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From the Desk of Father Jon

On the Blessedness of Orthodoxy – The Lives of the Saints

For several years I purchased a spiritual compendium that was published every year. It included a life of one or more of the saints of our Orthodox Church and a reflection and the fasting regiment for each day. It was a great blessing to me. Later I discovered the *Prologue of Ochrid by St. Nikolai Velimirovich*. This is considered a spiritual classic from which you can drink the waters of salvation.

This text is so rich, you can read from it again and again and still feel refreshed by the words of the saint. St. Nikolai lived in the 20th century and passed from this life to the next in 1956. His writings are some of the recent treasures of Orthodoxy and continue to feed the flock of Christ to this day. In the Prologue of Ochrid, he writes about the lives of the saints for each day of the year, a hymn of praise, which is poetry related to the saints, a reflection, two or three points of contemplation, and lastly, a homily, which is on one verse from Scripture.

Capturing the Holy Spirit of God and the spirit of the Fathers of the Church, St. Nikolai took up pen and paper in the 1920s while dwelling in the 10th century monastery of St. Naum on the shores of Lake Ochrid. In this ancient and beautiful setting, he put to good use the great gift of God given to him – writing. The result is the spiritual classic we have now translated from Serbian into English.

The lives of the saints are a great treasure to us as Orthodox Christians. Through their struggles, witness, love, great faith, miracles, and embodiment of the Gospel, we become inspired to live a life in Jesus Christ that is worthy of the calling by which we are called. The more we read the lives of the saints, the more we understand what it means to be a true followers of Jesus. Infused with the Holy Spirit we become true cross bearers and believers! There are many lives of saints I could share with you. Here below is the life of **St. Euthymios the Great – January 20th**.

Of noble and distinguished parents, Euthymius was born in the Armenian town of Melitene near the Euphrates river about the year 377 A.D.. He was the only child, a son, born in answer to the prayer of his mother Dionisiya, who had a heavenly vision regarding the birth of Euthymius. From his youth, he lived a life of asceticism, at first in the proximity of his town [Melitene] but then, after he visited Jerusalem at age twenty-nine, in the desert between Jerusalem and Jericho called Pharan. He filled his days and nights with prayer, internal thoughts about God, contemplation and physical exertion. Around him many disciples gathered some of whom are glorious saints, such as Cyriac the Hermit, St. Sabas the Sanctified, Theotictus and others. By God's gift, Euthymius was a great miracle worker; he expelled demons, healed the gravely ill, brought water to the desert, multiplied bread and prophesied. He taught monks the love of labor saying, "If you eat bread, not of your own labor, know that you are eating of someone else's labor." When some of the younger monks wanted to fast more than others, he forbade them to do so and commanded them to come to the communal table so that they would not become prideful as a result of their excessive fasting. He also said that it was not good for a monk to move from place to place, for he said, "A tree frequently transplanted does not bear fruit. Whoever desires to do good, can do it from the place where he is."

About love, he said, "What salt is to bread, love is to other virtues." During the first week of the Honorable Fast [Lenten Season], he retreated to the desert and remained there in solitary silence and godly-thoughts until just before the Feast of the Resurrection. During his lifetime, a large monastery [Lavra] was established in the proximity of his cave which later, throughout the centuries, was completely filled with monks as a beehive is filled with bees. His final command was that the monastery always adhere to hospitality and that the gates of the monastery never be closed. He died at the age of ninety-seven. The Patriarch of Jerusalem was in attendance at his funeral. The patriarch waited all day long until the great masses of people revered the body of the saint and only in the evening were they able to complete the Office for Burial for the Dead. On the seventh day following his death, Euthymius appeared radiant and rejoicing to Domentian, his disciple. The Venerable Euthymius, in truth, was a true "son of Light." He died in the year 473 A.D.

From the Desk of Father Jon continued

CONTEMPLATION

To contemplate the Lord Jesus as Light:

1. As a Light to my life; as a Light to mankind; as a Light to every creature;
2. As a Light, especially in the darkness of fear and suffering;
3. As a Light in the hour of death and after death; a Light in eternity.

