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Great & Holy Pascha
April 28

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From the Desk of Fr. Regis John Alexoudis

REFLECTIONS ON GREAT LENT

Recently we celebrated Forgiveness Sunday. I wanted to send you some spiritual food during this Great Lenten Season. Firstly please read this uplifting Gospel Reading found below...I always refer to it as the Gospel with the three F's – that is F for Forgiveness, F for Fasting, and F for Future. May our Lord bless us all with a Holy and Spiritually Fruitful Lenten Season!!

Your Spiritual Father - Father Regis

Matthew 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you;

but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The Holy Fathers have appointed the commemoration of Adam and Eve's exile from the Paradise of delight here, at the beginning of the holy Forty-day Fast, demonstrating to us not by simple words, but by actual deeds, how beneficial fasting is for man, and how harmful and destructive are the transgressing of the divine commandments. For the first commandment that God gave to man was that of fasting, which the first-fashioned received but did not keep; and not only did they not become gods, as they had imagined, but they lost even that blessed life which they had, and they fell into corruption and death, and transmitted these and innumerable other evils to all of mankind. The God-bearing Fathers set these things before us, that by bringing to mind what we have fallen from, and what we have suffered because of the disobedience of the first-fashioned, we might be diligent to return again to that ancient bliss and glory by means of fasting and obedience to all the divine commands. Taking occasion from this Gospel to complete the Fast unencumbered by enmity, we also ask forgiveness on this day, first from God, then from one another and all creation. Finally the Gospel reading ends by reminding us of the ultimate Future... where our treasure is, that is where our heart and soul be also!

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

Greetings my fellow parishioners,

During this time of transition, we are preparing for our most special celebration of the year. The Lenten season prepares us to be better Christians all around. It is a time when we all need each other to be one family. To stay strong and focused as Easter arrives. Easter is coming quickly this year and we all look forward to the special meanings it has for each of us. We are planning to have a full schedule of services and look forward to having all of you attend as many as you possibly can. The schedule can be found in the church calendar, we look forward to a full attendance.

It is a special time for us to be together to worship and prepare for Pascha. Our community of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church always takes great pride during this time of year. From our Greek Independence Day Program and celebration March 24th, followed by Annunciation of the Theotokos on the 25th. Please see our church calendar for all of our upcoming April events and plan to participate.

Please remember to try to provide pictures of your family to be included in the community photo directory. We are looking for volunteers to assist us in taking pictures to be used for the directory. At the Easter Sunday picnic we will go around family by family to take pictures for our community photo drive to fill our album. Please be ready for our photo team.

We want to give a HUGE thank you to Fr. Regis Alexoudis for his love and commitments to our St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. He has stepped up to accept the position of Interim Priest. As our spiritual leader during this time of transition we look forward to continuing working with him for the good of our church community. Welcome back Fr. Regis to our family and thank you for being here for us during our time of need.

As always, if you need any assistance please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Evangelos Fragos


Parish Council President.

Treasurer

Tina Bostic

Treasurer's Update

The final 2018 actual income and expenses were presented at the General Assembly in February.



Actual vs Budget Jan-Dec 2018

- Income:
 - Received 91.5% of total budget impacted by
 - Received 77% of stewardship budgeted
 - No golf event
 - Items higher than budget include general donation, GLOW rent, guest sacraments
- Expenses:
 - Utilized 94.6% of total budget impacted by
 - Majority of categories kept under budget
 - Items over budget d/t postage and copying

Overall net is (\$12,928.46)
Note: \$40K owed to festival net is (\$52,928.46)

The 2019 budget was presented and approved at the General Assembly. Our new stewardship goal is \$280,050.53 to support the ministries and general operations of the church.



2019 Budget

Summary

- Current budget proposed \$343,450.36
- 2019 Stewardship Goal – \$280,050.36

Current 2019 operating status below indicates we are receiving less income then our expenses.

We continue to assess and reduce expenses.

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
YTD	\$40,854.05	\$54,721.27	\$(13,867.22)

Please ensure you complete a Stewardship Card so we can plan for 2019 sending. There are many wonderful activities the ministries and church can provide to enrich our spiritual lives. We are stronger when we come together to support our St. Nicholas community.

