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Great & Holy Pascha
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Forever Young...Kay Skandalakis
Limited Series Book Club...Courtney Malahias
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Men's Group...Fr. Jon Emanuelson
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From the Desk of Fr. Jon

On Having a Truly Holy Week

Each year our Orthodox Calendar lights up with the services of Holy Week. This is the most important week in our spiritual year leading up to PASCHA! So how do we make our Holy Week holy? Below are some very practical ideas we can all use.

Clearing our schedule

Take a look at the schedule you have for March 31-April 8, 2018. Are there any appointments you can reschedule? Are there events you were considering going to, but have not made solid plans? Set aside the time to be in church and go to confession. Yes, we all can be blessed for attending to both of these! As St. John wrote in his 1st universal letter, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. I will set aside time after any service for repentance and confession.

Participation

When we arrive at church on time for Holy Week services we are doing what is pleasing to God. We are honoring the Lord Jesus by walking the last week of His earthly life with Him! Let us participate in the Divine Services by chanting the responses and hymns we know. There is no sense of time in God's house when we are engaged in worshipping the one God in Trinity. As David the psalmist writes, "My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready; I will sing, and I will sing a psalm." Psalm 56:8. And in another place, "My soul longs and faints for the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh greatly rejoice in the living God. Psalm 83:3. The youth are asked to join in the reading of prophecies, psalms and epistles throughout Holy Week.

Making Peace

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." – Jesus. Be a peacemaker at home, at work, at school. Ask forgiveness from one another. This saying was on the wall of the school I taught in for five years, "There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love." This is in keeping with the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! St. Seraphim said, "Acquire the spirit of peace and thousands around you will be converted." Pray and petition God for peace during Holy Week. St. Paul said it best, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Following the Services and Word of God

If you check the church online calendar and do the math, you will find we offer a total of 22 services from the Saturday of Lazarus through Pascha! The service books are provided for every service. Also, please consult the website agesinitiatives.com for the full schedule we follow each and every day. Just like Great Lent, there are many Old Testament Psalms and Prophecies from Exodus, Job and Ezekiel included in the cycle of readings. Large sections of the four Gospels are read as we follow Jesus the last week of His earthly ministry. Again, the youth are asked to sign up for reading at any service they are able to attend! Also, adults who know other languages are asked to let me know they will read the Gospel of John sections for Agape Vespers on Pascha!

Fasting

Prepare ahead of time to keep the fast as best possible for you and your family. Buy groceries the week before so you are less distracted from the services. Proclaim a fast from SOCIAL MEDIA of all kinds. Turn off the television. Play music related to our worship services or Christian radio.

Serve

Help out with all the blessed activities. Help fold palms and clean up around and in the church on the Saturday of Lazarus after the Pancake Breakfast. Help decorate various icons and the Kouvouklion on Holy Friday. Serve in the altar during the services! Help boil and dye the eggs for Pascha on Thursday. Help put cups on the candles for Holy Friday and Holy Saturday. Help with the Holy Friday retreat. Help set up and clean up for the picnic at Hugh MacRae Park on Pascha!

Sanctification of the Faithful

Quite literally, we can receive Holy Communion every day except Holy Friday! Each morning we have Orthros & Liturgy, a Pre-Sanctified Liturgy or a Vesporal-Liturgy. On Holy Wednesday, we offer Holy Unction in the afternoon and evening. These holy Mysteries are for the Orthodox Christians in good standing to partake of. I can anoint the sick in the days after Wednesday by request. Please let me know if there are family members that need to be anointed.

Be Holy

The gospel of our Lord Jesus says, "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you....Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Matthew 5:44, 48 Following our Lord Jesus during Holy Week brings us closer to Him, places us at the foot of the Cross and brings us to the empty tomb! Through every means possible may we approach the Great and Holy Week with all love, vigilance and humility that we may see His glorious resurrection. Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

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

For my article this month I would like to share the minutes of the General Assembly meeting held at the end of February for those of you that were unable to attend. The minutes will also be posted in the hallway as you enter the Hellenic Center and you can get a copy of the minutes from the office.

** The format of the minutes have been modified to save space**

Call to Order: Meeting began at 12:30;

Opening Prayer: Father Jon Emanuelson gave the prayer.

Election of Chairman: Jimmie Stasios elected as chairman for the meeting Quorum ascertained (25% - 45 Parishioners needed); 46 stewards present.

Minutes: Jimmie Stasios moved to accept minutes as distributed. Passed unanimously.

Spiritual Reflection: Fr Jon – Inspiration comes from different places. OCF Theme was – “If you love Me, keep My commandments”. Lent is a good time to stay spiritually focused.

President’s Report: Given by Barbara Reynolds

- New PC members Carl Baynard and Daphne Snow were welcomed.
- Construction updates:
 - Bathrooms* - Have completely new bathrooms including new water/ sewer pipes & new A/C.
 - Library / Hallways Renovation* -New flooring, new lighting, new ceiling, painted, new trim, new A/C in library
 - Hellenic Center Renovations* - New floor over new bathroom water / sewer pipes, new ceilings, new flooring, new lighting, new trim, painted, new shutters and granite bar at kitchen, new chairs (donated), new storage closet
- Construction Costs To Date - \$189,040, Budget is \$237,794
 - New Bathrooms Budget: \$105,319, Spent to date \$82,298. Note: There was \$4500 to connect to sewer that was not in Bathroom Budget
 - Hellenic Center Renovations Budget: \$89,250, Spent to date \$71,445
 - Library/Hallways Renovation Budget: \$43,225/Spent to date \$35,297, Left to Complete Shelving for library
 - Other Repairs: power washed roof, roof repairs, painted outside of church, thorough cleaning of kitchen including pots & pans, drawers, cabinets
- Action since meeting: Door thresholds installed, dimmers installed on all lights
- Additional Work Being Considered: Taking a break from dust and construction for Lent, Holy Week and the Festival; In the summer looking at: Upgrade bar in Hellenic Center (Open up side of bar, New trim for bar, Granite top, Remove old sink and shelving under bar), Windows for Hellenic Center (Debate to keep storage instead), Update Landscaping in front
- Security Seminar for Churches: Fr. Jon and several members of the parish went to a seminar on church security. We will have a special Parish Council Meeting to review what they learned. We will keep the parish informed.
 - Action since meeting: Security reviewed in March PC meeting. Decision to ask security expert from police department to review our property and make suggestions for security improvements.

