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SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Fr. Steven Klund, Pastor

"In giving birth, you preserved your virginity. In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated unto life, as the Mother of Life, and by your intercessions, you deliver our souls from death."

- Apolytikion of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Twentieth Century American Theologian E. Stanley Jones once wrote *"God doesn't have any grandchildren."* It's a brief yet profound truth that we sometimes need to hear in the Church today. The point Mr. Jones is making is that our Father in Heaven wants a relationship with *all* His children. Simply put, the faith of Orthodox parents and grandparents cannot sustain the spiritual wellbeing of their children forever. Each Christian must, at some point in their lives, cultivate their own personal relationship with God. We must all eventually step out from under our parents' shadow and find our *own* place as a child of the Kingdom (and not merely as a child of a *child* of the Kingdom).

In all instances, our Lord desires us to live authentic lives and possess intimate relationships. Not only with Him, but with the saints and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ. No clearer example can be found than what Christ said to His Most Holy Mother and Saint John the Theologian while hanging on the Cross. "Woman, behold your son," then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" (Jn. 19:26-27). In that moment He granted them to each other directly as mother and son...without Him in the middle. This new relationship was so profound, that Christ re-introduced them to one another as if they were meeting for the first time. Beyond that, He gave them to each other so perfectly that the scriptures (and our living Tradition) tells us "from that hour that disciple took her to his own *home*."

As ever our Benefactor, Christ not only gives us His life for the forgiveness of our sins, but He also gives us His very mother to become our mother. And even in her Dormition, we know that our relationship with her remains as direct as ever ("...in falling asleep you did not forsake the world"). She is still actively interceding to her Son on our behalf. But as Mr. Jones observes, that cannot be enough. Just as Christ wanted us to have a direct and intimate relationship with His Mother, He also asks for us to pursue a similar relationship with Him. As parents/grandparents/godparents we must strive to lead our young people towards an authentic, direct, and intimate personal relationship with our Lord. This is the greatest gift that our Heavenly Father has ever given to us (Jn. 3:16), and one that we need to pass on to our children, so they too can rise to be children of God...Because as we said before, God has no grandchildren.

With Fervent Love in Christ,

Fr. Steven Klund

***From the Parish Council President
Evangelos Fragos***

My fellow parishioners,

Greetings,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer, stayed cool, and safe. I'm really looking forward to it cooling down a little bit! As many are returning from their summer vacations, we are excited for increased participation at St. Nicholas.

I want to start off with a very special thank you to Fr. Regis for supporting St. Nicholas at a time of need. Thank you for dedicating your time and talents to our parish family. Your service and wisdom have been appreciated and will never be forgotten. On August 4th we celebrated Fr. Regis' service and the time he spent with us. We will always know Fr. Regis to be a "pillar" for any of our spiritual needs.

On August 4th, we also celebrated Fr. Steven's arrival with Presbytera Nicole and their children. We look forward to many years of great service with Fr. Steven. His energy brings excitement to us and creates an environment we need to bring our diverse community together.

Fr. Steven has started off running by meeting with many of our parishioners and ministry leaders. He has also dedicated much of his time observing the workings of our church and how he can assist in improving our dynamics. Please find in your heart your talents and treasure to offer to St. Nicholas and to making Fr. Steven's transition a warm one.

We are getting geared up for back-to-school time. Fr. Steven and our ministry coordinators are excited for the students and children to come back and get involved. We have been coming together and have been working very hard to prepare for the year ahead at St. Nicholas

Please get involved! We have many opportunities for our faithful to assist, and we appreciate your support.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Evangelos Fragos
Parish Council President



October 12: Taverna Night

October 19: Hope Klund's Baptism

October 27: OXI Day Program & Luncheon

November 9: Intercultural Festival at UNCW



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:

Why do we exist?

Where are we now?

Where do we want to be?

How will we get there?

Parishioners are invited to use the content found at www.atlstrategicplan.org/portal

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

Forever Young Kay Skandalakis

Summer is over ; Fall is here and Forever Young is back in gear!! For all folks 55 and older, please join us for our kick-off of the Ecclesiastical Year in the St. Nicholas Fellowship Hall. on Tuesday, September 10 at 11:45AM. We look forward to another wonderful year of fellowship and community. Lunch will be provided.

We would like to express our gratitude to the following Panagia's Panigiri Basket donators:

Roula Andrews, Argie Brown, Iffie Diokogiannis, Helen Flowers, Dr. Kathleen Jewell, Maro Karafas, Helen Kapranzas, Koula Katsikis, Thalia Kefalas, Lambra Koklanaris, Sue Lawler, Mike and Lola Loizides, Spiro Macris, Parish Council, Sandra Papanicolaou, Bill and Stacey Papalitskas, Athena Poulos, Joanne Simotas, Kay Skandalakis, Daphne Snow, Georgia Spiliotis, Elaine Steele, Jimmie and Maria Stasios, Renee Theophilou, Chris and Angie Tsingelis, Irene Vogiatzis, Irene Voneiff, Mary Ann Wall, Kitsa and Sam Wiersteiner. Thank you!

