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My fellow parishioners,

Christos Anesti!

Χριστος Ανεστι!

It is a busy time of year! The past few months have been very eventful. Getting through the wonderful Lenten Season, I want to share how thankful I am for the community we have here at St. Nicholas. We all came together to keep our church a beautiful place to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ!

Beginning with the O.C.F. Lenten clean-up, thank you for all those who came out and participated. It was a very successful event and there was a lot accomplished! Thank you to our college students for heading that!

Saturday of Lazarus, we had a wonderful turnout of parishioners all ages. After the church service, we gathered and folded palms and enjoyed a wonderful pancake breakfast. Thank you for all those who were able to come out.

There is so much to be thankful for when it comes to Pascha at our church. The Easter lilies and all the flowers really made our sanctuary so beautiful. The nightly services during Holy Week were so magnificent and lovely. The Agape Service was held here at St. Nicholas, directly followed by the Pascha Picnic in the community center. It was so well put together and a beautiful Easter celebration. Καλό Πάσχα!

The Greek festival is right around the corner. We are looking forward to a great turn-out. We pray for wonderful weather and fellowship. This is the biggest fundraiser for our church. We ask that all parishioners help in any way they can to continue to make our Greek Festival a growing success.

Thank you all for your dedication to our church. Let's continue with this wonderful momentum we have and motivate one another to take pride in our beautiful St. Nicholas.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to reach out and contact me.

Sincerely,

Evangelos Fragos

Parish Council President

Christ is risen... Truly He is risen!

Χριστός Ανέστη... Αληθώς Ανέστη!

Beloved faithful members and friends of St Nicholas,

Praise our Resurrected Lord that we experienced a beautiful Lenten season and Holy Week! Many, many blessings and manifold joy was felt by so many who attended the sacred and spiritually uplifting services. So many have asked how can the priest do so many services in such a short period of time...it is only by the energy of God and the power of the Holy Spirit! Our choir led by our protopsalti, the ladies of our Philoptochos, our Parish Council members, our office administrator, and the altar attendants, all were major contributors to the beauty, solemnity, and spiritual uplifting of the services! We are especially appreciative to them!

Looking ahead, in less than three weeks we have another wonderful opportunity to witness to our beautiful Orthodox faith! Yes for many it is just baklava, Greek food, and dancing, but let us not forget that it is also a wonderful opportunity to project and witness to our holy Orthodox faith and church. We have received much interest over the years in our Holy Faith and Church through the Greek Festival. Please participate fully in this wonderful event and don't be ashamed to encourage those you encounter to come into our church where we will have people to answer questions about our Faith and our Church. Remember this is not just a fundraiser, but a golden, sacred opportunity to spread the Good Word!

After 15 years absence, I must say it has been such a blessing and joy to serve at the Holy Altar that I love and developed for 10 years. I remember in 1994 arriving at a church that looked like a Baptist church with an Icon Screen. Now, thanks to your generous donations at that time, we have a beautiful Orthodox Church for the glory of God!

May our Resurrected Lord continue to guide our efforts and our decisions for His Holy Church!

Your Interim Priest,

Always in His Love and His Service!

Rev. Fr. Regis John Alexoudis

Pictures of our Altar and Solea during Holy Week April 2019



TREASURER*Tina Bostic*

In March our Income was greater than expenses for the 2nd month in a row. We continue to assess and reduce expenses however need your contributions to support the church.

Operating Income/Expense			
General Fund	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
YTD	\$74,453.70	\$83,096.41	\$(8,642.71)

We have received 75 pledge cards out of approximately 200 plus families. Please consider your commitments and turn in your cards as soon as possible.

Many choose to give weekly, monthly or one lump sum. You must do what works best for you and your family.

