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*November 2017*



*Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple*  
*November 21*

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**Parish Family Life...**Volunteer Needed  
**Parish Family Night...**  
**Men's Group...**Fr. Jon Emanuelson  
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**Greek Festival...**Nick Saffo, Lee King, Ministry Chairs

**Philoptochos...**Debra Rallis, Chapter President

**Stewardship...**Volunteer Needed

## *From the Desk of Fr. Jon*

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America is truly blessed teacher of our Orthodox Faith. He was my professor at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and the reason I have such love for the word of God to this day. Below is an address to the 8th Assembly of Canonical Bishops in America. Let us attend! - Love, Fr. Jon

Address of the Chairman His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America at the 8th Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America  
Garfield, NJ  
(October 3-5, 2017)  
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Your Eminences, Your Excellencies and Your Graces, most respected Hierarchs of the Assembly of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America,

It constitutes a great joy and a profound blessing to be together again for our 8th annual General Assembly. Many of us have known each other not only since our First Episcopal Assembly in May 26-27, 2010, but long before. Our eight General Assemblies, however, have been special occasion for cultivating and strengthening the bond of deep love and apostolic zeal that unites us as canonical Hierarchs of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church in America. Through God's grace and providence, we have all been brought together to this one place and we have been called to walk in unison toward a common goal, albeit, one that is still unfolding and which will be fully revealed in the eschaton. While our sights are ultimately set on the "things to come and longed for," as long as we call ourselves co-laborers in God's vineyard, it is our sacred obligation to work together to realize this goal by drawing ever-closer to one another.

This leads us to pay greater attention to the purpose of our meeting. Let us consider some basic points.

### *1. Cultivating the Bond of Love and the Unity in Christ*

The first point related to the purpose of our Assembly is something self-understood. We are here to increase the love for each other, and to enhance our unity in Christ. This is a noble purpose in and of itself, but it also has a decisive impact on our work in presenting an authentic witness of Orthodoxy. Before His betrayal, arrest, imprisonment, crucifixion and death on the Cross, the Lord Jesus Christ reminded His disciples that when He is gone, the only way that the world will recognize that they are His disciples is by the love they have for one another. As you know, He said to His disciples, A new commandment I give to you that you love one another even as I have loved you that you also love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another (John 13:34-35). At the same time Christ prayed to His Father: Father I do not pray for those only but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they all be one even as You, Father, are in me and I in You, that they also may be one in us so that the world may believe that You have sent me (John 17:20-21). It is not simply that people will call themselves "Christians" that the world will know that they are followers of Christ. Only by their love – their sacrificial love – for one another and their unity in Christ will the estranged world pause and recognize in them the very light and life emanating from Christ and His Gospel. This unwaning light, which is present in the hearts, thoughts, and actions of love of true disciples of Christ, moves young and old to discover Jesus and to quench their spiritual thirst with His living water.

Our work together is, therefore, a methodical and intense spiritual exercise in building love and fortifying the bond of our unity in Christ. Such a sacred task, as it happened today, starts and is perfected by our participation in the life-giving and unifying Cup, in the vivifying Body and Blood of Christ, in the Holy Eucharist. Our Liturgy today gave us the superb blessing of experiencing love and unity in Christ. I would like to personally thank our brother Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey, who eagerly and with great joy offered his parish of Saint George in Clifton, NJ, as the location for our opening Divine Liturgy. On this occasion, I also thank him for extending to us the assistance and service of his Metropolis staff and clergy, and for offering an Abrahamic hospitality to us all.

I should like also to express our gratitude to Bishop Basil and Metropolitan Antony for their untiring labors as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, offered graciously to the Assembly. Their successors for the past year, since the last Assembly, Bishop Gregory and Archbishop Michael, have already shown remarkable zeal in performing their duties.

Additional gratitude is offered to Bishop Maxim for coordinating the work of the Committees for the past seven years, and to the Presidents and members of our Committees.