QUESTIONS: Alexandros Theodoropoulos asked about decision making for windows vs storage. Is this in master plan? Barbara discussed whether or not detailed plans have to be approved by GA. Survey on improvements was followed for improvements to date. Budget has been reported in GA meetings.

Alexandros - If funds used from Capital expenses need to discuss with GA. Let GA be part of decision. Courtney Malahias – We elect the PC to make decisions based off of survey. Answer: Capital Fund spending is reported at GA meetings. There is no set budget for capital funds. They are used for repairs, renovations or other projects out of the ordinary. We will continue to review all large projects with the GA before undertaking them. Budgets established for a project will be reviewed with the GA. As we did at this meeting.

Mike Rallis – PC/ Priest administer info. Annual budget is approved. Budget (GA) is the time to ask for more info (fall). Need to make sure money is being used as expected.

Eleni Pappamihel commented on lack of activities this year for GOYA youth. When will Wednesday night activities start again for youth? Barbara – this should be discussed at COM meeting. Action Since Meeting: Discussed at COM meeting. Fr. Jon has made Youth Activities his top priority. He is meeting with parents. Wednesday night Youth activities have been restarted at the church.

Council of Ministries Report:

Council of Ministry Committee:

Fr. Jon Emanuelson, <i>ex officio</i>	
Manny Miliotis	COM Leader
Rick Reynolds	Religious Education
Kitsa Wiersteiner	Hellenic Culture
Cameron Calhoun	Youth
Dr. Michael Rallis	Liturgical Life
Alexandros Theodoropoulos	Tech & Communications
Georgia Spiliotis	Sunday School
John Whitley	Stewardship
Dn Tom & Stacie Fernandez	Outreach and Evangelism
Debbie Rallis	Philoptochos
Koula Katsikis	Strategic Planning
Nick Saffo	Festival
Vacant	Family Life

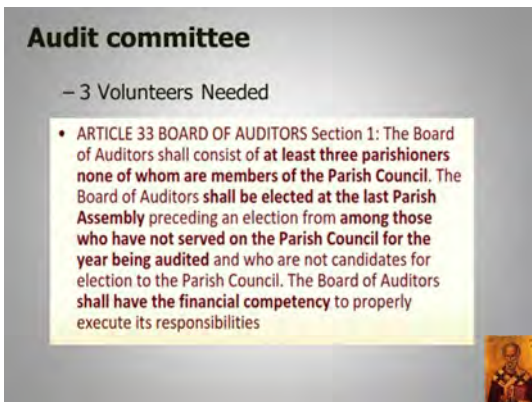
Wednesday Book Reading – The Illumined Night

Courtney Malahias presented new meeting group. Start meeting on Wednesday nights after Pascha. Meals will be included. Will read The Illumined Heart by Frederica Mathews- Green. Beautifully written book. Author converted to Orthodoxy. Husband was an episcopal priest. 5 weeks only. Read 3 chapters at home and discuss each week. Book available at Pomegranate Books. Good fellowship. Good conversation. Nice meals. Need someone to lead the youth in the fall. Kitsa Wiersteiner mentioned there is dance on Wednesday nights. Courtney discussed with Antonia and they can have dinner with group and then go to dance or book reading. Come illuminate your week. Courtney mentioned that if people needed rides, the leaders would help coordinate rides.

Festival:

Report given by Irene Sotiriou Vogiatzis: Nick Saffo & Lee King, Co-Chairs, 26th Greek Fest May 18, 19, 20
Need parishioners/volunteers in all areas: Sell and buy ads, Bake, Kitchen prep work needed the week prior to festival, Coordinate/prepare lunches for Friday (May 18th), Meal Preparations, Tent and Table set-up, Cashiers, Food servers, gate attendants, etc., Invite your family and friends to share in the event!

Audit Committee Nominations:



Koula Katsikis, Irene Voneiff and Renee Theophilos volunteered to be on the Audit Committee.

Treasurer Update:

St. Nicholas - Stewardship History

Year	Stewards	Amount Given
2014	139	\$227,120
2015	188	\$259,331
2016	179	\$274,335
2017	188	\$271,901

2017 Stewardship Summary

Stewardship 2017 Final	
Pledged	\$231,175.84
Full year goal	\$277,306.31
Variance pledged to goal	\$(46,130.47)
% pledged to goal	83%
Amount received	\$271,900.73
% received to goal	98%
Variance received from goal	\$5,405.58

2017 Stewardship Summary

Giving Breakdown	2017 # Giving	2017 % Given
\$1-\$299	66	35%
\$300-\$499	24	13%
\$500-\$799	36	19%
\$800-\$999	9	5%
\$1,000-\$1,999	26	14%
\$2,000-\$4,999	15	8%
\$5,000-\$9,999	7	4%
\$10,000 +	5	3%
Total	188	100%

- Mode - \$100 – amount most often given
- Median - \$500 – middle value of giving

DISCUSSION:

M. Rallis – If we want to be a shining community – we would tithe. Tithing is 10% of First Fruits. Everyone needs to commit to stewardship at the beginning of the year. If 188 people tithe with an average income of \$50,000, our stewardship would be \$940,000. We need to inspire people to even come to GA meeting. Deacon Tom – Longest nerve is from the heart to wallet! Try to understand the churches – their mission and what they are in existence for. Jesus is the cornerstone of the church. Make it a priority to give your life to Jesus, don't struggle with the money.

