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OF ATLANTA



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## *From the Desk of Fr. Jon*

### What is a spiritual family?

As a spiritual father to many over the years, I view the spiritual family as all the people entrusted by Metropolitan Alexios to my care in the parish. This is why I am constantly updating my prayer list. Yet, my spiritual family is not limited to everyone at St. Nicholas. My family includes all those I have cared for over the years. It includes all you care for as well. If we try to see Christ in all we encounter, potentially, our spiritual family can be quite large! With our Regional Family Spiritual Retreat coming quickly, let us look carefully at who is and who could be part of our spiritual family.

If we truly love our Orthodox Christian faith and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we hear the word of the gospel of John and take them to heart. Jesus said, *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."* John 13:34-35 This is so powerful a commandment that it breaks down all barriers. So, our love immediately flows out to our immediate family members and relatives! Our loves go beyond generations and family strife.

The next level of love and spiritual family flows to our godparents, our godchildren and those who crown us at our wedding, the koumbaroi. And by extension, we not only love these people, but all our spiritual family cares for as well. The spiritual family ties are often as strong as our relatives, as well they should be.

Moving beyond those we feel closest to, our love for spiritual family includes everyone in our parish community. Here at St. Nicholas, this includes so many people it is hard to remember all of them. Yet, our love extends especially to those who have embraced Christ from all different backgrounds. As those who are Orthodox Christians on purpose embrace our amazing faith, we embrace them as our godchildren and welcome them to our spiritual family. They are always welcome in our church, the ministries and at our dinner tables.

Next, just as God's love for us knows no boundaries, our love goes beyond the physical boundaries of our parish to our sister parishes. This includes all Orthodox Christian parishes near and far. Many of our activities are planned and scheduled with St. Basil the Great parish here in the Wilmington area. The parishes in North Carolina and South Carolina are often where our youth find friends and share camp experiences.

Jesus taught us, *"But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners, love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."* Luke 6:32-36

This is our challenge as Orthodox Christians! To embrace and love all you may encounter. We have to go beyond our posse, clique, or ethnic group. Jesus calls us to love our enemies! Yet, many times we are not the best Bible someone could read. Do we embody the gospel in all that we say and do? Through a consistent spiritual life we can truly love, as Jesus did, all we encounter. When we do this, more people begin to see what grace and power are present in our Orthodox Church and Faith. They are attracted to our church because the love we have for each other is real and obvious. We become the gospel bearers and evangelists without even trying! It is then, we will see our hunger and thirst for righteousness filled and our church full!

Love always, Fr. Jon

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

## **Construction Update**

I would like to share with you the latest status on the construction projects to redo our plumbing, build new bathrooms and improve the Hellenic Center, hallways, library and storage in our church. As you know all construction is being funded by profits from our Festivals. We have been truly blessed by our parishioners that have given their time and talent to make the festivals very successful in the last few years.

As we progress we will send out further updates.

### **Completed:**

- Architecture & Engineering plans approved
- Building permits obtained
- Materials selected for bathroom, Hellenic center, library, & hallways working with commercial decorator
- Demolition completed to install new pipes for bathrooms
- Pipes installed in the building for the bathrooms and floor replaced
- Demolition completed to install new men's room
- Men's room roughed out and new door framed
- New HVAC is prepped
- Hellenic Center demolition
- Light packages and flooring has been ordered for the Hellenic Center
- Framing to conceal the HVAC in Hellenic Center has started
- Framing inspection found a minor structural issue with the roof. It is being assessed and repaired. It will be completed on Monday, 9/18
- Fire alarms updated in Hellenic Center
- New lights in Hellenic Center 50% complete
- Tile for bathrooms in town
- Granite ordered for bar and pass thru in Hellenic Center

### **Next Steps Men's Bathroom**

- After inspection, sheetrock on the ceiling will be hung and the walls prepped for the tile
- Tile to be delivered to site early next week
- Should have schedule for flooring installation next week
- Bath partitions will be here in 1 week
- After tile and flooring installed the vanity will be set and ordered and HVAC will be installed
- Plumbers and electricians will complete their work
- New sewer to the outside sewer needs to be completed and inspected before the new bathrooms can be used

### **Next Steps Women's Bathroom**

- When the Men's bathroom is completed, women will use the Men's bathroom until the Women's bathroom is completed. We will install temporary men's bathrooms. The same construction process will be completed for the Women's bathroom.

