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OF ATLANTA



*January 2019*



*The Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*  
*January 6*

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Carl Baynard	Dino Psilos
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Barbara Harris	Tony Saffo
Lee King	Daphne Snow
Emanuel Miliotis	

Emanuel Miliotis, Chairman of the Council of Ministries

***Religious Education... Volunteer Needed***

**ADULT FOCUS:**

*Adult Education... Volunteer Needed*  
*Bookstore/Library...* Mary Ann Wall & Chrysanthé Lazarides  
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*Bible Study of St. John...* Fr. Jon Emanuelson

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*Oratorical Festival...* Kim Dandulakis  
*Youth Catechism...* Tia Saffo, Eleni Pappamihel  
*Vacation Church School...* Pres. Barbara Emanuelson

***Hellenic Culture...*** Kitsa Wiersteiner, Ministry Chair

*Adult Greek Dance Group...* Antonia Ioannou  
*Hellenic School...* Anestis Logothetis, Acting Director  
*Nea Smyrni Dance Group...* Zaharoula Katsikis  
*Special Activities...* Kitsa Wiersteiner  
*Zoyra Dance Group...* Sophia Brewer, Rena Poulson

**Youth ...** Fr Jon Emanuelson, Acting Director  
**GOYA...** Eleni Pappamihel, Evangelos Fragos, Olympia Fragos, Doris King  
**HOPE/JOY...** Renée Karonis Psilos

***Metropolis Strategic Planning...*** Koula Katsikis, Ministry Chair

***Liturgical Life...*** Dr. Michael Rallis, Ministry Chair  
**Acolytes...** **Volunteer Needed**  
**Altar Care...** Matthew Wickersham  
**Liturgical Music...** Dr. Michael Rallis

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*Webmaster...* Alexandros Theodoropoulos  
*Publications...* Church Staff & Various Volunteers  
*Technology...* Alexandros Theodoropoulos  
*Media/Community Relations...* Debra Rallis, Alexandros

***Parish Family Life... Volunteer Needed***

*Forever Young...* Kay Skandalakis  
*LOVE...* Pam Calhoun & Sia Mayorga  
*Parish Family Night...* **Volunteer Needed**  
*Men's Group...* Fr. Jon Emanuelson

***Outreach & Evangelism... Volunteer Needed***

*Hospitality...* Ed & Kathleen Mayorga  
*Parish Care...* Pat Poulos, Constantina Stamatakis, Kay Skandalakis, Mary Frankos, Jim Stasios  
*Adult Catechism...* Fr. Jon Emanuelson

***Greek Festival...*** Nick Saffo, Lee King, Ministry Chairs

***Philoptochos...*** Debra Rallis, Chapter President

***Stewardship...*** John Whitley, Ministry Chair  
***Stewardship...*** Peter Malahias, Peter Manolukas

***IOCC...*** Angela Dentiste

***OCF...*** Fr. Jon Emanuelson, Ministry Chair  
***OCF...*** Elisabeth Baynard

# *From the Desk of Fr. Jon*

January 2019–

On the love of God

Happy New Year! This year I want you to climb Mt. Mitchell! Oh, and by the way, I want you to start at Carolina Beach! Yep, that is correct, 386 miles and ascending 6684 vertical feet to the top! Now, that does sound like a tall order, but in truth, taken in small sections, it is completely doable. The same could be said about our service to God! For the love of God, I believe most of us would do more than we thought possible.

## **WORD CHALLENGE!**

I can give you some examples of this. If I tell you to read a 1400 page book, you might say, “No way.” But if I tell you the book is the Word of God, the Bible, and through reading it you may gain insight that could lead to your salvation, you might say, “Tell me more.” Then if I told you, I will give you a way to read it in small sections that only take 25 minutes a day, you might say, “I can do that for the love of God!”