Stewardship			
	stewardship received	stewardship goal	Variance
Jan	\$12,002.90	\$23,337.54	\$(11,334.64)
Feb	\$21,025.00	\$23,337.54	\$(2,312.54)
YTD	\$33,027.90	\$280,050.53	\$(247,022.63)

Philoptochos
Enosis Chapter #5027
Debra Rallis

We are so grateful for our experiences at our Spiritual Retreat at the Diakonia Center. There were closed to 100 ladies present. Happy to report that twelve were from our St. Nicholas! Many thanks to our sister, Maria Stasios for driving us all safely.

It was a weekend of love, laughter, prayer and renewal. We would love to share our experiences at our next General Meeting on **Sunday April 7th** following church.

Our highlight was the keynote speaker, Fr Nicholas Louh from Jacksonville, Florida. His message to us: ***"We have to RENEW ourselves. REFLECT on our thinking. EXPERIENCE our spiritual life. NON-NEGOTIATE self-care. Take care of our ENVIRONOMENT and WIN over people with generosity."***

The weekend was full of reminders for all of us.

***Our time on this earth is very limited
Never underestimate the power of prayer
Life not lived for others is not a life
Be your BEST everyday***

An added blessing was the presence of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios and His Grace Bishop Sebastinos. Salutations, Saturday of the Souls and the Divine Liturgy were spiritually uplifting. Sunday was our Metropolitan's nameday as well. God grant him many years!

Dates to remember:

Sunday April 7th- General Meeting (bring items for Good Shepherd) see flyer

Sunday April 21st- Palm Sunday luncheon (see flyer)

Thursday April 25th – Dye eggs

Friday April 26- Decorate Epithafios

Sunday May 5th - Elections

Wishing you a blessed Lent!

Me agape,
Debra Rallis



Philoptochos Retreat March 2019 | Diakonia Retreat Center





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.

Forever Young *Kay Skandalakis*

Please join us for our annual get together at 11:45 sharp on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at the Cape Fear Seafood Company in Monkey Junction. We hope to see everyone there!! On a different note, please be aware we will begin the Agape Easter Luncheon on April 28th at 12 noon. It is very important to RSVP to the office or Kay (762-1161) by April 21st in order to have enough food available and especially if you want to reserve a table of eight. Wishing all a blessed Easter.

Orthodox Coffee Hour

Our parish is sad to announce the weekly Orthodox Coffee Hour has come to a completion as of last month. It was a wonderful weekly get-together to read and discuss books about our Greek Orthodox Faith over coffee with friends. Thank you to Rick Reynolds and Irene Voneiff for hosting this for members of our Community.

Please look on our calendar to attend our Wednesday evening Book Study for continuing Adult Education in our Orthodox faith.

Hellenic School *Anestis Logothetis*

Classes continue every Friday, 4-6 pm, at the Hellenic Center. We have classes for younger and older kids, as well as for adults. Anyone who wants to learn Greek is welcome, particularly children.

There will be no classes on Good Fridays, April 19 (American Good Friday) and April 26 (Greek Good Friday). A short Graduation exercise will be held on Sun-



day, June 2 at the Hellenic Center after the Liturgy.

This year the celebration for Greek Independence Day were held on March 24. The speaker was one of our own Parishioners, Manolis Miliotis, who delivered a speech on why we celebrate the Greek Independence Day and why we should be proud of our Greek Heritage. The Greek School kids recited poems, there was Greek dancing by the youth and a delicious Lenten lunch was provided by Chris's Restaurant.

We thank all Parishioners who came to support the Greek School and the Greek Cultural activities.

HOPE/JOY*Renée Karonis Psilos*

Καλή Σαρακοστή! Thank you to the many children who came to give and receive forgiveness on Forgiveness Sunday. We had some new faces join our group...what a privilege to see our group grow! Please join us for our remaining 2019 events! On April 20th, join us for the annual palm folding and pancake breakfast. On May 4th, Anita Kratsa is hosting a "mom's night out" in her home. Bring a dish to share. We will be celebrating the end of the year with a pool party at Danielle Poulos's house on June 29th! Looking forward to seeing everyone at all these events. Thank you for supporting our youth and our efforts in bringing our children together in Christ.