## *2. Obligation to Organize and Function Better*

The second point I should like to make is that the purpose of our coming together as members of our Episcopal Assembly of the United States is also our sacred duty as Hierarchs to organize and function according to the canonical norms and tradition that our Church Fathers wisely established throughout the centuries. It is our responsibility to walk according to the canonical prescriptions of our Church because these common ordinances help steer us and the faithful on the path to salvation. Our meeting, therefore, serves also as an opportunity to discover the challenges that force us to deviate at times from this path. Of course, our work and discussions around this matter have not been easy over the years. We have not always agreed on how we ought to proceed with our internal organization and functioning. There have even been times when we thought that we have made important breakthroughs only to realize that we have far more work ahead of us than we ever could foresee. And while a consensus view of how Orthodoxy should be organized in the United States still evades us, we are most confident that by constantly investing our time and energy in the process, there will one day be enough room in our hearts to allow the Holy Spirit to lead to a spiritual and fruitful outcome. To this end, I offer special thanks to the Lord for the work of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicolae, who, together with the members of the Committee for Canonical Regional Planning, continues to study and present to us possible ways to enhance the way we function and organize ourselves as an Orthodox Church.

Dear brothers, if we are not committed to getting our own house in order; if we cannot find more effective ways to preach the Holy Gospel; if we have difficulties being patient with each other, then, what image of Christ and His Church are we sharing with the world? How can we expect the world to take refuge in the Arc of Salvation—the Church—when the image of the Church that is often publicly portrayed is that of disharmony?

## *3. Care for our Youth*

My third and final point is the care for the Youth. Our purpose of coming together is to work on an authentic and common witness of Orthodoxy to the younger generation.

Certainly, a very important reason for us to gather each year from near and far for our annual assembly is the generation that still views the Church as their future and salvation. We often hear that the youth is the future of the Church, but there are so many young and emerging adults who look for a Church that is their future. Statistics show that there is a decline in the religious and spiritual lives of young people, but this does not mean that we can simply give up on those who struggle each day, longing for greater meaning in life than that offered to them by a society that is largely materialistic. We must also not give up on our children who have found Jesus Christ but struggle to recognize Him in their daily lives. During the next few days, we will listen to presentations by Dr. Richard Flory and Dr. Ann Bezzerides who will offer us insights into the cultural trends affecting the Christian identity of our young people. They will explain to us in concrete terms what is not working, but will also highlight success stories across the US religious spectrum. We will also have the opportunity to watch a very intriguing video produced by Ancient Faith Films of the Antiochian Archdiocese, which portrays the thoughts and beliefs of the so-called “nones,” or the disconnected—those young men and women who, without being atheists, prefer not to be associated with any official religious community.

And all this will hopefully allow us, dear brothers, to ask ourselves whether we are part of the problem and if we are prepared to be part of the solution. Does our conduct help people find Christ when they look at us? Do we truly love one another or are we still allowing grudges and agendas of various forms to stand in our way to connect to each other? How can we help young men and women understand that leadership requires sacrifice and service if we are not prepared to serve and sacrifice for each other?

My beloved brothers and concelebrants, as we convene for our work in New Jersey—let us not forget that this State is often referred to as the “Garden State.” America recognizes New Jersey for its fertile soil, soil that bears great fruit and provides sustenance to millions of people. It is my wholehearted prayer, that just as the rain and sun nourish the fruit brought forth from this soil, our merciful God may water our souls, and shine upon our minds, enabling us to understand and fulfill the Words of Christ, Who said to His disciples, I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide (John 15:16). Amen.



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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November 19 is our Fall General Assembly meeting. We hold two General Assembly meetings a year with the whole parish - one in the Fall and one in the Spring. All members in good standing are invited to participate in this meeting. We will be reviewing our budget for 2018 and asking for your input on the budget. Reviewing the budget is one way that you give your input to the Parish Council and to the Council of Ministries on what ministries are important to our church in 2018. At this meeting we will also review the status of our church's stewardship and one of the parish ministries.

The treasurer will review the status of all the church accounts and the Festival P&L before reviewing the budget for next year. The Audit committee will review last year's audit results.

In addition, nominations will be held for: the Audit Committee for 2018, the Board of Elections for the Parish Council elections in December, and the Parish Council itself.

We know that St. Nicholas is very important to all of you. Please join us as we discuss the future of our church. The notice of the General Assembly meeting is included in this newsletter.