### **Next Steps Hellenic Center**

- Complete installation of new LED Lights and get inspection
- Framing of HVAC should be completed by next week
- Install ceiling and paint
- Updating the bar and service counter with a new look and new finishes.

### **Other Improvements to be completed**

- New flooring in hallways
- HVAC, flooring and ceiling will be installed in the library



*Thank you for your patience during this dusty and messy time.*

## Treasurer's Report

Stewardship is the giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure that we have been given by God back to God's Church. All of our church's operating expenses come out of our parishioners' financial stewardship. Operating expenses include the church's ministries e.g. programs for youth and senior citizens, outreach, liturgical expenses like candles, incense, etc., religious education, Dance Group, Pascha Picnic, etc. And operating expenses also include salaries and boring, but necessary stuff, like electricity, office supplies, water, postage, insurance, cleaning the building, mowing the lawn, etc. Please help support God's church here in Wilmington.

Stewardship			
Stewardship received		Stewardship goal	Variance
Jan	\$24,487.00	\$23,108.85	\$1,378.15
Feb	\$24,477.75	\$23,108.86	\$1,368.89
Mar	\$15,000.00	\$23,108.86	\$(8,108.86)
Apr	\$17,622.50	\$23,108.86	\$(5,486.36)
May	\$17,590.00	\$23,108.86	\$(5,518.86)
Jun	\$17,178.00	\$23,108.86	\$(5,930.86)
Jul	\$35,572.50	\$23,108.86	\$12,463.64
Aug	\$11,483.48	\$23,108.86	\$(11,625.38)
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$163,411.23</b>	<b>\$184,870.87</b>	<b>\$(21,459.64)</b>

We use the Festival Profits for capital expenses, for example, when we need a new air conditioner, or for the new plumbing and bathrooms that we are building as well as the improvements to the Hellenic Center. Each year we also tithe 10% of the festival profits to local charities to thank our community for their support.

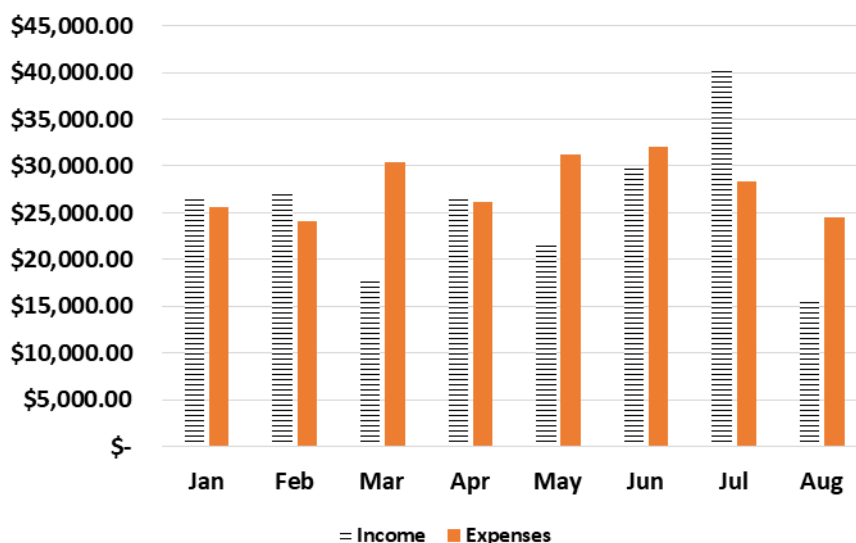
We have a Memorial Fund that includes donations in memory of our loved ones. We use this fund strictly for liturgical improvements to our church unless it is flagged for a specific purpose by the donor.

Operating Income/Expense			
General Fund	Income	Expenses	Variance
Jan	\$26,532.87	\$25,582.12	\$950.75
Feb	\$27,247.13	\$24,072.13	\$3,175.00
Mar	\$17,677.60	\$30,455.36	\$(12,777.76)
Apr	\$26,588.62	\$26,154.53	\$434.09
May	\$21,976.46	\$31,219.49	\$(9,243.03)
Jun	\$30,056.80	\$32,077.69	\$(2,020.89)
Jul	\$40,420.06	\$28,341.11	\$12,078.95
Aug	\$15,972.31	\$24,470.78	\$(8,498.47)
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$206,471.85</b>	<b>\$222,373.21</b>	<b>\$(15,901.36)</b>

We have a Benevolent Fund that is used to provide emergency financial relief during a time of acute hardship to a parishioner. The fund is focused on basic human services for our parishioners. Basic human services include food, clothing, medical or shelter. Shelter is typically thought of as rent or mortgage, but can also include other necessities for basic living like power or phone. Transportation such as a vehicle payment many also be considered.