HOMILY

About the only Light in darkness

"I am the Light of the world" (St. John 8:12).

Since the beginning of the world and time, no one who was ever born dared to speak these words. There were men and there are men who say: "I bring light!" But only one dared to say: "I am the Light!" Only the Lord Jesus could have spoken those words boldly and convincingly. His short life on earth and His long history, over two-thousand years, completely justified these words. He is the Light of Truth. He is the Light of Righteousness and He is the Light of Life.

He is the Light of Truth because He revealed in Himself the truth of the true nature of God and the true nature of man; and the relationship of man to man and the relationship of man toward God. Heaven and earth shall pass away and His words will not pass away for heaven and earth both came into existence by His word and His word is from Him and with Him always and will not pass away. ["Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" St. Matthew 24:35 - St. Mark 13:31].

He is the Light of Righteousness because He revealed the might of righteousness and the weakness of unrighteousness. He revealed that in the brightest light, by that which He spoke, by that which He did, and by that which He experienced and overcame the unrighteous ones. He revealed that through His Church in the course of twenty centuries through His numerous righteous saints and martyrs for righteousness sake. Righteousness is from God, and in the long life of history it can never be defeated. Unrighteousness is from helpless beings. Unrighteousness quickly rushes out to the rampart with its triumphant banner but, at the same time, it is quickly overthrown into the grave.

He is the Light of Life. His words illuminate life. His works illuminate life. His victory illuminates life, especially His resurrection, as the most luminous sun by its bright light illuminates life and disperses death as a weak shadow.

O Lord Jesus, Light Most-Luminous, Sun of Truth, Sun of Righteousness and Sun of Life, illuminate us sinners and unworthy ones!

To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

All of the lives of the saints in the Prologue of Ochrid are available on line through the website: www.rocor.org.au Click on the first website listed, click on Orthodoxy at the top of the page and click on Prologue from Ochrid. Once there, go to the date you wish to see and click on 'Show Day.' May God bless us and inspire us through the lives of the saints!

Love, Fr. Jon

From the Parish Council President Barbara Reynolds

The 2017 Parish Council was sworn in during January and the new officers were elected.

Barbara Reynolds	President
Jack Poulos	Vice President
Tina Bostic	Treasurer
Peter Malahias	Assistant Treasurer
Irene Sotiriou	Secretary
Evangelos Fragos	
Melissa Kirkby	
Peter Manolukas	
Manny Miliotis	
Nick Saffo	
Maria Stasios	

The Spring General Assembly will be held on February 12 after church. Two of the key items being covered are:

1. The results of the Facility Improvement survey that was completed by the members of our parish.
2. The 2017 Budget approval.

We look forward to seeing of you all there.

This year we are asking charities to fill out an application for sponsorship by the festival. If you are interested in sponsoring a charity for the charitable contribution given by the festival, please have the charity fill out the application attached at the end of the newsletter and return it to the festival committee before February 14 for their consideration.

The Parish Council would like to offer our congratulations to all of our dancers and their leaders on the results of the recent Hellenic Dance Festival! The Zoyra group received the gold award and the Romiosini group received the bronze award! Thank you St. Nicholas dancers for your hard work. We are so proud of you. Furthermore, we offer our congratulations and our gratitude to our late and dear Nota Dukas for earning yet another costume award for the Thracian costumes of our Zoyra group. Thank you, Nota, for all you did for our dancers and our church.

In his book, "The Orthodox Way" Archimandrite Kallistos Ware recounts the story of the 4th century desert father St. Sarapion the Sindonite who "once on a pilgrimage to Rome was told of a celebrated recluse, a woman, who lived always in one small room, never going out. Skeptical about her way of life – for he himself was a great wanderer – Sarapion called on her and asked: 'Why are you sitting here?' To this she replied: 'I am not sitting, I am on a journey.'" Beginning on February 5 we too begin our journey through Great Lent to Pascha as the Triodion begins. May God bless our journey.