In His service,  
Barbara Reynolds

### **SAVE THE DATES**

Current - December 24: Advent Fast

December 6: Feast Day for St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, our Patron Saint

December 16 & December 17: Youth Christmas Caroling

December 25: Nativity of Christ

June 18-22, 2018: Vacation Church School

***Saturday: January 6, 2018***

## ***Theophany Cross Dive***

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# Treasurer's Report

We have received 75% of our stewardship goal and are on track so far. Please continue to give so that we can meet 100% of our goal by the end of the year.

Stewardship as of Sept. 2017	
<b>Pledged</b>	<b>\$231,175.84</b>
<b>Full Year Goal</b>	<b>\$277,306.31</b>
<b>Variance pledged to goal</b>	<b>\$(46,130.47)</b>
<b>percentage pledged to goal</b>	<b>83%</b>
<b>Amt. Received</b>	<b>\$207,952.08</b>
<b>Percentage received to goal</b>	<b>75%</b>

General Fund	Income	Expenses	Variance		stewardship received	stewardship goal	Variance
Jan	\$26,532.87	\$25,582.12	\$950.75	Jan	\$24,487.00	\$23,108.85	\$1,378.15
Feb	\$27,247.13	\$24,072.13	\$3,175.00	Feb	\$24,477.75	\$23,108.86	\$1,368.89
Mar	\$17,677.60	\$30,455.36	\$(12,777.76)	Mar	\$15,000.00	\$23,108.86	\$(8,108.86)
Apr	\$26,588.62	\$26,154.53	\$434.09	Apr	\$17,622.50	\$23,108.86	\$(5,486.36)
May	\$21,976.46	\$31,219.49	\$(9,243.03)	May	\$17,590.00	\$23,108.86	\$(5,518.86)
Jun	\$30,056.80	\$32,077.69	\$(2,020.89)	Jun	\$17,178.00	\$23,108.86	\$(5,930.86)
Jul	\$40,420.06	\$28,341.11	\$12,078.95	Jul	\$35,572.50	\$23,108.86	\$12,463.64
Aug	\$15,972.31	\$24,470.78	\$(8,498.47)	Aug	\$11,483.48	\$23,108.86	\$(11,625.38)
Sep	\$52,523.97	\$21,699.97	\$30,824.00	Sep	\$44,540.85	\$23,108.86	\$21,431.99
YTD	\$258,995.82	\$244,073.18	\$14,922.64	YTD	\$207,952.08	\$207,979.73	\$(27.65)





## ***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.

### ***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.

### ***Hellenic Culture - Special Activities***

*Kitsa Wiersteiner*

UNCW's annual Intercultural Festival will take place in Burney Center of UNCW on Saturday, November 11 from 12 to 4 PM. St. Nicholas will have a booth displaying various Greek cultural items, which will proudly represent our Hellenic and Orthodox heritage. Many nationalities participate in the Intercultural Festival with various interesting and beautiful performances. Come and show your support for our parishioners and youth. Also, from 2:15 to 2:30pm, our youth dancers will perform various dances from Greece. Please, don't miss their performance and proudly cheer our award winning dancers.

### ***Philoptochos***

*Enosis Chapter #5027*

*Debra Rallis*

NOVEMBER is a busy and special month for the Ladies Philoptochos as we strive to help those in need!

Our next General Meeting is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 following church services in the large back classroom. We hope all ladies of the community will join us!

- *Former members please note that 2017 dues need to be paid before the end of the year and before 2018 dues are paid.*
- Thanksgiving trays will be passed on Sunday November 5th and 12th. (Please see flyer stating how you can help)
- 50 Christmas Stockings for NourishNC (see flyer) will be donated
- We are sponsoring Gifts for Homeless Teens (we will help 10 teens)

**\*SAVE THE DATE\***

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH**

**1:30 PM AT THE HOME OF IRENE VONEIFF**

Please be aware there will be no Annual Holiday Pastry Sale this year due to a scheduling conflict with the construction.

### ***Hellenic School***

*Anestis Logothetis*

The Hellenic School started late this year due to the construction of the hall. However, we have seen a lot of interest and many youngsters and adults have registered. There are classes for youngsters and adults. School begins at 5 PM and is over by 6:30 PM. Classes are provided for beginners, intermediates and advanced. A donation of \$50 per student will be appreciated to cover books and materials.



The OXI Day celebration took place on Sunday, Oct. 29 after Church at the Hellenic Center. The speaker was Nikos Maraveyas and he was followed by recitation of poems by the students and dancing by our youth group.