Below are examples of how weekly donations in various amounts add up to an annual giving amount. The majority of St. Nicholas bills are paid monthly therefore, weekly or monthly donations to St. Nicholas will allow us to manage our bills more consistently. Please consider giving on a regular basis.

weekly giving	annual giving
\$5.00	\$260.00
\$10.00	\$520.00
\$20.00	\$1,040.00
\$25.00	\$1,300.00
\$30.00	\$1,560.00
\$50.00	\$2,600.00
\$100.00	\$5,200.00

March 2019 was our first positive month of stewardship donations compared to our monthly goal. We are \$11K under for the first 3 months.

Stewardship			
	stewardship received	stewardship goal	Variance
Jan	\$8,813.00	\$23,337.54	\$(14,524.54)
Feb	\$21,025.00	\$23,337.54	\$(2,312.54)
Mar	\$28,754.00	\$23,337.54	\$5,416.46
YTD	\$58,592.00	\$70,012.63	\$(11,420.63)

We have ~125 families who haven't submitted pledge cards. The average annual amount needed per family to meet the financial goal is \$1400.00. The 75 families who have provided cards are averaging \$1673/year. Thank you to those who have submitted pledge cards.

Stewardship March 2019	
Total pledge cards received	75
Amount pledged	\$125,507.00
Full year goal	\$280,050.53
Variance pledged to goal	-\$166,593.53
Amount received	\$58,592.00
Amount needed to meet goal	\$221,458.53



Metropolis Strategic Planning

Koula Katsikis, Parish Champion

What is Strategic Planning

Strategic planning is a process to define our direction (strategy) and allocate our resources to achieve our goals.

A Strategic Plan must answer four fundamental questions:

1. Why do we exist?
2. Where are we now?
3. Where do we want to be?
4. How will we get there?

The Metropolis Strategic Planning was excited to announce the following topics for the official Faith Forums in Atlanta, Georgia the weekend of November 11, 2017 in conjunction with the Archangel Michael Awards Presentations:

- 1.1 Parish Strategic Planning
- 1.3 Risk Management
- 4.2 Orthodox Leadership Training
- Managing Difficult Conversations & Understanding Parish Finances
- 5.4 Programs For Our Seniors
- 8.1 Spiritual Growth Resources
- 9.1 Comprehensive Stewardship

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

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

Greek Festival

Nick Saffo, Lee King, Ministry Co-Chairs

Volunteers are needed to help make our 2019 Greek Festival the best yet. Look for schedule updates for festival meetings and bake dates in upcoming bulletins. Any and all hands are welcome.

Please consider sponsoring the festival (DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 2!) to advertise your business or send greetings from your family. See our sponsorship form later in this newsletter. You can request additional copies from the office or find online at www.stnicholasgreekfest.com.

If you would like to purchase ADVANCE admission, meal or pastry tickets for teachers, friends and neighbors you can do that starting today! A sheet of 10 admission tickets is on sale for \$10. Each meal ticket and pastry ticket is \$10. You can contact the office for tickets or see the Festival Table in the Hellenic Center for a variety of tickets available after Divine Liturgy on Sundays.

Forever Young

Kay Skandalakis

Join us at our next event on Tuesday, May 7th at the College Diner at 11:45AM for food and fellowship. We want you to join us before our end of year event in June for our summer break.

***“People will forget what you said ,
People will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel!”***

Philoptochos

Enosis Chapter #5027

Debra Rallis

Thank you for your donations and help with all our Pascha preparations. It is a beautiful time of the year for us to renew ourselves and our Orthodox faith.

Our annual Palm Sunday luncheon is a beautiful way for us to begin our Holy Week as a family.

A huge thank you to the Chris Tsingelis family for their love and devotion to our beloved St. Nicholas.

Our next meeting will be Elections on Sunday May 5th following Divine Liturgy.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday June 2nd for our End of Year Social/50 Year Member Celebration. See attached flyer for the details. It promises to be a beautiful afternoon as we enjoy our scenic downtown Wilmington!

Dates to remember:

September 6th & 7th- Retreat led by Fr. Nicholas Louh, from Jacksonville , Florida.