Treasurer's Report

Tina Bostic



2016 Final Operating Income/Expenses			
	Income	Expenses	Variance
YTD	\$347,335.37	\$331,766.75	\$15,568.62

2016 Final Stewardship			
	stewardship received	stewardship goal	Variance
YTD	\$274,334.83	\$262,168.32	\$12,166.51

I'm happy to report that our final operating budget is in the positive and our stewardship goal was surpassed.

The Golf Tournament held in November was successful bringing in \$7,054.20 in profit. Thank you all who helped make the tournament a success.

We will provide the 2017 budget at the General Assembly in February. Please join us as we review expected spending and goals for this year's stewardship.

Philoptochos

Enosis Chapter #5027

Tia Saffo

We thank everyone who participated in our annual vasilopita fundraisers - the bakers as well as the donors! All funds to benefit St Basil's Academy and our own St Nicholas Benevolent fund.



Close-up of only a handful of the beautiful Vasilopitas up for Auction.

Our next General meeting will be held on Sunday February 19, immediately following the coffee hour/HDF celebration. Everyone is asked to bring in items for donation to "Nourish NC."

All women 18 and up are welcome to join our meeting. Come see what we are doing!

Thank you to our Organizers for this Annual Fundraising Event.



Outreach & Evangelism

Deacon Tom and Diakonissa Stacie Fernandez

"Don't tell me 'it is impossible for me to influence others.' If you are a Christian, it is impossible for you NOT to influence others! Just as the elements that make up your human nature do not contradict each other, so also in this matter – it belongs to the very nature of a Christian that he influences others. So, do not offend God. If you say, 'the sun cannot shine,' you offend Him. If you say, 'I, a Christian cannot be of service to others,' you have offended Him and called Him a liar. It is easier for the sun not to shine than for a Christian not to do so. It is easier for light itself to be darkness than for a Christian not to give light. So don't tell me it is impossible for you as a Christian to influence others, when it is the opposite that is impossible. Do not offend God. If we arrange our affairs in an orderly manner, these things will certainly follow quite naturally. It is impossible for a Christian's light to lie concealed. So brilliant a lamp cannot be hidden."

StJohnChrysostom, Homily 20 on The Acts of The Apostles

On Wednesday, February 15, we will have a very dynamic guest speaker for our Family Night.

The Reverend Dr. Dimitrios Moraitis, Dean of Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Worcester, Massachusetts will share with us: "Overcoming Our Passions and Addictions through the Prayers and Services of Great Lent, in the Orthodox Church."

He will share in ways that minister to all ages, from teens to golden agers. Having had many years of experience in the priesthood, Fr. Dimitrios will engage us, inspire us and challenge us to pursue our Lord, Jesus and reach out to the world around us.

So mark your calendar to join us for supper at 6 PM and Fr. Dimitrios' encouraging presentation. Feel free to bring a friend! Any questions? Contact the church office, Deacon Tom or Stacie at 910-622-3515.

Oratorical Festival

Courtney Malahias

St. John Chrysostom says that the souls of children are soft and delicate like wax. If right teachings are impressed upon them from the beginning, then with time, these impressions harden as in the case of a waxen seal.

I found this on a very cool blog called illumination

learning. One of the entries is a practical guide to prayer with children. It is a fantastic read and very helpful to all of us parents whose goal is to raise our children to be prayerful warriors. Look it up at: <http://illumination-learning.com>
It is a great resource!

We are all very excited about Oratorical Festival! This year's date is Sunday, March 5! The district Oratorical Festival will be held in Winston-Salem on Saturday, March 18 so mark your calendars!! Thank you for all your support and encouraging your children to participate. This is a great opportunity for them to learn about their faith and feel comfortable speaking in front of an audience.

February is the month of LOVE.....Feel love, be love and most importantly give love...

Thank U for being in CH RCH!
Grateful to be in His Service

Hellenic School

Anestis Logothetis

The Hellenic School takes place every Friday from 5 to 6:30 PM at the Church. We have classes from kindergarten age up to high school and for adults as well. Learning Greek is the purpose and we encourage parents to consider sending their kids to expose them to their heritage.