Lunch was provided by Chris's restaurant and the proceeds will go to the dancing group.



### **GOYA**

*Alexia Porzio & Joyce Patsalos*

We are so happy to report that 20 youth attended the GOYA lock-in retreat on October 27-28. It was a time for the youth to explore their faith in a setting which was a retreat away from church. We pray the children will take the lessons learned and apply it to their everyday lives.



### **HOPE/JOY**

*Sophia Brewer, Jaime Saffo & Renée Karonis Psilos*

What a wonderful kickoff! A huge thank you to Sophia Brewer for opening her home to host our pumpkin carving event! It was a beautiful evening and a wonderful turnout. There are so many new faces joining HOPE/JOY and we are excited for the events planned this year! We look forward to seeing all the children at our December stocking stuffer event where we will help prepare stockings for our local New Hanover County school age children. In the meantime...moms night out is coming up on November 12!

### **Forever Young**

*Kay Skandalakis*

Just bring yourself, we will have some fun, everyone will be treated to lunch courtesy of the Forever Young group. Join us for our "thankful luncheon." It will be our treat to treat you all to lunch. We will see you at the Olympia Restaurant on Tuesday, November 7 at 11:45 AM.

Save the Date for our Christmas Social which will take place Tuesday, December 12 at Beau Rivage Golf & Resort.

### **Outreach & Evangelism**

*Deacon Tom and Diakonissa Stacie Fernandez*



We had our first KIDZ Rally at the Regional Family Spiritual Retreat the weekend of October 7, 2017. Thank you to all of the Teachers who truly made this a memorable event for the children this weekend. We truly are blessed to have you all!! **Save the Dates for the next events!!**  
**Saturday mornings, February 3 and April 28, 2018.**

### **Youth Catechism**

*Georgia Spiliotis*

On October 15, 2017 the children of St. Nicholas GOC began their spiritual journey. Many children attended and more will join them. The teachers anxiously awaited and greeted them. The teachers, parents, and the community will be united in the responsibility of the religious educa-

tion of these children. Our mission is to prepare the children to become Christ-centered adults. Enthusiasm filled all classrooms in the Sunday School. Let all of us make this Sunday School year a gladsome light.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018

Oct 15 - First Day of Sunday Church School  
May 6 - Graduation

#### **Sunday School NOT in Session the following days:**

Nov 26 (Thanksgiving)  
Dec 24 (Christmas Holidays)  
Dec 31 (Christmas Holidays)  
Jan 14 (HDF)  
Feb 25 (Sunday of Orthodoxy)  
March 25 (Annunciation of the Theotokos)  
April 1 (Palm Sunday)  
April 8 (Pascha)

#### **Important Dates**

Feb 25: Sunday of Orthodoxy - Please bring icons from home for the Procession of Icons  
March 31: Saturday of Lazarus - Making of the Palm Crosses  
April 1 - 8: Holy Week Pascha - Youth should attend as many Liturgical Services as possible

#### ***Men's Group***

*Fr. Jon Emanuelson*

Our first meeting on Saturday, October 21 was well attended. The guest speaker Wilmington Mayor, Bill Saffo, spoke on various community service opportunities to serve our Community. Any men looking to attend our next breakfast bible study meeting are welcome to join us! Saturday, November 11 at 7:30AM at the Church. Start your day off right! Come join us.

#### ***Parish Family Night***

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

#### ***Greek Festival***

*Nick Saffo, Lee King, Ministry Co-Chairs*

Each year our Greek Festival donated 10% of our proceeds to worthy charities in the Wilmington area who share our desire to help those less fortunate.

This year, on October 15 we were blessed to be able to give to both Good Shepherd and NourishNC. Jane Birn-

bach from Good Shepherd and Kellie Furr from NourishNC were able to attend our Divine Liturgy that day and received their checks from Fr. Jon, Barbara Reynolds, Parish Council President, and Lee King, Co-Chair Greek Festival.

We pray the Greek Festival continues to grow in our ability to share our culture, faith and heritage to the great Wilmington area in 2018!

Thank you again to everyone in the Parish who makes this a reality year after year!