Saturday October 19th – our 2nd Annual Greek Taverna Night

2019 Memberships have been received from the following ladies:

Argie Brown, Angela Dentiste, Louise Desimone, Kathy Dimopoulos, Marisa Gallaher, Mary Gianoplus, Pamela Hale, Barbara Harris, Irene Jeffries, Kathleen Jewel, Helen Kapranzas, Joanne Kares, Evyenia Karonis, Sharon Katsaros, Koula Katsikis, Thalia Kefalas, Lambra Koklanaris, Lisa Kommatea, Anita Kratsa, Chrysanthé Lazaridis, Athanasia Lionikis, Theodora Loizides, Courtney Malahias, Diane McGowan, Stella McTaggart, Mary Beth Miliotis, Roubini Omirly, Sandra Papanikolaou, Niki Papanicolaou, Eleni Pappamihel, Anna Patsalos, Anne Pinkston, Dena Poulos, Renee Psilos, Debra Rallis, Barbara Reynolds, Dea Saffo, Kay Skandalakis, Tia Saffo, Joanne Simotas, Patricia Skinner, Cassie Snow, Daphne Snow Georgia Spiliotis, Maria Stasios, Renee Theophilos, Deborah Triantafillopoulos, Mary Ann Vavalete, Irene Vogiatzis, Irene Voneiff, Kitsa Wiersteiner.

Divine Liturgy Youth Program*Stella McTaggart*

Christ is Risen!

Thank you to everyone in the Community for supporting the Divine Liturgy Youth Program. It started right before Hurricane Florence with the purpose to introduce and grow participation in the Divine Liturgy for all of our Youth – from chanting with the Choir (either at the Chanter's Stand or in the pews), to helping the Pangari, to greeting parishioners in the Narthex, to reading the Epistle, and for boys 8 and older to serve in the Altar, especially if they had not previously.

I also started a Facebook site to make it easy for Members to communicate and share what is happening each week not only for Divine Liturgy but also with our Sunday school program. You can still find the site on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2156804584534447/>

I will be passing Administration of this page to our new Religious Education Ministry Leaders – Mary Beth Miliotis and Courtney Malahias so they can continue to share and grow this group. The page will be renamed to better fit its new purpose.

Even though this specific program will be ending this month, please remember together we can grow the foundation for our children's LOVE of God through participation in the Divine Liturgy each week. Weekly Bulletins for our Youth will continue to be available each Sunday in the Narthex for children to review/use during Divine Liturgy. I pray each parent will guide and encourage their children to attend Divine Liturgy each Sunday.

Please continue to encourage attendance in Sunday School! Sunday School is a wonderful Ministry which takes place after Divine Communion. See the Monthly Sunday School newsletter or the church website for the schedule.

Hellenic Culture - Special Activities*Kitsa Wiersteiner*

Please join us for a memorial (μνημόσυνο) for the Pontian Genocide on Sunday, May 26 after Divine Liturgy.

The Pontian Greeks in the Black Sea and surrounding coastal areas, date back to the ancient times, some 2,000 years before the migration of Turkish people to this area. By 1923, out of Approximately 700,000 Pontian Greeks who lived in Turkey at the beginning of World War I, as many as 350,000 were killed, and almost all of the rest had been uprooted during the subsequent forced population exchange between Greece and Turkey. May 19th is the Memorial day of the Genocide of the Greeks of Pontos by the Ottoman Turks.

Let us honor all of them, who were annihilated between 1914 - 1923. May their memory be eternal. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥΣ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ

HOPE/JOY*Renée Karonis Psilos*

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ Is Risen! Moms Night In!!!! Saturday May 4th, 5pm we look forward to celebrating all the mothers of our youth at Caleb and Anita Kratsa's home. I can guarantee plenty of belly laughs. Hope to see everyone there!

Please note an opportunity to reduce, reuse and recycle. Let's help our sweet Mother Earth who gives us endless beauty. Please collect your toothpaste tubes, caps, floss containers, toothpaste packaging and cartons. We can use them!!

