



METROPOLIS
OF ATLANTA



Presentation of our Lord in the Temple
February 2, 2019

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Forever Young... Kay Skandalakis
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From the Desk of Fr. Jon

God loves us, the Devil hate us – choose wisely!

St. Nicholas Church belongs to God and we belong to St. Nicholas. It is our spiritual home! The gospel, the love of Jesus Christ must abide in us. When we are together with God in the bond of love for each other and for Him, we are a bright light on the South College Road. If we are not united, the devil is waiting to devour us. On the ladder of divine ascent icon, we see Christ calling us to ascend. The devil sends lots of demons to entice, lure and tempt. Some fall victim to these machinations, others persevere in service and encourage many more along the way. The devil rejoices in disunity, favoritism, division, malice, malcontention, jealousy, envy and all the passions. Why would we as believers in Christ Jesus even allow one of these thoughts? Yet, we do.

The Devil attacks, we fight back!

It has long been known that we, as Christians, are not going to be given rest in this life. Every time we magnify God, the devil takes note and wants to find an opportunity to inflict pain, sorrow and regret. Yet, we have all the weapons at our disposal to “fight the good fight” as St. Paul says in his pastoral epistle to Timothy. God gives grace and love and truth and forgiveness. He gives forgiveness through repentance, confession, receiving Communion, and being anointed with holy Unction. He gives grace when we pray, worship and fellowship together. God gives love through His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. He gives truth in the gospel teachings which shields us from the fiery darts of the evil one.

Real Community is found in unity of purpose.

Every time our St. Nicholas community speaks with one voice in service to God and our Orthodox faith, the devil is defeated. Our purpose is to fulfill the gospel each and every day, speaking the truth in love. Yet, when we fight, are at odds, and sow the seeds of division, the devil rejoices, and our St. Nicholas Church suffers. Let us recognize these attacks by the devil and fight back. Seek peace and pursue it! Let us seek and find the great grace and love we know through Jesus Christ, and make it the driving force behind our service to God and St. Nicholas. Let us become united again and again, that we may defeat the devil for good.

The year of recovery – 2019

Last year we were hit hard physically and spiritually. Hurricane Florence did a lot of damage. Our Church was closed for two Sundays. We were displaced, electricity went down. We were out of work, out of school and hurting. Yet, we pulled together so amazingly! God gave many people the strength to help others. IOCC came and helped. We found a beautiful sense of community in helping others and love was abundant. We are still recovering in 2019, but let us not be discouraged. Let us continue our efforts united in purpose to serve the one, true and living God in Trinity and our St. Nicholas Church.

The year of celebration – 2020

This will be our 75th Anniversary as St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church! We call upon all to participate and celebrate. Every last member, former member, family member, ministry and group is called upon to be a part of all that is offered. Our dates are Friday – Sunday, October 23-25, 2020. Our bishops, former clergy and relatives are going to be invited. There is much remember from our past and much ministry in our future. Let everyone rejoice in our Orthodox Christian Church & St. Nicholas!

The Sayings of the Elders and Fathers and Mothers of the Church reinforce our faith!

What are the devil’s arrows? They’re wicked desires, unclean thoughts, devastating passions, rage, jealousy, envy, anger, hatred, love of money and every other form of indolence. All of these can be demolished by the sword of the Spirit, that is the word of God. – St. John Chrysostom

God grant abundant healing and grace in 2019! Love, Fr. Jon

President
Evangelos Fragos

My Fellow Parishioners,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone celebrated a joyful holiday season. I look forward to a great new year in 2019. I am honored to be selected as the new Parish Council President. I extend my thanks to all who supported this decision. Please know that I am here and committed to work hard and listen carefully to all of you with a ministry-oriented mindset. I look forward to serving Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in all capacities.

The new Parish Council is dedicated and excited to serve our community while keeping our mission for spiritual growth and the well-being of our Parish as priority. I have met with all Parish Council members along with Father Jon and we are all brainstorming new ideas for improving our ministry, our membership, our pledges, and our church. I use the word "our" often as a reminder that St. Nicholas belongs to all of us. My service, along with the service of the Parish Council will only be successful with your support.

