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From the Desk of Fr. Jon

How Bright is the Light of the Resurrection?

Each year Holy Week is an amazing journey in which we walk with Jesus through His last week of ministry, His Passion, death, burial and third day glorious Resurrection! We rightly greet each other with:

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is risen! Christos Voskrese! Al Maaseh Qam!

We should keep the light of the Resurrected Christ bright by fully participating in the Paschal joy. Always gather around the dinner table as family and sing the Paschal Troparion:

Christ is risen from the dead,
By death trampling down death,
And to those in the tombs,
He has granted life.

Chant this for all forty days! The world would lead us back from fasting to gluttony, from spiritual attentiveness to spiritual lethargy, from reading the Bible to letting it collect dust. Don't let this happen to you! Kick the evil one out. Here below are some ways to keep our hearts pure.

Church Attendance

Make a concerted effort to set your alarms 15 minutes early for Sunday morning so your family does not feel rushed and you can show that proper love for God. Also, Saturday evening Great Vespers at 6pm is a blessing as well.

Spiritual Reading

Whether you are reading a spiritual book like the adults are doing for Wednesday night, "The Illumined Heart," or reading the Bible, set aside the most attentive time of day to read for 15 minutes. I highly recommend doing the daily readings that are on our Church calendar from the book of Acts and the gospel of John. This also only takes 10 to 15 minutes.

Spiritual Reflection

Take a little time in prayer each day. The devil hates this! God loves this! Communing with God in prayer keeps the light of the resurrection bright and destroys our worldly idols. Be thankful! Count your blessings! Reconnect with our Lord Jesus and those who need our prayers as we all strive for salvation. Here is the key: We are a community in Christ Jesus! Because we love each other, we are here for each other as Jesus is for us.

Αληθός Ανέστη, ο Κύριος! Truly the Lord is risen! Voistinu Voskrese! Hatqam Qam!

Love always,
Fr. Jon Emanuelson



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

I would like to thank Fr. Jon, Deacon Tom, the choir (especially Michael Rallis, our fearless leader), Philoptochos, Parish Council, youth leaders, our youth, and all of you that made the 2018 Lenten Season and Holy Week so memorable, beautiful and blessed. It wouldn't have happened without the hard work of so many in our parish. We were blessed to have seminarian Nicholas Manuel with us for the week. We were honored to have a visit by His Eminence on Holy Tuesday and to hear his moving chanting of the Hymn of Kassiani. Our altar boys were tonsured by His Eminence. We had too many beautiful services with beautiful music and flowers to mention. However, the Friday night Lamentations service and the Pascha services were especially beautiful. We had a wonderful Palm Sunday luncheon, and we ended Holy Week with a fantastic picnic in our new Hellenic Center attended by about 300 people. The food was great thanks to all the good chefs in our parish and everyone had a good time.

Thank you to everyone. Christ is Risen!





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

Volunteers are needed to help make our 2018 Greek Festival the best yet. Look for schedule updates for festival meetings and bake dates in upcoming bulletins. Any and all hands are welcome.

Please consider sponsoring the festival (DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 2!) to advertise your business or send greetings from your family. See our sponsorship form later in this newsletter. You can request additional copies from the office or find online at www.stnicholasgreekfest.com.

If you would like to purchase ADVANCE admission, meal or pastry tickets for teachers, friends and neighbors you can do that starting today! A sheet of 10 admission tickets is on sale for \$10. Each meal ticket and pastry ticket is \$10. You can contact the office for tickets or see the Festival Table in the Hellenic Center for a variety of tickets available after Divine Liturgy on Sundays.

We are looking for volunteers to chair and organize the cooking demonstrations. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office and we will make your requests known to the Festival Committee.

Stewardship

John Whitley

Time, Talent, Treasure.

As we continue our discussion on stewardship, I like to focus on the spiritual aspects. Last month we discussed Saint Euphrosinos the Cook and the lessons we can learn from this gentle man.