Stewardship as of Aug 2017	
Pledged	\$231,175.84
Full Yr. Goal	\$277,306.31
Variance pledged to goal	\$(46,130.47)
Percentage pledged to goal	83%
Amt. Received	\$163,411.23
Percentage received to goal	59%
Monthly average	\$20,426.40
Monthly average. needed to meet goal	\$28,473.77

### Monthly Income/Expenses







## ***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 is excited to announce the following topics for the next 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](http://www.atlstrategicplan.org/portal)

To learn more about these goals visit the metropolis web site or contact me with any questions.

## ***Hellenic Culture - Special Activities*** *Kitsa Wiersteiner*

**OXI DAY** is coming!

Please join us on Sunday, October 29, after Divine Liturgy for the Oxi Day Celebration in the Hellenic Center. Our speaker will be Nick Maraveyas.

This festivity will also include poems, dances and a luncheon. This is a fund raising luncheon for the dancers going to the Hellenic Dance Festival. This Oxi Day program is sponsored by the Hellenic School, Special Activities Committee and our dance groups.

There will be practice for those reciting poems on Sun-

day, Oct. 15 and Sunday, Oct. 22, during Fellowship Hour.

### ***Family Life***



We would like to remind you of the Family Life Ministry in our Metropolis. It 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](http://www.familylifeministry.atlanta.goarch.org)

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

***Philoptochos***  
*Enosis Chapter #5027*  
*Debra Rallis*

PHILOPTOCHOS.....  
a legacy of faith, hope, charity and love

Thank you to Mary Beth Miliotis for hosting our Philoptochos Luncheon and Membership Drive and to our social committee for planning this lovely event. Thank you to all the ladies of our community who attended and brought items for NourishNC to help us fight childhood hunger.

Please help Philoptochos STOCK OUR FREEZER with casseroles/meals for our St. Nicholas shut-ins. Please consider cooking a little extra and packing up a meal that can be shared with our St Nicholas family in need! Containers to put your meals for freezing are available in the church office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**SATURDAY DECEMBER 2 & 3**  
**HOLIDAY PASTRY SALE**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 3**  
**GREEK LUNCH OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

As we strive to do the work of the Lord, we find not only the joy of giving and helping, but in creating fellowship and treasured friendships among our members.

**JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS TODAY!**

All ladies 18 and older are invited to join us in helping those in need. The first \$25 of your membership goes to National (\$15) and Metropolis (\$10) to meet our philanthropic obligations. Anything above that amount stays in our treasury to assist in our local needs.

The tradition continues.....become a member today!

***Hellenic School***  
*Anestis Logothetis*

Because of the construction work in the Hellenic Center Greek School will begin on Friday October 6, a little later than past years.

There will be classes for youngsters starting at kindergarten all the way to junior high school as well as for adults who are beginners or have some knowledge of Greek. Classes will take place at our Community Center on Fridays from 5 to 6:30 pm. We are considering a \$50 per student donation to cover books and incidentals. Such a small fee will be an indication of commitment by the students to attend classes every week.

The Ayasmos (Αγιασμος) by Father Jon will take place at 5 pm before classes begin. Registration will take place in the first day of classes.

Greek School is an asset of our Community and we hope the parents will take advantage and send their kids to learn the language of their heritage.

***Forever Young***  
*Kay Skandalakis*

Save the Date! We are going to meet on Tuesday, October 3. Details (place and time) will be announced. Please see the weekly bulletins for the details of the upcoming meeting. It's a surprise!!

***Youth Catechism***

Spiritual Journey- Sunday School  
 October 15-All children are invited to come to Sunday School.

Sunday School is your opportunity to share and experience Christ's love. Sunday School time is God's time. It is special. You are special.

A new religious dawn is beginning at Sunday School - October 15

***Parish Family Night***

Stay tuned for the dates for Parish Night. Parish Night will begin after the church hall renovations have been completed.