Our Philoptochos was very successful in the Vasilopita sale. I want to thank them for all their hard work and dedication throughout the years. They play a very important role for the outreach programs in our community. We were all excited to be part of the HDF Dance Festival in Atlanta, Georgia, January 18-20, 2019. Our dance teams worked very hard. Zoyra and Nea Smyrni were enthusiastic to represent our church with new dances and beautiful costumes. I want to thank all dance instructors, advisors, and parents for helping get our kids ready for this amazing event.

"Theophany" Cross Dive was held on Saturday, January 26th, 2019 at the Bluewater Grill, 4 Marina Street, Wrightsville Beach NC 28480. Service started on the docks at 11:00AM. Lunch was served following the dive on the top floor overlooking the waterway. Thank you to all who supported our annual Cross Dive event.

Stewardship Sunday was on January 27, 2019. Father Jon prayed a special blessing over the Stewardship cards. Thank you to all who attended. Our stewardship is the lifeline of the church. St Nicholas depends on the generosity of our community to continue to support the work of the church and all our ministries. Remember, stewardship has two entities; financial support and involvement through time and talent. We appreciate your support in any capacity.

I look forward to serving as your Parish Council President with guidance, love, and prayer. I will visit with all the ministry leaders and groups to get acquainted with your work and address any issues. I strongly feel that all ministry work is essential to our growth and those who dedicate themselves to the mission should do so with a joyful heart. If you have any issues or concerns, please contact me directly so I can assist.

Treasurer
Tina Bostic

Treasurer's Update

The Operating Income/Expense table below represents what we have received as of the end of Nov 2018. We owe Festival \$40,000 as we have had to borrow to pay our operating expenses.

Operating Income/Expense				Stewardship			
General Fund	Income	Expenses	Variance		Stewardship received	Stewardship goal	Variance
Nov	\$16,205.24	\$34,666.93	\$(18,461.69)	Nov	\$12,130.00	\$24,196.28	\$(12,066.28)
YTD	\$253,611.34	\$315,030.17	\$(61,418.83)	YTD	\$196,928.75	\$266,159.08	\$(69,230.33)

Status of Stewardship below as compared to Budget Goal. We are not meeting our Stewardship Goal for the year.

Stewardship Nov 2018	
Pledged	\$189,502.54
Full Year Goal	\$290,355.36
Variance pledged to goal	\$(100,852.82)
Amount received	\$196,928.75
Amount need to receive	\$93,426.61



**WEEKEND OF
 OCTOBER
 23, 24, 25,
 2020**



STEWARDSHIP

John Whitley

For Where Your Treasure Is

I love the icons that surround the nave in our church. When I see these icons I feel the saints are watching over me. I also feel “surrounded by so great cloud of witnesses” (Heb 12:1)

What can these icons teach us?

Each saint presented in these icons lived a life completely committed to our faith. Their commitment of their personal time, their talent, and their treasure was total and without reservation.

We see this total commitment in the Parable of the Pearl of Great Price. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” (Matt 13:44-45)

For this past year our Stewardship Message has been committing ourselves to learning and living our faith. Our message has largely focused on time and talent. However, a disciplined Orthodox Christian life touches every part of our being, most especially our treasure.

I like to think about stewardship as investing in the Kingdom of God.

Last year, 2018, if you invested in the stock market you lost money. From January to December the S&P 500 composite index lost 11% of its value. Is there a better and more sure way to invest your treasure?

“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.” (Matt 6:19-21)

What kind of return can you expect from investing in the Kingdom of God? From the Parable of the Sower we learn that the seed that “fell on good ground yielded a good crop; some a hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty.” (Matt 13:8)

A hundred fold increase is 10,000%.

I like to think of Stewardship as investing in the Church. An investment in the Kingdom can yield 10,000% percent.

An investment in the S&P 500 gives a quarterly dividend check.

An investment in the Church yields a present and an eternal dividend. An investment in the Church touches the lives, not only of our parishioners, but the wider Wilmington community as well.

I am fully persuaded that Christ and the Church are worthy of all that we have and all that we are, our time, our talent, and our treasure. The Kingdom endures. “All things are possible for those who believe in Christ.”

We on the Stewardship Ministry Team invite you to join us in making a personal investment of time, talent, and treasure in our parish and in Kingdom of God.