Stewardship**You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World**

The base from which we serve as the Voice of Christ in a Changing World is the parish. A strong parish provides opportunities for sharing the Good News of Christ, for welcoming those that are searching for a spiritual home, and a base from which we are sent out into the world. The parish also provides a place for worship, community, and education in the faith. To be stewards of the Gospel, we need to be stewards of our parish. This requires the vision and inspiration to see the parish, not as it is, but as it could be. We are called to offer ourselves and our treasure to make our local church all that it can be.

LOVE*Jessica Lawler*

It's my pleasure to announce, I'm the new LOVE Group Director. Thank you to everyone who joined us at our first LOVE event at the pool party. Our next event will be an Easter Photo shoot with live chicks and a floppy eared bunny, provided by Nicholas Zaharis. 2pm at Sia Mayor-gas house, April 8th. Light refreshments. Check out our Facebook page for more upcoming gatherings.

COMMUNITY NEWS**Myrofores**

All girls K-8th grade are invited and encouraged to participate as a Myrofora.

The girls will need to have white dresses with shoulders covered in order to participate in the Holy Friday service. If you have any questions or

concerns, please contact Renée Karonis-Psilos. We look forward to seeing all the young girls join us this year!

Donation Requests
Time, Talent, or Treasure

Please contact the office if you would like to donate an item needed for Liturgical Services during Great Lent, Holy Week, and Agape Vespers. Thank you very much for your consideration.

We are always in need of some **Commandaria wine** for the altar. It is available for purchase at Greek stores in Raleigh or online.

Prosforo is also needed for this Lenten and Holy Week season. Let Georgia Marmaras know if you would like to have a Prosforo making day during this month before Holy week, Monday - Friday.

Staffed Nursery

During Divine Liturgies each Sunday throughout the year we have a staffed Nursery with Attendant available for the use of our youngest members from birth to age 5. If your child needs a wiggle break or a place to listen to the Divine Liturgy in a different environment, please feel free to use this provided Service.

For Sale*Greek Marketplace*

Get your Lenten/Pascha needs from our Greek Marketplace! Greek extra virgin olive oil, taramosalata prepared, trahana, large prepared beans (gigandes), Greek lentils, grape leaves, misko orzo, fruit preserves (quince and cherry), sesame bars, frappe coffee and more. See Sandra Papanikolaou or Irene Sotiriou after the Divine Liturgy or on Wednesday evenings after the Pre-Sanctified liturgy.

Congratulations

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

Congratulations to Stephanie and Graham Harrill for the Baptism of baby Georgianna Jean on March 16, 2019. May Georgianna's Nouna and Nouno, George and Tracy Manolukas beam with pride watching her grow into a blessed Orthodox Christian woman!!
Na sas zisi...May your child live a long and healthy life!!

Congratulations to Jaymes and Nia Gillespie for the Baptism of their daughter Daphne Leia on March 16, 2019. May her Godfather Ted Triantis stand in pride while watching her grow into an amazing Orthodox Christian! Na Sas Zisi...May Daphne Leia have a long and blessed life.

Congratulations to Angelique, Louis and Mia Simpson for the 40-day blessing of Everett James Simpson on March 24, 2019. What a wonderful blessing to be presented to our Lord! Na sas zisi...May he have a healthy and blessed life!!



Congratulations to Katerina Katsikis and Demetri Brown who have both received AHEPA National Scholarships. In addition, to them, George E. Fragos, Pantelis Poulos and Maria T. Poulos, received District Scholarships. Please see page 13 of this newsletter for the full article. All the best in your future endeavors to the Scholarship awardees!!

Prayer Requests

Please Pray for those who are ill, recovering, and/or homebound:

Angelo Angeledes, Shelby Biancaniello (daughter of Sue Lawler), Bobby Bobon (brother of Sue Lawler), Stavros Chantiles, Anthony Constandy (father of Elisabeth Baynard), Sherry Demas, Nicholas Devoles, Constantine Dukas, Sue Fokakis (Autumn Care), Demitra George, Stephanie & Georgiana Jean Harrill (daughter & granddaughter of Pat and Marisa Galaher), George Kanes (brother-in-law of Barbara Har-

ris), Nick Karloutsos (Silver Stream), Dan Kirkby (brother of Matthew), Emanuel Koklanaris, Nikolaos Kotsinis, Olga Mancuso, Calvin McGowan, Mary Compos Marmaras (Cypress Pointe), Maria Padgett-Velaetis, Dorothy Radomsky, Pat Skinner-Darby, Chloe Saffo, Kim Saffo, Charity Skinner-Darby (daughter of Pat), Tom Souflas, Peggy Stephanou, Debbie Triantafillopoulos, Helen Vurnakes, Vasilios Vogiatzis, MaryAnn Wall.