For this month, however, I would like to discuss some practical aspects of stewardship. Time and talent are limited resources, but we can always find a way to devote more time. Money is more constrained.

If your family is anything like mine, all of the money at the first of the month gets spent by the end of the month, sometimes before. We have bills to pay. There are mortgages, groceries, car payments. These are obligations we just can't walk away from. If the spirit of Saint Euphrosinos has been tugging at our heart strings to give more money, where is this money going to come from?

May is the time of year when many of us get tax refunds. A tax refund represents a windfall. You don't know what your tax refund will be, or if you will get a tax refund until you file. You don't know when a tax refund will get here until it shows up in your mailbox or bank account.

Tax refunds by their nature are unexpected and uncommitted resources.

I find it interesting that The Wisdom of Sirach mentions windfalls. "Give to the Most High as He has given to you, and give to him with generosity according to your windfall." If you have a heart to give more treasure to the kingdom, a tax refund can provide you with an opportunity to increase your giving.

There some additional comments both practical and spiritual. The practical comment is to discuss your stewardship plans with your family. To be effective any money given to the church needs to be a family decision.

The spiritual comment is to give from the heart. Stewardship is an important theme in both the New and Old Testaments. 2 Corinthians tells us that God loves a cheerful giver.

I have a few more spiritual comments. This would be a good time to invest in an Orthodox Study Bible if you don't already have one. The scripture lessons mentioned in this article may be found in the Wisdom of Sirach 35:8-9 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. The footnotes are a key advantage of the Orthodox Study Bible. I call attention to the 2 Corinthian footnotes, which note that Paul's teaching on stewardship is not about the giving of money but about the sowing of seed for the harvest.

I would like to get back to more spiritual themes next month. Thanks to all of you for sharing in our stewardship journey. "Whatever you do work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not for men." (Colossians 3:23)

Forever Young

Kay Skandalakis

Join us at our next event on Tuesday, May 1 at the Cape Fear Seafood Company in Monkey Junction at 11:45AM for food and fellowship. (The restaurant – Cape Fear Seafood Company - is in the same plaza where Giorgio's used to be located.) We want you to join us before our end of year event in June for our summer break.

Philoptochos

Enosis Chapter #5027

Debra Rallis

This year at the Greek Festival, we will have a silent auction to raise \$\$ in support of local and national charities. Locally this will support NourishNC, Diaper Bank, New Hanover Homeless Teens, Thanksgiving baskets for families in need, and more. Nationally we support IOCC, Cancer Fund, UNICEF and more.

Do you have something to donate for the auction? Restaurant certificates? Tickets to a concert or event? Do you own a vacation home and could donate a week or weekend away? Let me know!

We have some wonderful items already, including vacation homes for one week in Boone and Wrightsville Beach, spa services and gifts from Bangz Salon, a Greek dinner at Angie's B & B and more. Please consider donating an item or service! Your donation is tax deductible!

A donation letter is included in the newsletter if you are able to obtain a donation. Please call Debra Rallis if you have questions at 910-256-3024 or email at dbrallis@aol.com.

Be sure to attend the festival and bid on our items Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19. We appreciate your support.

Hellenic Culture - Special Activities

Kitsa Wiersteiner

We are very proud to present a program about Pontos on Saturday, May 26, at the Hellenic Center after the Vesper Service. The speaker will be Dr. Ron Demas and the topic is "Pontians are Special." Refreshments will be served. There is going to be a memorial (μνημόσυνο) for the Pontian Genocide on Sunday, May 27 after Divine Liturgy. The Pontian Greeks in the Black Sea and surrounding coastal areas date back to the ancient times, some 2,000 years before the migration of Turkic people to this area.

By 1923, out of approximately 700,000 Pontian Greeks who lived in Turkey at the beginning of World War I, as many as 350,000 were killed, and almost all of the rest had been uprooted during the subsequent forced population exchange between Greece and Turkey.

The 19th of May is a day of mourning and remembrance of the Greek Pontian genocide. Let us never forget the 350,000 people who lost their lives. May their memory be eternal. Αιώνια τους η μνήμη.

