at the Hellenic Dance Festival on January 18 -20 in Atlanta, GA. What a wonderful event!! The children were beautiful and did a great job representing all of us at St. Nicholas. We are truly very proud of them. We would like to say a special thank you to our dance directors, Zaharoula and Katerina Katsikis of the Nea Smyrni Dance as well as, Antonia Ioannou, Sophia Brewer, Rena Poulson and Alexandros Theodoropoulos of the Zoyra Dance group. The dedication of the dance directors is amazing and we are very thankful for the endless time they spend with the children. A big thank you to all the parents for supporting the directors and bringing their children to practices as well as helping behind the scenes activities.

CONGRATULATIONS to both dance groups who came home with Bronze medals.

CONGRATULATIONS to our own "Spirit Cup" Awards winners, voted by St. Nicholas participants at HDF. This award goes to the dancers who show the most Spirit during the weekend. Stamatia Fulton and Micah Poulos were the winners for the Nea Smyrni Dance group. Congratulations to Carson Eters, the winner for the Zoyra Dance group.

On February 10, we had a beautiful program celebrating the Hellenic dance festival presentation of medals and recognition of the youth dance instructors as well as, the youth dancers. We also had a fundraising luncheon for the two dance groups.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with this great event. We made \$915 from this fundraising luncheon. Καλή Σαρακοστή.

Hellenic School *Anestis Logothetis*



Greek School classes are held every Friday afternoon from 4-6 pm. There are classes for youngsters from kindergarten age to early teens. There are also classes for adults.

The annual Valentine Dance co-sponsored by the Greek School and AHEPA took place this year on Saturday evening

February 16. It was a very successful event and the Hellenic Center was pretty much full. There was good food, good fellowship, camaraderie and lots of fun and κέφι. People danced to their heart's content to Greek music provided by the Paschalis Band. The raffle had a variety of offerings from baskets with Greek wines, chocolates and Greek specialties, to gift certificates to restaurants, various stores and tickets to the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra. People who came to the Dance had a very good time. We expect to have a successful event next year. The Greek School will lead in the celebrations of the Greek



Independence Day which will be held this year in the Hellenic Center on Sunday, March 26 after Divine Liturgy. The Greek School kids will recite poems and there will also be Greek dancing by our youth. The speaker for the occasion will be Emmanuel Miliotis, a fellow parishioner who will explain why we as Greeks celebrate this Day. There will be lunch prepared by Chris's restaurant. The whole Community is invited to attend.



Philoptochos *Debra Rallis*

We are looking forward to the Philoptochos Annual Spiritual Retreat March 15-17th. We have 9 ladies who plan to attend. We have rented a van and will be travelling to our beautiful Diakonia Center.

Anyone willing and interested in serving on our 2019-2021 Philoptochos Board needs to contact Daphne Snow.

Please continue to give me names of ladies who have been Philoptochos members for 50 years. We will honor them on Sunday June 2nd.

We are happy to report that our chapter has donated \$500 to IOCC and plans to give an additional \$1000 after our March 3rd meeting.

We also donated \$3,500 to Nourish NC. Quote from a local school principal.....

"Because of this wonderful program, our families could focus on taking care of each other without the worry of their next meal. Nourish NC is a vital asset to our community and we cannot thank you enough for taking care of our families."

We are collecting food items for Nourish NC to help feed hungry children in New Hanover County. Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Fruit Cups can be placed in a bin in the Hellenic Center.

Thank you!

Please remember to pay your 2019 Philoptochos dues. (\$15 goes to National/\$10 goes to Metropolis/we keep any extra for our obligations)

Busy time approaching as we head into our Lenten season.

Please offer your love and service to our beloved St. Nicholas. Me agape, Debra Rallis, President

COMMUNITY NEWS

DONATION REQUESTS *TIME, TALENT OR TREASURE*

Office volunteers would be greatly appreciated. There are lots of small tasks to be done on a weekly and monthly basis.

Prosforo: is always needed and would be greatly appreciated.

Commandaria Wine: we are running low on Commandaria wine for communion.

THANK YOU

Please find below the Thank You message we received from Jessica Davis, the coordinator of the What A Wonderful World event at the Children's Museum where our Zoyra group participated February 9, 2019! Also, please find attached photos from the event. .

I would like to thank all of our dancers that were able to perform, Benjie and Eleni for running our booth and all of you that came and supported our participation in this great event helping us in this way serve our community and share our faith and culture!

I am so proud of our dancers and families!