#### ***Community News***

##### ST. NICHOLAS OFFICE

We are pleased to announce the addition of a second member to our Church Staff. Georgia Marmaras has been a long time parishioner of the St. Nicholas family. She has been a volunteer in many different ministries, most recently with Hospitality, Vacation Church School and the Communication Ministries. We are so pleased she is joining us with her rich knowledge of our Church. She will be an invaluable member to the team. Her hours will be from 12 noon until 5 pm weekdays.

With her addition on staff Office Hours will be from 8am until 5pm most days.

Please stop by the Office to welcome Georgia to her new job!





VETERANS DAY PIN PRESENTATION

We will be celebrating our Veterans on Sunday, November 12. If you would like to be added to the veterans list, or know of anyone who was not on our list last year, please let the office know as soon as possible with their name, years of service, and branch of service. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has helped pickup donations at Publix in the past. We are happy to announce Salvation Army is picking up themselves the very needed supplies for the downtrodden they serve. A special thanks to Larry Flowers, Kay Skandalakis, Thalia Kefalas, and Georgia Spiliotis for their dedication to this important project. We could not have done this without all of you! Thank you.

2018 CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

The Office has plans to update our Church Photo Directory this next year!! Volunteers will be taking photographs for the directory on Sundays after Divine Liturgy: November 5; November 12 and November 26 2017. Come as you are or if you feel inspired, wear your finest. We pray everyone will want to participate. If you choose to not be photographed, please note your printed name, address, and telephone number will be included in the directory. If you would like your information to be EXCLUDED from the Directory, please contact the office.

CROSS DIVE 2018

Volunteers are needed for organizing the cross drive this upcoming year. We are 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.

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.

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 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 REQUESTSTIME, 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

Frank Paul Boardman has been elevated by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the high office of the Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the oldest and highest honor in Christendom. The Archon Investiture service will take place presided by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios Geron of America Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of Holy Trinity Sunday, October 22, 2017. Frank has a Master's in Byzantine Architecture and Master's in Science of Marketing. For the past 15 years Mr. Boardman has chaired the Metropolis of Atlanta Plan Catechism Committee which oversees all proposed community structural advancements in keeping with Byzantine Architecture and each community master plan. Congratulations to his wife, Demetra and children: Floriana, Constantine, Stavros. AXIOS and Congratulations!

We are pleased to announce the birth of the first child to Maria Routoulas and Stavros Rontogiannis, grandchild of Georgia Marmaras and Great-Grandchild of Mary Compos Marmaras.

She was born on September 17, 2017 in Arta, Greece. Her 40 day blessing will take place on October 27 in Lefkada, Greece.

May she live to be 100 blessed to walk in the path of Jesus Christ.



### 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, Mary Compos Marmaras; 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, Helen Vermakes, Vasilios Vogiatzis, MaryAnn Wall

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

### SYMPATHIES

Despina (Jessie) Rodites Kehris, of New Kensington, peacefully passed into the waiting arms of our Lord, surrounded by her loving family. Jessie was blessed with 100 years of life. She devoted all of those years to her treasured family and to her church, the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, in New Kensington, PA. She inspired her children and grandchildren to be good Christians. Jessie joined her much loved Nicholas in heaven on what would have been her 77th wedding anniversary. Born April 15, 1917 in New Kensington, the daughter of Anestos and Lambrini Rodites. Preceded in death by her husband Nicholas Kehris, six brothers and two sisters. She is survived by her daughters, Lambra (Emmanuel) Koklanaris, Margo Xidis, Joanne Kehris and Demetra (Dean) Pirovolos. Grandchildren Maria (Ray) Bonaquist, Nikki Koklanaris (Scott Sanders), George (Libby) Koklanaris, Dena Koklanaris, Jessica Lambert (Burak Tekes), Anna Lambert, Stephanie (Doug) Whaley, Katie (Darem) Dughri, Stephen (Kelsey) Pirovolos, and Nicholas and Michael Pirovolos. Great-Grandchildren Marc, Anna, Will, Athena, Jacob, Mila, Lena and Sophia and many special nieces and nephews.