## **FRIEND CHALLENGE!**

Find a friend in our community. Ok, got someone in mind. Great! Now speak with one another about getting involved in a ministry you have not done before or have not done in a long time. Speak with me about your ideas, so I can pray about it and give you a blessing to fulfill this ministry. There are as many possibilities as there are ways to serve God. It can be special time between the two of you discussing our Orthodox Christian Faith. It can involve a small group or others who need to be more active. All for the glory of GOD in 2019!

## **CHARITY CHALLENGE!**

Another example might be like the following: Every time you think about ordering food out or going to a restaurant. Rethink a way to save money or not go out. Save the \$20 or \$10 you might have spent in a jar for all of 2019. Place a number on a slip of paper at the bottom of the jar for how much you think will be collected. At the end of the year count it up! Did you exceed your goal? Did it come up short? Give the funds to your favorite charity or to church. And remember – It really did not cost anything.

## **A GOSPEL A DAY, KEEPS THE DEVIL AWAY!**

There are literally as many ways to apply the gospel of Jesus Christ as there are days in our lives! What if every one of us in St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church made a real effort to follow one command of Jesus Christ our Lord each day we woke up? I believe this will change our parish in ways beyond our imaginations! I encourage you to make your own list based on Scripture and teachings of the Fathers, but listed below is one possibility to keep on your end table, on your refrigerator or with your icons.

Monday – **Do unto others as I would have them do unto me!!** This applies to all phone calls this day!

Tuesday – **Gossip free day.** Need I say more! Only allow yourself to talk about your faith, events or ideas!

Wednesday – **Pray for those who anger you.** The Jesus Prayer works miracles here. Simply say, “Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on \_\_\_\_\_,” until your anger disappears. This works really well in Walmart!

Thursday – **Share your Faith in Christ.** Find some small way to convey your love for Jesus Christ with those around you. (Say a short quiet prayer before a meal.)

Friday – **Give to those in need.** On the day that Christ gave His life for the salvation of the world, find time to listen to, help physically or otherwise someone you meet.

Saturday – **Forgive, and you will be forgiven.** Think back on the week. Did you offend anyone? Ask for-giveness. Did anyone offend me? Forgive them as Jesus did.

Sunday – **Love one another as I have loved you.** Share your love for Christ with your church family by worshipping the one, true and living God! 3 hugs minimum!

The list could be very different than this. This is just one idea among thousands. But what ever your list is; keep it focused on Christ in 2019, keep it real and make it doable for the love of God! Fr. Jon

# ***From the Parish Council President***

## ***Barbara Reynolds***

I would like to thank everyone that ran for the 2019 – 2020 Parish Counsel. I can't remember when we had so many qualified people willing to support our church by serving on the Parish Council. I would also like to thank those that are "taking a break" or "retiring" from the Parish Council for their service over the years to our church. I have truly enjoyed working with such a talented and dedicated group for the last 10 years.

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Parish Council:

Tina Bostic  
Cameron Calhoun  
Barbara Harris  
Lee King  
Dino Psilos  
Tony Saffo

Who will join the returning members of the Parish Council:

Carl Baynard  
Evangelos Fragos  
Manny Miliotis  
Nick Saffo  
Daphne Snow

Best wishes and blessings to you as you carry the business of our church forward.

In His service,

Barbara Reynolds

***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

Good News: Since the General Assembly we have been notified that the Archdiocese Commitments will not be as much as we originally were notified. The Archdiocese decided that all church commitments will be based on 2016/2017 spending therefor, our commitments will be \$33,131 rather than \$37,192.



***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](http://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 look forward to seeing all on you on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 for our kickoff luncheon at 11:45AM sharp at Olive Garden on Market Street. Hope you all had a blessed Christmas and will have a happy and healthy 2019.

***Hellenic School***  
*Anestis Logotheitis*

The last day of School for 2018 was December 14 which was celebrated with a pizza party. School will start again on Friday, January 11 at the usual times. The Greek School kids along with the GOYANS sang carols for the residents of the AHEPA House on December 18 during their Christmas dinner provided by AHEPA and Chris's restaurant.