Youth Catechism

Georgia Spiliotis

The church is not merely an institution but is a workshop of God's Will with Christ as its Founder and everlasting Master. The Church is a living entity! The Sunday School will study the Ascension of Christ and the Day of Pentecost for the next few weeks.

Ascension commemorates Christ's ascending into Heaven, witnessed by His disciples on the Mount of Olives. The Ascension took place forty days after Christ's Resur-

rection. Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He promises to send the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. Christ blessed His disciples as he ascended into Heaven and sat down at the right Hand of God the Father.

Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and disciples as "tongues of fire" and strengthened, guided, and sent them to present the Gospel to all nations. The Holy Spirit came down with a rush of wind and in the form of "tongues of fire," the history of the Church began on the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the power to speak different languages and strength to speak about Jesus Christ. The Church of Christ was founded on His Blood and on the blood of His disciples. On Pentecost, the action of the Holy Trinity was revealed to the world. People learned to venerate and glorify the three Persons of one God, the Father and Son and Holy Spirit.

The Sunday School teachers and I would like to thank you for the opportunity of us expanding the religious scope and mission of the Sunday School this year. The objective of religious education is the cornerstone of our Church. The Sunday School will be the ground on which the expansion of the spiritual edifice depends. The children's spirited journey of enlightenment of our faith has been the inspiration of our Sunday School this year.

The Sunday School will honor the senior students graduating from Sunday School on May 6, 2018. Please join us.

HOPE/JOY

Renée Karonis Psilos, Sophia Brewer & Jaime Saffo

Christos Anesti! What a delight it was to make kindness rocks with some of the children before family night on Wednesday, April 18! The children really enjoyed getting creative and the parents got to enjoy the company of one another.



Our Saturday of bowling and pizza was a fun afternoon for everyone too! Thank you parents for participating in our events and bringing our children together!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our end of the year picnic, Saturday May 12, 12-2 PM, at Wrightsville Beach Park!

Hellenic School

Anestis Logothetis

Greek School will continue through May. The exception will be Friday May 18 when there will be no school because of the Greek Festival. The last day of school will be June 1 and graduation will take place on Sunday, June 3.

On Friday April 13 the school had a Field Day at the Wrightsville Beach park. The youngsters had a nice time playing and the parents enjoyed a social time. I want to thank New York pizza for providing the pizzas and the parents who brought fruits, water, cookies and cakes. Attached is a picture of the students and teachers.

Since this is the last monthly report before the Fall I want to thank the teachers for their time and effort, Evgenia Karonis, Nikki Mavrouderas, Kim Dandulakis, Barbara Harris, Tolis Vardakis, Theodora Podia, and Kitsa Wienerstein. Remember they are all volunteers.

I want to wish you all an enjoyable summer.



Council of Ministries

Manny Miliotis

We are inviting the whole community to come and participate in our year end Council of Ministries (COM) workshop. Come, listen, and provide input as we do a "Year in Review" and look at the year ahead for each of our ministries. We will divide our work into 2 evenings to have the time to cover all the different teams.

Our tentative dates are Wednesdays, May 30 and June 6. Keep eye out for additional communication and confirmations of the dates in upcoming weeks.

Community News

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's AGAPE Vespers & Picnic a resounding success.

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen! Христос воскрес!

Cristo ha resucitado! Krisztus feltmadt! Surrexit

Christus! المسيح قام حقاً! المبرور



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

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.

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 taramosalata \$5, prepared fasolada \$3.75, prepared large beans \$3.50, misko orzo \$2.50, Loux orange soda \$2, Amita peach juice \$3.75. All checks to be made out to "St Nicholas Greek Festival Market."