Stewardship Comparison

Spring Assembly vs Spring Assembly

	Feb. 14, 2016	Jan. 31, 2017	Feb. 20, 2018
Stewardship Total Pledged	\$192,880	\$168,110	109,037
No. of Stewards	86	68	63
% Participation	43%	34%	32%



Assets & Liabilities

Bank Statements	Spring Assembly 02/23/2018	Fall Assembly 11/17/2017
General Fund	\$22,568.77	\$33,371.51
Money Market	\$340,885.38	\$390,885.38
Festival Checking	\$41,478.86	\$62,820.05
Designated	\$56,577.68	\$52,575.14
*Benevolent	\$11,034.47	\$13,562.66
*Building Fund	\$9,851.74	\$3,056.74
*Memorial	\$24,594.07	\$23,744.07
*Greek School	\$5,368.62	\$5,401.75
*Designated Other	\$98.16	\$3.65
*GOYA	\$5,630.61	\$6,806.27
Transfer from Festival to GF		10,000

2017 Final Budget Summary

Income:

- Stewardship (row 5)
 - 2017 received \$271,900.73
 - Goal was \$277,306.31
 - \$5,405.58 under goal
- Overall Income lower than budget (row 33) by \$1530.26
 - due to stewardship, golf tournament and sales tax
 - Note: \$10K was transferred from Festival to General Fund

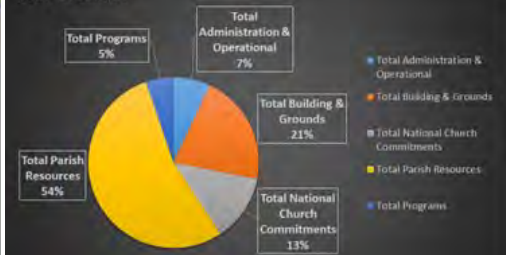
Expenses:

- Total (row 178) - Under budget by \$9848.36

Overall Net Income of \$7302.92 with festival support (overall net of - \$2697.08 minus festival support)

2017 General Fund Expenses Breakout

2017 Breakout



We only spend 5% of expenses for ministries. 95% are fixed expenses. Every dollar after that goes to ministries. Discussion: M. Rallis – 20 years ago made a commitment to not use fest funds to run the church – not for operations. May need to rethink this and to do more for programs. A paid youth director is an option for fest funds. Barbara – PC will discuss hiring youth director and funding and bring back to the GA, Sam Weirsteiner – We support the church – not 'xeni' from Festival fundraising. Our personal commitment to the church is needed. Gus Triantafilopoulos – We are making excuses not to tithe. Tina – I plan to include this slide and information around stewardship in the newsletter so that more are aware of current spending.

2018 Draft Budget

Summary

- Current budget proposed \$350,655.36
- 2018 Stewardship Goal – \$290,355.36
 - Supports 82% of the funding needed to meet the expenses
- Budget approval required

Budget Approved.

Other Discussion:

Alexandros T. – Says he interacts most people for Tech/ Comm ministries. Is disappointed with the attendance. Asks PC to reach out to find out why. Youth – work with parents and their skills, use their ideas, before we get a fulltime director for youth. Youth leader discussions needed.

New business:

Lack of storage space M. Rallis - Need to address this. Define existing storage space and have a use policy. Loft of sanctuary is being used for storage. You can see clothing racks from inside the sanctuary. Need to regulate this space and possibly put up a screen or curtain if needed. Action Proposed: Storage/ space polices needed. Clean up choir loft.

Youth director Fr. Jon: This will contribute to youth. Has backing for this without using festival funds. 4 communities are looking for this position in our metropolis. Finding someone is difficult. Need to find right person.

75th Anniversary of St Nicholas in 2020. Need to make this a great event. Volunteers needed to step forward. Will try to get Bishop here. We need to make goals for the event. Please let Fr. Jon or the office know if you are interested in being on the committee.

Closing prayer: Father Jon gave a closing prayer; Jim Stasios adjourned meeting at 2:00 pm

SAVE THE DATES

April 27 - May 17: Fr. Jon will be out of the office.

Fr. Dennis Listerman-Vierling will be leading Divine Liturgies on Sundays April 29, May 6, and May 13. Please welcome him!

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

May 18 - 20: St. Nicholas 26th Annual Greek Festival

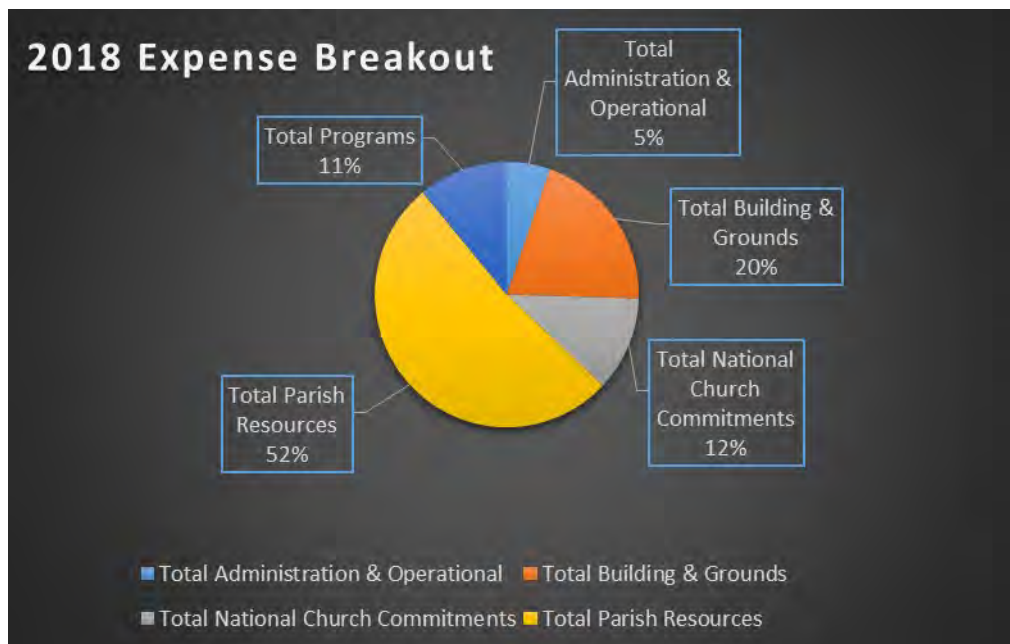
June 18 - 22, 2018: Vacation Church School



Treasurer

Tina Bostic

The 2018 budget was reviewed and past at the General Assembly. The breakout of the 2018 expenses by categories is shown in the figure below. Our total program allowance is 11% of our budget. Your stewardship supports the existence of the church. We would like to see an increase year over year in the program area to support activities such as Forever Young, Joy/Hope, GOYA, Dance, cultural life, Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School, to name a few. Let's all pray for a prosperous 2018 for St. Nicholas.