Save the date June 29th, pool party to celebrate the end of the year at Jack and Danielle Poulos's home! Hope to see you there!

A huge thank you in advance to the Kratsa and Poulos family for opening your homes.

Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely.
Psalm 112:5

Hellenic School*Anestis Logothetis*

After having an Easter recess, classes for children and adults will start again on Friday May 3 and continue on Fridays, May 10 and 24. There are no classes for Friday May 17 because of the Greek Festival. A short Graduation Ceremony will take place on Sunday May 26.

We hope to have Greek School again in the Fall. We encourage parents to consider sending their kids to learn Greek to learn the language of their heritage. We do need parental support to continue having Greek School.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)*Koula Fragos*

The OCF would like to thank the following who came out on our church clean-up day:

Georgia Spiliotis, Kay Saffo, Bill and Stacey Papalitskas, Eleni and Alexandros Theodoropoulos, Georgia Marmaras, Koula Fragos // Youth: Alex Fragos, Maria Katris, Georgia Theodoropoulos, Cosmas Boutis, Emilio Herndandez, Cassia Harris, Helen Dandolakis

We want to thank them for coming out and supporting this clean up day. It couldn't have been done without all these hands working together!

Thank you for all who donated to the "Bags of Love" Lenten project! We were able to prepare plenty of bags. They were brought to a local homeless shelter. Thank you for reaching into your heart to help others less fortunate.

Liturgical Life

Dr. Michael Rallis

PENTACOSTAL ORTHODOXY April 12, 2019 ·[Fr. Lawrence Farley](#)

I suppose that the adjective “Pentecostal” in the title should be placed in scare quotes, because by “Pentecostal Orthodoxy” I do not refer to a combination of Protestant Pentecostalism and Orthodoxy, but that Orthodoxy itself is essentially Pentecostal. In his book *The Orthodox Church* (then) Timothy Ware described the Orthodox Church as “a continued Pentecost”, and as “the temple and dwelling place of the Spirit” so that those who dwell in her partook of that Holy Spirit through the sacrament of baptism and chrismation.

What does Pentecostal (or true) Orthodoxy look like? I suggest that it contains at least five ingredients.

First of all, a Pentecostal or true Orthodox will come to Sunday morning Liturgy with the expectation that at that Liturgy God will pour out His Holy Spirit upon the Orthodox there assembled. We see this expectation as early as St. Clement of Rome who wrote a letter to the neighboring Corinthian church at the end of the first century. In the opening part of his letter, he contrasts the Corinthians’ present lamentable condition with their former laudable one. Clement writes, “You were all distinguished by humility... Content with the provision which God had made for you, and carefully attending to His words, you were inwardly filled with His doctrine, and His sufferings were before your eyes. Thus a profound and abundant peace was given to you all, and you had an insatiable desire for doing good...”

This is, I suggest, a picture of their Sunday morning worship: they came to Liturgy in humility and with spiritual hunger; they all carefully attended to God’s words in the Scripture readings and in the sermon, and all partook of the Eucharist, after the Anaphora had been said wherein “His sufferings were before their eyes”. Then Clement added the words: “...while a full outpouring of the Holy Spirit was upon you all”. It was during their time of Sunday worship that the Holy Spirit was abundantly poured out upon them. Clement writes as if this outpouring were the crown and goal of their worship, which of course it was. It remains the goal of our Sunday worship as well. We should go to Liturgy with the expectation of getting spiritually drenched.

Secondly, a Pentecostal Orthodox will come to all the Church’s liturgical worship to pray fervently, not simply to listen to a concert provided by the priest, deacon, and choir. When the deacon begins his litany by saying, “In peace let us pray to the Lord”, he is not addressing the choir alone, but everyone in church. That means that everyone in the church should respond with prayer, loudly and (hopefully) tunefully. One can pray fervently and quietly, but fervency is usually expressed in volume. (I may add that if one sings badly out of tune, praying quietly is recommended as the path of charity.) It is too easy to let the clergy and the choir do all the praying while simply standing in pious silence and letting the mind wander. The beautiful music, the iconography, the smell of incense will inevitably make their impressions on the senses and stir pious feelings, but worship is not about feelings. It is about prayer and self-offering. Feelings rarely induce spiritual growth; prayer and self-offering do.