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

Memorials

If you need to have a Memorial for a loved one or an Artoclasia for the health of your family, contact the church office 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.

Annivas Theodoropoulos

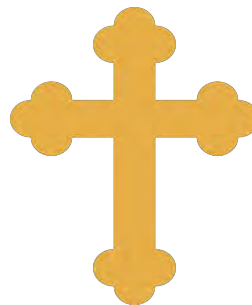
There was a 3-year Memorial held on March 17, 2019 for the beloved Annivas Theodoropoulos, Father and Grandfather to Alexandros, Eleni, Georgia and Eli Theodoropoulos.

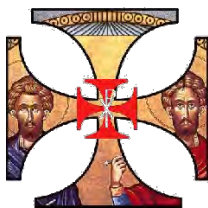
ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ – Eternal be his memory!

Badi Batshon

There was a 6-month Memorial held on March 31, 2019 for Badi A. Batshon, the beloved husband of Kamila Batshon.

ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ – Eternal be his memory!





Please Join our Philoptochos in Providing Items for the Needy in Partnership with the Good Shepherd Center

Items urgently needed include:

- ♦ Deodorant (men and women)
- ♦ Rain ponchos
- ♦ Sheet sets (twin, full and queen)
- ♦ Or leave the shopping to us and make a donation!

LOOK FOR THE BIN IN THE HELLENIC CENTER—THANK YOU!

We will continue to collect items thru April 21st.

The mission of Good Shepherd Center is to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and foster transition to housing.

Visit their website for more information on volunteer opportunities at www.goodshepherdwilmington.org



SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
MARCH 17, 2019



GREEK INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM
March 24, 2019



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Fall/Winter 2018 Issue

Cape Fear, Chapter 408

Wilmington
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Cape Fear Chapter 408 is proud to report that Katerina Katsikis and Dimitri Brown have both received AHEPA National Scholarships. In addition, they, as well as George E. Fragos, Pantelis Poulos, and Maria T. Poulos, received District scholarships.

Katerina is the daughter of brother Basile and Koula Katsikis. She is a junior at the University of North Carolina Wilmington and is majoring in middle school education with a concentration in language arts and social studies. She plans to pursue a Master's following graduation and wants to specialize in sign language. She was recently inducted into Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education. She's a member of the all-women's cappella singing group at UNCW and also plays club field hockey. She taught Sunday School at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and was a dance instructor for the community dance teams.

Katerina also participated in the AHEPA Journey to Greece and said that the Journey was one of the highlights of her life. The AHEPA Journey to Greece began in 1968 and hundreds of students have participated. Since 2006 AHEPA has collaborated with Webster University in Athens, and the four-week program offers courses and field trips which can earn a participant up to 6 credits, which are fully transferable to one's college in the U.S.

Dimitri is the son of brother Doug and Argie Brown. Demetri was the recipient of the Spanakos Brothers High School Scholar-Athlete Award, which was presented at the Athletic Luncheon of the 96th AHEPA Supreme Convention in Atlantic City this past July. Demetri was a four-year scholar athlete in high school and after his team captured the conference championship, he was named to the All-Conference football team. He is a freshman at the University of North Carolina Charlotte.

Maria and Pantelis are the children of brother John and Athena Poulos. Maria will finish her course work at Cape Fear Community College in the spring and plans to transfer to the University of North Carolina Wilmington in order to pursue a career in teaching at the elementary school level. Pantelis is a sophomore at East Carolina University and is majoring in Construction Management and minoring in Business. He plans to enter the construction business and hopefully own his own company one day.



Scholarship recipients Maria and Pantelis Poulos

George is the son of brother Evangelos and Olympia Fragos. George is attending the University of North Carolina Wilmington and majoring in Business and Finance. The chapter congratulates all our scholarship awardees and wishes them every success in their future endeavors.

Got Baklava ?