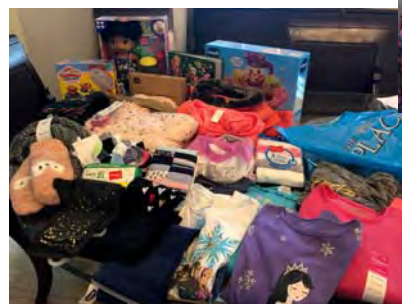
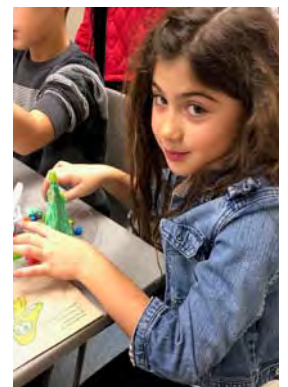
On February 3 2019, we will be presenting the Three Hierarchs feast. The speaker for the feast of the Three Hierarchs will be Stella McTaggart who will talk to us about

the importance and contributions of these three fathers to the Christian Church

The Greek School wants to thank Stella McTaggart for all the help she has given us as a teacher and as an office secretary. We wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

***HOPE/JOY***  
*Renée Karonis Psilos*

Happy New Year! We had a wonderful Christmas kick off party! So many families came together to purchase gifts for a six-year-old foster child we "adopted" through The New Hanover County Department of Social Services. As a group, we prayed over the gifts before we sent them off to bless this child at Christmas. It was a blessing for everyone who participated. We enjoyed cookie decorating, a craft, hot cocoa and friends as we celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior! Join us after church on January 27th, as welcome together to watch one of our very own in her big screen debut.





***Philoptochos***  
*Enosis Chapter #5027*  
*Debra Rallis*

Thank you to all our parishioners for donating gifts for the Homeless Teens

at New Hanover High School and for the 10 Christmas Stockings lovingly assembled by Maria Stasios. A huge thank you to our other shopping crew and organizers including Irene Voneiff, Sanda Papanikolau and Maria Stasios who lead the efforts to insure our needy community families could have a joyous Christmas! God bless all who contributed to this effort.

Our Philoptochos is happy to report our Christmas donations included:

\$3,500 to Nourish NC which provides food for the weekends and school breaks to New Hanover County free and reduced lunch students

\$500 for 38 Christmas Stockings for Brigade Boys and Girls Club.

Purchased \$500 worth of clothing and toys for displaced Hurricane Florence victims in Pender County

Gave diapers and \$1,000 to Diaper Bank

Our Annual Vasilopita will be held on Sunday January 6, 2019. Please let Kitsa Wiersteiner know if you would like to bake one for our auction. Wishing everyone a blessed 2019! Me agape, Debra Rallis





## STEWARDSHIP

John Whitley



### They Presented Gifts to Him, Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh

They saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11 (See Footnote)

“Behold wise men from the East came to Jerusalem saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?’” Matthew 2:2

Our faith is a living faith. Our faith is a verb. The wise men lived this faith through verbs.

The wise men **came** from the east.

They **sought** the Christ child.

They **recognized** Him as King.

They **worshipped** Him.

Notice how the wise men worshipped the Christ child.

They fell down.

They opened their treasures.

In our liturgy we offer a sacrifice of praise to the Lord. We worship the King of the Ages through prayer, thanksgiving, meditation.

We also worship the King of the Ages through our treasures. In doing so we follow the example of the wise men from the East.

The proper worship of Christ our Savior can and must include the giving of ourselves through our time, our talent, and our treasures.

Christmas is the time of year for giving gifts. The wise men are present in every Nativity Scene. As we go through the Christmas Season, we can rejoice in the giving of gifts, gifts to our family, our loved ones, and above all our church.

The Stewardship Ministry Team

Footnotes – Notes from the Greek Orthodox Study Bible

Gold is for the King of the Ages.