The table below represents what we have received as of the end of Feb and what we have spent. **We are currently spending more than we are receiving.**

Operating Income/Expense			
General Fund	Income	Expenses	Variance
Jan	\$19,386.32	\$37,995.11	\$(18,608.79)
Feb	\$19,855.87	\$25,635.51	\$(5,779.64)
YTD	\$39,242.19	\$63,630.62	\$(24,388.43)

Stewardship Giving Update			
	Stewardship received	Stewardship goal	Variance
Jan	\$16,475.32	\$24,196.28	\$(7,720.96)
Feb	\$15,634.20	\$24,196.28	\$(8,562.08)
YTD	\$32,109.52	\$48,392.56	\$(16,283.04)

Stewardship Feb. 2018	
Pledged	\$109,036.86
Full Year Goal	\$290,355.36
Variance pledged to goal	\$(181,318.50)
Amount received	\$32,109.52
Amount need to receive	\$258,245.84



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.

Oratorical Festival

Kim Dandulakis, Oratorical Festival Chairperson

The 34th annual Saint John Chrysostom Parish Level Oratorical Festival took place March 4, 2018 in our Hellenic Center. There were four speakers in the Junior Division and two speakers in the Senior Division.

Georgia Theodoropoulos received honorable mention, Eli Theodoropoulos took 3rd place, Anna Patsalos took 2nd place and Helen Dandulakis took 1st place in the Junior Division.

George Fragos took 2nd place and Maia Porzio took 1st place in the Senior Division.

All of the speakers presented very interesting and heartfelt speeches that were well received by our St. Nicholas community audience.

I would like to thank Dr. Ron Demas, Erica Yucius and Yanni Whitley for being this year's judges and Kathy Dimopoulos for being our time keeper and tallying the judge's scores. A big thank-you to George Malahias who spoke about the positive effect that participating in previous Oratorical Festivals had on him. I would also like to thank Kitsa Wiersteiner, Barbara Harris and Helen Flowers for helping with the luncheon. And thank-you to everyone who helped with the cleaning up, especially Peter Malahias, for helping with the dish wash-up.

The District Level St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will take place at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Saturday, May 5, 2018 in Charlotte, NC. The 1st and 2nd place speakers from our Parish, both Junior and Senior Divisions, are encouraged to participate in the District Oratorical Festival.

All of our speakers from this year's Oratorical Festival have also been invited to a dinner in April as a special treat from a generous person in our St. Nicholas Community!

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 (NEXT MEETING APRIL 12 at 7PM) and bake dates in upcoming bulletins. Any and all hands are welcome. Please consider sponsoring the festival 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.

Stewardship

John Whitley

Humble Greatness



Lent is a time for reflection. Let's reflect on the life of a simple saint. St. Phokas lived in Sinope on the Black Sea in modern day Turkey. St. Phokas was a dedicated gardener. This humble man had a great heart for providing for the poor. Though poor and humble himself he earned a reputation for hospitality to strangers. Simple, but ample food and accommodations were always available in his home for foreigners, travelers and the poor.

St. Phokas lived in a time of persecution. St. Phokas had earned a reputation not only for humble hospitality, but for being a Christian as well. When the authorities learned of St. Phokas they sent a squad of soldiers to behead him.

The squad searched unsuccessfully for several days. When they came to Sinope, they met the saint, who graciously welcomed them into his own home. Neither the soldiers nor the saint knew whom they had met.

After several days St. Phokas asked the soldiers about their mission. St. Phokas learned that he was the target of their manhunt. This information provided St. Phokas with the opportunity to escape.

How would we have reacted to this situation?

Instead of flight, St. Phokas dug his own grave and revealed himself to the soldiers. The soldiers were horrified to discover this kind, humble, and hospitable man was their target. The soldiers were perplexed and reluctant to execute such a kindly gentleman. It was St. Phokas himself who insisted that the soldiers carry out their instructions and execute him. Thus St. Phokas entered martyrdom and sainthood.

We could spend the entire 40 days of Lent contemplating the life of this saint. St. Phokas exemplifies courage, commitment, self-denial, gentleness, humility, hospitality, love for your enemies, and forgiveness.

For the moment let's focus on how St. Phokas lived and the example he can provide for us in the 21st century.

St. Phokas lived a life of service to others. He took in strangers and provided for their needs. Within our own church and the greater Wilmington community there are countless ways we can volunteer our time and talents. Our church provides a vehicle for giving our treasures as well.

St. Phokas was generous with his worldly possessions. Though poor and humble, he gladly shared what he had with others – even strangers. One way to reverence St. Phokas is to dedicate the first fruits of our income to the kingdom. Our 2018 Stewardship Theme is spot on in this regard. "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

We had a nice turn out at our March get together. For our April date, please be aware that it will be **Tuesday, April 17**. Because of Pascha being early we have pushed our April meeting back. We will be meeting at the Olympia Restaurant at 11:45AM. Looking forward to seeing you all. Wishing all a blessed Easter.

Hellenic School

Anestis Logothetis

There will be no Greek School for March 30 (American Easter weekend) and April 6 (Holy Friday). There are too many events taking place in May so it was decided the Greek School graduation will take place on June 3.

The Greek Independence Day was celebrated on Sunday, March 18. The speaker was Dr. Gregory Dandulakis who gave a very inspiring talk on the events of March 25, 1821 when the Greeks rose up to throw off the yoke of slavery under the Turks. The Greek school students recited poems, the dance group danced Greek Dances and a delicious lunch was served, prepared by Chris's restaurant.

We want to thank all parishioners who have supported the Greek School and make it possible to continue to teach our kids the language of their heritage.

All Youth!

On April 6, please join us for the Holy Friday Youth Rally Retreat! 10AM-4PM. Registration deadline is April 4. Lunch will be provided. The retreat ends with the Unnailing Vespers starting at 3PM. We look forward to seeing all the youth at this wonderful annual event!

Men's Group

Fr. Jon Emanuelson

At our last meeting we hosted Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry W. A. R. M. with Tom Burns, guest speaker.

Their Moto: "Small Miracles, Safer Homes" Area covered include New Hanover, Pender and Brunswick Counties.

Who they help: Emergency needs come first but after emergencies they help low income home owners, Elderly citizens, Handicapped citizens and Veterans.

You Can help by donating your time, tools, materials, and to help find others to volunteer. And you can always submit names of people that you feel may need WARM's help. Volunteers do not need experience in construction and can donate time in any amount. Materials and manpower is WARM's greatest need.