On Sunday, September 24 we held a 3-year memorial for Eugenia Charalambous the mother of Evelyn Maggio and Mary Kostalas and grandmother of Eugenia Maggio and Nicholas Maggio. May her memory be eternal

On Sunday, October 15 we held a memorial in honor of Effie Zezefellis' mother, Irene Zezefellis, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago, and her father, Mike Zezefellis, who fell asleep in the Lord 30 years ago, and her brother, George Zezefellis, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. May their memories be eternal.

## **Notice of General Assembly**

Scheduled November 19, 2017  
Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church  
Fall General Assembly Meeting  
November 19, 2017

### **Agenda**

- Opening Prayer
- Election of Chairman
- Determination of Quorum
- Spiritual Reflections
- Minutes of past General Assembly Meeting, Spring 2017
- President's Report
- Ministry team Reports
  - Agenda regulars
    - Stewardship update
    - Festival 2017 final results
  - Spot light Ministry
- Treasurer's Report
  - Financial status / Assets & Liabilities
  - 2018 Draft budget
- Audit Committee Report
- Nominations for Audit Committee for 2018
- Nominations for Board of Elections
- Nominations for Parish Council
- Closing Prayer

*All stewards in good standing are invited to attend;  
This includes a submission of a 2017 pledge card.*

*Light refreshments will be served.*

*We encourage your participation in our beloved St. Nicholas general assembly.*

# MEMORIES FROM THE PAST

Who do YOU recognize?



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



Standing: Angeline Saffo  
Left to Right:  
Fannie Macris  
Evelyn Stasios  
Fr. Constantine Pappas  
Joan (Nitsa) Spiliotis  
Aristea (Toula) Markatos

**LAST MONTH'S KEY**

Come enjoy



## **25th Annual Intercultural Festival**

**Nov. 11, 2017 \* 12 - 4 p.m.**

**UNCW's Burney Center**

A celebration highlighting cultures and countries represented  
in Wilmington and at UNCW.

Food, Dance, Music, Performances, Exhibits  
showcase the rich cultural diversity of our community and beyond.



Don't miss the fun! Free parking in lots E and M.

**St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church**

**St. Nicholas Dancers**

**will be performing**

**2:15 - 2:30 p.m.**



**Stop by Greece's Table  
sponsored by**

**St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church  
and the Hellenic Culture Special Activities Committee**



# Philoptochos Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it. We are working closely with New Hanover County Schools and our Parish Benevolent Fund to disperse Thanksgiving baskets to the needy. Please consider donating any of the following items. Monetary Donations are also needed to purchase refrigerated items. All are listed below. For more information /details, please contact Athena Poulos or Argie Brown.

## Dry Items Needed (There are labeled boxes in the Hellenic Center):

Stuffing Mix  
Cranberry Sauce  
Sugar  
Flour  
Cereal  
Can Vegetables (peas, beans, corn, yams)

## Monetary Donations needed for the following:

Turkeys  
Hams  
Eggs  
Milk  
Orange Juice  
Potatoes  
Bread  
Oranges/Apples  
Carrots/Celery  
Pies



# NourishNC Holiday Stocking Program

*Bringing Holiday Joy to the Children in our Programs!*



Please shop for ages 10-16

We will need all stockings by December 6th

Stockings will be distributed December 11th – December 15th



## Gender Neutral Outerwear

- hat
- gloves
- socks

## Individual Wrapped Toiletries

- toothpaste
- toothbrush
- deodorant
- soap
- body wash
- lip balm
- shampoo
- comb/brush
- loofah
- etc

## Art Supplies

- colored pencils
- markers
- “Calm Coloring” books
- school project materials

## School Supplies

- pens
- pencils
- small notebooks
- calculators
- highlighters

## Gender Neutral Toys

- sidewalk chalk
- jump rope
- travel size board games
- playing cards
- puzzle books - crossword, sudoku
- rubix cube
- stress toys - stress balls, etc.
- hexbug
- fidget spinners
- etc

## Treats

- healthy snacks
- dried fruit

**Do not include:** sharp items, money, gift cards, religious/political items, etc.

**Please try to include:** at least one item from each category above in the stocking.





Please Join Us at Our Next Philoptochos General Meeting  
Sunday, November 12, 2017 after the Divine Liturgy

