

NOV. 3, 2019
**STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY**

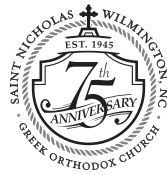


Join the Saint Nicholas Family on **November 3, 2019**, for our annual **Stewardship Sunday**. We invite you that morning to **bring in your completed 2020 Stewardship Pledge Envelope** (enclosed), where we will present them all for a special dedication service during the Divine Liturgy.



SAINT NICHOLAS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



“At the time of the banquet He sent His servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready’...come in, so that My house will be full.”

- Luke 14:17,23

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with joy that we are beginning our preparations for our 2020 calendar year at Saint Nicholas. We have an unbelievably eventful year ahead of us, and thankfully it comes with much to celebrate as it marks the 75th Anniversary of our Church Family here in Wilmington! During the coming months you will start to notice some updates, renovations, and expansions, not only to our parish campus but to the ministries and services that we offer in the Church as well.

Highlighting the year will be our **75th Anniversary** Gala, which will take place on October 24, 2020. However our celebrations will not be confined to a single evening, as we will begin honoring this incredible milestone at our parish Feast-day *this* December (2019) and span the entire year until our Feastday comes around again *next* December (2020). Keep a lookout for more details on these special anniversary commemorative events coming out soon.

Like the Lord's parable of the great banquet as referenced above (Luke 14:15-24), this celebration is only a joyful one if “*our* house is full.” Therefore we are inviting all of our families this year to come and celebrate our faith, and marvel at the ministries we have enjoyed here in this Wilmington community for three-quarters of a century.

There is no better opportunity to join us for this joyful year than on **Stewardship Sunday - November 3, 2019**. Stewardship is the essential driving force behind our parish. Without the generous contributions from our faithful stewards, none of what we hope to build and enjoy at Saint Nicholas is possible. Please join us in supporting this long-standing parish that has touched so many lives for so long. We invite you to prayerfully consider what you can offer in thanksgiving to our Lord, and bring (or send) your completed pledge to Church by Stewardship Sunday on November 3, 2019. On that morning we will collect all of the pledges in a special prayer service and dedicate them to Christ on the Holy Altar during the Divine Liturgy. We thank you for your support!

With Fervent Love in Christ,

Fr. Steven Klund



WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

STEWARDSHIP, in Greek “Oikonomia” means “the Management of the House.” In the Church, it refers to the fiscal practice of assuring that current spending programs are affordable and sustainable over time, as well as the effort to maximize and develop our parish resources. Stewardship

is a way of life for the Orthodox, in which we offer our Time, Talents, and Treasure in appreciation and in proportion to the blessings God bestows on us. It is our common duty as stewards to help manage our spiritual house, Saint Nicholas. *It is through our stewardship that we are able to provide:*

- *The ongoing functioning of ALL Church ministries & events*
- *The ability to fulfill our parish's vision & Christ's Great Commission*
- *A greater sense of parish ownership & pride among the faithful*

THE BENEFITS OF BEING A STEWARD

As the “good and faithful servant” who we read about in Matthew 25:21, when we cheerfully embrace stewardship, we position ourselves to “enter into the joy of [our] Master.”

This Christ-centered approach to our lives allows us to remain mindful of God and His blessings, and makes us more receptive to them in the future. *Being a steward also allows one to:*

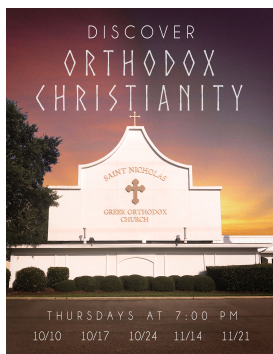
- *Be included in all parish communications and invited to all events.*
- *Be considered an “Orthodox Christian in Good Standing,” which permits him/her to vote in Parish Assemblies, hold parish leadership positions, and act in liturgical roles (ie. being a Godparent/Sponsor).*
- *Receive a Commemorative “75th Anniversary” Car Window Decal!*

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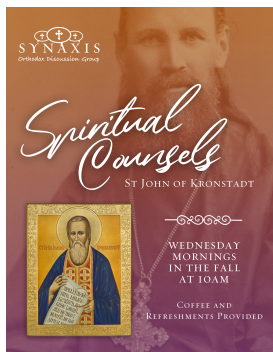
STEWARDSHIP

Without contributions from our parishioners, none of these ministries would be possible.
Thank you for your support of our Saint Nicholas Family!!!



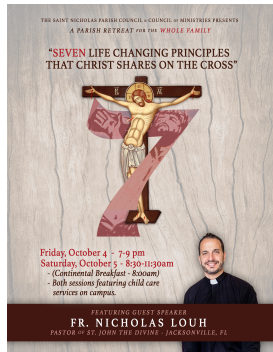
ADULT CATECHISM
Spreading the faith of Orthodoxy to all

MONTHLY FAMILY NIGHTS
Fun & faith filled evenings for the whole family



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Diving deeper into the study of our faith

SPECIAL PARISH RETREATS
Exciting speakers that help us renew our souls



COME & SEE WHAT PHILOPTOCHOS IS ALL ABOUT
PHILOPTOCHOS
KICK OFF PARTY!