We pray this will become a successful annual event.

Liturgical Life Dr. Michael Rallis

"Can we attend at least one additional service during the week?" "There is no reason why worship should only

occur on Sunday morning. There is no reason why our altars should be ignored every other day of the week" ...Archbishop of America Elpidophros Speaking on the podcast "Be the Bee" Episode #135

LOVE

Jessica Lawler

We are looking forward to a successful School year and hope to see many youngsters and adults attending.

LOVE...Group play date every Tuesday from 10-11:30 AM starting August 20 at Jessica Lawler's Preschool (3405 S. College Road) or call 910.297.4158 for more information.

LOVE KICK-OFF FAMILY NIGHT Save the Date: September 18, 2019 at Jessica Lawler's House welcoming Father Steven, Presvytera Nicole, Luke and Hope.

HOPE/JOY

Renee Psilos

Happy New Year! Welcome back everyone!

We pray you had a wonderful summer following our Soak up the Son Virtual Event on Facebook! It was such an honor to take part of a day each week to spend some time focusing on our religion. If you missed any week (or even the entire session,) don't fret! It is all available online at <https://www.goarch.org/soak-up-the-son> and you could easily convert this to an autumn or winter session with your family.

We have 2 exciting parish events this month in which we encourage our HOPE/JOY Families to participate.

On the weekend of September 6 & September 7, Fr. Nicholas Louh will be coming to our St. Nicholas all the way from Florida. Fr. Nicholas is a parish priest of St. John the Divine in Jacksonville Florida and can be heard on Ancient Faith Radio with his very popular series of "Healthy Minds / Healthy Souls" series. On Saturday, September 7 - starting at 8:30AM - he will hold a FAMILY RETREAT Session. All HOPE/JOY members are invited to attend their own session while parents are with Fr. Louh. Learn how the Cross of Jesus Christ can teach you infinite lessons in your own life.

Then, later in September, what better way to share our tremendous blessing then by helping those less fortunate than ourselves. The phrase "there but by the Grace of God go I" springs to my mind. On Saturday, September 21st starting at 9AM the RISE AGAINST HUNGER food packing event will be taking place. Don't forget to register online at:

<http://events.stophungernow.org/StNicholasCares>
or on the sign-in sheet located in the Fellowship Hall. For your child to participate you must sign for them parents!

If you would like to host an event this new Ecclesiastical Year, please do not hesitate. We want all families with Elementary School Children to take an active role in the continued success of HOPE/JOY. We can't succeed without U!

Thank you in advance everyone for what I am sure will be a FANTASTIC 2019-2020 session for our youth. May God bless everyone!

Hellenic School

Anestis Logothetis

Hellenic School will begin on Friday, September 20 at 4:30 pm at the St. Nicholas Hellenic Center. There will be classes for youngsters as young as kindergarten and up and also for adults from beginners to advanced students. Registration will take place in each class in the same day. A \$50 donation is recommended to cover books and incidentals.

Greek is the language of our heritage and hopefully parents will make a priority to send their kids to learn it. In addition to the language the kids are exposed to Greek culture, history and make friendships with fellow students.

The students celebrates every year the OXI Day on October 28, the Day of the Three Hierarchs St. Basil, Gregory and Chrysostom on the last Sunday of January and the Greece Independence Day on March 25.

Bookstore

Bookstore Briefings

NEW Titles to explore this Ecclesiastical New Year!

From ***Holy Cross Press:***

Encountering Women of Faith, in three volumes - "St. Catherine's Vision, by Dr. Kyriaki Fitzgerald

Family Life - by St. Paisios the Athonite, translated from the Greek - Thessaloniki, Greece

From ***Ancient Faith Press:***

An Inner Step Toward God, by Fr. Alexander Men

Father Arseny 1893 - 1973 Priest, Prisoner, Spiritual Father - translated from Russian

**plus new shipment of Orthodox Study Bibles, revised hardcover edition, specialty price at \$35.95

Please stop by the Bookstore after Liturgy!! We also now have various rope bracelets in various sizes and designs.

Community News

THANK YOU

Thank you MaryAnn Vavalete for covering the parish office while Georgia was on vacation this summer. We appreciate you very much!

CORRECTION UPDATE

Correction to article "AHEPA NEWS – 97th Annual Supreme Convention" which appeared on pages 8 – 9 of the Summer Newsletter.