"I just wanted to send a huge thank you for having your

dance group come out to The Children's Museum of Wilmington for our event, What A Wonderful World. We had such amazing feedback from our guests and visitors! and that wouldn't have been possible without your participation! “- Jessica Davis -” *What a Wonderful World*” Children's Museum of Wilmington Coordinator

Zoyra Dancers at the Children's Museum



SYMPATHY

There was a 1-year memorial for **Kiki Xanthos** on February 3, 2019. Thank you to the Family for a lovely luncheon following Divine Liturgy in her honor.

ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΗΣ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ - Eternal be her memory!

Ardis “Honey” Morris Emanuelson, 95, passed away February 4, 2019, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Honey was born October 6, 1923, to Cecil and Eva May Morris in Norfolk, Virginia. She was a graduate of Granby High School in Norfolk. Honey worked for several years as a secretary for the Norfolk and Western Railroad. During WWII, she helped entertain troops locally as a member of the Virginia Belles, a group of young ladies who danced at many gatherings sponsored by the U.S.O.



Honey married Raymond Emanuelson, Jr. in February of 1949.

During their long and happy marriage of almost 62 years, they lived in Norfolk, Falls Church, and Roanoke, Virginia, and Atlanta, Georgia before returning to the Tidewater area and residing in Virginia Beach. Honey's life was centered on faith and family, raising four children. She was the youngest of the large Morris family and helped plan numerous family reunions. Until her early eighties, Honey danced in countless recitals produced by her sister, Eva May Morris. She loved traveling, dancing, boating with her husband on their hand-built boats, bowling, and reading. In addition to being predeceased by her parents, Honey was predeceased by her brothers Cecil Jr., William (Bill), Robert,

Samuel, James, and Ernest (Buddy), her sister, Eva May, her eldest daughter, Karen, and an infant grandson, John Luke. Left to cherish her memory are three children, daughters Janet Faulkner and Nancy Hunt of Virginia Beach, and Rev. Fr. Jon Emanuelson of Leland, N.C. Honey will be remembered by eight grandchildren, Jeffrey, David, and Rachel Faulkner, Victoria, Mary, and Elizabeth Emanuelson, Mackenzie and Darby Hunt, one great-granddaughter, Eila Faulkner, and a host of loving nieces and nephews. A visitation was held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Thursday, February 7 at Altmeyer Funeral Home, 1801 Baltic Ave, VA Beach. A memorial Mass was held on Friday, February 8, at 10 AM in Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1404 Pacific Ave, VA Beach, followed by a committal service at Princess Anne Memorial Park in VA Beach. In lieu of flowers, the family asks to please visit- www.tmcfunding.com to make contributions to Alzheimer's CURE Foundation in Honey's honor.

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



MEMORIALS

If you need to have a Memorial for a loved one or an Artoclasia for the health of your family contact the church office at least 2 weeks in advance. We want to make sure we can have all of the correct information in place for your commemoration. Thank you.

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

Angelo Angeledes, Shelby Biancaniello (daughter of Sue Lawler), Bobby Bobon (brother of Sue Lawler), Stavros Chantiles, Anthony Constandy (father of Elisabeth Baynard), Sherry Demas, Nicholas Devoles, Constantine Dukas, Sue Fokakis (Autumn Care), Demitra George, Stephanie & Georgiana Jean Harrill (daughter & granddaughter of Pat and Marisa Gallagher), George Kanis (brother-in-law of Barbara Harris), Nick Karloutsos (Silver Stream), Dan Kirkby (brother of Matthew), Emanuel Koklanaris, Nikolaos Kotsinis, Olga Mancuso, Calvin McGowan, Mary Compos Marmaras (Cypress Pointe), Maria Padgett-Velaetis, Koula Poulos, Dorothy Radomsky, Pat Skinner-Darby, Kim Saffo, Charity Skinner-Darby (daughter of Pat), Tom Souflas, Peggy Stephanou, Debbie Triantafillopoulos, Helen Vurnakes, Vasilios Vogiatzis, MaryAnn Wall.



HDF MONTAGE ZOYRA!!



