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From the Desk of Fr. Jon

Loving and Growing in our Orthodox Christian Faith

What is the key to a good spiritual life in our Orthodox Christian Church? Some may answer that it is a good liturgical life, a good prayer life, reading the Church Fathers, fasting in a God pleasing manner, giving alms, regularly reading the word of God in the Orthodox Study Bible, repenting and confessing regularly, reading other good Orthodox spiritual books and articles, applying the Scriptures in daily life, pursuit of the Christian virtues or the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Whereas, all these are set upon the banquet table of the faith in Jesus Christ for us to partake of, none of these by themselves can fulfill the will of God for us.

What is still missing?

After reading the Bible, some passages jump out to us. St. Paul writing to the Hebrews, says, “But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance”. Hebrews 9:11-15 Thus, we see the New Covenant in the blood of Jesus Christ at the heart of our life in Christ! This profound and blessed relationship in Jesus founded our Orthodox Christian Church. And we become partakers of the divine nature, as St. Peter says, by participating in the Holy Mysteries of our Faith.

The mission of our Orthodox Church is straightforward and simple, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19. Once Jesus joins us to His Holy Church, our Orthodox Church ministers to all by sanctifying the faithful. John 17:17-19, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, Hebrews 13:12. Upon joining Christ Jesus, our spiritual struggles to grow in life, faith and spiritual understanding, do not end, they are just beginning!

So the question now becomes, how do we grow our Orthodox Christian Faith and develop our relationship with Jesus? Our fallen human nature will not instantly develop a good spiritual life and sensibilities. We are called upon to ask many questions about our faith and ourselves. How can I serve God? What are the gifts Jesus has given me? How do I heal broken relationships? How can I become a better steward? Will God forgive my many offenses? How do I speak the truth in love and not have anger toward those who offend? What should I pray for? How do I start reading the Bible? We need answers to these questions and many more. This is in part why I am your priest. If you have questions and struggles, ask your priest. If you want to know a good prayer for a special request or purpose, ask your priest. If you desire to set up the little church in your home, but do not know where to start, ask your priest. If you want to know what are the commandments of Jesus, ask your priest. If you desiring to start a good spiritual discipline for every day, especially ask your priest, because it should be wisely arranged.

God gives us many opportunities to discover His will through our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ in our Orthodox Church. God gives us many chances to ask the questions that will help us grow in Christ. Here at St. Nicholas, we become a true Orthodox Christian community when we pray for, love and support one another! “Love one another, as I have loved you.” John 13:34

***From the Parish Council President
Barbara Reynolds***

The Parish Council took off July and didn't have a meeting so that we could enjoy the Wilmington summer with our families. We will get back into the swing of things in August preparing for the beginning of the Ecclesiastical new year in September.

Even though summer is typically a slow time at the church you can see from the electronic emails, printed bulletins and this newsletter that there were many activities during the first half of the summer. Of note were the fun and educational Vacation Church School, the W.A.R.M Community Service event, the GOYA car wash fund raiser, and St. Stephens Camp. Many of our youth and Fr. Jon attended St. Stephens Camp in July. I know it was a wonderful experience for all of them.

Sunday, July 15, was special for the choir members as we were led by George Theodoridis, the Master Chanter and Director of Music Arts of Saint Sophia Cathedral in Washington, DC. He led us in the music he has composed for the Liturgy. We were also joined by George Rallis, son of Debbie and Michael Rallis, and student of George Theodoridis. We thank our choir director, Michael Rallis, for arranging this wonderful, educational, and truly spiritual experience.



SAVE THE DATES

**September 1, 2018: Ecclesiastical
New Year**

**September 9, 2018: First Day of
Sunday School**

**October 13, 2018: Family Spiritual
Retreat**



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.

Family Life

The Family Life Ministry is an Orthodox Christian ministry dedicated to providing uplifting and diverse resources for dealing with life's daily joys and struggles in an Orthodox way through inspiring blog posts, informative podcasts, and creative ideas for adolescence, marriage and parenting. To learn more about this resource please go to www.familylifeministry.atlanta.goarch.org

And if you would like to lead this Ministry here at Church, please contact Fr. Jon.

