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Stewardship...John Whitley

IOCC...Angela Dentiste

We are pleased Fr. Jon had the opportunity to visit Greece this past month for his daughter's wedding. Please enjoy this letter from the Chancellor of our Metropolis published on May 13, 2018:

From the Desk of +Fr. George Tsahakis

Too often we fail to see God. We miss out on seeing the sacred that He has placed right in front of us.

Helen Keller, whose only ability to “see” was through touch once, wrote:

“I, who cannot see, find hundreds of things to interest me through mere touch.

I feel the delicate symmetry of a leaf.

I pass my hands lovingly about the smooth skin of a silver birch, or the rough shaggy bark of a pine....

I feel the delightful, velvety texture of a flower, and discover its remarkable convolutions; and something of the miracle... is revealed to me.

*At times my heart cries out with longing to see these things. If I can get so much pleasure from mere touch, **how much more beauty must be revealed by sight.***

Yet, those who have eyes apparently see little. The panorama of color and action which fills the world is taken for granted....

It is a great pity that, in the world of light, the gift of sight is used only as a mere convenience rather than as a means of adding fullness to life.”

The gift of sight is being able to “see” what’s around us, and more importantly, spiritually seeing our Risen Lord.

On a flight to New England a few of years ago, as we began our final approach, I glanced out of the window. The late afternoon sun highlighted fall’s vivid colors across the mountains and valleys. I put away my magazine, and took in the breathtaking canvas that only our Creator-God could paint.

Unfortunately, the urgency of life, and the pressure of deadlines have caused us to miss many “God-moments”.

Romans Chapter 1 contains a profound truth. *“For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world His eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things He has made.” (Rom. 1:19-20)*

In short, in these two verses, St. Paul encourages us to approach life with a “spirit of expectation” — *to see Him through His invisible attributes* – His Eternal Power and His Divine Nature. They are clearly evident and visible in His creation.

“The heavens declare the Glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.” (Psalm 19:1)

Has the pace of life robbed you of enjoying His handiwork? Are your daily pressures stealing His eternal power from your soul? Has pain left you feeling that His divine nature could never fill your hurting heart?

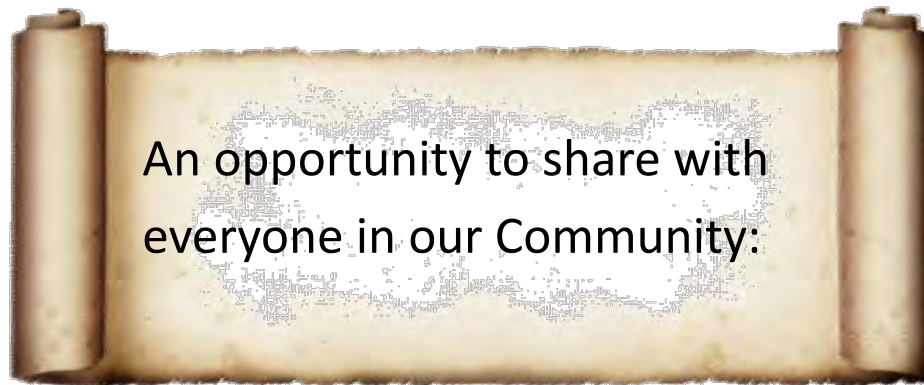
If so, slow down. No – STOP! Whatever you are doing, right now, just stop.

Go outside and experience His creation with your family and friends. Enjoy His handiwork. *Psalm 46:10* says, *“Be still and know that I am God”* — because He is. Allow the precious gift of sight to *add fullness to your life*. It just might turn your life around.

Amen.

+Fr. George Tsahakis
Chancellor

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



Star News

Saturday, May 19, 2018

A Taste of Local History

Editor's note: We first wrote the following in 2016 and believe it bears repeating:

The Greek Festival returned this weekend to Wilmington's St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, and lots of Port City residents will turn out to celebrate.

But the festival, which continues today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., is about much more than baklava. It's one of many stories of how hard-working, entrepreneurial immigrants helped build Wilmington and America-and still do.