*There will be a celebration of the **Greek Letters** on Sunday February 29 in the Church Hall right after the Divine Liturgy. The **Greek Letters** day is associated with the three Hierarchs, Saints Basil, Gregory and Chrysostom. They are the ones that contributed the most in using the Greek language to spread and interpret Christianity. The speaker for this occasion is George Stephanou, a recent arrival to our Community and very active in our Church as a chanter and member of the choir.*

On Saturday February 11 the **St. Valentine Dance** will take place in our Church Hall co-sponsored by the **Greek School and AHEPA**. The music will be provided by the Paschalis band as in the past. There will be a delicious buffet dinner with lots of Greek specialties to be followed by desserts and a raffle of Greek goodies and prizes. The money raised will support the Greek School and the AHEPA charities. The whole Community is invited, the young and old, to enjoy good dancing, good food and good fellowship. See the flyer towards the end of this month's newsletter.

Spirit Cup Winners:



Dance Groups

Hellenic Dance Festival

Congratulations to all of our dancers and directors! Our Zoyra group received the gold award and our Romiosini group received the bronze award in Winston Salem during the Martin Luther King weekend at the Hellenic Dance Festival! Thank you St. Nicholas dancers for your hard work, all of your efforts and for doing your best to represent our church so well, you always make us proud! A special thank you to our directors - Zaharoula Katsikis, Katerina Katsikis, Lucas Bostic and George Malahias, for all their volunteer hours. Axioi!

Congratulations for once more, and our gratitude, to our late and dear Nota Dukas for earning another costume award for our church for the Thracian costume of our Zoyra group. Her daughters Antonia and Christina were there to receive the award for their mother. Αιώνια η μνήμη.

Thank you to all the parents who support this wonderful program. We look forward to seeing everyone on February 19, when we recognize our dancers and directors for all their hard work with a medals presentation after Divine Liturgy.

Please find below links to videos of the performances of both "Zoyra" and "Romiosini" groups posted on our church's YouTube channel and Facebook site:

- HDF 2017, Winston-Salem, NC - "Zoyra" Group, suite 1, dances from the island of Crete, Greece:

Youtube: https://youtu.be/_DDN5MtIV_U

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasWilmington/videos/1356240437759563/>

- HDF 2017, Winston-Salem, NC - "Zoyra" Group, suite 2, dances from the region of Thrace, Northeastern Hellas (Greece):

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/wB7wpRH0Xcg>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasWilmington/videos/1356460217737585/>

- HDF 2017, Winston-Salem, NC - "Romiosini" Group, suite 1, dances from the region of Macedonia, Greece:

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/J3O4D3vtkuI>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasWilmington/videos/1356358051081135/>

- HDF 2017, Winston-Salem, NC - "Romiosini" Group, suite 2, dances from the region of Thrace, Northeastern Hellas (Greece):

Youtube: <https://youtu.be/rH9tYdwwx8I>

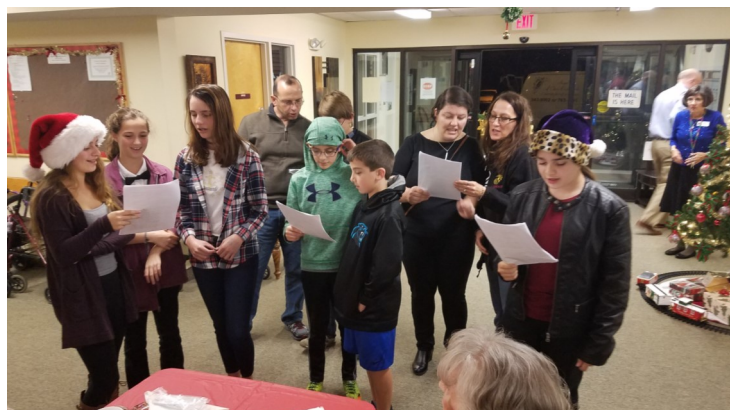
Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasWilmington/videos/1357497177633889/>

AHEPA

Cape Fear Chapter No. 408

Photos below from Christmas caroling & offering and serving dinner to the elder residents of the AHEPA House on December 20, 2016.



WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for the support you have showered on Humanity Now. Your open hearts, encouraging words, generous donations and trust in us fills me with hope, faith, and love. My bags are packed and as I begin this journey-each of you travels with me.

Together we will spread love and humanity. I look forward to sharing our experiences with you.

Love, Jen and Humanity Now

To read more about Humanity Now's amazing journey to Greece to help alleviate the suffering from the exploding refugee crisis, please contact Barbara Reynolds for a copy of Jen's field notes.

FOR SALE

We have 5 lb. boxes of frozen Gyro Meat available for sale. They are \$25. To purchase, contact Doug or Argie Brown at 910-233-8816.

We have Greek beer and wine for sale. A case of Mythos Beer (24 bottles) is \$36. Various bottled wines are \$12 and the larger bottles are \$20. Please see Angelique Skandalakis or a Parish Council member to purchase. All checks to be made out to St Nicholas Greek Festival with the memo stating "TAVERN."

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 MARKETPLACE."

Daughters of Penelope, Greek Cookbook:

Our local Daughters of Penelope Chapter still has copies of their famous Greek Cookbook, "A Greek Feast", available for purchase. They are only \$10.00 and will make a great gift for family, friends, neighbors and/or co-workers for any occasion. As many of you already know this cookbook has an invaluable collection of Greek recipes and it was also a favorite project of our late parishioner Georgia Macris. The cookbooks are available for purchase in the St. Nicholas Parish Bookstore. Thank you for your consideration.

MAINTENANCE

If anyone sees any maintenance items needing repair at the church please contact Angelique in the office so that we may have the items repaired. Additionally if anyone has the talent or capacity to make any repairs, please leave your name and contact information with Angelique. Thank you.

DONATION REQUESTS
TIME, TALENT, OR TREASURE

We are in need of some Prosforo for Services & Liturgies. If you would like to make some, please bring it to Angelique in the office. Thank you.

We are in need of incense for the altar. If you would like to donate some, please contact our church office.

We are in need of some Commandaria wine for the altar. It is available for purchases at Greek stores in Raleigh, Charlotte, or online. Please see our church office if you would like to donate some.

We are looking for a handyman (or woman) to volunteer to help with minor repairs around the church.

We are accepting donations as we continue to improve our Hellenic Center. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Please donate all weekly coupons from newspapers & ads to the Hellenic Center. These coupons will be used to help our parishioners save money on products. For more information, please see Benjalee Pittman.

We are looking for volunteers to host coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting coffee hour please contact Angelique in our church office. For the weeks when we do not have a volunteer, we will still have coffee and juice.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Please continue to pray for those who are ill, recovering, and/or homebound: ...Fr. Jon, Presbyter Barbara, Bobby Bobon (Brother of Sue Lawler), Stavros Chantiles, Sophia Copes, Sherry Demas, Nicholas Devoles, Constantine Dukas, Sue Fokakis (Silver Stream), George Fokakis (Pacifica nursing home), Demitra George, Nick Karloutsos (Silver Stream), Angelos Katris, Dan Kirkby (brother of Matthew), Nikolaos Kotsinis, Manny Lionikis, Olga Mancuso, John Manolukas, Calvin McGowan, John Petrolis, Koula K. Poulos, Claire Skarpentzos, Pat Skinner-Darby, Charity Skinner-Darby (daughter of Pat), Tom Souflas, John & Olympia Stamboulis, Vasilios Vogiatzis.

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

Congratulations

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

Family Night Guest Speaker, Wednesday, February 15 , 6 pm

**Bring
friends!**

**ENGAGE!
INSPIRE!
CHALLENGE!**

The **Reverend Dr. Dimitrios Moraitis**,
Dean of Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral
in Worcester, Massachusetts will share:

“Overcoming Our
Passions and Addictions
through the Prayers and
Services of Great Lent,
in the Orthodox
Church”



**SAVE
the
DATE**

February 27: Lent Begins

March 5: Oratorical Festival

March 26: Greek Independence Day Program

April 9: Palm Sunday

April 16: Pascha

Please Join us...