The name of George Horiates as the newly elected supreme president of the Order of AHEPA was inadvertently omitted in the article which appeared in the Summer Newsletter regarding the 97th Supreme Convention of the AHEPA in Chicago on July 1 – 6. Mr. Horiates is married to Lisa, daughter of Georgia Apostolou, a member of our St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. Our sincere apologies for this error. We wish Mr. Horiates a successful term as supreme president of AHEPA.

DONATION REQUESTS

TIME, TALENT, OR TREASURE

75TH ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER 23 - 25, 2020

We need you...You are an important part of our history...You started at St. Nicholas at 2nd and Orange St. and then continued to 608 College Road.

Your Grandparents and Parents made this church what it is today. You are an important part of our 75th Anniversary. We need you to spread the word to friends and family who no longer live in Wilmington, NC. Even though you might live far away, you will always be part of our family!! We asking for all parishioner to send in any pictures, historical articles or volunteer in preparation for our events. Let us all get excited for a once in a lifetime celebration of our Beloved St. Nicholas Church. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer your time, make suggestions or ask questions.

STAFFED NURSERY

During Divine Liturgies each Sunday throughout the year we have a staffed Nursery with an attendant available for the use of our youngest members from birth to age 5. We believe that Christians of ALL ages are welcome to worship in the sanctuary, including young children. But, if your child needs a wiggle break, please feel free to use this provided service.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Michael Rallis has been elected the President of AGES Initiatives' board of directors! Congratulations, Dr. Rallis! We are grateful for God's blessings past and blessings to come. Και εις ανώτερα!

PLEASE PRAY

Angelo Angeledes, Bobby Bobon (brother of Sue Lawler), George Brunetti, Stavros Chantiles, Anthony Constandy (father of Elisabeth Baynard), Sherry Demas, Nicholas & Margie Devoles, Constantine Dukas, Sue Fokakis (Autumn Care), Demitra George, Mary Gianoplus, George Kanis (brother-in-law of Barbara Harris), Nick Karloutsos (Silver Stream), Emanuel Koklanaris, Llambr Koklanaris, Nikolaos Kotsinis, Olga Mancuso, Calvin McGowan, Mary Compos Marmaras (Cypress Pointe), Maria Padgett-Velaetis, Anne Bakalis Pinkston, Dorothy Radomsky, Peter W. Saffo (brother of Kay Skandalikis, Pat Skinner, Tom Souflas, Peggy Stephanou, Vasilios Vogiatzis, Mary Ann Wall.

These names will stay on our prayer list for 40 days. After this date you are requested to contact the church office if you would like to have a name placed on the prayer list. Thank you.

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. Steven 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.

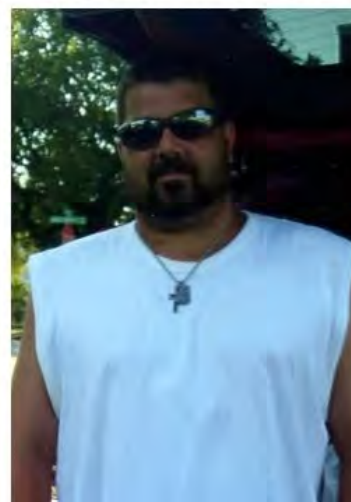
SYMPATHIES

We want to express our heartfelt sympathy to Alexandros Theodoropoulos and Family for the passing of his Uncle Panayiotis Sermpeniades in Athens, Greece. LIFE TO US ALL -Ζωή σε μας...ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ – Eternal be his memory!

We want to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mary Ann Wall and Family for the passing of her Grandson Tommy James Wall on Sunday, August 13, 2019. There was a Trisagion service on Thursday, August 15. The Viewing and Funeral service was held at St. Nicholas on Saturday, August 17, 2019 followed by Internment at St. Basil's Orthodox Church. LIFE TO US ALL -Ζωή σε μας...ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ – Eternal be his memory

Tommy Lee Wall

AUGUST 28, 1980 - AUGUST 13, 2019



With the Saints, give rest to the souls of Your servants, where there is no pain, sorrow, or suffering, but life eternal.



Philoptochos
Enosis Chapter #5027
Ladies Philoptochos Society
Maria Stasios, President

Our Ladies Philoptochos Society has been busy and active during the summer months preparing for our new Ecclesiastical year! We are excited to welcome and work along-side our new parish priest, Father Steven Klund. Philoptochos is open to all women in the community 18 years and older, and to interested men as well. We hope many of you will consider joining us as we work together for our parish and the greater Wilmington community.