Greek settlers began arriving in Wilmington in the early 1900's. (A chapter of the Pan Hellenic Union formed here in 1910). Many worked in the restaurant business, and a great number came from the island of Ikaria, near the coast of Turkey.

One immigrant would propose and then sponsor a relative to come over to help out. In time, he'd loan the newcomer relative a grubstake to launch a shop or café of their own. Families took root and grew.

By 1945, the community was large enough to form a Greek Orthodox parish and build a church. The original St. Nicholas was at Second and Orange streets. (The building is now part of the Wilmington Children's Museum.) The faithful outgrew that building and re-created a bit of Greece on South College Road. The church's Greek Festival has become a Wilmington tradition.

Greek-Americans remain an integral part of Wilmington. One of them, Bill Saffo, serves as our mayor. Their story shows that hard work and devotion to family can still yield rewards in this country.

Greek-Americans and other immigrant groups have helped make the Lower Cape Fear region a better place-not to mention more flavorful.

Kali orexi!

-Star News Editorial Board



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.

Greek Festival

Nick Saffo, Lee King, Ministry Co-Chairs

A big thank you to everyone who made the festival a success during the weekend.

From the kitchen, the drive thru, to the dancers and instructors, our specialty tents, Church Tour, and EVERYONE in between. There are so many aspects that go into running this well oiled machine from months to days before and after the event. Thanks to ALL that volunteered their time, talents, and treasures. Without you we would not be able to share our Orthodox Faith and our Greek culture with the greater Wilmington Community.

We would like to thank all the sponsors of our Festival. Your support is invaluable.

This annual festival brings to action our Church's Mission and Vision. Again, we appreciate everyone's contribution!



COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

Manny Miliotis

This is an open invitation for **everyone in the community** to join the upcoming COM Workshop on Monday, June 4 beginning at 5:30PM in the Hellenic Center with a light "on the run" kind of dinner provided. We will review the accomplishments of each Ministry from this past year and will discuss ideas for improvements for the 2018-2019 new Ecclesiastical year.

Please take time out of your week to participate in this event.

RSVP to the office staff but feel free to drop in even if you could not RSVP. We truly value ALL input.

Philoptochos
Enosis Chapter #5027
Debra Rallis

Thank you to our parishioners who donated items for our Silent Auction at this year's Greek Festival. It would not have been possible without the organizational skills and hard work of **Nadine Batuyios, Renee Theophilos, and Irene Voneiff** who gave their time and expertise on this event. Thank you amazing ladies!

A huge shout out to **Chris and Angela Tsingelis** for coming up with the idea of a Moussaka/Pastitsio Pre-Sale at this year's festival as a fund raising opportunity for our chapter and making it happen. All the proceeds will be used for our many charities. Words can't begin to express our gratitude and appreciation to the Tsingelis family for all they have done to support St. Nicholas over the years! God bless them and their family!

We had 12 ladies from our Philoptochos attend the annual Diocese Spiritual Retreat in March. Seeing the Panagia Chapel at the Diakonia Center was certainly the highlight!

Our end of year celebration will be on Sunday June 3rd at the Holiday Inn Sunspree at Wrightsville Beach at 1 p.m.. Hope all ladies of the Community can join us!

Wishing everyone a safe and glorious summer! We have so much to be thankful for now and always! Me agape.



Photos from
the past
year.



Thank you
for your
support!



Youth Catechism

Georgia Spiliotis

The Sunday School, on May 6, 2018 held a graduation ceremony in the Hellenic Center. Dimitri Brown, George Fragos, and Nicolas Elfter are the 2018 Sunday School graduates. The goal of the Sunday School program was to nurture these seniors a love for God and Christ and to foster an enduring personal communion with the Holy Trinity.

The Sunday School children participate in the ceremony in all its aspects. The younger children escorted the seniors into the Hellenic Center. The older children read Greek Proverbs reminding the seniors of the importance of leading an Orthodox life. Introductions of the seniors gave biographical information. Basil Katsikis and Cameron Calhoun offered reflections of the past Sunday School year and personal stories of the seniors. The Sunday School ceremony was inclusive and reflected the atmosphere of the previous year. Each senior received an icon of his Patron Saint as an inspiration and reminder of how important our Faith is in our daily life.

