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From the Desk of Fr. Jon

October 2018 – Hurricane Florence and the New Normal

When a natural disaster strikes, we have many questions that arise in our minds and hearts. Many of them circulate around the question, “Why?” Why now? Why our area? Why is my family going through this trial? Although there are no straight forward answers to these questions most of the time, we should see and know this trial for what it is – A CALL TO ACTION!

This is a time when God’s servants are called to hear His voice and respond with the love and care for stranger, neighbor and friend alike. Jesus teaches us in word and deed throughout the gospel. “By this all will know you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:35 You have heard this call and are bringing joy to God as we strive to recover from hurricane Florence. For the next several months, each of us will be helping as we are able. Getting back to the basics of our Orthodox Christian walk helps us focus on what it means to be a true community in Christ and for Christ.

We already have the talents needed to help each other. Please share with the office your needs and or your talents so we can help each other. The initial clean up may be done already. Still there are so many things to do, like: filing claims with insurance, seeking help from FEMA, hauling refuse to the dump, finding service people who are fair and reliable, helping shut-ins restock a freezer, doing errands for others. The list may be long but one by one we can and are doing it. Let us become the friends of Jesus. Let us become His hands, His feet!

The new normal of caring and doing for each other is really not new. It is the old time religion that Jesus Himself taught us when He cured the sick, cleansed the lepers, healed the blind and paralyzed, raised the dead and fed the 5000 men plus women and children! I am here for you. Please call me if you need anything. The body of Christ works together for the glory of God, as St. Paul says in his epistle to the Ephesians, “speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the – Christ – from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does it share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:15-16)

And in 1 Corinthians, St. Paul lends even more clarity about the Church and how we are to work together. “And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 1 Corinthians 12:23-27

St. John the Merciful, patriarch of Alexandria, embodied the teaching of Jesus, “give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.” Luke 6:30-31 When we live this gospel teaching, like St. John the Merciful, the grace of God becomes alive in us! St John was a simple shepherd from Cyprus and was brought to Alexandria, Egypt because of his love for Christ and His Church. He resisted ordination, but eventually heeded the call. Being ordained a deacon, priest and bishop, the people pleaded with him to ascend the throne of the patriarch. His humility would have prevented him from doing so. St. John asked that his masters be brought into the Cathedral before he would ascend the throne. The people asked who are your masters? You are our patriarch, who could be your master? St. John calmly replied, “The poor, the lame, the blind, the sick, the outcast, these are my masters. For without them, I may not see the kingdom of God.” St. John understood and lived the gospel of Jesus Christ his whole ministry. In the beginning, there were very few churches in Alexandria, Egypt still in the Orthodox fold. When he finished his ministry, they were all in the Orthodox fold! God is magnified in his saints!

In this time of need, we can become the true servants of God and the true community of St. Nicholas. As our patron, the life of St. Nicholas, gives us inspiration for holy, Christ centered living. God bless you for all you do for those in need. Love, Fr. Jon



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 following topics for the official Faith Forums in Atlanta, Georgia the weekend of November 11, 2017 in conjunction with the Archangel Michael Awards Presentations:

- 1.1 Parish Strategic Planning
- 1.3 Risk Management
- 4.2 Orthodox Leadership Training
- Managing Difficult Conversations & Understanding Parish Finances
- 5.4 Programs For Our Seniors
- 8.1 Spiritual Growth Resources
- 9.1 Comprehensive Stewardship

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.

Stewardship

John Whitley

Reflections on St. Euphrosynus the Cook

I am offering some practical comments on how to better live and experience the Christian life.

- Begin each morning with prayer and scripture.
- Read or meditate about the life of the saints.
- Find a way to put a lesson from the saints or scripture into practice.

As I write this message, I am an exile from Hurricane Florence. Now, whether you are home in Wilmington, or

away, a good way to begin this day is to thank God for his deliverance from Hurricane Florence and prayers for those recovering from the storm.

I also began this morning making breakfast for my family. While frying the bacon, my thoughts turned to St. Euphrosynus the cook. One of our stewardship themes for this year has focused on using every day skills, such as cooking, to serve God.

Finally, a wonderful way to live the Christian experience is to find practical ways to put your skills to work for the church and for the kingdom.

I had hoped to list each of our church ministries in this article. Unfortunately my notes are back in Wilmington. But take a minute to reflect on the ministries you observe and the ministries that affect your life and the lives of those close to you. Every one of these ministries happens because of the time and talent of dedicated church workers. Whatever talents God has given you, take the time to cultivate and develop these talents. A wonderful way to live the Christian life is to put these God-given talents to work in the church, the community, or on the job.