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Congratulations to Jimmie and Maria Stasios on the birth of their third grandchild - Anastasia Andrew Flammia. Congratulations to the parents, Tara (Jimmie's and Maria's daughter) and Drew Flammia! Anastasia Andrew was born at the UNC/Rex Hospital in Raleigh, NC, at 2:09pm on Tuesday, March 27th, 6lbs & 2oz and about 19.5 inches long. Both Anastasia Andrew and her mother Tara are doing well. It is always such a great joy and blessing to see our parish's children, like Tara, start their own families and have their own children!



ΝΑ ΣΑΣ ΖΗΣΕΙ !!! MAY ANASTASIA ANDREW BE BLESSED TO LIVE MANY-MANY PROSPEROUS YEARS!!



His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios visited St. Nicholas on Holy Tuesday for the Bridegroom Orthros. Some of our Community was tonsured as readers and given a blessing to serve in the Altar.

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; Eleni Mitsis (mother of Effie Davis), Pat Skinner-Darby, Charity Skinner-Darby (daughter of Pat), Tom Souflas, Peggy Stephanou, Terri Thomas, Kyriaki Thomas, Helen Vurnakes, Vasilios Vogiatzis, MaryAnn Wall

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

SYMPATHIES

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to Anastasios Vogiatzis of Southport, NC and the rest of his family, on the Falling Asleep in the Lord in the hope of Resurrection of Anastasios' beloved sister, Dimitra Savvidis of Worcester, MA on Sunday, March 18. She is the aunt of Vasilios and Ioannis Vogiatzis as well as the aunt of Anastasios Vogiatzis of New Bern, NC. Μακαρία η Οδός, Αιώνια της η μνήμη. Blessed be

the way, Everlasting be her memory! ΖΩΗ ΣΕ ΜΑΣ - Life to all of us.

On April 15 we held a 40 Day Memorial for Maria Dandulakis, Mother of Gregory and Kim Dandulakis, who recently passed into the hands of our Lord in Greece. Μακαρία η Οδός-Blessed be the Way...Αιώνια της η μνήμη – everlasting be her memory!

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of John Alex Compos. He was the brother to Mary Compos Marmaras and Helen Compos Paliouras and the Uncle of Georgia Marmaras. He passed away Sunday, April 15 at 2AM after an accidental fall which resulted in a cerebral hemorrhage. He is survived by his wife Pauline Compos and his daughters, Polly, Margaret and Aliki. He had 3 grandsons, T.J., Demetri and Alex and 2 granddaughters Eleni and Pauline. He grew up in Wilmington and was an original member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at 2nd and Orange Street. He was an amazing husband, father, son, brother, uncle, grandfather and friend. He will be sorely missed by all. Following his funeral the interment will be at Raleigh Memorial Park Cemetery. May our resurrected Lord, who has all dominion over the living and the dead, rest his soul in the everlasting happiness of heaven. Condolences may be sent to his loving wife at 7809 Dundee Place, Raleigh, NC 27612.

SAVE THE DATES

Until May 16: Fr. Jon will be out of the office.

Fr. Dennis Listerman-Vierling will be leading Divine Liturgies on Sundays April 29 and May 13. Please welcome him!

Fr. Regis will be leading Divine Liturgy on May 6. Welcome back!

Please contact Fr. Peter Robichau at 910-795-3140 for Pastoral Emergencies.

If he cannot be reached please feel free to call Fr. Andrew Cannon at 843-324-8791 or Fr. Regis Alexoudis at (910) 791-1111

June 18 - 22, 2018: Vacation Church School

Pre-K through 8th grades

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

July 15-20, 2018: St. Stephen's Camp



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ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ

SATURDAY OF THE SOULS

Please PRINT CLEARLY

“Why do we pray for the dead? It is true that the dead are judged by how they lived. Generally, the Church teaches our future in eternity is based on our faith, life, deed, virtues, love, compassion, goodness, (or their absence) in this life, before our death. Yet, since we are never fully sure of the place of each soul before God, and because God Himself is merciful and loving, we pray for any help which might come to the soul of the deceased.”

Fr. Stanley S. Harakas from *The Orthodox Church: 455 Questions and Answers*

For Saturday, May 26, 2018:
Please bring your names of
Orthodox deceased to the
Church Office.