All Sunday School teachers were recognized. The 2017-2018 Sunday School teachers discipleship of teaching has resounded through the ages. Their personal call has not been unnoticed by the Community. You are appreciated.

Parents, you are appreciated for your involvement in bringing your children to Sunday School.

The Spiritual Journey of Sunday School will begin again the Fall. A notice will be forthcoming.

Have a safe and good summer.



Sunday School
2017-2018



Stewardship

John Whitley

Giving from the Heart

I recently had a conversation after church with a couple of adults about stewardship. While my conversation was with the adults, there were two grandsons at the table that listened attentively.

The two young men eagerly joined and contributed to the conversation. The comments from these two boys were absolutely golden. The older grandson suggested making a special gift to the church on your name day. What a great idea. The younger grandson reached into his pocket and eagerly offered two pennies to the church. We sent the young lad with instructions on how to find the collection tray in the narthex. He came back beaming.



These two boys provided perfect examples of stewardship in action.

Time – each of these two young men became personally involved and personally committed to the stewardship message. The message resonated in their hearts, and they responded from the heart.

Talent – Two young brains went into overdrive. One contributed an idea, a compelling idea.

Treasure – The other young man contributed from his treasure. His two pennies were perfectly in line with his resources. More importantly he gave from the heart.

What does stewardship mean? Is stewardship only about money?

Stewardship means commitment and involvement. We find the time, talent, and treasure to support the things we are committed to. Our Lord and Savior said, *I am the way, the truth, and the life. (John 14:6).* Our Orthodox Christian Faith is the life that our Lord and Savior taught

us to live. Stewardship means to learn and live the teachings of our Savior and our Church.

What better examples of stewardship than these two delightful young men?

Whatever commitments you make, be they time, talent, or treasure, *“work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not for men.” Colossians 3:23*

Forever Young

Kay Skandalakis

We had a small but nice turnout for our May meeting. The food at Cape Fear Seafood Company was delicious. We hope to see you all at our LAST get-together which will be Tuesday, June 5. We will meet at 11:45 AM at Chris's Restaurant. As we take our summer break this will be our last together. We wish everyone a happy and blessed summer. And we will resume Forever Young on Tuesday, September 11. Save the Date!

Wishing you all kali theakopes!

HOPE/JOY

Renée Karonis Psilos, Sophia Brewer & Jaime Saffo

What a wonderful end of the year picnic we had at Wrightsville Beach Park! It was a beautiful day to celebrate a wonderful year for our youth group.

We truly want thank everyone for making an effort to help in our lemonade/sno-cone festival tent. We could not have been so successful without all your support!

Thank you to all of the families who joined us at our monthly gatherings and made 2017-18 such a fantastic year! We look forward to seeing even more of you when we come together again in the Fall! Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Community News

ST. NICHOLAS GOC 75TH ANNIVERSARY

We are in need of Volunteers to start up a 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.

FOR SALE

We have various "Greek" food items for sale. Please stop by our Greek Marketplace table after Divine Liturgy in the Hellenic Center to check out our food goods in stock. We have prepared large beans \$3.50, Misko orzo \$2.50, Extra virgin olive oil for \$30/3L container, Lentils \$3.50/bag, Nescafé for frappe both decaf and regular for \$7, Papadopoulos petite beurre cookies and Miranda cookies for \$2.50/package, and a few other items available. Just ask! All checks to be made out to "St Nicholas Greek Festival, memo: Market."

CONGRATULATIONS

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



Congratulations to Gus and Debbie Triantafillopoulos for the arrival of their granddaughter Daphne Gillespie. She was born on April 20, 2018 at 6 pounds 14 oz. She joins her big sister Wilsie Antigone.

May she live a long blessed life in the Lord! Να σας Ζήσει!

Congratulations to Stavros & Elizabeth McGowan for the Baptism of their son, Calvin James McGowan on April 21. His Grandparents, Diane and Calvin McGowan, are so proud of their first grandchild. God Bless his Godparents Anna & David Kouba. May he live a long life blessed in the Lord! Να σας Ζήσει!