Please mark your calendars for these three important upcoming dates:

Friday, September 20, at 6:30 pm – Membership kick-off meeting

Saturday, September 21 at 9:00 am – Rise Against Hunger (Philoptochos has a focus nationally on feeding the hungry)

Saturday, October 12 from 7-11:30 pm – Greek Taverna Night get your tickets early!

We are currently collecting supplies for our parishioners who are teachers. Thank you to those who have donated. We will leave the basket and suggested supply list in the Hellenic Center for those who are still interested in participating.

Looking forward, we are preparing for our Thanksgiving Basket Drive and St. Nicholas Day activities. We plan to support holiday giving for homeless teens in our community and prepare Christmas stockings for those in need. Be on the lookout for additional information on these activities. We love to engage the entire parish family in our projects and look forward to your support.

Finally, we are excited to welcome to our parish family all college students who are in Wilmington. On September 8, we will host the Students at St. Nicholas and officially welcome them to Wilmington. If you have not gotten your welcome bag, please ask someone and we will get it to you. If you ever need a ride to church or to one of our community events, we can make arrangements to help you. We love that you are with us here at St. Nicholas and want you to feel part of our parish family.

The mission of the Ladies Philoptochos Society is to “*promote charitable, benevolent, philanthropic outreach to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions.*”

If you are interested in learning more about the organization, please visit philoptochos.org, or reach out to any of our board members.



Philoptochos Board meeting Fr. Steven . Welcome to the Team!



St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos “ΕΝΩΣΗ” Chapter
Activity Stewardship Card

Year: _____

NAME: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ **PHONE:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PLEDGE AMOUNT: \$ _____ **PAID:** **CASH** \$ _____ **CHECK** \$ _____ **CHECK #** _____

Please note, \$25 of your pledge goes towards National and Metropolis commitments. Anything over \$25 supports our Chapter.

Philoptochos

Needing you by our side!

- Sponsor & Prepare Coffee Hour**
- Bake Prosforo**
- Help with Dinners**
- Bake Pastries for Bake Sale & Festival**
- Thanksgiving Baskets**
- St Nicholas Feast Day**

- Christmas Holiday Responsibilities**
- Christmas Need Project**
- Bake Vasilopita**
- Easter Responsibilities of Holy Week**
- Prepare Meals for Shut-ins**
- Visit Shut-ins**

We are open to new ideas!

Join Today

Treasurer*Tina Bostic***Treasurer's update**

Operating Income/Expense			
	Income	Expenses	Variance
Jan	\$14,198.65	\$31,808.60	\$(17,609.95)
Feb	\$26,655.40	\$22,912.67	\$3,742.73
Mar	\$33,599.65	\$28,375.14	\$5,224.51
Apr	\$25,055.48	\$21,256.19	\$3,799.29
May	\$12,623.69	\$20,734.58	\$(8,110.89)
Jun	\$14,312.74	\$27,290.78	\$(12,978.04)
Jul	\$30,538.21	\$28,092.11	\$2,446.10
YTD	\$156,983.82	\$180,470.07	\$(23,486.25)

Stewardship as of end of July 2019			
	Stewardship Received	Stewardship Goal	Variance
YTD	\$112,497.08	\$163,362.81	\$(50,865.73)

Stewardship*Lee King, Melissa Kirkby, Dino Psilos Barbara Reynolds*

Thank you to all of you who have completed your pledge cards for the year 2019. If you haven't completed a pledge card, it is important that we receive those cards to strategically budget for our operating year. Please come by the office M-F between 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM to complete your form and complete our Stewardship process. It will only take a few minutes. Or, take a form from the Narthex and fill it out when it is convenient for you. Your gift of treasure supports our many religious, faith formation, outreach & evangelism, and social ministries. We pray you can commit a specific percentage of your annual income to our parish and making your contribution on a regular, consistent basis. Thank you, Your Stewardship Committee...Lee King, Melissa Kirkby, Dino Psilos, and Barbara Reynolds.

Currently:

Stewardship is at \$184,022 for 2019

Giving is at \$142,982 for 2019

106 families (43%) have pledged for 2019

154 families (62%) have given to the church in 2019 (includes the 105 families that pledged)