During my articles I have tried to focus on living the Christian life through time and talents. I would be remiss if I did not also mention treasure.

One of the benefits of having a career is the money God supplies from your career, money that can and should be used for the benefit of others. Please take a few minutes to meditate and consider ways in which you can apply your treasure as well as your time and talents to the work of the kingdom as expressed through the life of the church.



Greek Festival

Nick Saffo, Lee King, Ministry Co-Chairs



On Sunday, September 9 the Greek Festival presented to the various charitable partners - Good Shepherd, Family Promise, GOYA, and Hellenic Dance Groups, their portions of the profits from the 2018 Greek Festival. Thank you to all our volunteers that helped make this year a wonderful event.

GOYA

Evangelos Fragos, Olympia Fragos,
Doris King, and Eleni Pappamihel,

Thank you to the Community for supporting our first fundraiser for the Ecclesiastical Year on Sunday, August 26, 2018.



Divine Liturgy Youth Program

Stella McTaggart

On Sunday, September 9 St. Nicholas held the first DIVINE LITURGY YOUTH PROGRAM. This program takes place during Divine Liturgy for all High School students and younger children of our Community. Please send your children to the first few pews on the left of the Sanctuary no matter what time you arrive.

The purpose for this program is to introduce and grow, depending on your child's age, participation in the Divine Liturgy. Everyone has a role in the Divine Liturgy and if your child would like to participate in the Divine Liturgy, I have come up with an easy way to sign up for different ROLES using an online sign up sheet.

You can find more information about this program on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2156804584534447/>

****PLEASE JOIN THE PAGE FOR WEEKLY UPDATES and WHICH SUNDAYS THE PROGRAM WILL BE ACTIVE.****

Together we can grow the foundation for our children's LOVE of God through participation in the DIVINE LITURGY each week. If you have any questions, please contact Stella McTaggart.



Orthodox Coffee Hour*Irene K. Voneiff*

Our annual adult gathering was scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at the church. The start date has been delayed with Hurricane Florence. We plan to meet for coffee, fellowship, sharing of joys and concerns at 10:00 am. Our study will begin promptly at 10:30 am. This fall, Rick Reynolds will be leading a book study, "Christ in the Psalms" - By Patrick Henry Reardon. A hard copy of the book will be available for purchase or you can purchase a kindle version. Irene Voneiff and Debra Rallis will begin the study with a reflection from Sister Vassa Larin. All are invited to attend and we hope to see many new faces, as well as previous attendees.

Philoptochos*Enosis Chapter #5027**Debra Rallis*

Mark your Calendars

Saturday October 27, 2018

****Greek Taverna Night/Silent Auction****

7:30pm-11:30pm

Live bouzouki music

Invite your friends to experience Greece!

Reserved tables of 8-10 available

\$40 advance sales

\$50 at the door

Hellenic Culture*Kitsa Wiersteiner*

OXI Day is coming. Please join us on Sunday, October 28, after Divine Liturgy for the OXI Day celebration in the Hellenic Center!! Our Speakers will be Helen Dandoulakis, Maria Fulton and Kassiani Harris. This festivity will include poems, dances and lunch. This will be a fund raising luncheon for the dancers who are going to the HDF (Hellenic Dance Festival). This OXI Day program is sponsored by the Hellenic School, Hellenic Culture special activities and the dance groups, Zoyra and Nea Smyrni. There will be practice for those reciting OXI poems on Sunday, October 14 and Sunday, October 21 during the Fellowship hour. Anyone who needs help with poems, please come and we will have someone there to help you. We would love to see all of you at the OXI Day celebration program.

Community News**CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY**

For our Archbishop Alexios, the honorable presbyters, the deacons in the service of Christ, and all the clergy, let us pray to the Lord. We all pray you have a wonderful day

on October 14 and that we can help you the way you help all of us each day. **Thank you Fr. Jon!**

<https://www.goarch.org/-/toward-a-better-understanding-of-our-priests-and-presvyteres?inheritRedirect=true>

FAMILY SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Due to the hurricane, we are currently assessing our Family Spiritual Retreat plans. We have cancelled the October 13th date. Please stay tuned for email or bulletin notices with information of restructured plans for St. Nicholas's 4th Annual Regional Family Retreat at Camp Kirkwood in Watha, NC.

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.