Frankincense is for the God of all.



## THANK YOU

**BISHOP SEVASTIANOS OF ZELA-GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS, ATLANTA, GA** visited our parish for Vespers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker on December 5 as well as December 6 for our feast day. It was a joy to meet and commune with him.

The Pan-Ikarian Brotherhood "Chapter Therma" would like to thank all of those who came out and supported our New Years Eve celebration!! We hope everyone had a great time!

Thank you to all of the community members who decorated our Church and Hall so beautifully for the Name Day of our Patron Saint Nicholas and for the Advent & Christmas Seasons.

A special Thank you to Nick and Tia Saffo for donating the beautiful live Christmas tree all of us to enjoy as well as opening your home for the St. Nicholas Carolers on December 16.

A Big Thanks to everyone: in our community; all those who baked goodies for our sale, all who helped set up and package the items, and especially all those who purchased our treats and donated to the "youth dance group" cause. We successfully raised \$863 in the two weekends, which I might add is pretty awesome! Barbara Harris

## *Community News*

### LOST AND FOUND

In an effort to properly return all missing and lost items to their owners, we wish to remind everyone there is a Lost & Found kept in the office for all lost treasures. **All items currently held in the office will be kept until December 31, 2018.** After that time all items will be donated to charity. If you are missing a favorite sweater, piece of jewelry, glasses, books, etc., please contact the Church Office to see if we may have your item

### 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. Please call the office to donate your time.

### CONGRATULATIONS

On December To Abby & Michael for the 40-day Blessing for Michael Ivory Moran.. Να σας ζήσει! May your child live a healthy life!

## STAFFED 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.

On December 2, there was a 40-day memorial for Diane Keretsis Mayorga. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΗΣ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ - Eternal be her memory!

On December 9, there was a 6 year memorial for Eleni Vogiatzis. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΗΣ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ - Eternal be her memory!

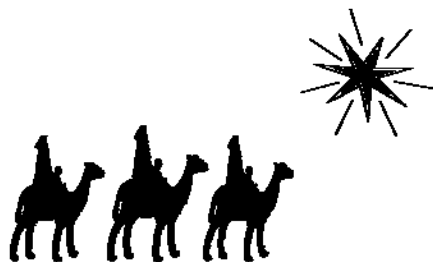
## SYMPATHIES

**CONDOLENCES:** To the family of Lillian Carras Trakas who passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 25, 2018. Lilly grew up in Wilmington and was a parishioner of St. Nicholas until she married in 1959. Eternal be her memory Αιώνια της η μνήμη! For more information, please visit <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/charlotte/obituary.aspx?n=lillian-carras-trakas-lilly&pid=190849112>

## PLEASE PRAY

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, RECOVERING AND/OR HOMEBOUND** 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, Constantine Efthymiou (Father of Barbara Harris), Sue Fokakis (Autumn Care), Demitra George, Stephanie & Georgiana Jean Harrill (daughter & granddaughter of Pat and Marisa Gallaher), Nick Karloutsos (Silver Stream), George Kanes (brother-in-law of Barbara Harris), Dan Kirkby (brother of Matthew), 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, Debbie Triantafillopoulos, Vasilios Vogiatzis, MaryAnn Wall.