G.O.Y.A

Greek Orthodox Youth of America

Baklava Fundraiser

Outside Petsense, Long Leaf Mall on April 6th; 11am - 3pm
and

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church on April 7th; 12pm - 4pm

\$15 per box (12pcs)

Two Festival Tickets in Each Box



For PreOrders please call
St. Nicholas Church office
910-392-4444





Dear Fellow Parishioners and Friends of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church,

It is with great pleasure, that we will be participating in another **Rise Against Hunger meal packaging** event at St. Nicholas. (This was previously known as Stop Hunger Now). We pray with your support that this event will be successful in the fight against hunger.

More than 40 percent of Rise Against Hunger's meals are distributed to school feeding programs around the world. Those meals encourage school attendance and help put these children and their families on a path out of poverty.

Our goal is to raise \$5,140.80 or approximately 15,120 meals. Each meal costs \$0.34. This year, we need to raise these funds before we can schedule the event. As soon as we meet our goal, we can schedule our event, hopefully this spring. We will track our progress and provide you with updates. We will post sign-up sheets for volunteers to help with the event as soon as we schedule the event.

You can help make sure children get the nutritious meals they need to grow and succeed.

Please visit <http://events.stophungernow.org/StNicholasCares> to contribute to our meal packaging event. No gift is too small--every donation makes a difference in the lives of children and families around the world. One hundred meals is \$34. Two hundred meals is \$68. A \$100 donation will provide 294 meals.

Checks can be made out to Rise Against Hunger or St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church with "Rise Against Hunger" in the memo line. Checks can be turned in to Irene Sotiriou or Jimmie Stasios. **As of 3/18/19 we have raised \$3,805.00.**

Rise Against Hunger

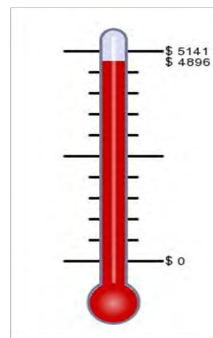
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts

IRENE SOTIRIOU AND JIMMIE STASIOS

RAH COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

If you have made a contribution, "thank you!"

If you have not, please consider doing so and help us reach our goal.



(as of 03/19/19)

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Several red hearts of various sizes are scattered in the upper left corner of the page.

OCF Sponsored

Bags of Love

A cluster of small, light pink hearts is located in the upper right corner of the page.

March 10th thru April 7th

What is bags of love?

A mobile ministry to the needy and homeless. Each bag will be filled with non-perishable food and supplies desperately needed by the homeless and less fortunate. Parishioners are invited to donate needed items and help to assemble the bags of love.

What can I donate to bags of love?

Sports drinks (20oz or smaller)

Hearty meat soups that are in "easy open" containers

Meal Replacement Bars (power bar, cliff bar, granola, etc.)

Snack Packs – individually wrapped (crackers, pretzels, etc.)

Travel size toiletry items & toilet paper

Dried fruits, nuts, trail mix, apple sauce, or fruit cups – individually wrapped

Socks (men's large size)

Donation bin located
inside Hellenic
center.

A cluster of small, light pink hearts is located in the lower left corner of the page.

If you have any questions or would like to make any monetary donations

*Please Contact
Koula Fragos or Georgia Marmaras*



SAVE THE DATES:

March 10 - April 27, 2019... *Great Lent*

April 21 ...*Palm Sunday*

April 22 - 27... *Holy Week*

April 28...*Holy Pascha, 12 Noon Agape Vespers & Picnic*

May 4...*Youth Groups's Moms's Night In Event"*

May 17, 18, 19...*Greek Festival*

**PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON
SPONSORED BY THE ST. NICHOLAS LADIES
PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY**

April 21, 2019

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

TICKETS:

FISH PLATE \$15

SENIOR FISH PLATE \$12

SPAGHETTI PLATE \$6



AHEPA

Cape Fear Chapter No. 408

On Palm Sunday, April 21st following Divine Liturgy, we will hold our annual AHEPA Tsoureki (Easter Bread) Sale. This event will take place in the Parish's Hellenic Center during the Palm Sunday Luncheon, which will be hosted by the Ladies of Philoptochos Society. Please support both of these fundraisers.