Pan-Ikarian Brotherhood

Chapter Therma #10

Scholarship Pastitsio Luncheon

(Pastitsio, Greek Style Green Beans, Salad, Roll, Drinks - Penne Pasta for kids)

When:

*Sunday ~ February 5, 2017
Immediately Following Liturgy*



Where:

St. Nicholas Hellenic Center

Tickets:

\$10.00 per plate

\$5.00 Children 2 - 12 and free for 2 & under

All proceeds benefit the Ikarian Scholarship fund

**Also watch video prepared by parishioners highlighting
the Church at 2nd & Orange 1900 - 1980s**

For additional information contact Vangeli Fragos or Peter Malahias

Join us for Super Bowl Sunday Fellowship!



**Bring your family
to join our St. Nicholas family
for fun, food, football, and
fellowship!**

6:00 pm till the game's over!

**Please bring a refreshment and
appetizer/snack to share:**

Can't think of anything? Try one of these!
Cheese Ball, Cheese & Crackers, Hot Dogs/Buns, Chili,
Pizza, Chips, Taco Chips, Salsa, Guacamole, Meatballs,
Lil' Smokies, Mexican Dip, Spinach or Artichoke Dip,
Brownies, Cookies, Other Desserts, Fruit or Veggies,
Sodas, Water, and Other Drinks...



Not interested in football?
**Bring a deck of cards or your backgammon
board!**

See you Sunday, Feb 5th in the Hellenic Center.



St. Nicholas Hellenic School

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Local AHEPA Chapter #408

Valentines Day Dance

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Hellenic Center
608 S. College Road ~ Wilmington, North Carolina

Saturday February 11, 2017

7:00 p.m.



PASCHALIS GREEK BAND

Buffet Dinner - Cash Bar

Raffle with Greek Goodies and prizes

Minimum Donation:

Adults \$35 pre-sale or \$40 at the door

Students \$15

Children 12 and under free

Sitter will be available

For further information and reservations contact:

Nick Lazaridis at (910) 799-8774 or nvlazaridis@gmail.com

Peter Malahias at (910) 431-5944 or petermalahias@gmail.com

Church Office (910) 392-4444





Godparents Sunday is fast approaching

February 12, 2017

If you would like to honor your Godparent with a flower on that special day, please fill out the information below with your \$5 donation (for each flower) and return to Doug or Argie Brown, or to the church office.

Any questions, contact Doug 910-762-2994.

All proceed to go to our wonderful youth groups.

Please Print:

Godchild Name: _____

Godparent(s) Name: _____

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NAMES IS FEBRUARY 5TH

Be involved. Transplant hope.

Join the Be The Match Registry®.

Patients need you! For thousands with blood cancers like leukemia or other diseases like sickle cell anemia, a marrow transplant is their only hope for life. If you have diverse ancestry, patients especially need you because they are most likely to match someone who shares their heritage.



Nick Dombalis is a 66-year-old husband and father of four. He is devoted to his family and is a lifelong Raleigh resident. Nick has been active in both civic and community affairs. Anyone who knows Nick knows first and foremost, knows that he is a giver – now he needs your help! Nick was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome at age 64. Since his diagnosis, he has undergone chemotherapy; however, a **bone marrow transplant is his only chance for a cure.** Nick's Greek ancestry is making it difficult to find a match for him.

Nick is turning to the Greek American and Mediterranean community for help.

YOU could be his "needle in a haystack" and provide him the opportunity to live a full life and see his children have their own children.

Please join the Be The Match Registry, a database of volunteers who are willing to donate stem cells or bone marrow if contacted. It only takes simple paperwork and a cheek swab to join. Those of Mediterranean descent, including Greek Americans, are severely underrepresented in the registry. We encourage you to learn more and potentially be a match for Nick or someone else who is waiting for their match. **You do not need to be of Mediterranean ancestry to participate.**

YOU could be THE ONE to SAVE A LIFE!