*Christ is Born!*

*Glorify Him!*

*The Beautiful Poinsettias for 2018 were*

*Donated by:*

**William & Beth Agnostak**

*In Honor of the Agnostak & Markowitz Families*

**Fr Regis Alexoudis & Family**

*In Memory of John & Mary Alexoudis*

**John & Kathleen Anagnost**

*In Memory of Vasili & Sophia Anagnost*

*In Memory of Peter & Dorothy Jewell*

**Andrews Family**

*In Memory of Anthony & Argentou and*

*Simeone & Anthoula*

*In Memory of Joan & Valerio*

**Kamilia Batshon & Family**

*In Memory of My Husband Badi, Shafiq, Laurice, Shafiq, Kamil & Georgette*

*In Honor of My Children, Steve, Brigitte & Tanya & families*

**Michael, Tina, Niko & Lucas Bostic**

*In Memory of Theotoki & Panagiota Mavroidis*

**Cameron & Pam Calhoun & Family**

*In Memory of Catherine & Connie Calhoun*

**Cameron Calhoun**

*In Honor of My Nouna, Irene Vogiatzis, from your favorite Godson*

**Gregory & Kim Dandulakis**

*In Memory of Maria Dandulakis*

**Pete & Kathy Dimopoulos**

*In Memory of Panagiotis Lymperakis and Vasilios Dimopoulos*

**Diana, Stan and Daniel Dimov**

*In Memory of Verginia Terzieva, my grandmother*

**Karen Moskogianis & Tom Driscoll**

*In Memory of Our Family & Friends no longer with us*

**Fr Jon & Pres. Barbara Emanuelson**

*In Memory of Margaret & Stanley Passaris*

**Larry and Helen Flowers**

*In Memory of Evelyn & Christos Stasios*

*In Memory of Naomi Flowers Batson*

**Pat & Marisa Gallaher**

*In Memory of George Manolukas*

**The Gill Family**

*In Honor of my mother, Mable Demis*

**Pamela Hale & Family**

*In Memory of Harry E. Hale*

*In Memory of Ted & Mary Mavros*

**Yianni, Antonia, Helena, Dino, Dimitri Ioannou**

*In Memory of Nota Dukas*

**John, Matina, Logan & Alexia Kahler**

*In Memory of Sheila Kahler & Bobbie Vallianatos*

**Christos & Eleni Kaprantzas**

*In Memory of Vasilios Kaprantzas*

*In Honor of Anna, Chris, Konstadinos & Chris Andrew*

**Joanne Kares**

*In Memory of Evelyn Stasios*

*In Memory of Helen & Chris Kares*

**Zaharoula & Katerina Katsikis**

*In Honor of Dena Poulos*

**The King Family**

*In Memory of John Kazantzides*

**Matthew & Melissa Kirkby**

*In Memory of Victor & Ethel Melts*

**Dr. Emmanuel & Lambra Koklanaris**

*In Honor of our Children & Grandchildren*

**Anestis Logothetis**

*In Memory of My Parents, Steve & Irene Karafas*

**Michael Loizides Family**

*In Memory of Stavros, Efrosini & Nick Pantazis*

**Spiro Macris**

*In Memory of Georgia Macris*

*In Memory of James & Fani Macris*

**Dorothy Manolukas**

*In Memory of George Manolukas*

**Ed & Kathleen Mayorga**

*In Honor of Sia, Sayed, Gabriel & Zoe Mayorga*

**Georgia Marmaras**

*In Honor of My Mother, Maria Marmaras*

**Sayed, Gabriel & Zoe Mayorga**

*In Honor of Ed and Kathleen Mayorga*

**Sayed and Gabriel Mayorga**

*In Honor of Cameron & Pam Calhoun*

**Sia, Sayed, Gabriel & Zoe Mayorga**

*In Memory of Diane Keritsis Mayorga*

**Miliotis Family**

*In Memory of Pantelis Miliotis*

**Lambros & Niki Papanicolaou**

*In Memory of Marianthi &*

*Vasilis Papanicolaou*

**Ruth Pappamihel**

*In Memory of Louis Pappamihel*

**Anna & James Patsalos**

*In Memory of Harry, Konstantina, John Papaioannou*

*In Honor of Nick, Joyce, Anna & Chris Patsalos*

**Anne Bakalis Pinkston**

*In Memory of Nick Bakalis*

**Michael & Debra Rallis**

*In Memory of Nicholas Bakalis and George & Dalton Rallis*

**Rick & Barbara Reynolds**

*In Memory of Our Parents*