Please consider having your Ministry help WARM this next year. This is a great group for our youth groups such as GOYA, OCF and our Young Adults to do community service.

Philoptochos

Enosis Chapter #5027

Debra Rallis

We want to thank Chris Tsingelis and his family for providing our annual Palm Sunday luncheon. It is always a special time to spend with our church family!

We would like to thank all our parishioners who participated in the Easter lily fundraiser and help beautify our beloved St. Nicholas. Thank you for your contributions towards flowers to make our Kouvouklion so beautiful! All ladies of the community are invited to help us dye our traditional red eggs on Holy Thursday at 10AM and help decorate the Kouvouklion on Holy Friday morning after church services.

IMPORTANT NEWS!

Philoptochos needs your help! Due to the renovations this year, the Philoptochos was unable to have its annual Greek Pastry Sale, which funds our many charities. To compensate for this loss, we will be having a **Silent Auc-**

tion at this year's Greek Festival! (one time only event) We are in need of your help in securing items to auction. Please see Debra Rallis or any Philoptochos Board member if you can get an item donated for us.

Items so far include:

One week at Wrightsville Beach Home

One week at Mountain Home (Boone, NC)

Round of Golf and Lunch at River Landing

Charter Fishing Excursion

Gift Basket provided by Kontos Foods

Spa/Massage Package

We would love to have travel points donated for a "trip for two" to Greece, Sporting event tickets, Theatre Tickets to Thalian Hall or Wilson Center, Restaurant Gift Certificates, Art Work, etc. Please help us reach our goal!

The funds will be used to support local, Metropolis, and National charities! Our local charities include NourishNC, Diaper Bank, New Hanover Homeless Teens, Thanksgiving Baskets, as well as helping our parish members in need.

CALLING ALL WOMAN TO JOIN OUR NOBLE JOURNEY.....

For more than 85 years, generations of dedicated Orthodox women have embraced the teachings of our Lord when He said, **"I came to earth not to be served, but to serve."** Philoptochos stewards have answered that call by faithfully serving *the underprivileged, the homeless, the ill and the hungry, offering comfort and hope to those in need.*

Hellenic Culture

Kitsa Wiersteiner

Some interesting information came to the Church last month which I wish to share with the Community. If you would like a copy of the Summer 2018 Brochure, or more information, please contact me. This is an excerpt of the informational letter:

{Eleni Kikiras Carter is} writing to from Prescience - Drive Your Delta (www.prescienced.com), a New York-based provider of professional development adventures and experiential education for young leaders - high school and college students (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vMtnvngvvME&feature=youtu.be>).

We are an international team of experienced professionals with a zest for learning and an obligation to share. Our commitment is to disrupt conventional learning by transforming how young people engage, experience, and become.

Prescience is offering six uniquely designed programs this summer: "Discovering Hellenic Heritage", "Dealing with Crisis", "Developing You!", "Driving Your New Venture", and "Defining Success" for students, and "Detoxing You!" for parents. Each theme consists of weekly interrelated adventures (please see brochure.)

We strongly recommend our "Discovering Hellenic Heritage" program that takes place in Athens in a luxury environment (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QPgAnOKfwE&feature=youtu.be>). It is uniquely designed to reconnect young Greek-Americans to their roots and to strengthen their notion of belonging to something greater. Philosophy, history, and faith make up "Greekness", the uniqueness of being Greek. Discovering Hellenic Heritage (3-week package in Greece) consists of the following week-long adventures: Greek Philosophy: How to Leverage the Classics in Your Daily Affairs; Greek History: How to Use the Past to Tell the Future; Greek Orthodox Faith: How to Discover Universal Truths

We are proud of our community and the care we have taken to design these unique adventures. We hope that you will take the time to visit our website and consider joining our Adventures.

Thank you for always supporting the Hellenic Culture programs.

The Resurrection of Christ

"You descended into the lowest part of the earth, O Christ, and shattered the eternal bars that held those who were fettered. And on the third day, You rose from the grave."

-From the Easter Sunday
Resurrection Service



Youth Catechism

Georgia Spiliotis

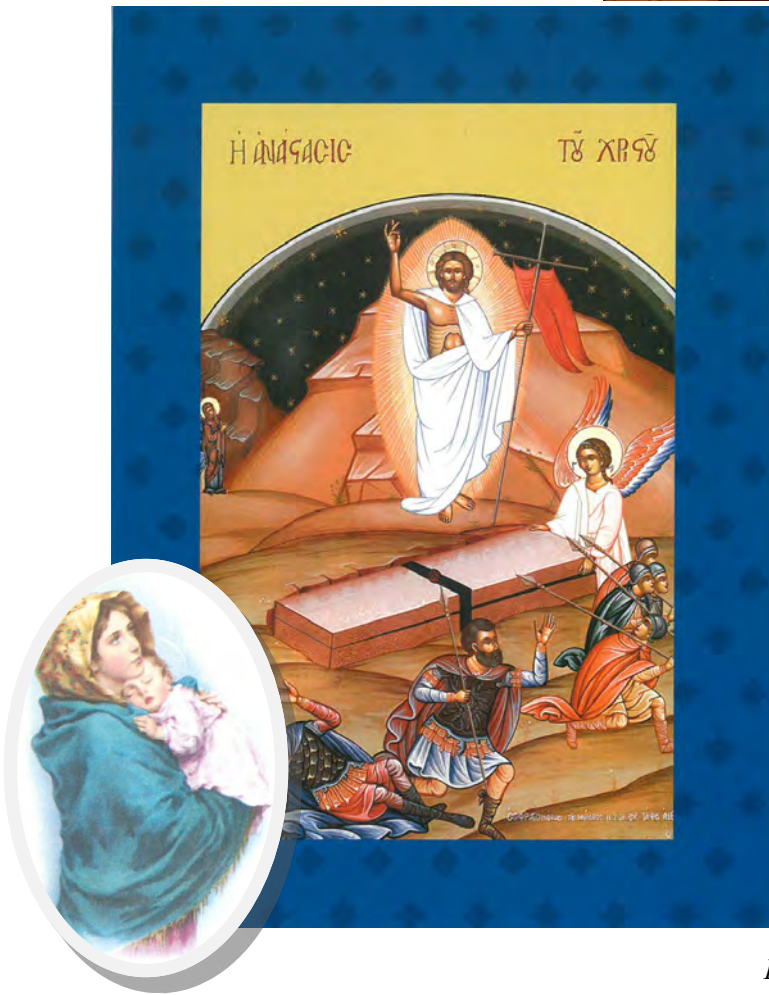
Great Lent was a time of self-examination, preparation, and the taking of an inventory of one's inner self. The children of Sunday school were exposed to the meaning of the power of fasting and prayer. The teachers talked about how to make a special attempt to evaluate ones calling as a Christian. The resurrection of Christ is the greatest event in the history of the world and the foundation of our Christian faith.