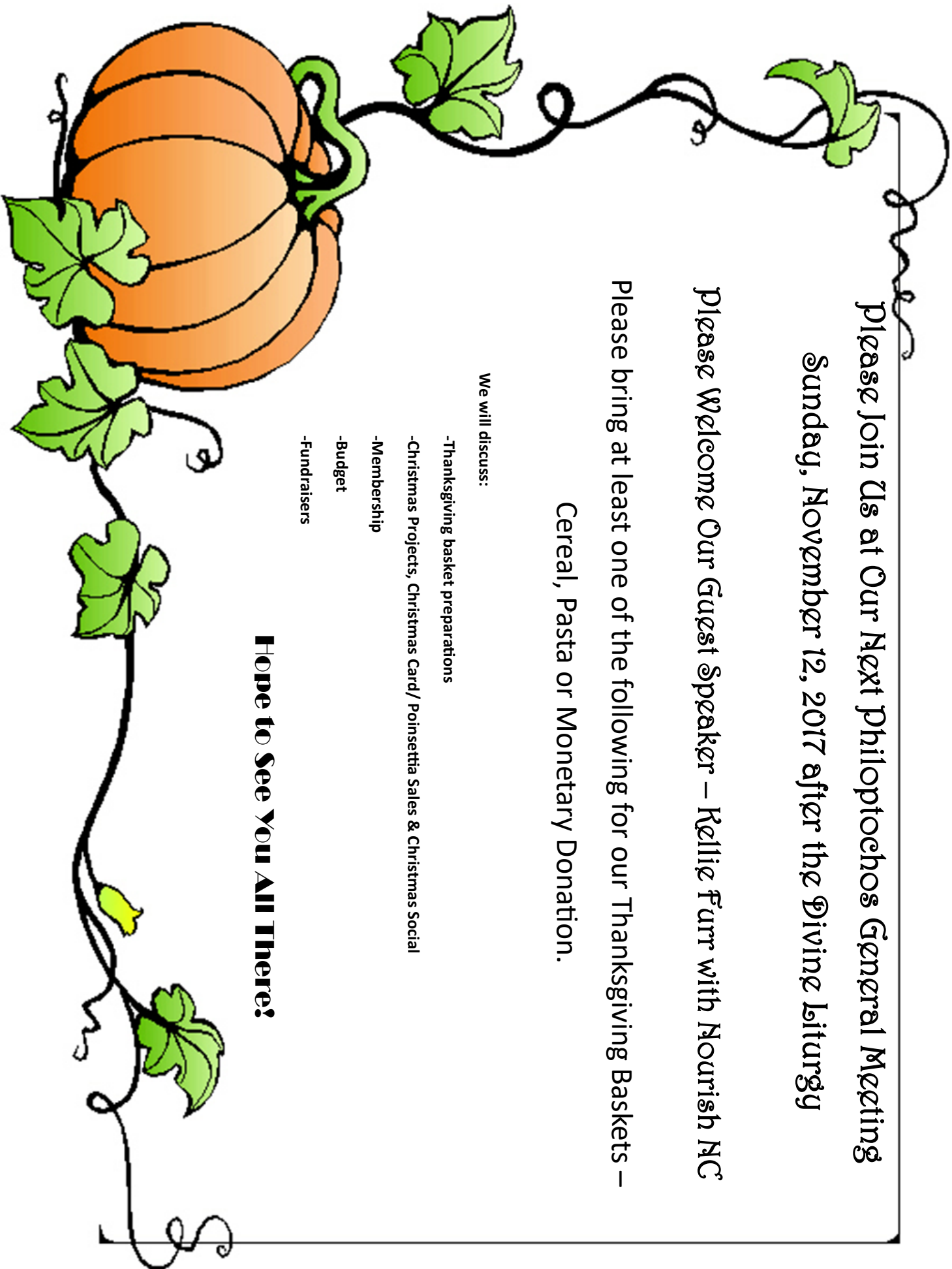
Please Welcome Our Guest Speaker – Kellie Farr with Nourish NC

Please bring at least one of the following for our Thanksgiving Baskets –  
Cereal, Pasta or Monetary Donation.

We will discuss:

- Thanksgiving basket preparations
- Christmas Projects, Christmas Card/ Poinsetta Sales & Christmas Social
- Membership
- Budget
- Fundraisers

**Hope to See You All There!**





# Merry Christmas!

Once again Philoptochos presents our Christmas card and the poinsettias to decorate our church. The tradition has become meaningful to our community and you are invited to participate by sharing your love and good wishes.