Stewardship *John Whitley*

Elijah and the Widow

Again the word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Arise, go to Zarephath of Sidon and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you."

So he arose and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the city, there was a widow gathering firewood. Elijah called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup so I can drink."

She went to get it, and Elijah called after her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

But the woman said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have any bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar. You see I am gathering a couple of sticks, so I can go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die."

But Elijah said to her, "Take courage, and do as you say, but make me a small cake from it first and bring it to me. Afterward make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord, 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, and the jar of oil shall not run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.'"

So the woman went and did it. Thus she and he and her children ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, and the jar of oil did not run dry, according to the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah. From 3 Kingdoms 17

This is one of my favorite stories about stewardship. First, Elijah was obedient to God. He was sent to Zarephath without really knowing if he would have food or a place to stay. God provides us with all our needs. He knows what we need even before we know it. Secondly, the widow had only had a handful of flour and a little oil. Many of you as mothers know that you guard to keep the things that you think your children need. She shared all she had with Elijah. She shared her bread with the faith that she and her son would never go hungry. The flour bin never became empty, neither did the jar of oil. When we give to the church, we can be assured that God will replenish our "flour bin". We receive blessings from God, never-ending blessings. Glory be to God!!

The New Testament provides additional examples where God multiplies our efforts. In Luke 9:12-17 Jesus feeds 5,000 with five loaves and two fish. In Matthew 15:32-39 Jesus feeds 4,000 with seven loaves and a few fish.

Treasurer

Tina Bostic

The Operating Income/Expense table below represents what we have received as of the end of June and what we have spent.

The Stewardship Table shows where we are vs. what the church needs to support our budget. As you can see our income, specifically Stewardship, is down.

Stewardship is the main source of income to support our church. This year we have had to transfer \$40,000 from Festival to support our monthly bills, which should be covered by Stewardship giving. The Festival Income is meant to be used for capital improvements, buying property, and giving to local charities.

Operating Income/Expense				Stewardship			
General Fund	Income	Expenses	Variance		stewardship received	stewardship goal	Variance
Jan	\$19,386.32	\$37,995.11	\$(18,608.79)	Jan	\$16,475.32	\$24,196.28	\$(7,720.96)
Feb	\$19,855.87	\$25,635.51	\$(5,779.64)	Feb	\$15,634.20	\$24,196.28	\$(8,562.08)
Mar	\$26,811.13	\$26,290.76	\$520.37	Mar	\$21,383.00	\$24,196.28	\$(2,813.28)
Apr	\$34,989.75	\$20,786.00	\$14,203.75	Apr	\$15,687.60	\$24,196.28	\$(8,508.68)
May	\$29,959.88	\$31,598.95	\$(1,639.07)	May	\$24,863.58	\$24,196.28	\$667.30
Jun	\$16,609.00	\$31,591.26	\$(14,982.26)	Jun	\$13,810.00	\$24,196.28	\$(10,386.28)
YTD	\$147,611.95	\$173,897.59	\$(26,285.64)	YTD	\$107,853.70	\$145,177.68	\$(37,323.98)

Stewardship June 2018	
Pledged	\$179,912.86
Full Year Goal	\$290,355.36
Variance pledged to goal	\$(110,442.50)
Amount received	\$107,853.70
Amount need to receive to meet 2018 budget	\$182,501.66

In the Stewardship table above, you will see that \$182,501 is needed to meet this year's budget. This includes paying the monthly utilities, maintenance, repairs, insurance, etc. Just as with your household, these items have to be paid monthly to run our church home.

Giving monthly to the church will help the church pay its monthly bills too. Please consider giving monthly as you do with your own bills. This allows for more consistency of what the church receives to pay the bills each month. I've provided examples of our church's monthly bills in the last table to help you see what it takes to run the church.