Our stewardship goal for 2019 is \$280,872

We are currently at 66% of our stewardship pledge goal for 2019

We are currently at 51% of our stewardship giving goal for 2019

August 2019

107 Stewards

\$184,052 Pledged; \$142,982 Given

Adamopoulos, Pallas Mrs.
 Alexoudis, Fr. Regis
 Anagnost, Christos
 Andrews, Chris
 Andrews, Louis (Roula)
 Batounis, John (Nancy)
 Baynard, Carl (Elisabeth)
 Bostic, Michael (Tina)
 Brown, Doug (Argie)
 Bryan, John R
 Calhoun, Cameron (Pam)
 Chantiles, Stavros, GYSGT
 Cranidiotis, Christopher
 Dandoulakis, Gregory (Kimberly)
 Demas, Ron (Sherry), Dr.
 Dentiste, Angela
 Desimone, Louise
 Diakogiannis, Iffe
 Diakogiannis, Jon
 Dimopoulos, George
 Dimopoulos, Maria
 Dimopoulos, Peter (Kathy)
 Dimopoulos, Vasilios
 Etters, Peter (Christina)
 Flowers, Larry (Helen)
 Fragos, Evangelos (Olympia)
 Fragos, Koula
 Galantis, Jeannie
 Gianoplus, Anastasios (Mary)
 Hale, Pamela Mavros
 Harrill, Graham (Stephanie)
 Harris, Benjamin (Efthymiou, Barbara)
 Houck, Diana (Jeff)
 Ioannou, Yiannis (Antonia)
 Kaprantzas, Chris (Helen)
 Katris, Angelo (Anastasia)
 Katsikis, Basile (Koula)
 Kefalas, Thalia
 King, Lee (Doris)
 Kirkby, Matthew (Melissa)
 Klund, Fr. Steven (Pres. Nicole)
 Koklanaris, Emmanuel (Lambra), Dr.
 Kratsa, Caleb (Anita)
 Lazarides, Chrysanthé
 Lazaridis, Nick (Eleni)
 Lionikis, Emmanuel (Athanasia)
 Logothetis, Anestis (Constance)

Maggio, Ralph (Evelyn)
 Malahias, Peter (Courtney)
 Manolukas, Peter (Joan), Dr.
 Maraveyias, Nick (Jennifer)
 Markatos, Aristeia
 Marmaras, Georgia
 Mayorga, Aspasia
 Mayorga, Edward (Kathleen)
 McGowan, Calvin (Diane)
 McTaggart, Micaiah (Stella), M/M
 Michalidis, Basilios (Rebecca)
 Miliotis, Dorothy
 Miliotis, Emanuel (Mary Beth)
 Papakidis, Maria
 Papalitskas, William (Anastasia), M/M
 Papanicolaou, Lambros (Niki)
 Papanikolaou, Efstratios (Sandra)
 Pappamihel, Ruth
 Peklaris, Alesander (Yvonne)
 Poulin, Philippe (Mary Marolas)
 Poulos, Dena
 Poulos, John (Athena)
 Poulos, Koula
 Proimos, Evangelos
 Psilos, Dino (Karonis, Renée)
 Psilos, Marianne
 Rallis, Michael (Debra), Dr.
 Reynolds, Richard (Barbara)
 Ronner, Thomas (Connie)
 Rowell, Robert (Cathy)
 Saffo, Marika & Marian (Marian)
 Saffo, Nick (Tia)
 Saffo, Peter (Argiro)
 Saffo, Peter (Kim)
 Saffo, Tony (Jamie)
 Simpson, Angelique (Louis)
 Skandalakis, Kay Saffo
 Skinner, Deborah A.
 Sljaka, Sophie
 Snow, David (Daphne)
 Souflas, Thomas
 Stasios, James (Maria)
 Steele, Gregory
 Stephanou, George (Margaret)
 Stephens, Ronald (Vicky)
 Steyer, Joseph
 (Kommatea-Steyer, Lisa, Dr.)

Theophilos, Renee
 Tracy, Ernest (Sophia)
 Triantafillopoulos, Konstantinos (Deborah)
 Vassilaros, Betty
 Vassilaros, Toulia
 Vavallette, Mary Ann
 Vines, Jason (Betsy)
 Violagis, Thomas (Nota)
 Vogiatzis, Vasilios (Sotiriou, Irene)
 Voneiff, George (Irene)
 Wall, Mary Ann
 Weatherly, Edwin
 Whitley, John (Elaine)
 Wickersham, Donald
 Wiersteiner, Samuel (Kyriaki)



Father Steven’s Welcome and Father Regis’s Thank you



Panagia’s Panigiri August 15, 2019



Backpack Blessing for Students



Do you love to sew?

Share your talent and have some fun!

The Youth Dance Groups are growing and would love some help with costumes this year. Simple stuff like pleated dresses, special trousers, accents.

Contact Zaharoula Katsikis for more information.