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CROSS DIVE January 26, 2019 at the Bluewater Grill



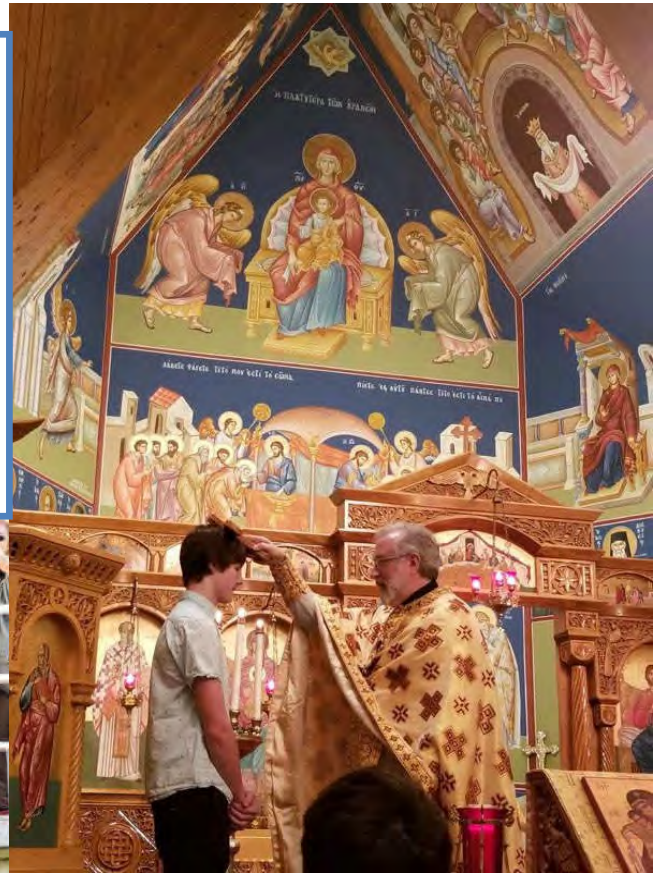
2019 DIVERS

Kosmas Boutis

Jacob King

Georgia Theodoropoulos

Nick Zaharias



FATHER JON

WE WILL MISS YOU LOVE YOU AND WISH YOU
THE BEST ALWAYS!!

ST. NICHOLAS WILMINGTON, NC.

CROSS DIVE JANUARY 26, 2019



NICK ZAHARIAS

PHOTO DIRECTORY

ARE YOU
ALL IN?

DEADLINE
EXTENDED



EMAIL PHOTO WITH NAMES TO
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SAVE THE DATES:

March 10 - April 27, 2019... *Great Lent*

April 21 ...*Palm Sunday*

April 22 - 27... *Holy Week*

April 28...*Holy Pascha, 12 Noon Agape Vespers & Picnic*

May 17, 18, 19...Greek Festival



March Event

HOPE/JOY

10 | MARCH | 2019

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

DECORATE COOKIES & ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

RSVP PLEASE CONTACT RENEE PSILOS

**Please Join our Philoptochos in Helping Provide
Food for Needy Families in Partnership with Nourish NC**

Items urgently needed include:

- Pasta / Mac & Cheese
- Tuna
- Fruit cups
- Or leave the shopping to us and make a donation!

LOOK FOR THE BIN IN THE HELLENIC CENTER—THANK YOU!

We will continue to collect items thru March 10th.

Items are sent home with students in backpacks.

Nourish NC is in need of volunteers. Visit their website for more information on volunteer opportunities at www.nourishnc.org



Σας προσκαλούμε στην Εθνική εορτή



Celebrate Greek Independence Day
after Divine Liturgy in the Hellenic Center
Sunday ~ March 24, 2019

Special Guest Speaker: Manny Miliotis
followed by poems, dances and songs.

Lunch will be provided as a fundraiser
for the Hellenic School

\$10 per person
Children 12 and under free



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 or couple.

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Deadline for submittals is Sunday, April 14th



Easter ~ A Celebration of Love!

A chance to look forward with hope & around us with love.

Bring your family for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Agape Service and Lunch

Sunday, April 28, 2019

St. Nicholas Hellenic Center

12:00 Noon in the Church followed by Luncheon in the Hall

The main meat dish will be provided.

**Please bring something according to the first letter of your last name:
Item should be on a platter ready to be served.**

A - H Appetizers

I - N Dessert

O - Z Side Dish

Also bring a 2 liter drink to share.

Special Activities for the Kids!!!



*** Easter Egg Hunt for the kids.**

(Don't forget to bring a basket)

*** Face Painting 2 - 4 pm**

*** Bounce House**



To reserve a table for your family contact:

Kay Skandalakis at (910) 762-1161

To accurately plan for the event, your reservation must be received

NO LATER THAN Sunday, April 21, 2019.



Dear Fellow Parishioners and Friends of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church,

It is with great pleasure, that we will be participating in another **Rise Against Hunger meal packaging** event at St. Nicholas. (This was previously known as Stop Hunger Now). We pray with your support that this event will be successful in the fight against hunger.

More than 40 percent of Rise Against Hunger's meals are distributed to school feeding programs around the world. Those meals encourage school attendance and help put these children and their families on a path out of poverty.