Proud parents—Fr. Jon Emanuelson and Presbyteria Barbara— announce with honor and great blessing with God's love, their daughter, Victoria Emanuelson, joined in the community of marriage with Lennie Condellone

May 12 at their wedding in Greece. Congratulations to Victoria and Lennie on their nuptials. May you be blessed with a fruitful union full of love and joy.

Congratulations to Mary Dandulakis who graduated May 18, 2018 from Washington University in the St. Louis School of Medicine. Mary will begin her Residency Program at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Obstetrics and Gynecology. May God bless you as you continue on your path!

Congratulation to all of our College Graduates including Katherine Frank from the University of South Carolina and Rena Paulson from UNCW. Way to go!

Congratulations to Katerina Katsikis, daughter of Basile & Koula Katsikis, who has been accepted to participate in AHEPA's 2018 Journey to Greece Program. This will be a month-long educational opportunity to study & travel in Greece this summer. For more information on the Journey to Greece Program, visit:

<https://ahepa.org/Journey-to-Greece/JTG.htm>

Dimitri Brown, son of Doug and Argie Brown, was notified that he was selected to receive an AHEPA Athletic Scholarship. The scholarship award will be made at the AHEPA Family Athletic Luncheon on Wednesday, July 25th, during the 2018 AHEPA Family Supreme Convention in Atlantic City, NJ. We congratulate Dimitri Brown on this great honor!

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, 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), Pat Skinner-Darby, Charity Skinner-Darby (daughter of Pat), Tom Souflas, Peggy Stephanou, Terri Thomas, Kyriaki Thomas, Mary Ann Vavalette; Helen Vurnakes; Vasilios Vogiatzis, MaryAnn Wall.

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

SYMPATHIES

On April 22 we held a 3-year memorial for Frances Batouyios. Αιώνια της η μνήμη...May her memory be eternal!

On April 22 we held a 2-year memorial for Nota Dukas. Αιώνια της η μνήμη...May her memory be eternal!



Philoptochos

Year End Celebration

Luncheon

Sunday, June 3, 2018

1:00 - 4:00 pm

\$15.00 pp

Choice of Entree Salad:

Spinach & Salmon

Cobb with Shrimp & Turkey

Tropical Chicken Salad

Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort

Wrightsville Beach

RSVP by 5/27 TO Evyenia Karonis 910-399-5360

or Email Debra Rallis dbrallis@aol.com

Tickets will be sold at church 5/27/18

Vacation Church School

Monday, June 18 - Friday June 22

8:45AM drop off, 12:30PM pickup

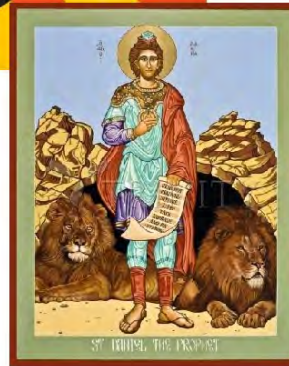
For Rising PreK4
through 8th graders



Joshua!



David!



Daniel!



Esther!

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Heroes of the
Old Testament



Cost: \$15 per child, Cash or please make checks payable to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Please return this completed form & payment to Deaconess Stacie Fernandez

Any questions, please contact St. Nicholas Church Office at 910-392-4444

Vacation Church School 2018 Registration Form

Child's Name	Birth Date	Grade (Fall 2018)	Allergies/Medical Concerns

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Is there anything else we should know about your child(ren)?