PROCEDURES/REMINDERS

If you would like to post your event, please remember to use the bulletin boards in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary on the way to the Fellowship Hall. No posters should be put in the Fellowship Hall columns or walls in an effort to keep our Fellowship Hall uncluttered. Please contact the office if you would like to know more about this procedure.

This message is targeted to all the families with children from 3rd grade through HS seniors and all dancers:

Over the summer there was a lot of discussion with our parents and youth of the importance of balancing our spiritual life with our cultural activities. As such youth that are participating in activities - such as Hellenic Dance Festival, St. Stevens's Summer Camp, and other youth sponsored church activities - are also expected to be in attendance at our liturgies. To help manage this expectation, beginning September 9, there will be a sign-up sheet at the PANGARI STAND for all youth, 3rd grade to HS seniors and all dancers, which will require them to check in as they enter the church. The communicated goal is sign-ups need to occur at the beginning of Divine Liturgy as the sign-up sheet will be taken up by the Epistle reading. Finally, it is understandable that there will be personal conflicts that come up at times and thus the expectation is that timely attendance

needs to at least be at 50% of the Sundays or greater going forward. We know that transitions take adjustment and want to thank all the families for helping keeping this important balance for our youth.

DONATION REQUESTS

TIME, TALENT, OR TREASURE

If you would like to volunteer to be a Sunday Church School teacher, assistant, or substitute, please contact either Tia Saffo or Eleni Pappamihel.

We are always in need of some Olive oil for the altar vigil candles. It is available for purchases at Greek stores in Raleigh, online or through our Greek Marketplace at S. Nicholas. Please see Fr. Jon if you would like to donate.

Our Community has need for more Prosforo. With many hands we can make light work of this blessed task. Thank you in advance to those who heed this call.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

PLEASE PRAY

As our region recovers from Hurricane Florence, let us take time to thank God for His protection. If anyone has suffered loss of any kind please let the Fr. Jon know. This is when we can truly be the loving community in Christ. Helping each other is what we are called to do! We pray everyone is safe and in good health. **God bless you and keep 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, Constantine Efthymiou (Father of Barbara Harris), Sue Fokakis (Autumn Care), Demitra George, Stephanie Harrill (daughter of Pat & Marisa Gal-

laher), Georgiana Jean Harrill (granddaughter of Pat & Marisa Gallaher), Nick Karloutsos (Silver Stream), George Kanis (brother-in-law of Barbara Harris), Dan Kirkby (brother of Matthew), Nikolaos Kotsinis, Olga Mancuso, Diane Keritsis-Mayorga (mother of Sia Mayorga), Calvin McGowan, Mary Compos Marmaras (Cypress Pointe), Eleni Mitsis (mother of Effie Davis), Maria Padgett-Velaetis, Koula Poulos, Peter Saffo (brother of Kay Skandalakis), Pat Skinner-Darby, Charity Skinner-Darby (daughter of Pat), Tom Souflas, Peggy Stephano, Helen Vurnakes, Vasilios Vogiatzis, MaryAnn Wall

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.

SYMPATHIES

On Sunday, August 26, 2018, we held an 11 year Trisagion for Pete Poulos husband of Dena Poulos and Father of Koula Poulos Katsikis, Argie Poulos Brown and John Poulos. May his Memory be eternal!! Αιώνια του η μνήμη!!

On Sunday, August 26, 2018, Mr. George Gines of Rochester, NY, passed into the hands of our Lord at the age of 84. He is the Uncle of Stella McTaggart. May his memory be eternal... Αιώνια του η μνήμη... Life to his Family and the rest of us... Ζωή σε μας! For his full obituary, please go to: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/george-gines-obituary?pid=190076858>

On Sunday, September 9 we held a 1 Year memorial for Nick Fokakis and a 40 Day memorial for George Fokakis. May their memories be eternal... Αιώνια τους η Μνήμη!

We are sad to announce that Mrs. Lil Bakalis, sister-in-law of Anne Bakalis Pinkson and Aunt of Debra Bakalis Rallis fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 91. Mrs. Bakalis is survived by her daughters, (Debra's dear cousins:) Barbara Bakalis and Linda Bakalis Pinkston. May her memory be eternal. Αιώνια της η Μνήμη!

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



Join us as we Celebrate



after Divine Liturgy
Sunday ~ October 28, 2018
in the Hellenic Center

Speakers:

Helen Dandulakis

Maria Fulton

Kassiani Harris

Dance Groups Fund Raiser Luncheon

Proceeds will go to help both dance groups.