***Community News*****HAPPY CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY FR. JON!**

For our Archbishop Alexios, the honorable presbyters, the deacons in the service of Christ, and all the clergy, let us pray to the Lord. We all pray you have a wonderful day on October 9 and that we can help you the way you help all of us each day. Thank you Fr. Jon!

**COASTAL CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL**

On September 15, Coastal Christian High School of Wilmington, NC came to our Church for a field trip to learn about the Greek Orthodox Faith. Fr. Jon spoke to all the students and advisors at length.

We hope to see some of these faces in our pews on Sunday mornings!

If you would like to have a group from your work or home life visit the Church, please call Fr. Jon or the office for arrangements.

**RECYCLING**

**JOINT MESSAGE** from Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Francis, September 1, 2017

**On the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

The story of creation presents us with a panoramic view of the world. Scripture reveals that, "in the beginning", God intended humanity to cooperate in the preservation and protection of the natural environment. At first, as we read in Genesis, "no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up -- for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground" (2:5). The earth was entrusted to us as a sublime gift and legacy, for which all of us share responsibility until, "in the end", all things in heaven and

on earth will be restored in Christ (cf. Eph. 1:10). Our human dignity and welfare are deeply connected to our care for the whole of creation.

However, "in the meantime", the history of the world presents a very different context. It reveals a morally decaying scenario where our attitude and behavior towards creation obscures our calling as God's co-operators. Our propensity to interrupt the world's delicate and balanced ecosystems, our insatiable desire to manipulate and control the planet's limited resources, and our greed for limitless profit in markets -- all these have alienated us from the original purpose of creation. We no longer respect nature as a shared gift; instead, we regard it as a private possession. We no longer associate with nature in order to sustain it; instead, we lord over it to support our own constructs.

The consequences of this alternative worldview are tragic and lasting. The human environment and the natural environment are deteriorating together, and this deterioration of the planet weighs upon the most vulnerable of its people. The impact of climate change affects, first and foremost, those who live in poverty in every corner of the globe. Our obligation to use the earth's goods responsibly implies the recognition of and respect for all people and all living creatures. The urgent call and challenge to care for creation are an invitation for all of humanity to work toward sustainable and integral development.

Therefore, united by the same concern for God's creation and acknowledging the earth as a shared good, we fervently invite all people of goodwill to dedicate a time of prayer for the environment on September 1<sup>st</sup>. On this occasion, we wish to offer thanks to the loving Creator for the noble gift of creation and to pledge commitment to its care and preservation for the sake of future generations. After all, we know that we labor in vain if the Lord is not by our side (cf. Ps. 126-127), if prayer is not at the center of our reflection and celebration. Indeed, an objective of our prayer is to change the way we perceive the world in order to change the way we relate to the world. The goal of our promise is to be courageous in embracing greater simplicity and solidarity in our lives.

We urgently appeal to those in positions of social and economic, as well as political and cultural, responsibility to hear the cry of the earth and to attend to the needs of the marginalized, but above all to respond to the plea of millions and support the consensus of the world for the healing of our wounded creation. We are convinced that there can be no sincere and enduring resolution to the challenge of the ecological crisis and climate change unless the response is concerted and collective, unless the responsibility is shared and accountable, unless we give priority to solidarity and service.

From the Vatican and from the Phanar, 1 September 2017

Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

In the spirit of preserving and protecting the natural environment as directed by Scripture, we are pleased to announce we now have on-site recycling at Church!



## ST. NICHOLAS OFFICE

Mary Ann Vavalete will be covering for Stella McTaggart while Stella is out of the office through October 16. Her hours will be 9:00AM - 2:00 PM.

Welcome Mary Ann and thank you in advance for all of your hard work!

## CONSTRUCTION & MEETINGS

Please be aware the FIRE ALARM is disabled (test mode) during the hours 6:30AM – 8:30PM because of the construction work causing the fire alarm transmitting to the fire department. If you have a meeting at the church during those hours you will be responsible for walking around the church before and after your meeting to make sure all is secure since the alarm WILL NOT be transmitting to the fire department. (If the alarm goes off, please silence the alarm AFTER confirming there is no fire.)



Thank you for your help. Please let us know if you have any questions about this new procedure by contacting the office.