Since we are not realizing the income in our budget, before making any purchases for the church, please check with the treasurer, Tina Bostic (or Barbara Reynolds if Tina is away) to make sure it is needed at this time and can be covered.

The table on the next page gives examples of some of the church's typical monthly bills. This list doesn't include one-off payments for maintenance items. Nor does it include payments made once a year e.g. Wind & Hail Insurance **or any ministry expenses.** As you can see our average stewardship giving isn't covering our monthly bills. Please assess how your giving supports our monthly commitments for the running of our church.

In order to fulfill the church's mission to "...to the continuation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's ministry of salvation through the proclamation and teaching of the Gospel..." we need to be able to support the physical needs of our church listed below.

Typical Average Monthly Bills 2018

Administrative & Operational		1360.94:
Star News	Advertising	-42.20
Vestal Publishing Co., Inc.	Coversheet for Weekly Printed Bulletin	-70.62
ACS Technologies	Database	-38.52
QuickBooks	Administration & Operational Payroll	-23.60
Staples	Church Supplies (paper, etc.)	-65.00
Pitney Bowes	Postage	-180.00
CopyPro	Printer Rental / Maintenance	-366.00
Diakonia Center / Root Candles	Candles	-575.00
Building and Grounds		3320.82:
Croaker, Inc	Cleaning Supplies (soap, bathroom tissue, etc.)	-91.87
Coastal Lawn Care	Grounds keeping	-112.50
Cincinnati Insurance	Building Insurance	-484.00
Coastal Maintenance	Weekly Cleaning	-750.00
Piedmont Gas	Gas	-86.36
Duke Energy Progress	Electric	-900.00
Time Warner	Church Telephone and Internet	-326.39
Waste Industries	Trash	-109.70
Eco Pest Elimination	Pest Control	-180.00
Cape Fear Public Utility	Water	-280.00
National Church Commitments		3,399.70:
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Commitment	National Commitments: Archdiocese Commitments	-2,649.70
Metropolis of Atlanta	Metropolis Commitment	-100.00
GOA Clergy Pension Plan	Clergy Benefits Pension	-650.00
Parish Resources		15,879.07:
NC Dept of Revenue	North Carolina Payroll Taxes	-428.00
IRS	Federal Payroll Taxes	-2,658.07
Direct Deposit Payroll	Office Salaries	-2988.00
Direct Deposit Payroll	Priest Salary	-6914.00
Priest's car / Gas	Priest's car & gas	-125.00
Priest's car / Insurance	Priest's car insurance	-120.00
Orthodox Health Plan	Priest's health insurance	-2581.00
Priest's Mobile Phone	Priest's Mobile Phone	-65.00
Total Basic Monthly Expenses		23,960.53

Amazingly after feeding the 5,000 there were 12 baskets of left overs. After feeding the 4,000 there were 7 baskets of left overs.

The lessons of the Widow from Zarephath and the feeding of the thousands demonstrates that no matter how weak, poor, or untalented we may feel, by seeking God's will God multiplies our efforts.

Personal notes – I received the article about the Widow from Zarephath by e-mail from a steward in our church who wishes to remain anonymous. I was moved by this person's faith and commitment to the stewardship message.

Father Jon suggested adding the feeding of the thousands. I am grateful to both of these individuals. I hope you enjoy this message as much as I did.

John

Philoptochos

Enosis Chapter #5027

Debra Rallis

Our Philoptohos enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of fellowship at the Holiday Inn SunSpree at our end-of-year celebration (photo below.) Thank you to our board and dedicated members for your support in helping us carry out our many responsibilities to our beloved St. Nicholas and for reaching out to those who need our help.

Please help us promote our Greek Taverna Night on Saturday October 27, 2018. (see enclosed flyer) We will have Live Greek Music and are seeking donations from the community to help us defray our costs. We will also have our Silent Auction! Proceeds will benefit Nourish NC, NC Diaper Bank, Local Homeless Teens, IOCC, OCMC. We are excited about this event and hope to make it an annual one! Tell all your friends about it!