Please consider purchasing a loaf or two of Tsoureki to share with your family and friends. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Spiro Macris at 910-228-9163 with any questions.





Easter ~ A Celebration of Love!
A chance to look forward with hope & around us with love.

Bring your family for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Agape Service and Lunch

Sunday, April 28, 2019

St. Nicholas Hellenic Center

12:00 Noon in the Church followed by Luncheon in the Hall

The main meat dish will be provided.

Please bring something according to the first letter of your last name:
Item should be on a platter ready to be served.

A - H Appetizers

I - N Dessert

O - Z Side Dish

Also bring a 2 liter drink to share.

Special Activities for the Kids!!!



* Easter Egg Hunt for the kids.

(Don't forget to bring a basket)

* Face Painting 2 - 4 pm

* Bounce House



To reserve a table for your family contact:

Kay Skandalakis at (910) 762-1161

To accurately plan for the event, your reservation must be received

NO LATER THAN Sunday, April 21, 2019.

EASTER LILY OFFERING

\$10 Each
Please make checks
payable to:
St. Nicholas Philoptochos



If returning by Mail:
St Nicholas Philoptochos
608 S. College Road
Wilmington, NC 28403

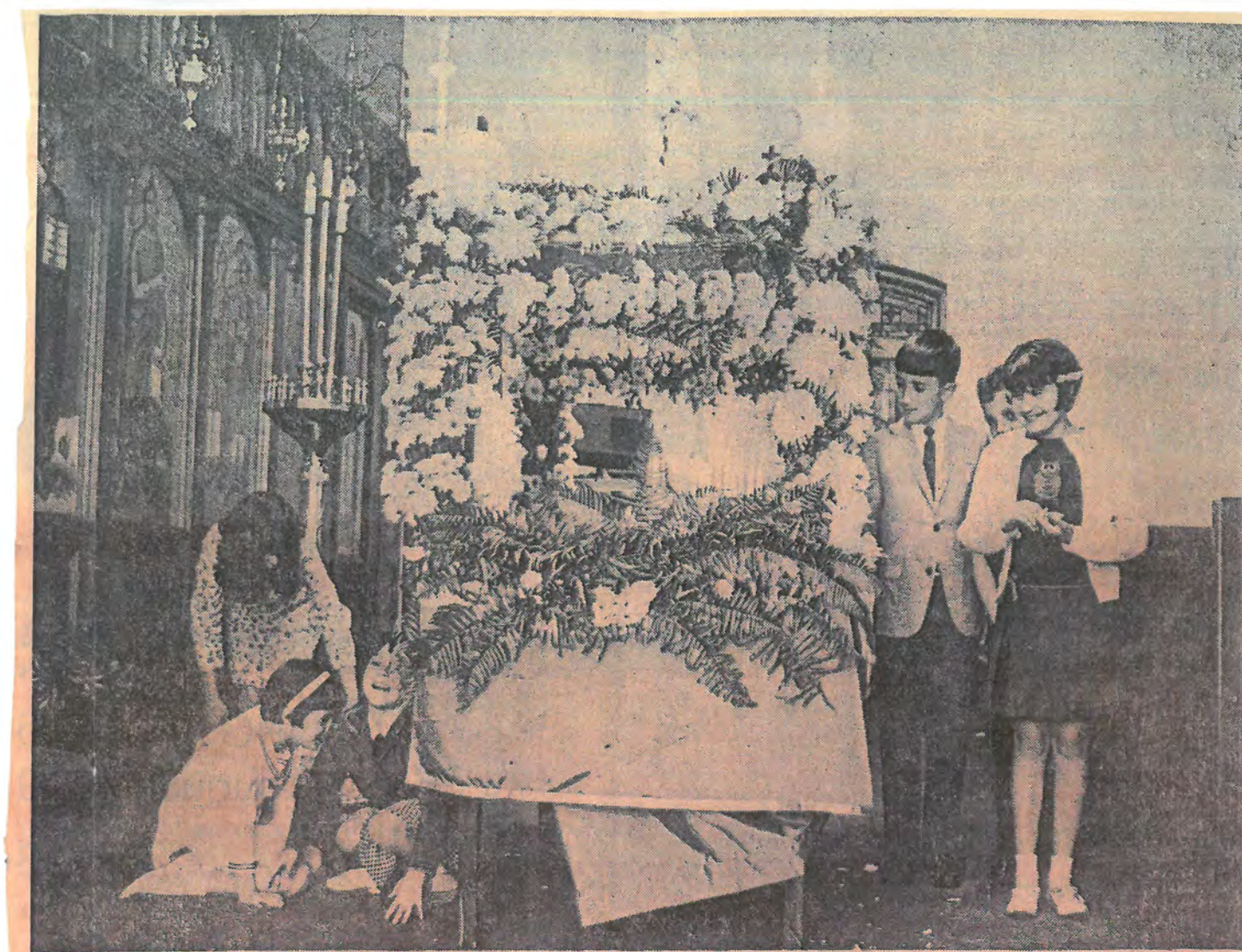
Donated By: _____

Number of Flowers _____ Total amount \$ _____
One flower each per person or couple.

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Deadline for submittals is Sunday, April 14th



Can you identify any of the children in this photo?

Circa 1960's on Holy Friday morning at the Church downtown. Call the office with your guesses. The caption will be published next month!!



St. Nicholas 27th Annual
GREEK FESTIVAL

Hosted by:
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
608 South College Road Wilmington, NC 28403
(910) 392-4444

info@stnicholasgreekfest.com
www.stnicholasgreekfest.com

March 1, 2019

Dear Friends of St Nicholas Greek Festival;

Yassou (Greetings)!

Our Greek Festival has been a Wilmington tradition for the past twenty-five years. It brings people together for an enjoyable and cultural weekend. This year please join us as we celebrate our 26th Annual Greek Festival which will take place on May 17, 18, 19 2019. Mark your calendars for another wonderful event full of Greek foods, pastries, music and award winning dancers.

Last year we were able to present business advertisements and/ or family greetings to over 10,000 patrons at our Annual Greek Festival.