Just fill out a registration form; Swab the inside of your cheek; and Add your tissue type to the registry!



Your Mediterranean heritage can save lives!

If you are age 18-44, patients need you!

Sunday, February 19th
12-2 pm

**ST. NICHOLAS GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**608 College Road
Wilmington, NC 28403**

If you cannot attend in person and are ages 18-44, you can join online at no charge

- Be committed to donate to any patient in need
- You must be in good general health
- To join online, pull out your phone and visit:

<http://join.bethematch.org/NicksCure>

If you are ages 44 to 60, you may still join online using the link above. You will be expected to pay the \$100 fee to join the registry

Have a GREATER IMPACT!

Share the link through your Social Media and tell others why **YOU** are committed to Saving Lives – Ask others to join too!



BE THE MATCH®
BeTheMatch.org

Contact: Maria Stasios 910-392-0458 stasis4@aol.com OR Vicky Stephens 919-210-0149 melts53@aol.com

Join thousands of teens across the nation & **#ShareOrthodoxy!**

2017 ORATORICAL FESTIVAL



EXPLORE a deeper knowledge of your Orthodox faith
THINK critically about current issues
SPEAK to a gentle and loving audience

Share Your
FAITH

Junior Division for Grades 7-9
Senior Division for Grades 10-12

AWARDS - The Chrysostom Scholarship for Hellenic College
The 2016 finalists are eligible to receive a Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College.
This scholarship provides awards ranging from \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year.

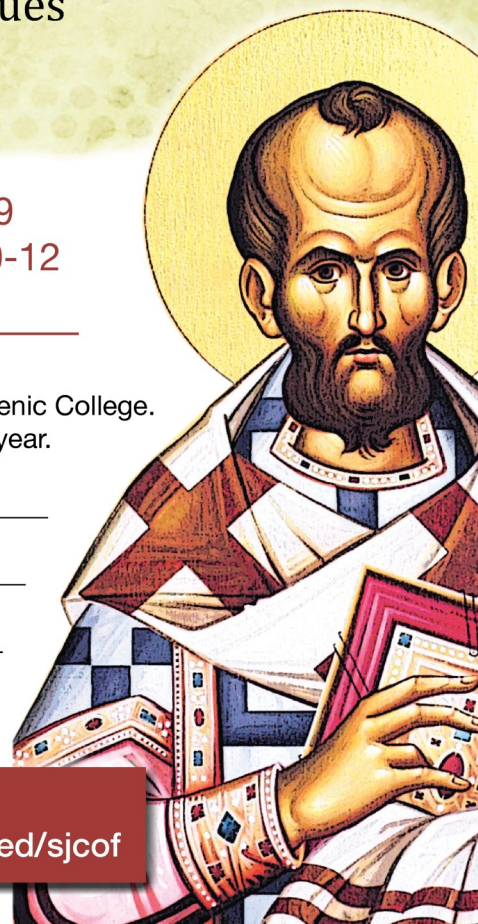
Parish Festival Date March 5, 2017

Parish Chairperson Courtney Malahias

Contact Information Church Office: 910-392-4444

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is a Ministry of the Department of Religious Education from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

Find the topics, rules, and prize information at
<http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religious/sjcof>





St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Festival Charity Application

[Must be returned to St. Nicholas by: February 14, 2017](#)

Charity Name	Note:
must have local chapter	
List benefits provided to Wilmington residents	Community Benefits
1)	
2)	
3)	
4)	
5)	
6)	
7)	
8)	
9)	
10)	
Approximately how many people in Wilmington receive benefits from your charity each year? -	
What is your Charity Navigator Rating? -	
%age of funds going to programs? -	
Would members of your organization be willing to volunteer to work at the festival? -	

NOTE: Charity must conform to Greek Orthodox Church values and theology

HOLD FOR FEBRUARY CALENDAR

For a complete and up-to-date version of our Parish Calendar, please visit us online at:
<http://www.stnicholaswilmington.org/ParishCalendar.html>

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