Me agape,
Debra Rallis

Forever Young

Kay Skandalakis

Our summer is almost to a close, we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, September 11th at our kickoff lunch for the 2018-2019 year. More details to follow.

Vacation Church School

Diakonissa Stacie Fernandez

We had an amazing week filled with love, learning, and laughter. We sang, prayed, listened and created amazing keepsake crafts as each day revealed new lessons about inspiring Old Testament Bible Heroes. Joshua, David, Daniel and Esther came to life as we learned of their devotion and obedience to God. Vacation Church School was a big hit and we would like to say a special thanks to the many people that gave of their time, talent, and treasure. Our children have added to the storehouse of their hearts so many lessons and memories...songs, Bible verses, a play, funny games and stories. Thank you amazing VCS team, Fr Jon and office staff! Thanks to all the parents and grandparents for entrusting us with your kids. Thank you to our prayer warriors!! "Teamwork makes the dream work!" Love in Jesus, Deaconess Stacie

Community News

THANKS

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who came out Saturday, June 16 to help with the Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry - Deck Build! We managed to frame and start the decking for 3 - 6'x6' decks and 8 - 4'x4' decks! All of these will be used in the weeks to come for homes of fixed and low income homeowners who need a helping hand. God bless our St. Nicholas Church for stepping up. Please look for photos on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StNicholasWilmington



ST. NICHOLAS GOC 75TH ANNIVERSARY

We are in need of Volunteers for the 75th Anniversary Committee for the 2020 event. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

DONATION REQUESTS *TIME, TALENT, OR TREASURE*

We are always in need of some Commandaria wine for the altar. It is available for purchases at Greek stores in Raleigh or online. Please see Fr. Jon if you would like to donate.

STAFFED NURSERY

For the summer season we will not have a staffed Nursery Attendant from the Sundays of June 10 through August 19. Ms. Patti will be back Sunday, August 26.

The Nursery will still be 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 go to the Nursery at anytime during Divine Liturgy.

AHEPA Cape Fear Chapter No. 408

AHEPA is the largest Greek-American association in the world with chapters in the United States, Canada, Greece, Cyprus, and sister chapters in Australia and New Zealand. It was established in 1922 by visionary Greek Americans to protect Hellenes from prejudice originating from the KKK, and in its history, AHEPA joined with the NAACP and B'nai B'rith International to fight discrimination. The mission of the AHEPA family is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility and family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism. For more information about the AHEPA family, or how to join, please contact AHEPA Headquarters, (202) 232-6300, or visit www.ahepa.org. To learn more about the AHEPA National Educational Foundation, please visit www.ahepa.org/education.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Congratualtions to John and Negin Xanthos on the baptism of their little girl Vasiliki on June 23, 2018 Νά σας ζήσσει!

Congratulations to Jessica Lawler on the birth of her first child - daughter, Evelyn Livia Lawler. Evelyn Livia was born at 10:47pm on Tuesday, July 3rd, 5lbs & 14oz and about 20 inches long. Both Evelyn Livia and her mother Jessica are doing well. It is always such a great joy and blessing to see our parish's children, like Jessica, to start their own families and have their own children! Να σας Ζήσσει! May Evelyn live a long blessed life in the Lord!



Congratulations to Christopher Allen Guinoo and Christina Georgia Sebastian in the Community of Marriage on July 7, 2018. May your love continue to grow each day.

We are pleased to announce Katherine Franck has been accepted to the UNC Chapel Hill School of Law and will begin this fall after graduating Cum Laude from the University of South Carolina.

Katherine is the daughter of Argie and John Franck and the granddaughter of Despina and Doky Saffo.



We are pleased to announce Dena Koklanaris, former steward of our Parish, has accepted a position as a Specialist in marketing and public relations with Tech Data in Clearwater, Florida. Dena is a graduate of Penn State, a Phi Beta Kappa, and a Fulbright Scholar. Dena was a former V.P. of Edelman Advertising in New York City. Her parents, Emmanuel and Lambra Koklanaris, are proud of her accomplishments, but feel most blessed that she is

strong spiritually in her Greek Orthodox Faith and has always sought Orthodox Churches to worship in wherever her world travels and her work have taken her.