On the Sunday of Orthodoxy the children began the procession of the icons in the memory of the restoration of the veneration of the holy icons. Niki Papanicolaou, Helen Flowers, Rick Reynolds and teachers accompanied the children around the church. Thank you all for being Greek Orthodox role models for our youth.

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

Christ is Risen!

Ευχες για τις αγιες ημερες του Πασχα!



Liturgical Life

Dr. Michael Rallis

Shared from: <http://frjohnpeck.com/keep-taking-kids-church-even-feels-pointless/>

Why You Should Keep Taking Your Kids To Church Even When It Feels Pointless

by Emily Carrington

September 25, 2017

Every Sunday families face the monumental challenge of getting out the door and to the service on time. In our house the baby always needs something right as it is time to leave.

After a bottle, a paci, her blanket, and some coaxing, our eight-week-old daughter fell asleep on the way to church. I hoped she would take a morning nap during the service and we would actually focus on worship.

Not ten minutes into the service, she filled her diaper. Out went my husband with my daughter. After they returned, she sat calmly for about two minutes before the fussing began again. I took her to the back to calm her down, but nothing worked. I went back to our seat, grabbed my nursing cover, and headed to the room in the back. Nursing, burping, and more fussing ensued. Before I knew it, the service was over and I had yet to “worship.” I couldn’t help but wonder: Why are we even here? Why do we even try?

Every Sunday is some variation of this routine. In the two to three hours we spend at church, my daughter is bound to need to be changed, fed, and put to sleep. My husband and I are like popcorn as we tend to her needs. I think about the future and realize that things are not going to get easier any time soon.

I remember my parents dutifully bringing us to church and carting us up to the balcony. My grandma would quietly pass out fruit Mentos while we wiggled in our pew. Over the years this pew was where we would doodle on children’s bulletins, sing hymns, and memorize the Lord’s Prayer and the Apostle’s Creed. Slowly, but surely, these words were written on our hearts and the wiggles stopped. My parents’ persistence and regular church attendance wasn’t futile.

Other parents of young children, be encouraged. Your work on Sunday mornings isn’t futile either. Even the worst, most distracted and failed attempts are important, if for no other reasons but the following.

You Are Teaching Your Child that Church Is Important

You wouldn’t be attempting church with children if you didn’t think it was important. Perhaps you have always known church is important or perhaps as a childless adult you were convinced that corporate worship is better than an isolated spiritual life. Either way, you have known the beautiful reality that going to church is part of the spiritual life.

As Russell Moore stated, “*we are not simply fueling our individual quiet times with praise choruses. We’re actually ascending to the heavenly places together, standing before Christ and all of his angels on Mount Zion.*” But now with children participation in the corporate body feels like a distant reality and heaven isn’t any closer.

Every Sunday families face the monumental challenge of getting out the door and to the service on time. In our house the baby always needs something right as it is time to leave. Some mornings we stop to address her needs and we are late to church. Other mornings we come rolling in with a crying, needy baby. Either way, we are not part of corporate worship in the ways we used to be.

It is easy to find excuses to stay home, but even on the most stressful mornings it is important that Christian parents haul their families to church, even if we just feel like we are going through the motions. Children see what we do and, as my pastor reminds us regularly, they love what we love. The regular struggle to attend regular worship reinforces to our children that church is a priority.

You Are Creating Habits that Will Smooth the Future

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

If we wait until we have perfectly well-behaved children to bring them to church, it is likely Jesus will have already returned. Looking back, things only got more difficult for my parents as my sister and I got older. I have distinct memories of my dad sitting in the station wagon idling in the driveway while my mom herded us out the door.

Once I could drive we would often take three cars to get four people to church because nobody could get out the door on time to suit my father. But we followed his lead. Going to church wasn't debatable, and nobody had to tell us that. This was simply the established order as long as I can remember. It was this habit that pulled me through as I doubted my faith in my adolescence.

While on the subject of behavior and habit-making: what a great way to teach, practice, and live grace. Our salvation isn't dependent on our behavior, so don't make church attendance behavior-dependent, either. Our children need grace, and so do we. Regardless of how the children are acting during worship, if worship involves entering the presence of God, then what better time than with screaming children to experience such a grace.

You Are Introducing Your Kids to a Lifelong Community

So you got to church and you survived the service, but you can't repeat any points from the sermon and your child was throwing a fit so epic no one could focus on the sacraments. Wasted time, right? No.

Your time after the service, while perhaps not as essential as participating in the word and sacrament, is an important part of being part of the body. Your children are meeting peers whom, Lord willing, will be alongside them as they come into their faith.

They are also meeting adults who are praying for them, teaching them, guiding them, and setting an example of a godly life. As an adult, I now see that some of my fiercest prayer warriors are the adults who have prayed for me since my baptism. They prayed for me when I left for college and kept me connected to the body of Christ as I struggled to find a church home in early adulthood.

These peers, prayer warriors, teachers, and mentors are essential to your child's spiritual well-being. We live in a time when fewer and fewer other associations will uphold the gospel. With the secularization of the communities in which we live, our children will lean even more on their church community to help bear the burdens that are inevitable to the human experience.

You Are Building Your Own Community

As I have already stated, perhaps belabored, being part of Christ's body is essential. If you stay home, when do you have a chance to share your needs as well as offer support to others? Perhaps an exhausted tired momma with a screaming baby in the back will remind others to pray for all of the exhausted tired mommas (and especially you). You need the prayer.

You also need to pray for others. As a mother, I surprisingly find myself with more time to pray. This might change in the future, but with one baby I seem to have extra quiet time in my day. I find myself praying on walks, while I am nursing, while I am rocking a sleeping baby. By staying connected to the Christian body, I can use this time to pray for others.