**Doky & Despina Saffo**

*In Memory of Our Parents Argiro, Vassilios, Nicholas, & Sophia*

**Marika & Marian Saffo**

*In Memory of Matthew Z. Saffo*

**Marian Saffo**

*In Honor of Marika R. Saffo*

**Tony, Jamie, Ayden and Michael Saffo**

*In Honor of Des and Doky Saffo*

**Nick & Tia Saffo and Family**

*In Memory of Elias Tripodis*

**Joanne Simotas**

*In Memory of My Father and All Our Deceased Relatives*

**Daphne & David Snow & Family**

*In Memory of Georgia, Bessie, Jimmy Elizabeth, Robert & Matthew*

**Kay S. Skandalakis & Family**

*In Memory of Bill and Angeline Saffo*

**Thomas Souflas and Diana & Jeff**

*In Memory of Linda Souflas*

**Georgia Spiliotis**

*In Memory of Harry & Joan Spiliotis*

**Jim & Maria Stasios**

*In Memory of Victor & Ethel Melts and Evelyn & Christos Stasios*

**George and Peggy Stephanou**

*In Memory of Eli and Ruth Stephanou*

**Ron and Vicky Stephens**

*In Memory of Milton Melts*

**Theodoropoulos Family**

*In Memory of Louis Pappamihel*

*In Memory of Annivas Theodoropoulos*

**Theophilos Family**

*In Memory of Plato Theophilos*

*In Memory of Helen & Nikolas Psillas*

*In Memory of Patula & Stavros Theophilos*

**Gus & Deb Triantafillopoulos**

*In Memory of Sam Triantafillopoulos*

**Christos Tsingelis Family**

*In Memory of Petros Tsingelis Family*

*In Memory of Andrew Frank Family*

**Mary Ann Vavalete & Nicolas Elfter**

*In Memory of Anna & Nicholas Elfter*

**Vasilios, Irene and Panayioti Vogiatzis**

*In Memory of Peter & Spyridoula Sotiriou*

*In Memory of Eleni Vogiatzis*

*In Memory of Mary Vourdaris*

**Irene Voneiff**

*In Memory of My Parents, Steve & Irene*

*Karafas*

**Mary Ann Wall**

*In Honor of Sister Mary & Brother Chris Gabor*

*& Family*

**The Whitley Family & Christina Damron**

*In Memory of Andrew & Maria Saporilas*

**Sam & Kitsa Wiersteiner**

*In Memory of Elizabeth & Richard Wiersteiner*

*& Conrad Wiersteiner*

*In Memory of Kleanthis and Gesthemani*

*Adamides and George Adamides*





*Greek Orthodox Ladies' Philoptochos Society*  
*of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church - Enosis Chapter*

608 S. College Road  
Wilmington, NC 28403-3202

January 2018

Dear St. Nicholas Ladies,

Due to Hurricane Florence we had to cancel our Fall Kick-Off General Meeting in September. We are starting our **2019 Membership Campaign in the New Year**. Please mark your calendar for our annual Vasilopita Auction on **Sunday, January 6, 2019** after church. Money raised will benefit St. Basils Academy and our church Benevolent Fund.

As the year begins, we are asking all our St. Nicholas ladies to support our organization by becoming members of our chapter. The minimum stewardship to National and Metropolis is \$25.00. Any additional amount would go directly to our chapter and the many charities we support.

This past year we have donated to: Diaper Bank, Nourish NC, Humanity Now, Missionaries: Thomas and Elizabeth Manuel with Orthodox Christian Mission Center, Thanksgiving Baskets, Brigade Boys and Girls Club Christmas Stocking Project, Needy Families for Christmas, Homeless Teenagers for Christmas, Our Parish Youth and Panayia Prousiotissa Monastery. We have also supported our church by sponsoring social activities, Holy Week needs, Holy Saturday meal, St. Nicholas Vespers Reception, and many other activities. We donate to the many charities supported by our National and Metropolis, including, Autism Camp, Ecumencical Patriarchate, UNICEF, Cancer Fund, and IOCC.