PLEASE PRAY

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), George Fokakis (Morningside), Demitra George, Maria Karafas, Nick Karloutsos (Silver Stream), Dan Kirkby (brother of Matthew), Nikolaos Kotsinis, Olga Mancuso, Calvin McGowan, Mary Compos Marmaras (Cypress Pointe); Eleni Mitsis (mother of Effie Davis), Koula Poulos; Pat Skinner-Darby, Charity Skinner-Darby (daughter of Pat), Tom Souflas, Peggy Stephano, Helen Vurnakes; Vasilios Vogiatzis, MaryAnn Wall.

SYMPATHIES

On June 17 we held a memorial service for the deceased brothers of AHEPA. Eternal be their memory...Αιώνια τους η μνήμη!

On June 24 we held a three year memorial for Plato Theophilos, husband of Renee Theophilos. May his memory be eternal – Αιώνια του η μνήμη!!

On July 8 we held a one year memorial for Sophie Copes, Mother of Charles Hegler. May her memory be eternal – Αιώνια της η μνήμη!!

On July 15 we held a memorial for the departed members of the Pan-Ikarian Chapter Therma. Eternal be their memory...Αιώνια τους η μνήμη!

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



You wouldn't send your kids off to college without a meal plan.

Don't send them off to college without a spiritual plan.

Help us help them find a home away from home as part of a local OCF chapter and in a local parish. Submit student contact information to ensure your college freshmen find their spiritual community.

<http://www.ocf.net/parents-parishes/connect-students/>

For all
post high school
students
attending
college
contact Fr. Jon
for more information
on YOUR local OCF chapter.



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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Proceeds Benefit Our Charities, including Nourish NC, NC Diaper Bank, Local Homeless Teens, IOCC, OCMC



DIAKONIA
RETREAT CENTER



Please Join Us, Saturday Sept. 29th 2018

For The Arrival Of The Miraculous Panagia Vimatarissa Icon



Services begin 11:00 am / 455 Quail Ridge Rd, Salem, SC 29676

On September 29th 2018, the Metropolis of Atlanta will be blessed with a special event in our spiritual lives as we receive the miraculous Panagia Vimatarissa icon from the Monastery of Vatopaidi on Mount Athos.

Beginning at 11:00 AM, this rare and joyous occasion will take the form of a procession with the icon of the Theotokos into our new Panagia Chapel, led by His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta, along with the Monks of Vatopaidi, the clergy of the Metropolis of Atlanta, and a parade group created especially for the event!

Together, we will all have the opportunity to venerate the miraculous icon of our Lady, offer glory to our God and

Creator, thanking those who made this day possible, and enjoying the fellowship of our Metropolis of Atlanta family.

His Eminence hopes to see as many parishioners there as possible, and to that end, asks that you please [RSVP with this link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSc6SverjefEY_rv83nY6tmqOc7gkd-Oa2bJmOXn3CoZu5RhPw/viewform): https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSc6SverjefEY_rv83nY6tmqOc7gkd-Oa2bJmOXn3CoZu5RhPw/viewform
(If you need assistance to RSVP, please contact the Office @ St. Nicholas 910-392-4444 for help.)

You will not want to miss out on what will surely be a momentous and spiritually joyous event! For questions and additional information, please call Ethel Gjerde, 404-634-9345.



[https://
www.goarch.org/-/
soak-up-the-son](https://www.goarch.org/-/soak-up-the-son)

The Invitation

IT'S SUMMER—the kids are ready for a vacation from school...and you're probably looking forward to some time away from work. The season traditionally affords us opportunities to play, relax, or travel that the rest of the year usually cannot. Summer is especially, though, a time for us to Soak Up the S-O-N! Many of you joined us last year and we'll Soak Up the Son again in 2018 as we present another exciting program to support making Christ the center of our summer. The theme will focus on our calling to "Go Forth" as apostles in the world. This isn't an invitation for a select few; we are all called to share the light of Christ and this summer we will explore how we can do that. Join us as we #soakuptheSON.