Given the wonderful music settings available and the rich complexity of the liturgical rubrics, it is tempting to define “a good service” as one in which the music sounded professional and all the rubrics were faithfully and rigidly adhered to. Music and liturgical complexity are indeed wonderful, but alone they do not constitute a good service. A good service is one in which all the people prayed fervently and lifted up their hearts to heaven with penitence and love—regardless of the music or the rubrics. To omit this crucial element in our definition of what constitutes a good service is externalism.

Thirdly, one who is truly Pentecostal and Orthodox will come to the Liturgy to receive the Lord. The Eucharist is offered not simply so that the clergy can receive the Body and Blood of Christ, but so that all the baptized faithful can receive. Once again, the text of the Liturgy itself reveals this: the deacon invites everyone present to come forward and receive the Eucharist (the non-communing catechumens having been already dismissed). He does not say, “Those who are worthy come forward”, but simply “In the fear of God and in faith and love, draw near”. Afterward he assumes that everyone in fact *did* draw near and receive, and so he concludes by saying in the final litany, “*Having partaken* of the divine, holy, most pure, immortal, heavenly, life-creating, and awesome Mysteries of Christ, let us worthily give thank to the Lord”. In both invitation and concluding prayers, it is assumed liturgically that *everyone present* at the Liturgy has received Holy Communion. That is the norm; non-communicating attendance was inconceivable in the early church. The faithful did not come to Liturgy to listen to music and watch the clergy receive Holy Communion, but rather to pray and commune along with them. Of course this practice of weekly reception of Holy Communion presupposes daily prayer, Scripture reading, regular confession, and striving to keep the fasts of the Church. Spiritual laxity and weekly Communion can make a deadly combination. A Eucharistic lifestyle also involves a life of discipline and dedication.

Fourthly, a Pentecostal and true Orthodox will expect miracles to occur in the Church. When one is anointed in the sacramental Mystery of Holy Unction, one should expect a measure of healing. When visiting the shrines of the saints, or venerating their relics, one should expect blessing and miracle. Miracles happen because Christ is the miracle-worker, and Christ is in our midst. His most-pure Mother and His friends the saints share in this miraculous power. It is true that miracles of healing happen according to the will of God and cannot be presumed upon. It is also true that the age of miracles is still with us so that we should approach God with an attitude of faithful expectation.

Finally, a Pentecostal and true Orthodox will come to Church as a Spirit-filled member of the royal priesthood, the Body of Christ. In baptism and chrismation each one of us was given the gift of the Holy Spirit, and along with it, spiritual gifts. Those gifts might be as spectacular as a gift of healing the sick, or as unspectacular as a gift for counseling the grief-stricken. We do not get to choose our spiritual gift like an item in a menu. God gives His gifts as He wills. But each one of us has been given the Holy Spirit and a call to serve the Church in some way. Equating ministry and service with clerical rank is simply wrong. All are given the Holy Spirit and a ministry of some kind, not just the clergy. Confining ministry and Spirit-filled service to the clergy produces over-burdened priests and a spiritually sterile laity.

The greatest need in the Orthodox Church is for the laity to know who they are—not the uninitiated (those are the catechumens), but the initiated, not the great unwashed, but the baptismally washed, not mediocre nobodies, but saints. That is why when the deacon invites them to the Chalice every Sunday, he calls them holy: “the holy things for the holy!”—the sanctified gifts of Christ’s Body and Blood for His saints. Sanctity is required of everyone, even if the likelihood of ever being canonized and ending up on an icon is very slim.