Our goal is to raise \$5,140.80 or approximately 15,120 meals. Each meal costs \$0.34. This year, we need to raise these funds before we can schedule the event. As soon as we meet our goal, we can schedule our event, hopefully this spring. We will track our progress and provide you with updates. We will post sign-up sheets for volunteers to help with the event as soon as we schedule the event.

You can help make sure children get the nutritious meals they need to grow and succeed.

Please visit <http://events.stophungernow.org/StNicholasCares> to contribute to our meal packaging event. No gift is too small--every donation makes a difference in the lives of children and families around the world. One hundred meals is \$34. Two hundred meals is \$68. A \$100 donation will provide 294 meals.

Checks can be made out to Rise Against Hunger or St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church with "Rise Against Hunger" in the memo line. Checks can be turned in to Irene Sotiriou or Jimmie Stasios. **As of 2/28/19 we have raised \$1,324.00.**

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts

IRENE SOTIRIOU AND JIMMIE STASIOS
RAH COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS



Save the Date

27TH ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL

MAY 17TH, 18TH & 19TH 2019

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

608 SOUTH COLLEGE ROAD, WILMINGTON, NC

WWW.STNICHOLASGREEKFEST.COM



HOURS: FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 11 AM -10 PM

SUNDAY: 11 AM - 6PM

PARKING: UNCW PARKING LOT BEHIND TACO BELL

SHUTTLE SERVICE: FREE TROLLEY RIDE TO FESTIVAL GROUNDS

ADMISSION: KIDS 12 & UNDER FREE; ADULTS \$3.00



St Nicholas 27th Annual
GREEK FESTIVAL

Hosted by:
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March 1, 2019

Dear Friends of St Nicholas Greek Festival;

Yassou (Greetings)!

Our Greek Festival has been a Wilmington tradition for the past twenty-five years. It brings people together for an enjoyable and cultural weekend. This year please join us as we celebrate our 26th Annual Greek Festival which will take place on May 17, 18, 19 2019. Mark your calendars for another wonderful event full of Greek foods, pastries, music and award winning dancers.

Last year we were able to present business advertisements and/ or family greetings to over 10,000 patrons at our Annual Greek Festival.

We would like to present you once again, with an advertising opportunity that is very unique. This year, our advertising program will be a souvenir brochure that our patrons will take home with them. This brochure will have the menu, schedule of events and your ads all in one, easy to carry brochure. We encourage our business partners to offer discounts or coupons within their ads. We will also be including recipes and tourist information on Greece this year. This way our patrons will hold on to the program book throughout the year. We are enclosing an order form explaining your choices of advertising levels. *We have BRONZE and COPPER levels again this year!*

Advertising space is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis. The deadline to reserve your space is April 15, 2019. Please do not hesitate to contact Georgia Marmaras in the Church office at 910-392-4444 or at info@stnicholasgreekfest.com with any questions.

A portion of our proceeds from the festival will benefit local charities again this year.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance and generosity.

Most cordially,

Your 2019 Greek Festival Committee

**An opportunity for the Greek Community to share its culture, faith, and heritage
including food, music, dancing, a marketplace and much more.**

ST NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX FESTIVAL MAY 17, 18 AND 19 2019

ST NICHOLAS GREEK FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP 2019 CONTRACT

Please fill out this form and attach your check. Thank you so much for your support!

GOLD LEVEL



PLATINUM LEVEL

- Prominent position of banner around the main tent
- Name and logo on menu
- Full page prominent program ad
- Announcement by the band throughout the festival
- 30 dinner tickets
- 30 admission tickets
- 6 pastry boxes
- Ad on the festival website

Sponsorship Amount: \$1,500



A portion of our proceeds will be donated to Charity:

GOLD LEVEL

- Name on menu
- Name prominently displayed at entrance and food line
- Full page prominent program ad
- 20 dinner tickets
- 20 admission tickets
- 4 pastry boxes
- Ad on the festival website

Sponsorship Amount: \$750

SILVER LEVEL

- Half page prominent program ad
- 10 dinner tickets
- 10 admission tickets
- 2 pastry boxes
- Listing on the festival website

Sponsorship Amount: \$500

BRONZE LEVEL

- Quarter page prominent program ad
- 4 dinner tickets
- 4 admission tickets
- 1 pastry box

Sponsorship Amount: \$200

COPPER LEVEL

- Business card (1/8 page) prominent program ad
- 4 dinner tickets
- 4 admission tickets
- 1 pastry box

Sponsorship Amount: \$150

Contact Name:

Company/Organization Name:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Please check Sponsor Level:

☐ Platinum \$1,500 (Size 6 1/4 X 8)

☐ Gold \$750 (Size 6 1/4 X 8)

☐ Silver \$500 (Size 6 1/4 X 3 7/8)

☐ Bronze \$200 (Size 3 X 3 7/8)

☐ Copper \$150 (Size 3 X 1 1/2)

3 options for your ad (please check one):

See below for explanation.