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





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God has given us 2
hands one to
receive with, the
other to give with.

-Billy Graham



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

608 S. College Road
Wilmington, NC 28403-3202

Dear Donor,

Our organization, Ladies' Philoptochos Society, is sponsoring a Silent Auction Fundraising Event at the St. Nicholas Greek Festival, May 18 and 19, 2018.

The Philoptochos Society is the second largest philanthropic organization in the world and is supported by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. We are raising funds to support many local and national charities, including: Nourish NC, Diaper Bank of NC, New Hanover County Schools Homeless Teens, Good Shepherd, St. Basil's Orphanage, UNICEF, Childrens' Medical Fund, Autism Fund and Annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Our annual giving exceeds \$24,000 each year.

The St. Nicholas Greek Festival is expected to draw thousands of people from the greater Wilmington Area and participating donors will be featured in our festival program.

Can you help us out with a donation of a product or service from your business? Silent Auction items/services will be prominently displayed at our booth next to the Pastry Sale in front of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. Donations can be as simple as a gift certificate. Your gift is tax deductible.

Please fill out the attached donation form. You can call or email and we will pick up the item/certificate. Donations must be ready by May 4, 2018.

Thank you for your consideration in helping our organization.

Sincerely,

Debra J. Rallis, President



SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

Donor Name: _____

Donor Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

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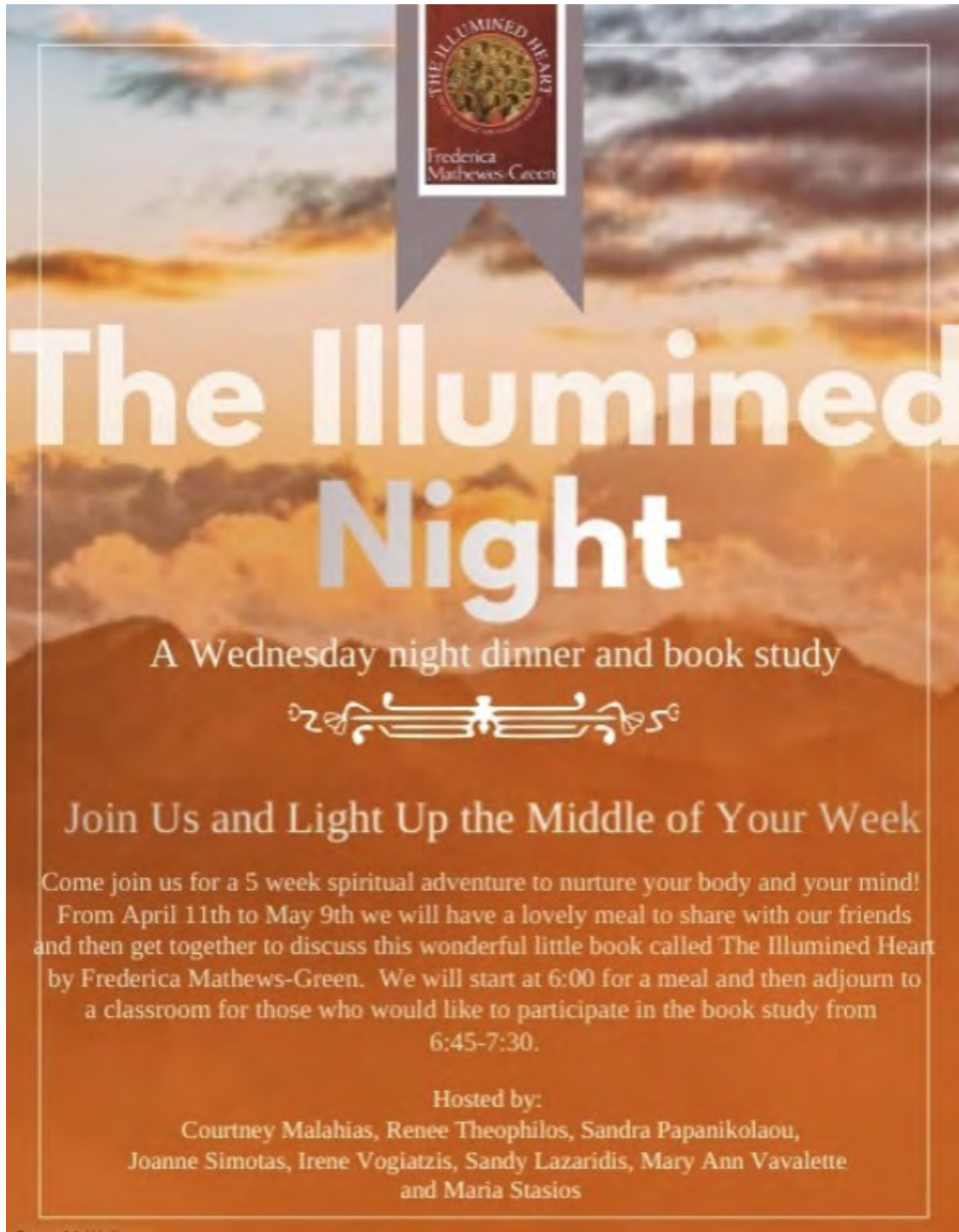
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Retail Value: _____ Minimum Starting Bid: _____