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 rang in 2019 at the Olive Garden. We had a nice turn out on that beautiful day. We cut a Vasilopita and Lola Loizides found the coin. Good luck to Lola!! We also welcomed our new Parish Council President Evangelos Fragos as he joined our group to speak with us. A new couple has joined our church and Forever Young group and they are Bill & Stacie Papalitskas. They moved here from New Jersey. We welcome them to our parish community. We would like to wish Dr. Emmanuel & Lambra Koklanaris a happy 50th wedding anniversary which was on January 19. Many more years of happiness!! Our next luncheon will be held on February 5, 2019 at Chris's restaurant at 11:45AM sharp. We look to seeing you all...Please join us!!

Hellenic School
Anestis Logothetis

Classes have started again after Christmas and New

Years with classes for youngsters and adults meeting every Friday. We have classes for beginners and for advanced students. We encourage the parents to consider sending their kids to learn Greek, the language of their heritage. On Saturday, Feb. 16 the Greek School and the local chapter of AHEPA will have their annual Valentine Day Dinner Dance. Music for dancing and listening will be provided by Paschalis Greek Band. For adult tickets are \$45 pre-sale and \$50 at the door Students \$20, youngsters 12 yrs old and below are free. There will also be a Raffle with Greek goodies and prizes for \$2 a ticket. Cash bar and a baby-sitter will be available as well. All Parishioners are invited. Come and enjoy the fun with good fellowship, good food and good dancing. Any profits made will go towards the Greek School and AHEPA charitable efforts.

Hellenic Culture
Kitsa Wiersteiner

All of our dancers and families had an amazing weekend at this year's Hellenic Dance Festival in Atlanta, Georgia during the Martin Luther King Day weekend. A special thank you to Fr. Jon Emanuelson for his support and spiritual guidance before and during the event. We are pleased to announce both our teams won the BRONZE level medals for their categories. On Sunday, February 10 after Divine Liturgy we plan to hold a Fundraising Luncheon & Recognition Ceremony to celebrate the dancers, instructors, and all the other volunteers and families on their hard work. We want to thank them for their dedication in continuing the tradition of teaching our children the joy of their Hellenic Culture through dance.



Philoptochos
Enosis Chapter #5027
Debra Rallis

Thank you to Kitsa for organizing our annual Vasilopita and to all the ladies who baked vasilopitas. We are appreciative and grateful to our wonderful auctioneer, Louie Batuyios. We raised approximately \$3,300. Half of our proceeds will go to St. Basil's Academy and half will go to our St Nicholas Benevolent Fund. Reminder to all ladies to pay their annual membership dues. \$15 goes to National \$10 goes to Metropolis

Anything you give over this amount is used to help fund our charities. We are seeking ladies to serve on the 2019-2021 Philoptochos Board. Please contact Daphne Snow, our screening committee chairperson.

Our next General Meeting will be on Sunday March 3rd. We will have our meeting after the Harrill family fundraiser luncheon. Please bring items for Nourish NC on this day (Tuna, Mac & Cheese or Fruit Cups). Philoptochos plans to honor

our 50 year members on Sunday June 2nd. Please contact our President, Debra Rallis to let us know if you or a family member has been a member for 50 years. All ladies of St Nicholas are invited to join us for a Spiritual



Retreat at the Diakonia Center on March 15-17. Presenter



is Rev. Dr. Nicholas Louh from Jacksonville, Florida. Cost is \$175 and the registration form is due by 2/10/19. We plan to rent a 12 passenger van for our members. Please see our newsletter inserts and application for the retreat.

We are happy to report that our Philoptochos chapter has

donated diapers as well as \$500 to our local Diaper Bank. May our Lord continue to guide us to help others who need our assistance. Me agape, Debra Bakalis Rallis

COMMUNITY NEWS

AHEPA ***Cape Fear Chapter No. 408***

The brothers of Cape Fear Chapter No. 408 and their spouses kicked-off the New Year with a holiday dinner at Henry's Restaurant on Sunday, January 13th. They enjoyed good food and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. 8

Brother Ed Mayorga was recognized for his extraordinary, volunteer service immediately following Hurricane Florence. Ed went to the AHEPA 408 Apartments, assessed the damage, which included a compromised roof and mold & moisture in all the apartments. He immediately summoned help from a remediation company. His quick actions, including repair work on the roof until it could be replaced and the removal of mold, prevented additional damage to the apartment building and to the resident's apartments and to their personal belongs. Bravo Brother Ed; ***AXIOS!***

Brother Chris Tsingelis and his wife, Jeanie, were recognized for their service to the AHEPA 408 Apartment Community and to the Greek-American community of Wilmington. Each year, they prepare a traditional Christmas dinner for the residents at the AHEPA apartment complex. This year, following Hurricane Florence they also provided a hot, nutritious meal for the residents, who had been without electricity for several days. Brother Chris and his family also provide several Greek casseroles for our chapter's annual Valentine's Dinner & Dance and they always help when called upon by our church and Philoptochos Ladies Society.