You Are Including Your Children in Christ's Body

You are not just offering your children a like-minded community, you are faithfully including them in the body of Christ. In Acts 16:33 Paul baptizes the whole household of the jailer. In Matthew 19:14, Jesus says, *"Let the little children come to me, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."* The New Testament makes it clear that there is a place for our wiggly, fussy, and distracting children. Our efforts as parents, however messy, are worth our time, if only to follow the example of both Christ and Paul.

You Are Being Faithful

Perhaps the most important reason to strive for regular church attendance is because it is part of the duty of a Christian parent. This builds on point number five, but it is not just a recognition of children's place in church. Instead, it is acknowledging our responsibility as parents to bring them up in the church.

When we baptized our daughter we promised to instruct, pray with, set an example for, and *"endeavor by all the means of God's appointment to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."* These vows echo Paul's words in Ephesians 6:4 *"provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."*

This is an intimidating responsibility, if only for the sheer weight of its consequences. While baptism practices and vows vary between denominations, the responsibility to raise our children according to God's word is an essential responsibility as a Christian parent. And why not do it with the help and guidance of the church?

Take Heart and Keep It Up

So dear parent, rest easy. While Sunday morning might feel more like a wrestling match, a battle of wills, or a circus, your time, efforts, and distracted worship are worth it. Even the messiest and most frustrating days are not wasted. Thank God for his grace—and keep it up.

Community News

CALLING ALL BAKERS

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, April 14, 9:30-11:30. We will pray together and bake prosphora for the liturgical needs of our St. Nicholas community. Please join us for a prayerful morning of fellowship and service to our Lord.



March 10, 2018 Prosphoro Baking Workshop & mini Retreat

MYROFORES

All girls K-8th grade are invited and encouraged to participate as a Myrofora. We ask that you attend a mandatory practice on Palm Sunday after Divine Liturgy. The girls will need to have white dresses with shoulders covered in order to participate in the Holy Friday service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pam Calhoun or Renée Karonis-Psilos. We look forward to seeing all the young girls join us this year!

AHEPA Cape Fear Chapter No. 408

The Mission of AHEPA is to promote the ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility integrity and family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.

Cape Fear Chapter No. 408 of the Order of AHEPA held its first meeting of the year on Sunday, March 11, 2018, in the AHEPA Room of AHEPA 408 Apartments located off North Kerr Avenue.

The results of the February 3rd Valentine's Dance were announced. The St. Nicholas Hellenic School and

AHEPA Chapter shared the profits from the dance. "Thank you" to all, who attended and supported our annual fundraiser!

On Palm Sunday, April 1st following Divine Liturgy, we will hold our annual *AHEPA Tsoureki (Easter Bread) Sale*. This event will take place in the parish's Hellenic Center during the Palm Sunday Luncheon, which will be hosted by the parish's Ladies Philoptochos Society. Please support both of these fundraisers.

This year, we will be selling Tsoureki from two bakeries. One is the Hellas Bakery located in Tarpon Springs, FL and the second is Superior Bakery, located in Fayetteville, NC. Please consider purchasing a loaf or two of Tsoureki to share with your family and friends. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, just a couple of deadline reminders for our students:

- Capital District No. 3 Scholarship application deadline is April 16th
- **AHEPA**Academy application deadline is April 15th
- *Journey to Greece* application deadline is April 30th

DONATION REQUESTS *TIME, TALENT, OR TREASURE*

Please contact the office if you would like to donate an item needed for Liturgical Services during Great Lent, Holy Week and Agape Vespers. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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 Market" items for sale including Greek coffee, olive oil, olives, cookies, and beans. See Sandra Papanikolaou or Irene Sotiriou to purchase. All checks to be made out to St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church with the memo stating: "GREEK MARKET-PLACE."

THANK YOU

Thank you Evangelos Fragos, Koula Katsikis and the rest of the Cross Dive Committee !! We truly appreciate everything you did to make this a successful event for our Church Community, especially since our Lord decided to have us change the date because of inclement weather.

CONGRATULATIONS

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



We are pleased to announce that Josh Zaharias retrieved the cross during the Theophany/Cross Dive event February 24, 2018. May God bless him!

PLEASE PRAY

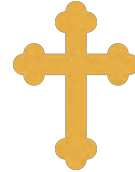
Please pray for those who are ill, recovering, and/or homebound: Angelo Angeledes, Shelby Biancaniello (daughter of Sue Lawler), Bobby Bobon (brother of Sue Lawler), Stavros Chantiles, Anthony Constandy (father of Elisabeth Baynard), Sherry Demas, Nicholas Devoles, Constantine Dukas, Sue Fokakis (Autumn 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; Eleni Mitsis (mother of Effie Davis), Pat Skinner-Darby, Charity Skinner-Darby (daughter of Pat), Tom Souflas, Peggy Stephanou, Helen Vurnakes, Vasilios Vogiatzis, MaryAnn Wall

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

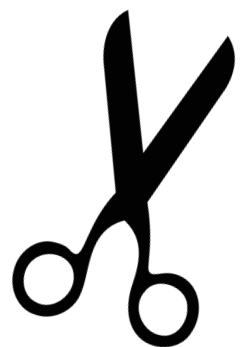
SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathy to JoAnn Simotas and her Family for the passing of her Mother, Milia Bissa from Sparta, in March. Μακαρία η Οδός –Blessed be the Way - Αιώνια της η μνήμη –Everlasting be her memory!

On March 18 we held a 40 Day memorial for Evelyn Angeledes. Please join us in remembering her sweet soul! Μακαρία η Οδός –Blessed be the Way - Αιώνια της η μνήμη –Everlasting be her memory!