Sponsored By :

Hellenic Culture Special Activities Committee

St. Nicholas Hellenic School

Nea Smyrni & Zoyra Dance Groups



SAINT NICHOLAS LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS

GREEK TAVERNA NIGHT

OCTOBER 27, 2018

7:30 - 11:30 PM

Live Greek Music by Paschalis

Mezethes • Dancing • Cash Bar • Silent Auction



\$40 advance purchase/\$50 at door

\$25 College Student w/ID

Reserved Table for 8-10 Available

For reservations Call: 910-392-4444

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GREEK BIBLE STUDY | ST. JOHN'S GOSPEL

10-week session to study in English
the Original Greek Text of St. John's Gospel
written on the Island of Patmos

Starting October 5, 2018
Each Friday Evening at 5PM
(During Hellenic School)

HE HEARD A VOICE LIKE THUNDER PROCLAIMING
FROM THE HEIGHT OF HEAVEN: "IN THE BEGINNING
WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND
THE WORD WAS GOD" (JOHN 1:1)

RECRUITING *new volunteers*




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Stella McTaggart will be out of the office until Tuesday, October 16. Office Hours will be weekdays from 10AM-4PM</i>	1	2 7PM Parish Council Meeting	3 10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour	4 7PM Catechism Class	5 5PM Greek School 5PM Bible Study	6 St. Thomas the Apostle 3PM Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Reserved 6PM Great Vespers
7 3rd Sunday of Luke 8:30AM Orthros & Divine Liturgy	8 6:30PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	9 11:45AM Forever Young	10 10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour	11 7PM Catechism Class	12 1PM Fellowship Hall Reserved 5PM Greek School 5PM Bible Study	13 6PM Great Vespers 
14 Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council Clergy Appreciation Day 8:30AM Orthros & Divine Liturgy	15 Newsletter Submissions Due	16 <i>Stella Back in Office</i> <i>Office Hours will be 8AM-5PM each weekday</i>	17 10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour	18 St. Luke the Apostle 8AM Orthros/Divine Liturgy 7PM Catechism Class	19 5PM Greek School 5PM Bible Study	20 St. Gerasimos 8AM Orthros/Divine Liturgy 6PM Great Vespers
21 6th Sunday of Luke 8:30AM Orthros & Divine Liturgy OXI Day Poem Practice	22	23 St. Iakovos 8AM Orthros/Divine Liturgy	24 10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour	25 6:30PM Catechism Class	26 St. Demetrios the Great 8AM Orthros/Divine Liturgy 1PM Fellowship Hall Reserved	27 6PM Great Vespers 7:30PM Philoptochos Taverna Night
28 7th Sunday of Luke OXI Day 8:30AM Orthros & Divine Liturgy OXI Day Luncheon & Presentation after Liturgical Services	29	30	31 10AM Orthodox Coffee Hour	<p>Reminder: GLOW will be using Fellowship Hall and Classrooms <u>EACH WEEKDAY</u> <u>during school hours</u> <u>9AM-4PM</u> until June 6, 2019.</p> <p>If you would like to use the Hall or Classrooms for a meeting, the office must give 2 days notice to GLOW. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.</p>		

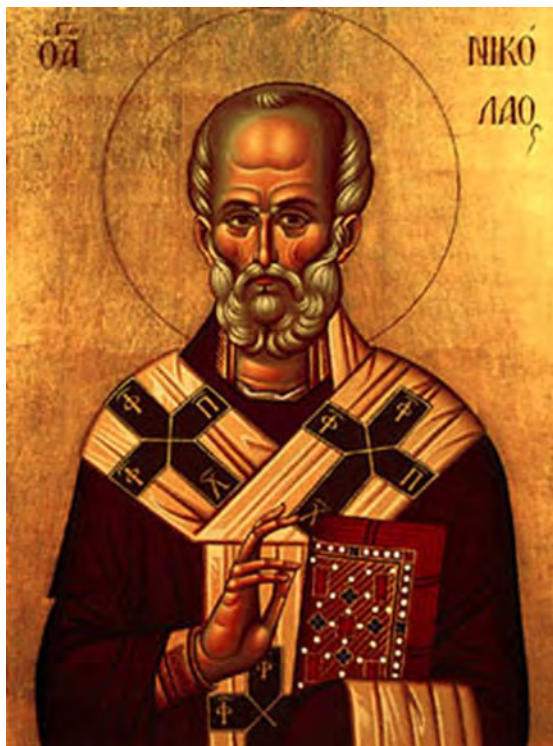
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**GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
MISSION**

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.