Our 28th Annual Valentine's Dinner and Dance will be held on Saturday, February 16th, starting at 7:30 PM in the parish's Hellenic Center. A delicious buffet of traditional Greek foods & beverages will be offered. In addition, Greek and American music will be provided by the Paschalis Band. Advanced tickets are \$45.00 for adults and \$20.00 for students and will be available for purchase during the coffee-fellowship in the Hellenic Center on Sundays following the Divine Liturgy. (Please note: tickets at the door on February 16th will be \$50.00.)

Thank you for attending our fundraiser and supporting our AHEPA chapter and our parish's Hellenic School. We appreciate your support!

THANK YOU

Thank you Helen and Larry Flowers for organizing and putting all the Christmas decorations away this past month. This is a wonderful example of giving of your Time to help our beautiful church.

DONATION REQUESTS ***TIME, TALENT, OR TREASURE***

Office volunteers would be greatly appreciated. There are lots of small tasks to be done on a weekly an monthly basis. Please call the office to donate your time.

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS...to Angelique, Louis and Mia Simpson for the birth of their son and brother Everett James Simpson. He was born on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:19AM weighing 6lbs.10oz. & 21.5 inches long. Yiayia Kay is overjoyed with the birth of her new grandchild. May our Savior bring many blessings and a long life him and his Family.



CONGRATULATIONS...to the new 2019 Parish Council on their election being confirmed by the Metropolis.

Swearing in of Parish Council January 6, 2019STAFFED NURSERY

During Divine Liturgies each Sunday throughout the year we have a staffed Nursery with Attendant available for the use of our youngest members from birth to age 5. If your child needs a wiggle break or a place to listen to the Divine Liturgy in a different environment, please feel free to use this provided Service

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 or Fr. Jon 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.

There was a 1 Year memorial for **Patricia Nichols** on Sunday, January 13, 2019.
ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΗΣ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ - Eternal be her memory!

There was a 1 year memorial for **Evelyn Angeledes** on Sunday, January 27, 2019...ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΗΣ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ - Eternal be her memory!

SYMPATHY

To Barbara Harris and family for the passing away of her Uncle Ray Marinakis in Vancouver, Canada recently. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ – Eternal be his memory!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, RECOVERING AND/OR HOMEBOUND .

Bishop Athanasios Akunda, 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 Gallaher), Helen Kaprantzes, George Kanes (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 Stephano, Jill Swart, Debbie Triantafillopoulos, Helen Vurnakes, Vasilios Vogiatzis, Mary Ann Wall.

Please contact the church office to add/remove someone from the list.



Home Blessings

During the days following the Feast of the Theophany, it is customary for Fr. Jon to visit the homes of his parishioners for the traditional Theophany Home Blessing.

Father Jon has extended Theophany Home Blessings through February.

Call the Church today to schedule your Home Blessing. Anytime all family members are available for the blessing is the right time to schedule. 910.392.4444



SAVE THE DATES:

February 24... General Assembly Meeting

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



Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta

**Hellenic Dance Festival
Presentation of Medals
&
Recognition**



Join us as we celebrate participating
Youth Dancers and Directors
during the
Salad / Pastichio

**LUNCHEON
FUNDRAISER**

Sunday, February 10, 2019
Immediately following Liturgy
in the Hellenic Center

\$10 per Plate / Children under 8 Free

**The Metropolis goal is to bring Orthodox families together through dance, music
and fellowship to perpetuate our rich Hellenic Orthodox tradition.**

The Hellenic Dance Festival, based on the vision and dream of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios, began in 2000. Traveling from city to city throughout our Metropolis, the Hellenic Dance Festival has grown into a true family event. Held on the MLK Jr. weekend, it allows for participants to travel and join together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our religion, our Greek language, and our culture help us maintain our identity as Hellenes. The need for our communities to perpetuate our culture, along with the philosophy of ancient Greece and the Olympic spirit of "a healthy mind in a healthy body" were instrumental in the vision by His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios to establish this Hellenic Dance Festival for the youth and families of our Metropolis.