OUR MISSION

Rise Against Hunger is driven by the vision of a world without hunger. Our mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

Volunteer for Our Meal Packaging Event

Date: September 21, 2019 Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Meals Goal: 15,120 Funds Goal: \$5,140.80

Location: St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Contact: Irene Sotiriou 471-9295 or Jimmie Stasios 232-0895 Donate at: <http://events.stophungernow.org/StNicholasCares>



▶ **This is possible.**
#2030isPossible



COME & SEE WHAT PHILOPTOCHOS IS ALL ABOUT

PHILOPTOCHOS *KICK OFF PARTY!*

Friday,
September 20
6:30 pm



PRIZES FOR:

- Fanciest
- Most practical
- Hippest
- Most difficult to wear
- Most unique

“Love is our Sole Purpose”

Hey 'SOLE' Sistas, gather round, we're going to have a shoe stomping time! Please come join us wearing your favorite shoes on September 20th in our Saint Nicholas Hellenic Center. We'll have fabulous food, beguiling beverages and of course fellowship among all our sisters! *If I were in your 'shoes'*, I would mark this date on your calendar! Come have a grand time with friends old and new!

SAINT NICHOLAS LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS

GREEK TAVERNA NIGHT

OCTOBER 12, 2019

7:00 – 11:30 PM

608 S. College Road, Wilmington, NC

Mezethes • Cash Bar • Cigar Bar • Silent Auction

Live Bouzouki Music by Paschalis



**Tickets \$50 per person
advance purchase only**

Reserved Tables Available for 8-10 – Paid in Advance

For reservations Call St. Nicholas: 910-392-4444

*Proceeds Benefit All Our Charities, including: Nourish NC, NC Diaper Bank,
Cape Fear Hospice, Local Homeless Teens, IOCC, OCMC*

THE SAINT NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL & COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES PRESENTS
A PARISH RETREAT FOR THE **WHOLE FAMILY**

**“SEVEN LIFE CHANGING PRINCIPLES
THAT CHRIST SHARES ON THE CROSS”**



Friday, September 6 - 7-9 pm
Saturday, September 7 - 8:30-11:30am
- (Continental Breakfast - 8:00am)
- Featuring a Separate **Youth Retreat**
from 8:30-11:30am on Saturday



FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER

FR. NICHOLAS LOUH

PASTOR OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE - JACKSONVILLE, FL



Creating healthy, Christ-centered ministry environments.

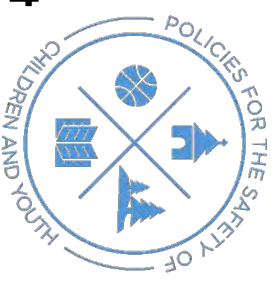
Keeping kids *safe*.

As an Archdiocese, we're ready to take the next step in youth safety.

The new Policies for the Safety of Children and Youth is how we'll do it.

What the Policies do:

- **Create participation requirements regarding who can help with youth ministry programs and events**
- **Establish clear reporting procedures**
- **Identify boundaries about what is inappropriate in ministry**

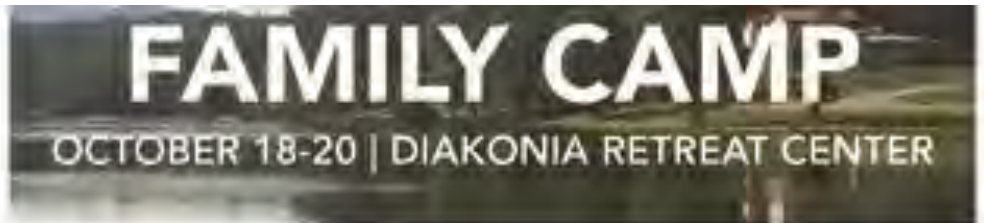


What you can do:

1. Visit the official youth safety website: goarch.org/safety
2. Watch the 10 episode youth safety video series
3. Download the easy-to-follow checklist to learn how you can become a Youth Worker

Over the next few months St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church will implement new policies for the safety of our children & youth. Look for more information to come. Thank you!

Metropolis Events



"ARE YOU LISTENING?"

COMING
SOON!

Join the Metropolis of Atlanta Youth and Family Life Ministry for the opportunity to come together and experience the joy and spiritual closeness at St. Stephen's Camp as a family.

Unplug and connect with God and your family through a weekend of camp life.

Campers describe St. Stephen's by saying, "From the outside looking in, you can't understand it. And from the inside looking out, you can't explain it." This is the opportunity to experience it with your campers without them having to explain. Come and see.

Camp doesn't just have to be for kids.

WHEN: Friday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. -
Sunday, October 20 at 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: 455 Quail Ridge Road, Salem, SC

DETAILS: Family Camp is a weekend retreat dedicated to strengthening our faith and our families. Experience the fun of camp as a family with professional counselors and experienced young adult volunteers.

COST PER PERSON: \$125 for adults, \$75 teens, and \$60 for youth aged 6-12. Children age 5 or younger are free. Price includes two nights of lodging, meals, snacks & activities.

REGISTER: Register online beginning July 8 at familylifeministry.atlanta.goarch.org.

QUESTIONS: Reach out to Paula Marchman, paulamarchman@yahoo.com.