Please Call the church at 910-392-4444

or Email: dbrallis@aol.com for pick up.

A donor thank you for tax purposes will be provided after the event.



The Illumined Night

A Wednesday night dinner and book study

Join Us and Light Up the Middle of Your Week

Come join us for a 5 week spiritual adventure to nurture your body and your mind!
From April 11th to May 9th we will have a lovely meal to share with our friends
and then get together to discuss this wonderful little book called *The Illumined Heart*
by Frederica Mathews-Green. We will start at 6:00 for a meal and then adjourn to
a classroom for those who would like to participate in the book study from
6:45-7:30.

Hosted by:
Courtney Malahias, Renee Theophilos, Sandra Papanikolaou,
Joanne Simotas, Irene Vogiatzis, Sandy Lazaridis, Mary Ann Vavalette
and Maria Stasios

ADULT BOOK STUDY

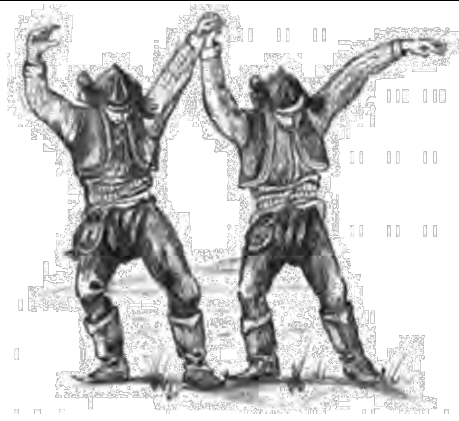
Please join us for food, fellowship and wonderful conversation!

Weekly study with dinner at 6PM until May 9.

Reading "The Illumined Heart" by Frederika Mathewes-Green

(You can purchase your copy at Pomegranate Bookstore on Park Avenue.)

If you need transportation, contact Courtney Malahias at 910-431-5835.



Λελέβω σε - Σε λατρεύω - I adore you

St. Nicholas Hellenic Cultural Special Activities
proudly presents

Pontians are Special

Presentation by Dr. Ronald Demas
Immediately following Great Vespers
Saturday, May 26, 2018
St. Nicholas Hellenic Center
608 S. College Road - Wilmington, NC
Refreshments will be served.

***For More Information Contact
Kitsa Wiersteiner at 910.790.3178***

We hope to see you there!

In remembrance, Pontians separate from the rest of Asia Minor because, unlike the others who were forced to leave the area in one hit, the Pontians grabbed their arms to fight the Turks. The torture lasted for several more years. May 19 was chosen as Remembrance Day because it is on that day in 1919 and during the 19th hour that Kemal stepped foot into Pontos at the port of Samsunda. The actions of the Turks have been widely condemned. Let us never forget the 353,000 people who lost their lives.