At the first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven to make the fishermen most wise, transforming humble workers into theologians and miracle-workers. This transformation is what Orthodoxy is all about. Through His Pentecostal Spirit, Christ can transform us as well. Orthodoxy is Pentecostal by its very nature. All devout Orthodox who live in fervency and faith are Pentecostal by definition.

Community News

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's AGAPE Vespers & Picnic a resounding success.

*****A special Thanks to Kay Skandalakis for organizing and bringing to fruition an amazing Agape luncheon***

DONATION REQUESTS

TIME, TALENT, OR TREASURE

Father Regis is asking if someone would want to donate a 2x2 or 3ft. tall refrigerator for the back of the altar.

PROSFORO MAKING

Father Regis appointed Lisa Kommatea-Strayer, as our lead Prosforo makier going forward. She will have a Prosforo Baking retreat on the last Saturday of every month. Please stay tuned for announcements in the bulletin. If anyone is interested in joining the class, please let the office of Lisa know.

OFFICE

Georgia Marmaras will be out of the office from May 27 - July 8 to attend to the needs of her daughters who are both expecting. One in Greece and one in Columbia, MD. In her absence, Marianne Vavalette will be in the office M - F from 9:30 AM- 3:30 PM. Please make sure to let her know of anything needed to be put on the bulletin (s), schedule changes, list-servs etc.

FOR SALE

We have various "Greek" food items for sale. Ask Irene Vogiatzis or Sandra Papanicolaou. All checks to be made out to "St Nicholas Greek Festival Market."

CONGRATULATIONS

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

PLEASE PRAY

Angelo Angeledes, Shelby Biancaniello (daughter of Sue Lawler), 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, Stephanie & Georgiana Jean Harrill (daughter & granddaughter of Pat and Marisa Gallaher), George Kanes (brother-in-law of Barbara Harris), Nick Karloutsos (Silver Stream), Emanuel Koklanaris, Nikolaos Kotsinis, Olga Mancuso, Calvin McGowan, Mary Compos Marmaras (Cypress Pointe), Maria Padgett-Velaetis, Dorothy Radomsky, Pat Skinner, Chloe Saffo, Kim Saffo, Tom Souflas, Peggy Stephanou, Debbie Triantafillopoulos, Helen Vurnakes, Vasilios Vogiatzis, MaryAnn Wall.

SYMPATHIES

Anthony (Tony) Leonidas Vassilaros passed away peacefully on April 19, 2019. He was the youngest of eight children born April 11, 1925 in Cairo, Egypt to parents Leonidas and Eleni Vassilaros. He is survived by wife Toula (Saffo), children Elaine (Steele), Argiro, Betty and Leonidas Vassilaros, and grandson Gregory Anthony Steele.

Following his childhood in Cairo, Tony met his wife Toula on their ancestral island of Ikaria, Greece and married after a whirlwind courtship on October 11, 1954. The only one of his siblings to immigrate to America, Tony soon began a career in Baltimore, MD at Klicos Painting Company which would last nearly 40 years. It was in Baltimore where he raised his family, aside from summers spent in his wife's hometown of Wrightsville Beach, NC.

An avid reader, Tony will be remembered as a scholar of history with a great sense of humor who loved seafood, music, walking and slot machines. Proud of his Ikarian and Greek roots, he instilled a lifelong sense of pride for his Greek heritage in his family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle to a large extended family that stretched from North Carolina and Baltimore, to Zimbabwe and Greece.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m., at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church located at 608 S. College Rd., Wilmington, NC. A viewing was held prior to the service at the church from 12-1:00 p.m. Internment was at Oakdale Cemetery. The Makaria was at Chris's restaurant.

The family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Wilmington, NC.

Ζωή σε μας - Life to us all!

ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ – Eternal be his memory!