☐ You Design ☐ Reuse Ad

☐ Pick Up (\$25) See Rates Below

Make checks payable and send to:

St Nicholas Greek Festival

ATTN: Commemorative Album

608 S. College Rd.

Wilmington, NC 28403

All payments due April 15, 2019

ARTWORK FOR SPONSORSHIP AD

Ads due by April 15, 2019

You Design/ Reuse Ad

You can email a print ready ad (must be at least 300 dpi .jpg) to info@stnicholasgreekfest.com. Let us know if you want to use your 2018 ad as it was published last year.

Pick Up

Any changes/design work to ads. Changes to past or new ads will cost \$25.

Μάρτιος 2019 • March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					1	2
<i>Veneration of the Cross</i> 8:30AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy 12 PM 75th Anniversary Mtg.	Don't forget to turn you clocks FORWARD <u>at midnight</u> <u>Great Lent begins at Sundown on Sunday, March 10, 2019</u>				4PM Greek School	<i>1st Saturday of the Souls</i> 8AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunday of Last Judgement (Meatfare) 8:30AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy 11:30 Fundraising Luncheon for the Harrills 12:30 Philoptochos General Meeting 10 Sunday of		11:45AM Forever Young Olympia Res- tuarant 7PM Parish Council Meet- ing	10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 6PM Adult Book Study		4PM Greek School	
10 Sunday of	11	12	13	14	15	16
<i>Forgiveness (Cheesefare)</i> 8:30AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy 11:30 Poem prac- tice 12PM Hope/Joy Event 5PM Vespers 6PM Community Soup Dinner Daylight Savings	Clean Monday 6:30PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	Clean Tuesday	Clean Wednesday 10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 5:30 PM Pre- sanctified Litur- gy 7PM Lenten Meal/Book Study	Clean Thursday	Clean Friday Newsletter Admissions Due 4PM Greek School 7PM Salutations to the Theotokos	Clean Saturday <i>3rd Saturday of Souls</i> 8AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM Baptism 1PM Baptism
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sunday of Ortho- doxy 8:30AM Orthros/ Liturgy Procession of the Icons 11:30AM Poem practice 3PM Holy Friday Youth retreat mtg.			10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour TBD Pre- Sanctified Litur- gy 7PM Lenten Meal/Adult Book Study		4PM Greek School 7PM TBD Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas 8:30AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy 11:30AM Greek Independence Day Program	Annunciation of the Theotokos 8AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy + Doxology	7PM COM Meeting	10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 5:30PM Pre Sanctified Litur- gy 7PM Lenten Meal/Book Study		7PM Saluta- tions to the Theotokos	

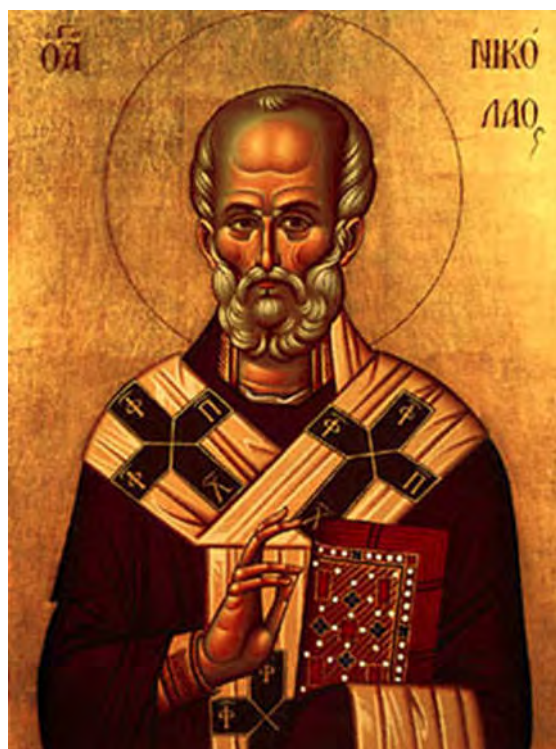
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**GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
MISSION**

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church is dedicated to the continuation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's ministry of salvation through the proclamation and teaching of the Gospel; through Baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and through loving service to God and mankind.

VISION

The community will provide a loving, caring and welcoming environment where all belong and grow in the faith through worship, service, witness and fellowship.