One good deed can change everything.

**MEDICAL NEEDS
FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON
FOR THE HARRILL FAMILY
STEPHANIE & BABY
GEORGIANNA**



**THE DAUGHTER &
GRANDDAUGHTER
OF
MARISA MANOLUKAS-
GALLAHER & PAT
GALLAHER**

**HOSTED BY: IKARIAN CHAPTER THERMA
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER LITURGY**

11:30AM | Sunday March 3, 2019

**MINIMUM DONATION \$10 ADULTS/\$5 CHILDREN (8&UNDER)
CHECKS MAY BE MADE OUT TO STEPHANIE HARRILL**

**Please RSVP by 2/24/2019 to estimate food to
prepare. Call the office at 392-4444**

or contact Kay Skandalakis.



VALENTINES DAY DANCE

St. Nicholas Hellenic School
&
Local AHEPA Chapter #408



St. Nicholas Hellenic Center

PASCHALIS GREEK BAND
BUFFET DINNER ~ CASH BAR
RAFFLE WITH GREEK GOODIES & PRIZES
RAFFLE TICKETS \$2 EACH

Minimum Donation:
Adults \$45 pre-sale, \$50 at the door
Students \$20
Children 12 and under are free
Sitter will be available



**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND
RESERVATIONS CONTACT**

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Atlanta Metropolis Philoptochos 13th Annual Spiritual Retreat



***Connecting with HIM so that you can
connect with THEM***

**Presented by Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh, Senior Priest
St. John the Divine, Jacksonville, Florida**

**March 15-17, 2019
Located at the beautiful Diakonia Retreat**

All women of the Metropolis are welcome.

**Share in worship, education and fellowship on 210 acres of water, trails and
scenery that revel the beauty of God's creation**

**Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos
REGISTRATION FORM
13th Annual Spiritual Retreat
at The Diakonia Retreat Center
March 15-17, 2019**

Name: _____

Parish: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Philoptochos Metropolis Board Member: ____ yes (Cost for Board members: \$210)

Cost Per Person: \$175 Check payable to: Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos

Price includes: 2 nights lodging, 5 meals beginning Friday evening dinner through Sunday brunch, around the clock beverage and snack station, all program materials.

Roommate Preference _____

Note: All rooms in the lodges are double occupancy with a common room and shared bathrooms. The lodges are adjacent to the dining hall. Private cabins are also available. The cabins are double or triple occupancy and have a private bath. The cabins are a short walk to the dining hall with some rough terrain.

Please indicate preference: ____ Lodge ____ Cabin (as space permits, we will do our best to honor your request)

Please indicate below any special needs:

____ Single room ____ Near bathroom ____ Handicap access ____ Quiet Room ____

Other _____

Plan to arrive Friday between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. *Salutations start at 6:00 pm

Driving Directions: www.diakoniaretreatcenter.org

Registration Deadline March 1, 2019

Mail the following: Registration form, Check and Metropolis Waiver Form

To: Joan Marinos

2802 McDowell Road

Durham, NC 27705

Home: 919.641.5599

Email: joanmarinos@yahoo.com

Remember to bring: Soap and Shampoo, Shower Shoes, Hat and Gloves, Pillow (opt), Towels (opt), Sturdy Shoes, Umbrella, Flashlight, Bible

This is a camp environment. Casual clothes are all that are required. If it is a sunny weekend it will be warm during the day. The nights will be cold.

You may bring snacks and drinks to share.

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 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

- 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



A portion of our proceeds will be donated to Charity:

Contact Name:		E-mail:	
Company/Organization Name:			
Address:			
Phone:		Fax:	
Please check Sponsor Level:		3 options for your ad (please check one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum \$1,500 (Size 6 1/4 X 8)		<input type="checkbox"/> You Design <input type="checkbox"/> Reuse Ad	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold \$750 (Size 6 1/4 X 8)		<input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up (\$25) <i>See Reuse Below</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver \$500 (Size 6 1/4 X 3 7/8)			
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Junior Division (Grades 7–9)

1. Martyrs of the Church and some of the early monastics are both described as “athletes.” What does it mean to be an athlete for Christ?
2. On January 30, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Three Hierarchs: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom. Select one of these Church Fathers and discuss his contribution to the Church.
3. Discuss the significance of water in the Church – Baptism, Theophany, holy water, etc. – and what this suggests about our responsibility for the natural world.
4. Discuss the new commandment of John 13:34: “Love one another, even as I have loved you...” What does it mean to love one another as Christ loved us?
5. In 1 Timothy 6:10, St. Paul writes, “For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.” How should Orthodox Christians relate to money and wealth?