The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

Sunday, June 17, 2018

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What should I wear?

Have you ever wondered what you were going to wear? Maybe you spent some time, looking through your drawers or in your closet. As you get older, maybe you will spend even longer thinking about it. Did you know that the average woman spends 16 minutes every morning deciding what to wear? That's a lot of time worrying about our clothes!



But the Bible tells us today, "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" Our Lord tells us in the Bible today, "Your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you too."

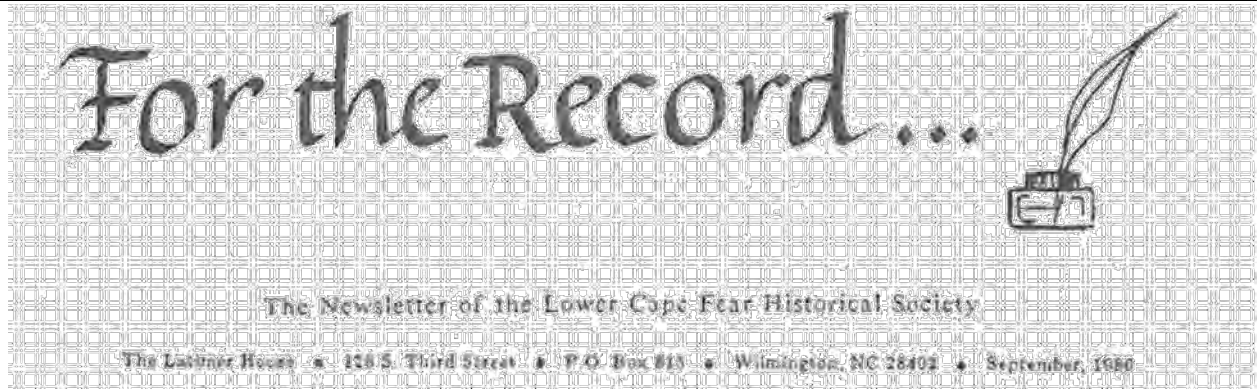
We hear that God wants us to think about what's on the inside of us, not the outside of us. He wants us to think about how we can grow closer to Him, how we can love God more, how we can love our brothers and sisters and our parents more. God wants us to think about how we can help each other more and to do nice things for each other. So, the next time you are deciding what to wear, remember that our Lord wants us to think about the inside, not the outside. Then you can spend those 16 minutes (or more) on something better!

Welcome to "The Children's Word," a weekly ministry of the Orthodox Christian Network. Each week, Presvytera Alexandra Houck writes this little newsletter for young parishioners! You will find age-appropriate articles, stories, and activities in every edition. The newsletter is provided in PDF format so that you can easily download and print it, and share it with your parish, church school, homeschool, family, and friends. Each issue includes a message on the Sunday Gospel lesson and on one of the saints for the week. You'll also find a coloring page and other activities.

Find each weekly newsletter at:
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Do not worry!



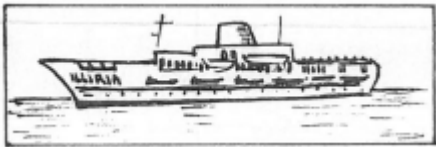


SERENDIPITY...

The Greeks are coming! On October 13 and 31, the Illiria, a cruise ship of Greek registry, will visit the Cape Fear area. The Illiria will be sailing American waters for the first time, voyaging to the historic cities of the Atlantic coast. Wilmington will be a port of call; and the guests will tour the Latimer House, Burgwin-Wright House, and Thalian Hall, in addition to attending a private tea hosted by Connie and Landon Anderson.

Sightseeing in the Port City has been planned by Arlene Owens of Cape Fear Tours. The passenger list includes such groups as the Columbia University alumni, California Historical Society, Association of Junior Leagues and the Smithsonian.