You may bring your membership to church or mail it to the church office. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

**St. Nicholas Philoptochos Board**

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**St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church - Enosis Chapter Philoptochos**

2018 dues                      Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# The Philoptochos Vasilopita Cutting & Auction

Please join the Ladies of Philoptochos for the Annual Cutting of the the  
Vasilopita Cake

on

January 6, 2019

at the end of Divine Liturgy and after the swearing in of our new  
Parish Council Members

The Vasilopita Auction will take place in the Fellowship Hall  
immediately following.





## Save the Date!!

**DATE:** Saturday, January 26, 2019

**TIME:** 11:00 AM

**PLACE:** Blue Water Grill Waterfront  
Wrightsville Beach, NC

Epiphany,  
"Ta Fota" or "Theofania"  
Commemorates Christ's Baptism.

The Blessing of the Waters  
is symbolized by the throwing  
of a cross into the sea by a priest,  
while swimmers brave the  
chilly waters to retrieve it.

### BLESSING OF THE WATER



### THEOPHANY CELEBRATION

**Lunch Reception Immediately Following  
at the Bluewater Grill**

4 Marina Street  
Wrightsville Beach, NC  
Children 5 & Under Free

Youth: \$12

Adults: \$20

Divers: \$20



Are you an Active GOYA member of your Parish?

Do you want to dive for the cross?

Call today for more information!

**Saturday, January 26, 2019 Cross Dive & Theophany Celebration**  
**Contact for Registration and more Event Information**

608 S. College Road

Wilmington, NC 28403

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# Registration Form

**RSVP by January 15, 2019**

Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

First Name of All Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

All GOYA participants (Divers and non-Divers) must complete this form as well as that Goya Covenant, Metropolis Insurance Information & the Metropolis of Atlanta Waiver. Forms may be downloaded from our website, [www.stnicholaswilmington.org](http://www.stnicholaswilmington.org)

**\*\*\*Cross Dive participants must be High School Students\*\*\***

Diver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

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Entry Ticket			
(All entry tickets includes lunch)			
	Price	#	Total
Adults	\$15.00		
Youth, 7-18	\$10.00		
Children, 6 and under	Free		
		#	Total
T-Shirts (Adult Sizes only)			
Medium	\$10.00		
Large	\$10.00		
X Large	\$10.00		
Cross Dive Participant(s)	\$15.00		
T-Shirt	Included		
Lunch	Included		
Grand Total:			\$

Office Use Only				
Date	Cash	Check #	Credit	Total Amount Received

**Make Checks payable to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. In the memo indicate: Cross Dive 2018.**

## **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.

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:**

**January 26** - Cross Dive and Theophany Celebration

**January 27** - Stewardship Sunday

**February 3** - Three Hierarchs Presentation

Superbowl Sunday 4-10PM

**February 10**-HDF Awards Ceremony

**February 16**-Ahepa & Greek School Valentine's Dance

## Save the Date for the 2019 St. Nicholas Oratorical Festival Sunday, February 17, 2019



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### **2019 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Topics**

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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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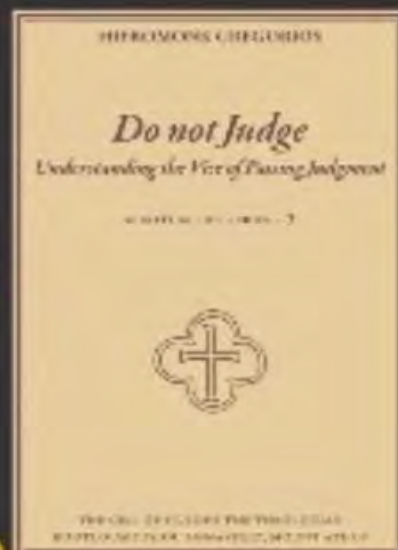
# BOOK CLUB