Senior Division (Grades 10–12)

1. Many of the Church’s services employ objects from the natural world (such as wheat, wine, oil, or water) in order to confer a blessing upon the faithful. Why does the Church do this, and what does this suggest about our responsibility for the natural world?
2. From ancient Greece to the present, politicians have aligned themselves with religious concepts and constituencies. How is an Orthodox Christian to discern whether today’s politicians do this out of genuine piety or in order to manipulate the electorate?
3. The hymns of the Church contain the whole of its theology. Pick one hymn from the Lenten or Holy Week period and describe how it speaks to you personally.
4. Describe how science and technology should always be at the service of humanity and, ultimately, of God, in harmony with His purposes.
5. In view of St. Paul’s exhortation in Colossians 3:16, “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom,” discuss the importance of being biblically literate today.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					4PM Greek School 5PM St. John's Gospel Bible Study 6PM Great Vespers	<i>Presentation of our Lord in the Temple</i> 8AM Orthros/Divine Liturgy 6PM Great Vespers
315th Sun of Luke	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30AM Orthros/Divine Liturgy 11AM 1 year memorial of Kiki Xanthos 11:30AM Three Hierarchs Presentation 4PM Superbowl Sunday	5:30 PM HOPE/JOY Mom's Night Out	11:45AM Forever Young Chris's Restuarant 7PM Parish Council Meeting	10AM Ortho-dox Coffee Hour 6PM Adult Book Study	7PM Catechism	4PM Greek School 5PM St. John's Gospel Bible Study	6PM Great Vespers
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<i>Sun of Canaanite Woman;</i> St. Haralambos the Great 8:30AM Orthros/Divine Liturgy 11:30AM HDF award ceremony-coffee hour	6:30PM Philoptochos Board Meeting		10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 6PM Adult Book Study	7PM Catechism	Newsletter Admissions Due 4PM Greek School 5PM St. John's Gospel	6PM Great Vespers 7PM Hellenic School/Ahepa Valentines Dance
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
16th Sunday of Luke Triodion begins (Publican/Pharisee) 8:30AM Orthros/Divine Liturgy 11:30AM Oratorical Festival			10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 6PM Adult Book Study	7PM Catechism	4PM Greek School 5PM St. John's Gospel Bible Study	<i>1st Saturday of the Souls</i> 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 9AM Leadership Seminar 6PM Great Vespers
24	25	26	27	28		
17th Sunday of Luke 8:30AM Orthros/Divine Liturgy 11:30AM General Assembly Meeting			10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 6PM Adult Book Study	7PM Catechism		

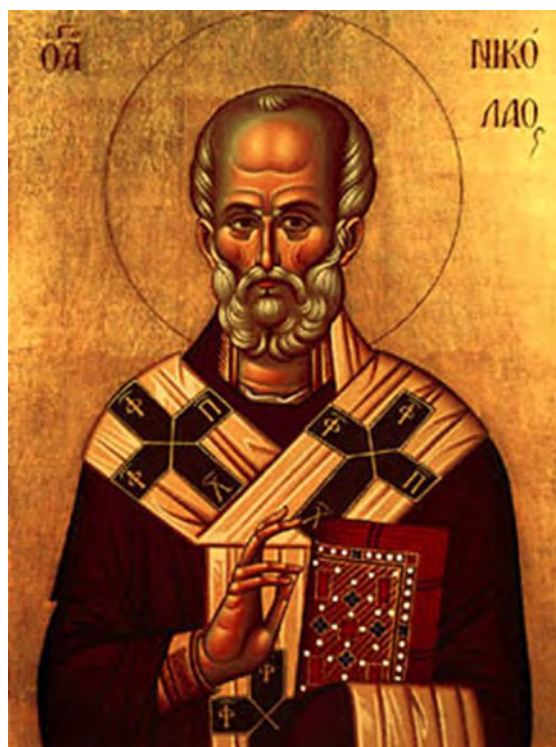
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