St. Nicholas 26th Annual

GREEK FESTIVAL

Hosted by:

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February 1, 2018

Dear Friends of St. Nicholas Greek Festival:

Yassou (Greetings)!

Our Greek Festival has been a Wilmington tradition for the past twenty-five years. It brings people together for an enjoyable and cultural weekend. This year please join us as we celebrate our 26th Annual Greek Festival which will take place on **May 18, 19, and 20 2018**. Mark your calendars for another wonderful event full of Greek foods, pastries, music and award winning dancers.

Last year we were able to present business advertisements and/or family greetings to over 10,000 patrons at our Annual Greek Festival.

We would like to present you once again, with an advertising opportunity that is very unique. This year, our advertising program will be a souvenir brochure that our patrons will take home with them. This brochure will have the menu, schedule of events and your ads all in one, easy to carry brochure. We encourage our business partners to offer discounts or coupons within their ads. We will also be including recipes and tourist information on Greece this year. This way our patrons will hold on to the program book throughout the year. We are enclosing an order form explaining your choices of advertising levels. *We have BRONZE and COPPER levels again this year!*

Advertising space is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis. The deadline to reserve your space is April 5, 2018. Please do not hesitate to contact Stella McTaggart in the Church office at 910-392-4444 or email info@stnicholasgreekfest.com with any questions.

A portion of our proceeds from the festival will benefit local charities again this year.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance and generosity.

Most cordially,

Your 2018 Greek Festival Committee

**An opportunity for the Greek Community to share its culture, faith, and heritage
including food, music, dancing, a marketplace and much more.**

Please fill out this form and attach your check. Thank you so much for your support!



PLATINUM LEVEL

- Prominent position of banner around the main tent
- Name and logo on menu
- Full page prominent program ad
- Announcement by the band throughout the festival
- 30 dinner tickets
- 30 admission tickets
- 6 pastry boxes
- Ad on the festival website

Sponsorship Amount: \$1,500



A portion of our proceeds will be donated to :



GOLD LEVEL

- Name on menu
- Name prominently displayed at entrance and food line
- Full page prominent program ad
- 20 dinner tickets
- 20 admission tickets
- 4 pastry boxes
- Ad on the festival website

Sponsorship Amount: \$750

SILVER LEVEL

- Half page prominent program ad
- 10 dinner tickets
- 10 admission tickets
- 2 pastry boxes
- Listing on the festival website

Sponsorship Amount: \$300

BRONZE LEVEL

- Quarter page prominent program ad
- 4 dinner tickets
- 4 admission tickets
- 1 pastry box

Sponsorship Amount: \$125

COPPER LEVEL

- Business card (1/8 page) prominent program ad
- 4 dinner tickets
- 4 admission tickets
- 1 pastry box

Sponsorship Amount: \$100

Contact Name:

Company/Organization Name:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail :

Please check Sponsor Level:

☐ Platinum \$1,500 (Size 6 1/4 X 8)

☐ Gold \$750 (Size 6 1/4 x 8)

☐ Silver \$300 (Size 6 1/4 x 3 7/8)

☐ Bronze \$125 (Size 3 x 3 7/8)

☐ Copper \$100 (Size 3 x 1 1/2)

3 options for your ad (please check one) :

See below for explanation.

☐ You Design

☐ Reuse Ad

☐ Pick Up (\$25)

See Rates Below

Make checks payable and send to:

St Nicholas Greek Festival

ATTN: Commemorative Album

608 S. College Rd.

Wilmington, NC 28403

All payments due April 5, 2018

May 2, 2018

NEW

DEADLINE

ARTWORK FOR SPONSORSHIP AD

Ads due by April 2, 2018

You Design/ Reuse Ad

You can email a print ready ad (must be at least 300 dpi .jpg) to info@stnicholasgreekfest.com. Let us know if you want to use your 2017 ad as it was published last year.