Pictures from Agape Service and Agape Luncheon/
Picnic





SATURDAY | 5 PM | MAY 4

MOM'S NIGHT IN

Celebrate BRIGHT WEEK together

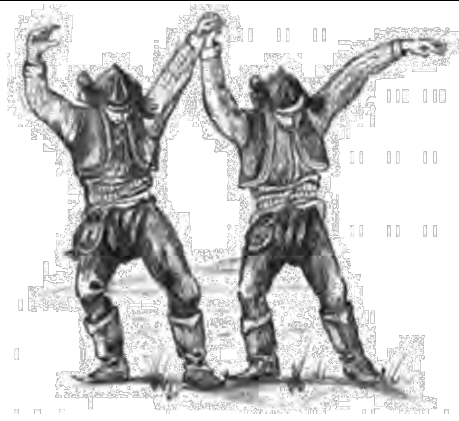
Bring a Heavy Appetizer & spend the
evening with friends old & new

GOYA | JOY | HOPE | LOVE

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Λελέβω σε - Σε λατρεύω - I adore you

St. Nicholas Hellenic Cultural Special Activities
proudly presents

Pontians are Special

Immediately following Great Vespers
Sunday, May 26, 2019

St. Nicholas Hellenic Center

608 S. College Road - Wilmington, NC

Coffee Hour will be hosted by Hellenic Culture

***For More Information Contact
Kitsa Wiersteiner at 910.790.3178***

We hope to see you there!

In remembrance, Pontians separate from the rest of Asia Minor because, unlike the others who were forced to leave the area in one hit, the Pontians grabbed their arms to fight the Turks. The torture lasted for several more years. May 19 was chosen as Remembrance Day because it is on that day in 1919 and during the 19th hour that Kemal stepped foot into Pontos at the port of Samsunda. The actions of the Turks have been widely condemned. Let us never forget the 353,000 people who lost their lives.



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Something Funny and Food for thought...

A Little Story

This is a story about four people named *Everybody*, *Somebody*, *Anybody*, and *Nobody*.

There was an important job to be done that *Everybody* was sure that *Somebody* would do it.

Anybody could have done it but *Nobody* did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was *Everybody's* job.

Everybody thought *Anybody* could do it, but *Nobody* realized that *Everybody* wouldn't do it.

It ended up that *Everybody* blamed *Somebody* when *Nobody* did what *Anybody* could have done.

*Dear God,
So far today, I've done all right.
I haven't gossiped,
I haven't lost my temper.
I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty,
selfish or overindulgent.
I'm very thankful for that.
But in a few minutes, God,
I'm going to get out of bed;
And from then on,
I'm probably going to need
a lot more help.*

- Submitted by LifeWise Advisory Board
member Carolyn Gruelle

27TH ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS GREEK FESTIVAL

MAY 17TH, 18TH & 19TH 2019

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
608 South College Road, Wilmington, NC
www.stnicholasgreekfest.com



**HOURS: FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 11 AM - 10 PM
SUNDAY: 11 AM - 6PM**

**Parking: UNCW Parking lot behind Taco Bell
Shuttle Service: Free Trolley Ride to Festival Grounds
Admission: Kids 12 & under Free; Adults \$3.00**

Last call for Commemorative album Sponsorship..please email or send your forms by the latest May 10,2019.

ST NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX FESTIVAL MAY 17, 18 AND 19 2019

ST NICHOLAS GREEK FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP 2019 CONTRACT

Please fill out this form and attach your check. Thank you so much for your support!



GOLD LEVEL

- Name on menu
- Name prominently displayed at entrance and food line
- Full page prominent program ad
- 20 dinner tickets
- 20 admission tickets
- 4 pastry boxes
- Ad on the festival website

Sponsorship Amount: \$750

PLATINUM LEVEL

- Prominent position of banner around the main tent
- Name and logo on menu
- Full page prominent program ad
- Announcement by the band throughout the festival
- 30 dinner tickets
- 30 admission tickets
- 6 pastry boxes
- Ad on the festival website

Sponsorship Amount: \$1,500

SILVER LEVEL

- Half page prominent program ad
- 10 dinner tickets
- 10 admission tickets
- 2 pastry boxes
- Listing on the festival website

Sponsorship Amount: \$500

BRONZE LEVEL

- Quarter page prominent program ad
- 4 dinner tickets
- 4 admission tickets
- 1 pastry box

Sponsorship Amount: \$200

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- Business card (1/8 page) prominent program ad
- 4 dinner tickets
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- 1 pastry box

Sponsorship Amount: \$150

A portion of our proceeds will be donated to Charity:



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Phone:

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Please check Sponsor Level:

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☐ Bronze \$200 (Size 3 X 3 7/8)

☐ Copper \$150 (Size 3 X 1 1/2)

3 options for your ad (please check one):

See below for explanation.