## CROSS DIVE 2018

Volunteers are needed for organizing the cross drive this upcoming year. We are tentatively scheduled for January 6 2018. A chairperson and team are needed to lead this event. Please contact, Fr. Jon if you are interested in volunteering.

## 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.

## LOST AND FOUND

In an effort to properly return all missing and lost items to their owners, we wish to remind everyone there is a Lost & Found kept in the office for all lost treasures. **All items currently held in the office will be kept until December 31, 2017.** After that time all items will be donated to charity. If you are missing a favorite sweater, piece of



jewelry, glasses, books, etc., please contact the Church Office to see if we may have your item.

### FOR SALE

We have a few 5 lb. boxes of frozen Gyro Meat left for sale from the Greek Festival. They are \$25 each. To purchase, contact Doug or Argie Brown at 910-233-8816.

We have various "Greek Market" items for sale including Greek coffee, olive oil, olives, cookies, beans, and orzo. 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."

### DONATION REQUESTS

#### TIME, TALENT, OR TREASURE

Calling all Baker's in our St. Nicholas community to bake *prosforo* and *artoclasia*. Share your Love for the Lord in this heartfelt ministry. Remember, the bread we make for our spiritual home becomes the body of our Lord. We are excited to have you join Pres. Barbara and the rest of a team. Please contact Pres. Barbara for more information.

We are 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.

We are looking for a team to be "Stewards" of Fellowship Hour each Sunday after Church. We would like to simplify the scope of this scheduled fellowship. The team would be responsible for offering a few simple items each week when no other event is scheduled. Also, the church, through the Office, would be responsible for ensuring all supplies for Fellowship Hour are in stock and ready for the teams use. The focus on this team would be on fellowship (philoxenia). If you have any interest, please contact the Church office. We are trying to put this team together soon. Thank you!

### CONGRATULATIONS

For all the people celebrating their birthday, anniversary, and name day in the month of October, may you have many happy years. Many Happy Years!

Congratulations to Christin and Bradley Ballou on the birth of their 1st child – Eleni - on July 13, 2017 at 8lbs. 3oz/21.5inches. Her 40-day blessing took place on August 27th. May she have a wonderful life full of Faith, Hope, and Love for Jesus Christ.

On August 27 we celebrated the 40-day blessing for Calvin James McGowan, the son of Stavros and Elizabeth McGowan, grandson of Calvin and Diane McGowan.

Congratulation to George and Irene Voneiff on the birth of their grandson, Nash Daniel Voneiff born on August 24, 2017 in Columbia, Maryland. May he live a long life filled with the Lord's love.



### THANK YOU

On Sunday, September 10 we passed a second tray to raise money to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Thank you to all of those that donated. We also would like to thank everyone who brought items to the church to be taken to Houston, Texas. For more photos and more information regarding the group we joined: <https://www.facebook.com/ray.baca.35/posts/10155671651934184>



### PLEASE REMEMBER

Please pray for those who are ill, recovering, and/or homebound: Evelyn Angeledes, Angelo Angeledes, 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), Dave Kirkby (father of Matthew), Nikolaos Kotsinis, Olga Mancuso, Calvin McGowan, Eleni Mitsis (mother of Effie Davis),



Dino Poulos (brother of Koula), George Poulos (son of Koula Poulos), Pat Skinner-Darby, Charity Skinner-Darby (daughter of Pat), Tom Souflas, John Stamboulos, Vasilios Vogiatzis, MaryAnn Wall

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

### MEMORIALS

If you need to have a Memorial for a loved one or an Artoclasia for the health of your family contact the church office or Fr. Jon at least 2 weeks in advance. We want to make sure we can have all of the correct information in place for your commemoration. Thank you.

### SYMPATHIES

On August 27 our Ladies of Philoptochos hosted a memorial for the departed Philoptochos members. May their memories be eternal!

On August 27 we held a 1-year memorial for Eva Ponos. May her memory be eternal.

The widow of Nick Modinos, a past president of our parish council back in the 1960's, "Lola" Modinos, Fell asleep in the Lord in August 2017.. A link to her obituary is <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/starnewsonline/obituary.aspx?n=loubelle-edwards-modinos-lola&pid=186431200>  
May her memory be eternal.