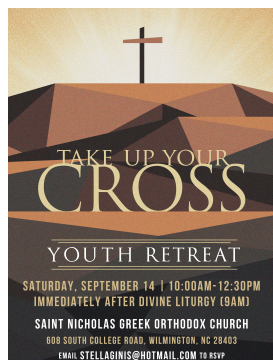
Friday,
September 20
6:30 pm



"Love is our Sole Purpose"

SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP
Events that bring us together and touch lives

SEASONAL YOUTH RETREATS
Instructing our youth through dynamic programs catered to them



Name(s): _____ New Steward: ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If married, please include name of spouse)

Preferred E-mail: _____ Phone number: _____

2nd E-mail: _____ 2nd Phone number: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

☐ **If paying by card:** I authorize Saint Nicholas to charge/debit my card until (date): _____

☐ **VISA** ☐  ☐ Other card _____ Exp. date: _____ CW: _____

Card number: _____

Name on card: _____ Signature: _____

In gratitude for God's blessings, I (we) pledge to contribute for Christ's work at Saint Nicholas:

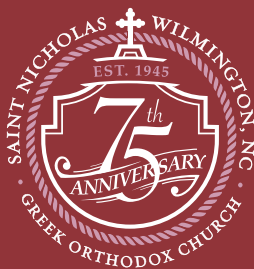
My (Our) TOTAL Pledge amount for the 20 ____ Stewardship year is: \$ _____

To Be Paid: ☐ One-time (Annually) ☐ Quarterly ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly

☐ **If paying by Check,** make payable to Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church (and include in envelope)

Sample MONTHLY Giving Percentages					
Annual Income	1%	2.5%	3%	5%	10%
\$40,000	\$33	\$83	\$100	\$167	\$333
\$60,000	\$50	\$125	\$150	\$250	\$500
\$100,000	\$183	\$208	\$250	\$417	\$833
\$150,000	\$125	\$313	\$375	\$625	\$1,250
\$300,000	\$250	\$630	\$750	\$1,250	\$2,500

It is our goal that all Stewardship Pledges be submitted to the office prior to the first parish general assembly of the new year.



WHY GET INVOLVED AT SAINT NICHOLAS?

The Church is referred to scripturally as “the Body of Christ” (Rom. 12:5), and each believer, as a member of that body, has unique roles and gifts to offer on behalf of the whole. Therefore, our Stewardship program at Saint Nicholas, not only focuses on giving of ourselves financially, but also prioritizes the offerings of our *TIME* and *TALENTS* as well. Please use this card to prayerfully consider how your family can devote time to take part in our worship and parish activities, and help assist the ministries of our church.

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I GET INVOLVED at Saint Nicholas because I have seen, first hand, the life-changing impact the Church and its ministries have had on my family. Thus, I believe it is my responsibility as a STEWARD to offer my TIME & TALENTS to ensure that other families can experience the same blessings that mine has enjoyed.

*- Jimmie Stasios
(Steward since 1965)*

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TIME & TALENTS

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Individual stewards should indicate areas of interest with a check mark. Families should mark “H” for husband, “W” for wife, and “C” for children.

ADMINISTRATION

- ☐ Building & Grounds
- ☐ Office Volunteers
- ☐ Parish Council
- ☐ Stewardship
- ☐ Finances/Fundraising

EDUCATION

- ☐ Bible Study
- ☐ Catechism
- ☐ “Synaxis” Group
- ☐ Special Retreats

SERVICE

- ☐ Philoptochos
- ☐ City Outreach
- ☐ Missions
- ☐ Prayer Team
- ☐ Visitation Team

COMMUNICATIONS

- ☐ Technology
- ☐ Website/Social Media
- ☐ Bookstore
- ☐ Photography

WORSHIP

- ☐ Acolytes
- ☐ Byzantine Choir
- ☐ Readers
- ☐ Welcome Team
- ☐ Hospitality

YOUTH

- ☐ Love (0-4 yr olds)
- ☐ Hope/JOY (K-5th)
- ☐ GOYA (6-12th)
- ☐ Sunday School
- ☐ Youth Athletics

FELLOWSHIP

- ☐ Family Nights
- ☐ OCF (College)
- ☐ Young Adults
- ☐ Forever Young

CULTURAL

- ☐ Greek Festival
- ☐ Hellenic School
- ☐ Hellenic Dance
- ☐ AHEPA
- ☐ Pan-Ikarians

Please also identify any areas of expertise you can share with our Church Family:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prosfora/Kolyva | <input type="checkbox"/> Editing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician/Plumbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning |

☐ Other: _____