December 27, 2019 - December 30, 2019

The Winter Youth Rally commences each year on the Feast of St. Stephen on December 27. All Orthodox teens in the Metropolis of Atlanta involved in their local parish's GOYA and Church School program are invited to Atlanta, GA each December to compete in tournaments representing their church community.





JOURNEY OF FAITH PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Venice-Ravenna-Assisi- Rome-Bari-Calabria

Led By His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios of the Holy Metropolis of Atlanta

Nov 11 – 23, 2019 13 Days / 11 Nights



VENICE: Arrive by motor launch into the romantic city of Venice with its canals and waterways. Visit St. Mark's Square The Basilica of San Marco, the highlights of Venice and our Metropolis, Icon Museum, St. Zakarias & other sites related to our Saints. **RAVENNA:** Visit the city of Ravenna famous for its early Byzantine & Byzantine mosaics! See the Battistero Neoniano, Basilica di San Vitale, Mausoleo di Galla Placidia, & Basilica Sant' Apollinare Nuovo- all adorned with gorgeous mosaics. Also visit the Tomb of Dante. **ROME:** Visit the highlights of this fabulous city- the Vatican, St Peter's Basilica, some of the 7 pilgrim churches, the Scavi (subject to confirmation, and San Teodoro the only Greek Orthodox Church in Rome, the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. **BARI:** Celebrate Liturgy at San Crysostomos Church. Visit the Basilica of St. Nicholas and venerate the relics of St Nicolas. It is one of the few churches in the world that hosts two religions, Roman Catholic and Orthodox! **CALABRIA:** Your overnight stays will be in Roccella Jonica, Reggio Calabria and Tropea. Travel to Bivonci to visit the Monastery of San Giovanni Theristis, the only Italian Orthodox Monastery in Italy. In Stilo, visit the Cattolica dei Greci considered a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture with its incredible mosaics before going on to Gerace, the Florence of the South. In Bova, the capital of the Greeks of Calabria where ancient Greek is still spoken, visit the Museum of Planetology and Natural Sciences. Also visit the town of Motta San Giovanni and Miner's Park. In Reggio Calabria, one of the oldest Greek colonies in southern Italy, visit the National Museum of Magna Grecia where you will admire many Greek artifacts. The town of Pentedattilo is perched on a rocky and- shaped rock, a ghost town born many centuries before Christ. Enjoy a ride along the Coast of Dei including a visit to the 8,000 year old city of Vibo. Included in the visit to Vibo is the National Archaeological Museum which house the most important Hellenic finds –the "laminetta auea", a golden leaf with the oldest and most complete Orphic texts found in Italy. Continue along the coast to Pizzo Calabro, famous as the birthplace of Tartufo and a high quality ice cream! Also visit the cave church of Piedigrotta, a small church built by Neapolitans shipwrecked sailors! Of course, along the way there will be time to sample the fabulous food of Calabria.

SPACE IS LIMITED and on a FIRST COME BASIS

RATE: Per person double occupancy \$4895* & Single occupancy \$5855*

*Rates include the air tax/fuel surcharge of approximately \$465 which is not guaranteed until ticketing.

Rate above reflect a 4% check discount which does not apply if payment is made any other way.

Deposit of \$500 due by June 15, 2019 or late booking fee of \$50 per person will apply – Any deposits after June 15, may not include a visit to the Scavi. On June 15, all names must be submitted for special permission to visit the Scavi

YOUR TOUR WILL INCLUDE:

*Round trip air JFK/ VENICE via Rome, Rome -Bari and La Mezia –JFK via Rome on Alitalia

*2N in Venice, 2N in Rome, 2N in Bari, 1N Roccella Jonica, 3N in Reggio Calabria & 1N in Tropea. All hotels are first class or higher and include daily breakfast and city tax.

*All private sightseeing with English speaking guide & entrance fees

*All private transfers and motor launch in Venice

*4 dinners & 3 lunches

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CALL GERRY CLONARIS AT 704-846-5245 OR CLOUD TOURS AT 800 223 7800 AND ASK FOR STEPHEN.

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GREEK DANCE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

DATE & TIME TBD

Commence 2nd Week of September

Instructor: Antonia Ioannou

Saint Nicholas Hellenic Center

608 S. College Road

Wilmington, NC

Enroll: (910) 790-3178 ~ Kitsa Wiersteiner

Minimum Committed Participants: 15

Join us for fun and fitness!

No matter if you're a pro at Greek Dancing and looking for a fun way to get fit or if you're a novice and just want to learn the basics, this is the activity for you! Learn dances from Thrace, Crete, Pontios, Epirus, Macedonia, Roumeli, Asia Minor and let's not forget Ikaria too!
Learn Hasapikos, Zembekikos, Syrtos, Tsamikos... and the list goes on.