It was with a great sadness that we announce that Mr. Nicholas T. Fokakis, age of 94, fell asleep in the Lord in the Hope of Resurrection peacefully in the early hours of Friday, September 1st, 2017. As many of you know, Nick was a war veteran that served his country proudly and faithfully. He was a life-long member of our St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church as well as a member of the Order of AHEPA for over 50 years. Nick loved and enjoyed all the time he was surrounded by his loving family. All of us remember him always having a big smile on his face. He will be dearly missed by family, friends and our St. Nicholas community. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. See Nick's full obituary along with a wonderful memorial video posted on the Andrews Mortuary's website at [http://www.andrewsmortuary.com/sitemaker/memsol.cgi?user\\_id=2003285](http://www.andrewsmortuary.com/sitemaker/memsol.cgi?user_id=2003285)

My mother, Despina Kehris, passed into the hands of our Lord & Savior on September 1, a day that marked her 77th wedding anniversary. Despina visited me and St.

Nicholas annually for 20 years and especially loved the "upstairs" and "downstairs" choirs. She and my father were passionate about our beautiful Orthodox faith. My parents nurtured in me and my sisters, a faith that continues to live through their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her Memory will always remain eternal through the beliefs she instilled in all of us.

Written by Lambra Koklanaris

Nick Lazos, brother of Niki Papanicolaou, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, September 4th in New Jersey at the age of 89. May his memory be eternal.

On Sunday, September 10, 2017 we held a 10-year memorial for Pantelis (Pete) Zanis Poulos, husband of Dena Poulos, father of Koula Katiskis, Argie Brown, and John Poulos. May his memory be eternal!

On Sunday, September 10, 2017 we also held a memorial for both Ekaterini and Angelis Haralambous. Their children include daughters Dena Poulos, Irene Haralambous, Maria Spyropoulos and son Bill Lambos. May their memories be eternal!

Panayiotis Nicolas Dionysopoulos/Peter Nicholas Denison, 91, of Hickory passed away on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Peter attended St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in the 1990's. Memorials may be made to Adult Life Programs, 226 2nd Street NW, Hickory, NC 28603. Condolences may be sent to the Denison family at [www.bennettfuneralservice.com](http://www.bennettfuneralservice.com). Αἰωνία τοῦ ἡ μνήμη - Everlasting be his memory!

## **SAVE THE DATES**

*November 5: Daylight Savings Time Change*

November 11: UNCW Intercultural Festival

November 15-December 25: Advent Fast

November 19: General Assembly

November 23: Thanksgiving Day

## ASK THE PRIEST



Fr. Jon would love to know what questions for him you may have and maybe didn't know how to ask. Now we have an easy way! Submit your question to the church office and your BLINDED QUESTIONS will be submitted to Fr. Jon. He may answer a question at a Liturgical Service, Weekly Bulletin, or the Newsletter. Attend, Read, and find out!