WEEKLY CLUB MEETING

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING 6PM  
Beginning January 9th

**Pomegranate Bookstore  
is donating 25 copies!**  
**Thank you  
Kathleen Jewel!**

**Any questions, please call  
Courtney Malahias  
910.431.5835**



# Ιανουάριος 2019 • January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Please schedule Your Home Blessings after January 7, 2019 - the 1st week of February by calling the Church Office</i>		<b>1 St. Basil</b> <b>9AM Circumcision of Christ/St. Basil+NY Doxology</b>  New Years Day	2 10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour	3	4	<b>5 Eve of Theophany</b> <b>8AM Royal Hours</b> <b>9:30AM Vesporal Liturgy/Blessing of the Waters</b> <b>6PM Great Vespers</b>
<b>6Theophany</b> <b>8:30AM Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy &amp; Blessing of the Waters</b> New Parish Council to affirm the oath of office 12PM Vasilopita Sunday Luncheon	<b>7Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner</b>  <b>8AM Orthros/Divine Liturgy</b>	8 11:45 Forever Young Kick-off Luncheon at Olive Garden	9 10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour  6PM Adult Bible Study	10	11 4PM Greek School  5PM Bible Study	12   6PM Great Vespers
FATHER JON VACATION JANUARY 9 - 15						
13 <b>Sunday after Theophany</b>  <b>8:30AM Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy</b>	14  6:30PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	15  Newsletter Submissions Due	16 10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour  6PM Adult Bible Study	17 <b>St. Anthony the Great</b>  7PM Catechism Class	18  5PM Greek School  5PM Bible Study	19
FATHER JON VACATION JANUARY 9 - 15				HDF - JANUARY 18 - 21		
20 <b>12th Sunday of Luke</b> <b>8:30AM Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy</b>	21	22	23 10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour  6PM Adult Bible Study	24	25 4PM Greek Language School	26 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study <b>6PM Great Vespers</b>
HDF - ATLANTA, GA						
<b>2714th Sunday of Luke</b> <b>8:30AM Orthros/Divine Liturgy</b> 11AM Stewardship Sunday 11:30AM Joy/Hope Event in Fellowship Hall	28	29 9AM Orthros/Divine Liturgy  6PM Great Vespers @ St. Basil the Great Orthodox Church 7PM COM Meeting	<b>30Holy Three Hierarchs</b> <b>9th hour/Divine Liturgy 9:00 – 11:30am</b> <a href="#">Saint Basil the Great Orthodox Church</a> 10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 6PM Book Study	3		

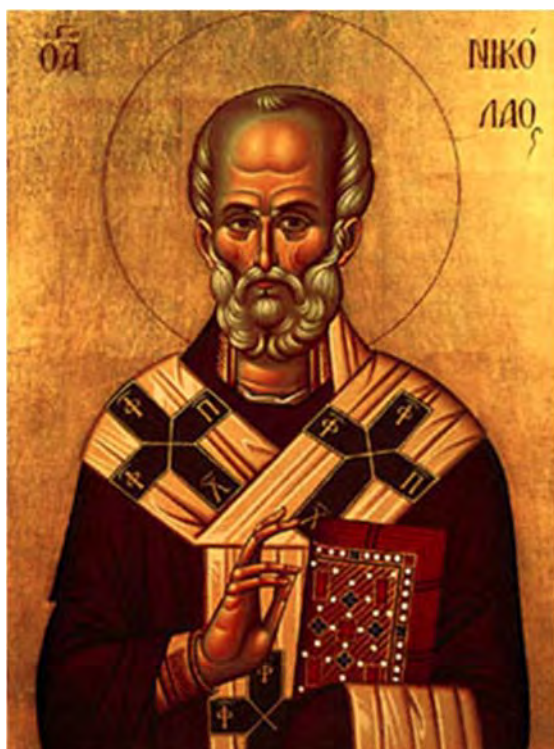
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MISSION**

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.