The ship and its Greek crew will not come as strangers to Wilmington for they will find friends and kinspeople here. The Cape Fear has already been discovered by the people of Hellas, by the descendants of Aristotle, Plato and Socrates. Who are some of the Greeks on the Cape Fear?



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Newsletter of the

Lower Cape Fear

Historical Society.

Karafas had the foreign cars

Tsantes had the Dixie

Spiliotis is in ABCs

Hieronymous, something' fishy.

The Saffo family overflowed

Each one a busy bee

George (that's "Boots"), the chef supreme,

Bebe and children three.

Then there're the two Patelos

Jimmy and Harry for sure,

Jimmy had the Famous Club

And Harry the fishing lure.

Next is Kefalas, Spiros we see,

His restaurant's name is his fame.

Then comes Kentrolis (there's one, two, and three)

And Kolikas, just call him James.

Macris the dentist and Robert Margolis,

Mavrolas, Modinos, Nick Ponos,

Then Teddy the baker, 'tis Mavros the coach,

Pistolis, Polites, George Poulos--

Proud Hellas gave us many sons

From that Aegean Sea,

They've made us proud and have enriched

Our Cape Fear history.

Αύγουστος • August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6PM Small Paraklesis	2 6PM Great Paraklesis	3 6PM Small Paraklesis	4
Dormition Fast						
5 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy 6PM Great Vespers/ Transfiguration	6 <i>Holy Transfiguration</i> 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy/Blessing of the Grapes/ Transfiguration 6PM Great Paraklesis	7 6PM Small Paraklesis 7PM Parish Council Meeting	8 6PM Great Paraklesis	9 6PM Small Paraklesis	10 6PM Great Paraklesis	11
Dormition Fast						
12 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy 11:30AM GOYA Advisors Meeting	13 6PM Small Paraklesis	14 6PM Great Vespers	15 <i>Dormition of the Theotokos</i> 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy Newsletter Content due	16	17	18
Dormition Fast						
19 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy	20 6:30PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	21	22 6:30PM Adult Greek Dancing	23	24 Office Closed 8AM -12 noon	25
26 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy GOYA Carwash Fundraiser	27 <i>Holy Martyr Phanurius</i> 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy	28	29 <i>Beheading of the Holy & Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John</i> 9AM Divine Liturgy 6:30PM Adult Greek Dancing	30	31	

Save ^{the} Date

WEEKEND OF
OCTOBER 24,
2020

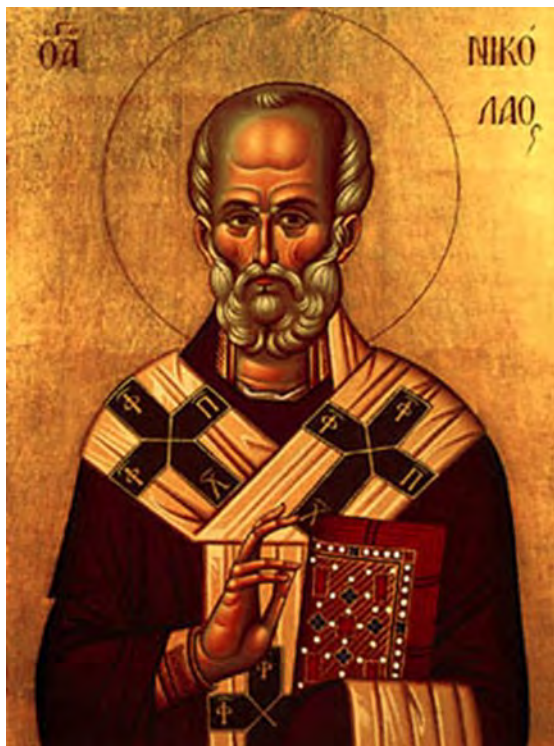


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The community will provide a loving, caring and welcoming environment where all belong and grow in the faith through worship, service, witness and fellowship.