Pick Up

Any changes/design work to ads. Changes to past or new ads will cost \$25.



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



METROPOLIS
OF ATLANTA

Μάιος • May 2018

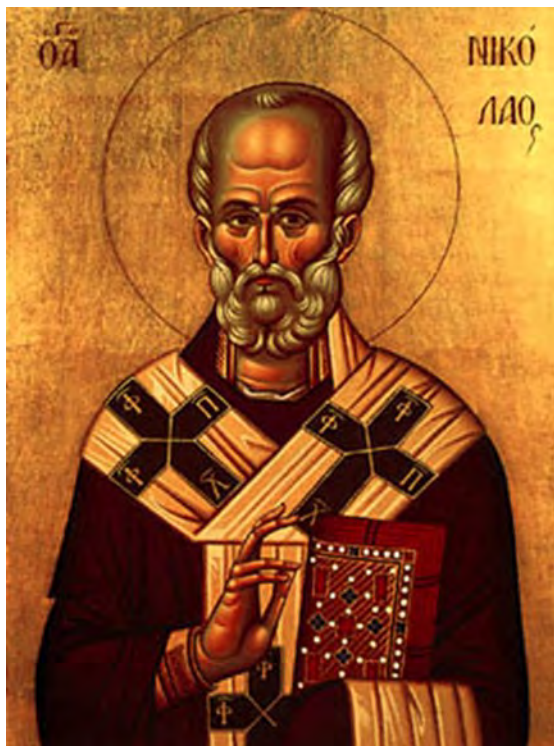
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11:45AM Forever Young Office Closing at 1PM 7PM Parish Council Meeting	2 Mid-Pentecost 10:30AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 12 VCS Teacher Meeting 6PM Adult Book Study	3 ALL DAY Hellenic Center & Kitchen Reserved	4 5PM Hellenic School	5 St. Irene the Great Martyr ALL DAY Hellenic Center & Kitchen Reserved
Fr. Jon Out of the Office until May 16						
6 Sunday of Samaritan Woman 8:30AM Orthros/Liturgy Sunday School Graduation following Divine Liturgy	7 ALL DAY Hellenic Center & Kitchen Reserved 6:30PM Adult Greek Dancing	8 St John the Theologian Office Opening at 12 noon	9 10:30AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 6PM Adult Book Study	10	11 Office Opening at 9AM 5PM Hellenic School	12 St. Basil Church Festival 12 noon HOPE/JOY Year End Event
Fr. Jon Out of the Office until May 16						
13 Sunday of the Blind Man Mother's Day 8:30AM Orthros/Liturgy	14 6:30PM Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30PM Adult Greek Dancing	15 Newsletter Submissions Due for COMBINED June /July Issue	16 Leavetaking of Pascha 10:30AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 6PM Great Vespers	17 Ascension of Christ 8AM Orthros/Liturgy	18 <u>Greek Festival</u>	19 6PM Great Vespers <u>Greek Festival</u>
Fr. Jon Out of the Office until May 16						
20 Sunday of Holy Fathers 7:30AM Orthros/Liturgy <u>Greek Festival</u>	21 Ss. Helen & Constantine Liturgy in Fayetteville, NC 6:30PM Adult Greek Dancing	22	23 10:30AM Orthodox Coffee Hour	24	25 5PM Hellenic School	26 Saturday of Souls 8AM Orthros/Liturgy/Memorials 6PM Great Vespers 7PM Hellenic Culture Speaker
Fr. Jon Out of the Office at Workshop						
Chanting & Iconography Workshop						
27 Holy Pentecost 8:30AM Orthros/Liturgy/Kneeling Vespers Pontian Genocide Memorial following Divine Liturgy	28 Monday of the Holy Spirit Memorial Day Office Closed 8AM Orthros/Liturgy 6:30PM Adult Greek Dancing	29	30 10:30AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 6PM Council of Ministries Workshop (tentative date)	31 7PM Catechism class		

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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.