Great & Holy Week Schedule 2018			
Day	Date	Service/Event	Time
Sat	Mar 31	Orthros	8:00am
		Liturgy—Saturday of Lazarus*	9:00am
		Pancakes & Palm Crosses*	10:30am
		Youth Hang Time Discussions*	2:00pm
Sun	Apr 1	Orthros	8:30am
		Blessing of Palms*	10:00am
		Liturgy—Palm Sunday*	10:05am
		Myrofores Practice	11:45am
		Luncheon	12:00pm
		Bridegroom Orthros	7:00pm
Mon	Apr 2	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	9:00am
		Bridegroom Orthros	7:00pm
Tues	Apr 3	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	9:00am
		Bridegroom Orthros	7:00pm
		with Metropolitan Alexios	7:00pm
Wed	Apr 4	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	9:00am
		Holy Unction*	4:00pm
		Bridegroom Orthros	7:00pm
Thurs	Apr 5	Vespers-Liturgy (Mystical Supper)	9:00am
		Passion Orthros (12 gospels)	7:00pm
Fri	Apr 6	Royal Hours	8:00am
		Holy Friday Youth Retreat*	10:00am
		Decoration of Kouvouklion	10:00am
		Unnailing Vespers*	3:00pm
		Lamentations Orthros	7:00pm
Sat	Apr 7	Vespers-Liturgy*	9:00am
		Canon	11:00pm
Pascha -		The Passover from death to life in Christ	
Sun	Apr 8	Resurrection Orthros/Liturgy	12:00am
		Blessing of Pascha Baskets	
		Agape Vespers @ Hugh MacRae Park*	12:00pm
		Pascha Egg Hunt*	1:00pm
		Joint Paschal Feast of St. Nicholas & St. Basil	
* - Denotes services and activities excellent for children!			
Glory God in all things! Kali Anastasi!			
A good and holy Resurrection to all!			



PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON
SPONSORED BY THE ST. NICHOLAS LADIES
PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

April 1, 2018

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

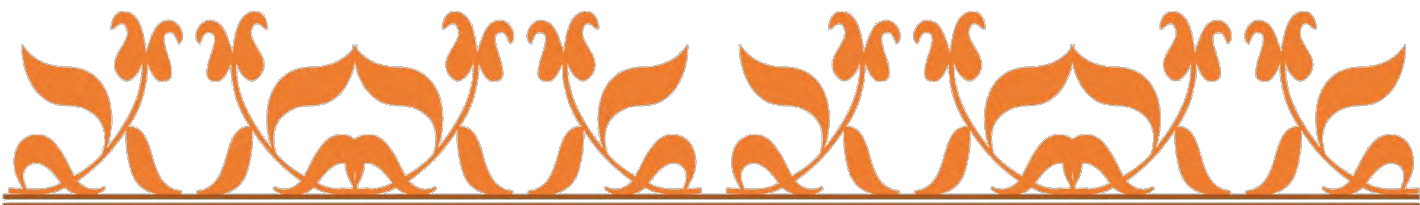
TICKETS:

FISH PLATE \$15

SENIOR FISH PLATE \$12

SPAGHETTI PLATE \$6





Friday, April 6, 2018

10 AM until 4 PM

PRE-K through 12th Grade

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

608 S. College Road

Wilmington, North Carolina 28403

Holy Friday 2018 Registration Form DUE APRIL 4, 2018

Please return this form to Church Office
Any questions, please contact St. Nicholas Church Office at 910-392-4444

Child's Name	Birth Date	Grade	Allergies/Medical Concerns	Friend/Guest?

Parent/Guardian Name(s)			
Address:			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Email Address			
Is there anything else we should know about your child(ren)?			

Holy Friday Youth Rally Retreat Registration

C H R I S T I S R I S E N !



EASTER

Sunday

St. Nicholas Agape Service and Picnic

Hugh MacRae Park Shelter #4

April 8th 12 Noon

**Please bring a covered dish according
to the first letter of your last name.**

A-F Appetizers

G-L Desserts

M-Z Vegetables

Please bring a 2-liter drink to share

MEAT WILL BE PROVIDED

**There will be an Egg Hunt hosted by LOVE!
Bring your basket!**



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



St. Nicholas 26th Annual

GREEK FESTIVAL

Hosted by:

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
608 South College Road Wilmington, NC 28403
(910) 392-4444

info@stnicholasgreekfest.com
www.stnicholasgreekfest.com

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

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.

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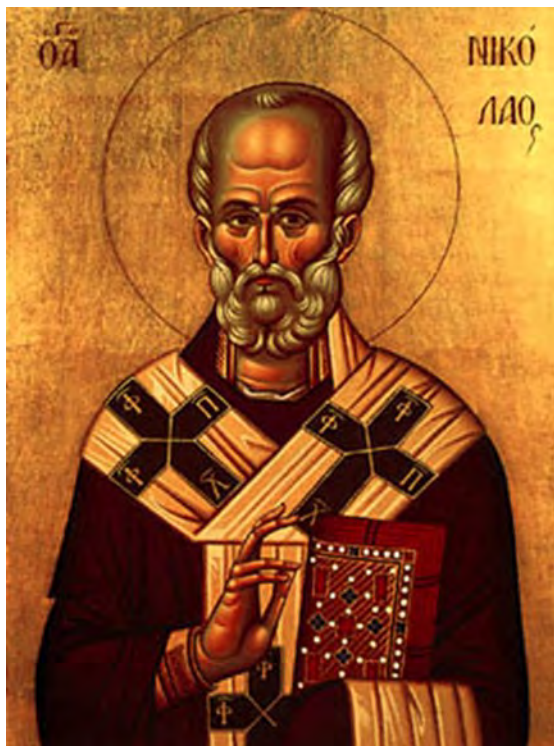
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Stella McTaggart out of the office until April 17						
8 Pascha 12Noon AGAPE Vespers	9 6:30PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	10	11 10:30AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 6PM Adult Book Study 6PM Family Night	12 7PM Greek Festival Meeting 7PM Catechism Class	13 Theotokos of the Life-giving Spring 8AM Orthros/ Liturgy 5PM Hellenic School	14 9:30 AM Prosforo Baking 6PM Great Vespers
Stella McTaggart out of the office until April 17						
15 Sunday of St. Thomas 8:30AM Orthros/ Liturgy	16 Newsletter Articles DUE	17 11:45AM Forever Young	18 10:30AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 5:30PM Hope/Joy Event 6PM Adult Book Study 6PM Family Night	19 7PM Catechism Class	20 5PM Hellenic School	21 7AM Men's Group Bible Study 12Noon Hope/ Joy Event 6PM Great Vespers
Stella McTaggart out of the office						
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29 Sunday of the Paralytic 8:30AM Orthros/ Liturgy	30					
Fr. Jon Out of the Office						

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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.