75th Anniversary

In 2020 we will be celebrating
the 75th anniversary of
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church


Please let us know if you would be willing to
volunteer your time to help organize
a special celebration

Contact the Office



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Ιούνιος • June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 5PM Hellenic School	2 2:30PM VCS Teachers offsite Meeting 6PM Great Vespers
3 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 8:30AM Orthros/ Liturgy During Liturgy: Thomas Manuel After Liturgy: Greek School Graduation Youth Dance Costume Check-in 1PM Philoptochos Members End of Year Social	4 5:30PM Council of Ministries Dinner & Workshop PLEASE ATTEND	5 11:45AM Forever Young Office Closed 1PM-5PM 7PM Parish Council Meeting	6 10:30AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 6:30PM GOYA Meeting	7 Office Closed 3:30-5PM 7PM Seekers Class	8	9 All day: Hellenic Center Reserved
10 <i>2nd Sunday of Matthew</i> 8 AM Orthros/ Liturgy Georgia Macris 3-year memorial Youth Dance Costume Check-in	11  <div data-bbox="277 1178 474 1297">Summer Hours Started</div>	12	13 6:30PM Adult Greek Dancing	14	15 8:30-11AM Sanctuary in Use	16 All Day: W.A.R.M. Multi-Ministry Community Service Project
17 <i>AHEPA Sunday</i> 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy	18	19	20	21	22	23 4PM Sanctuary & Hellenic Center in Use
	Vacation Church School Daily from 8:45AM until 12:30 PM					
			6:30PM Adult Greek Dancing			
Stella McTaggart out of the Office until July 19						
24 <i>Nativity of St. John the Forerunner</i> 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy	25	26	27 6:30PM Adult Greek Dancing	28	29 <i>Saints Peter and Paul</i> 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy	30 <i>Synaxis of the Holy Apostles</i> Fr. Jon at Archdiocese Clergy Laity until July 6
Stella McTaggart out of the Office until July 19						

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy	2	3	4	5	6 4PM Sanctuary in Use	7 5PM Sanctuary in Use
Fr. Jon at Archdiocese Clergy Laity until July 6						
Stella McTaggart out of the Office until July 19						
8 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy	9	10	11 6:30PM Adult Greek Dancing 7PM Parish Council Meeting	12	13	14
Georgia Marmaras out of the Office until July 30						
Stella McTaggart out of the Office until July 19						
15 <i>Sunday of the Holy Fathers</i> 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy	16	17 <i>St. Marina</i>	18 6:30PM Adult Greek Dancing <u>NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE</u>	19	20 <i>St. Elias</i>	21
Georgia Marmaras out of the Office until July 30						
Stella McTaggart out of the Office until July 19						
Fr. Jon at St. Stephen's Camp						
22 <i>7th Sunday of Matthew</i> 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy	23	24	25 6:30PM Adult Greek Dancing	26 <i>St. Paraskevi</i> 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy 4:30PM Sanctuary in Use	27 <i>St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr</i> 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy 1-9PM Sanctuary & Hellenic Center in Use	28
Georgia Marmaras out of the Office until July 30						
29 <i>8th Sunday of Matthew</i> 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy	30	31				

SAVE THE DATES

August 1-15, 2018: Dormition Fast

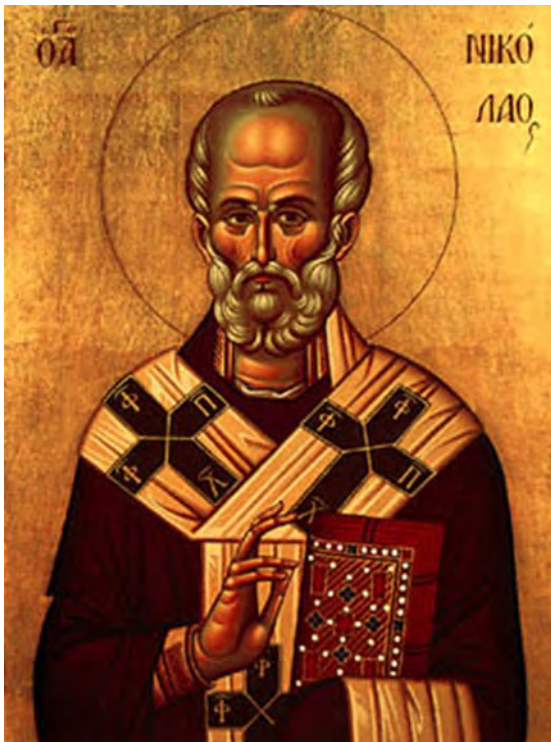
August 15: Dormition of the Theotokos

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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.