☐ You Design ☐ Reuse Ad

☐ Pick Up (\$25) See Rates Below

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St Nicholas Greek Festival

ATTN: Commemorative Album

608 S. College Rd.

Wilmington, NC 28403

May 10, 2018
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Pick Up

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The nominees for upcoming election on May 5th are:

Angela Dentiste, Helen Kapranzas, Eygenia Karonis, Chrysanthé Lazarides, Courtney Malahias, Mary Beth Miliotis, Eleni Pappamihel, Sandra Papanikolaou, Debra Rallis, Barbara Reynolds, Tia Saffo, Joanna Simotas, Daphne Snow, Irene Sotiriou, Maria Stasios, Renee Theophilos, Irene Voneiff.

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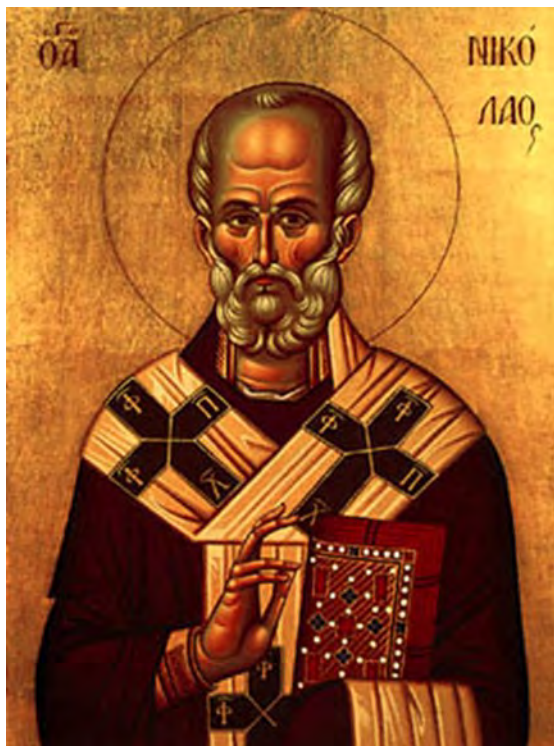
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30 AM Orthodox Coffee Hour	2 ALL DAY Hellenic Center & Kitchen Reserved	3 <i>Theotokos the Life Giving Fountain</i> 4 PM Hellenic School	4 3 PM Baptism 6 PM All Youth Moms Night Out ALL DAY Hellenic Cen-
5 Sunday of St. Thomas St. Irene/St. Ephraim 8:30AM Orthros/Liturgy 11:30 AM 2nd tray for Mission trip	6 6:30 PM COM Meeting	7 11:45 AM Forever Young Club @ College Diner 7PM Parish Council Mtg.	8 St. John the Theologian 10:30 AM Orthodox Coffee Hour 6PM Adult Book Study	9 7 PM Festival Meeting	10 4 PM Hellenic School Goya Camp Out @ Freeman Park	11 11 AM Baptism
12 Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women 8:30 AM Orthros/Liturgy <i>Mother's Day</i> 11:30 AM Memorial Agnes Siomkos	13 6:30 PM Philoptochos Board Mtg.	14 Newsletter Submissions Due for COMBINED June /July Issue	15	16	17 <u>Greek Festival</u>	18 <u>Greek Festival</u>
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The community will provide a loving, caring and welcoming environment where all belong and grow in the faith through worship, service, witness and fellowship.