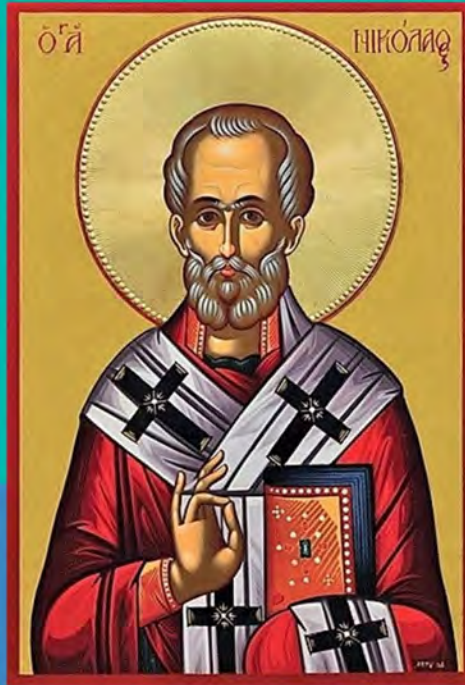
Classes to begin the 2nd week of September. Day and time still to be determined.

Classes will be taught by our very own Antonia Ioannou.

We must have a minimum of 15 individuals committed to attending each week in order for the program to run.

Contact Kitsa Wiersteiner to register today.

75th
Anniversary
Commemoration



Plan
Honor
Celebrate



SAVE THE DATES

October 23 -25, 2020

Σεπτέμβριος • September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Ecclesiastical New Year & the Induction</i> 8:30 AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy Memorial 10 yr. George Manolukas	2 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	3 7PM Parish Council Meet- ing	4	5	6 7PM Retreat Event: Father Louh Presentation - Open to all!!	7 8:30 AM Retreat Event: Father Louh Presentation Open to All!!
8 <i>Nativity of the Theotokos</i> 8:30 AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy OCF Welcome Blessing of the Ministries 1 PM OCF Kayaking trip	9 7PM Choir Rehearsal	10 11:45AM Forever Young 1:30 PM 75th Anniversary committee meeting	11	12	13 5:30 PM Great Vespers	14 <i>The Elevation of the Venerable Cross</i> 8AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy/ Procession
15 Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross 8:30AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy 11AM Memorial George Fokakis 11:30PM Mission Trip Presentation	16 7PM Choir Rehearsal	17 <i>St. Sophia Faith Hope & Love</i> 9AM Divine Liturgy	18 4PM LOVE Kickoff	19	20 4PM First Day of Greek School/ Blessing 6:30PM Philoptochos Kick-Off Meet- ing	21 8AM Rise Against Hunger Packaging event
22 1st Sunday of Luke 8:30AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy First Day Sunday School	23 7PM Choir Rehearsal	24 7 PM COM Meeting	25 <i>St. John the Theologian</i> 9AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy	26	27 4PM Greek School	28
29 2nd Sunday of Luke 8:30 AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy 11:30AM Acolyte Orientation Meeting	30 7PM Choir Rehearsal	<div> <p>For the most current version of our Parish Calendar, please visit us online at:</p> <p>http://www.stnicholaswilmington.org/ParishCalendar.html</p> </div>				

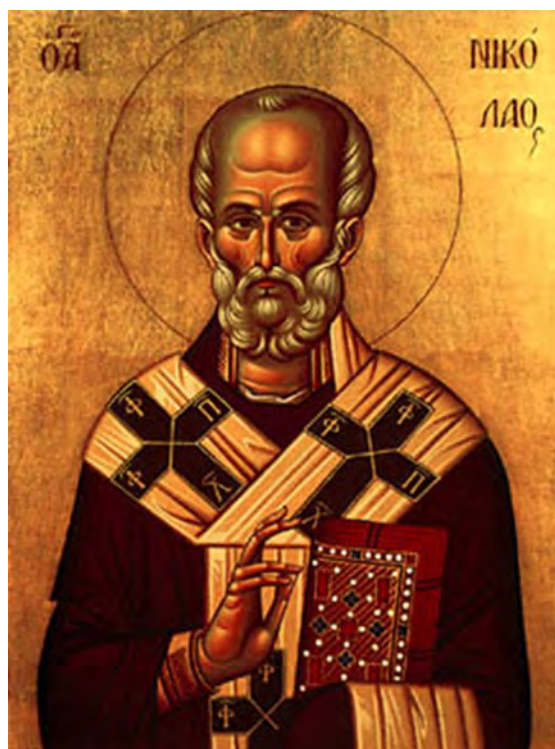
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**GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
MISSION**

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.