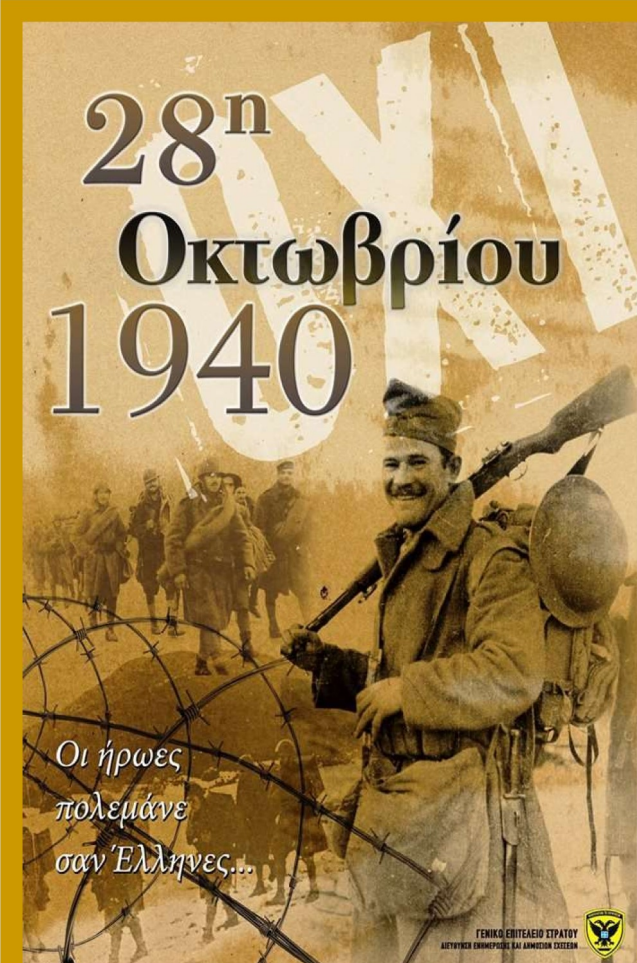


### Calling all Medical Personnel

Do you work in the medical field? Have you ever wondered if you can offer your medical skills in a region of the world where access to primary care is limited? Have you heard God speak in your heart about serving Him but you really weren't sure whether that was practical? If so, OCMC Health Care Teams need you! By participating on an OCMC health care outreach, you will treat illnesses, care for the poor and needy, offer public health training and be a witness of our Orthodox Faith. Health care providers are needed!

Participate in an outreach of the local Church in Guatemala or Indonesia, and serve as a living witness of Christ, our Lord and Savior. If God is calling you, then call the OCMC today (904.829.5132 ext 141) to see how you can be part of a Health Care Outreach Team.





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*Join us as we Celebrate*  
**OXI Day**  
after Divine Liturgy  
Sunday ~ October 29, 2017  
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Guest Speaker: Nick Maraveyias

*Dance Groups Fund Raiser Luncheon*  
Proceeds will go to help all dance groups.

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## MEMORIES FROM THE PAST

Who do YOU recognize?

Answers will be  
published next month!



Do you have a photo you would like to share? Bring it by the church office!





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:30AM Orthros/ Liturgy</p> <p>12 Dance Practice</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:45AM Forever Young</p> <p>7PM Parish Council Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30AM Orthodox Coffee Hour</p> <p>6:30PM Adult Greek Dance</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7PM Catechism</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8AM Orthros/ Liturgy</p> <p>5PM Hellenic School</p> <p>Regional Family Spiritual Retreat</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6PM Great Vespers at Camp Kirkwood</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30AM Orthros/ Liturgy</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30PM Philoptochos Board Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Fr. Jon attending Metropolis Clergy Retreat</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30AM Orthodox Coffee Hour</p> <p>6:30PM Adult Greek Dance</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5PM Hellenic School</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</p> <p>9AM Dance practice</p> <p>6PM Great Vespers</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30AM Orthros/ Liturgy</p> <p>11:30AM OHI Day Practice</p> <p>12:30 Dance Practice</p> <p>Newsletter Articles DUE</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8AM Orthros/ Liturgy</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:30AM Orthodox Coffee Hour</p> <p>6:30PM Adult Greek Dance</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7PM Catechism</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8AM Orthros/ Liturgy</p> <p>5PM Hellenic School</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9AM Dance practice</p> <p>6PM Great Vespers</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>8:30AM Orthros/ Liturgy</p> <p>OHI Day Commemoration after Liturgy</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Fr. Jon attending Archdioceses Clergy Retreat</p>				

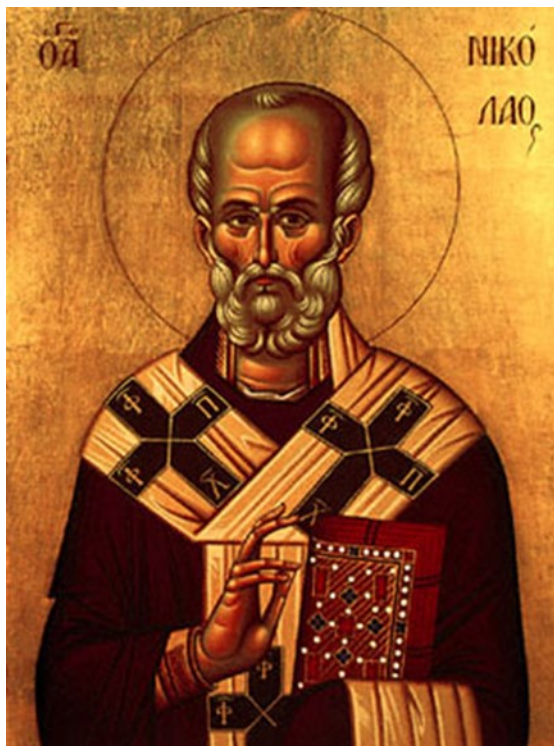
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## **VISION**

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