Interested in participating, please fill out the form below and mail it with your donation - or - you may see one of the Philoptochos ladies on duty in the Hellenic Center after liturgy every Sunday.

**Deadline for submission: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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✂ Add my name to the Christmas Card as follows:

Individual and Family..... \$15.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

✂ I would like to donate a poinsettia: (\$10 each).

In Memory of:

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Or

In Honor of:

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Thanking you for your continued support

Please mail to:

Ladies Philoptochos Society

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

608 South College Road

Wilmington, NC 28403

# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30 AM Ortho- dox Coffee Hour  6:30 PM Adult Greek Dance	2	3 5PM Hellenic School	4 10AM Church Tour  11AM Youth Dance Practice  6PM Great Vespers
			Fr. Jon attending Archdiocese Clergy Retreat			
5 <b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>  8:30AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy  12 PM Youth Dance Practice	6	7 11:45 AM Forev- er Young  7PM Parish Council	8 8AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy  3 PM OCF Event in Raleigh  6:30 PM Adult Greek Dance	9 8AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy  7PM Catechism	10 5PM Hellenic School	11 10AM Church Tour  12 UNCW Inter- cultural Festival  6PM Great Vespers
12  8:30AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy <b>11:30 AM Veterans Pin Presentation</b> 12 Philoptochos General Meeting 12 Youth Dance Practice 6 PM HOPE/JOY event	13  8AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy  6:30 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	14	15  8AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy  10:30 AM Ortho- dox Coffee Hour  6:30 PM Adult Greek Dance	16  8AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy  7PM Catechism	17  5PM Hellenic School	18  All Day Philoptochos Thanksgiving Baskets  6PM Great Vespers
			Advent Fast through Christmas			
19  8:30AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy  11:30 AM General Assembly Meeting	20	21  9AM Divine Liturgy	22 9AM Youth Dance Practice 10:30 AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 6:30PM Adult Greek Dance	23  Thanksgiving Day  <b>Office Closed</b>	24  <b>Office Closed</b>	25  8 AM Orthros/ Liturgy  1 PM Youth Dance practice
OCF Work Daze						
Advent Fast through Christmas						
26 <b>No Sunday School</b> 8:30AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy 12 PM Youth Dance Practice	27	28  7 PM COM Ministry Chair Meeting	29 10:30AM Ortho- dox Coffee Hour 6:30 PM Adult Greek Dance	30  8 AM Orthros/ Liturgy  7 PM Catechism		
Advent Fast through Christmas						

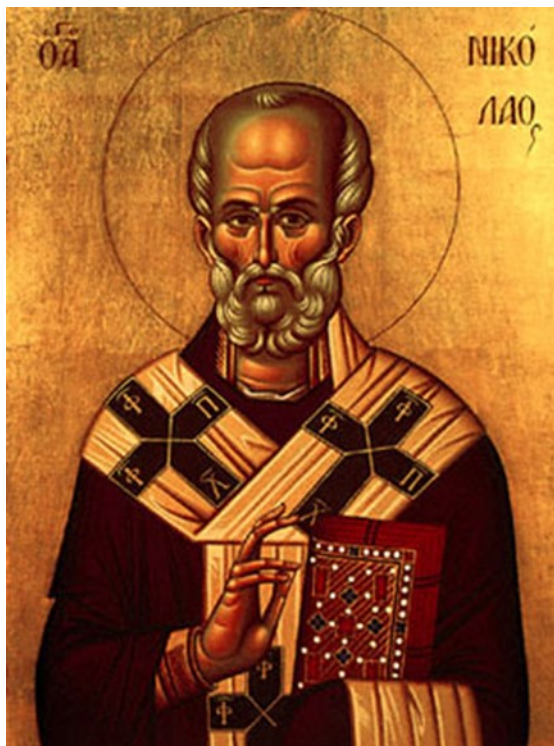
For the most current version of our Parish Calendar, please visit us online at:  
<http://www.stnicholaswilmington.org/ParishCalendar.html>

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**GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
MISSION**

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church is dedicated to the continuation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's ministry of salvation through the proclamation and teaching of the Gospel; through Baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and through loving service to God and mankind.

## **VISION**

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