We would like to present you once again, with an advertising opportunity that is very unique. This year, our advertising program will be a souvenir brochure that our patrons will take home with them. This brochure will have the menu, schedule of events and your ads all in one, easy to carry brochure. We encourage our business partners to offer discounts or coupons within their ads. We will also be including recipes and tourist information on Greece this year. This way our patrons will hold on to the program book throughout the year. We are enclosing an order form explaining your choices of advertising levels. *We have BRONZE and COPPER levels again this year!*

Advertising space is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis. The deadline to reserve your space is April 15, 2019. Please do not hesitate to contact Georgia Marmaras in the Church office at 910-392-4444 or at info@stnicholasgreekfest.com with any questions.

A portion of our proceeds from the festival will benefit local charities again this year.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance and generosity.

Most cordially,

Your 2019 Greek Festival Committee

**An opportunity for the Greek Community to share its culture, faith, and heritage
including food, music, dancing, a marketplace and much more.**

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 pasty 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 pasty boxes
- Ad on the festival website

Sponsorship Amount: \$1,500

SILVER LEVEL

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

Sponsorship Amount: \$500

BRONZE LEVEL

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

Sponsorship Amount: \$200

COPPER LEVEL

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

Sponsorship Amount: \$150



A portion of our proceeds will be donated to Charity:

Contact Name:	
Company/Organization Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Fax:
E-mail:	
Please check Sponsor Level:	3 options for your ad (please check one):
<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum \$1,500 (Size 6 1/4 x 8)	<input type="checkbox"/> You Design <input type="checkbox"/> Reuse Ad
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold \$750 (Size 6 1/4 x 8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up (\$25) See Notes Below
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver \$500 (Size 6 1/4 x 3 7/8)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze \$200 (Size 3 x 3 7/8)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Copper \$150 (Size 3 x 1 1/2)	
Make checks payable and send to:	
St Nicholas Greek Festival ATTN: Commemorative Album 608 S. College Rd. Wilmington, NC 28403 All payments due April 15, 2019	

ARTWORK FOR SPONSORSHIP AD

Ads due by April 15, 2019

You Design/ Reuse Ad

You can email a print ready ad (must be at least 300 dpi .jpg) to info@stnicholasgreekfest.com. Let us know if you want to use your 2019 ad as it was published last year.

Pick Up

Any changes/design work to ads. Changes to past or new ads will cost \$25.

Απρίλιος • April 2019

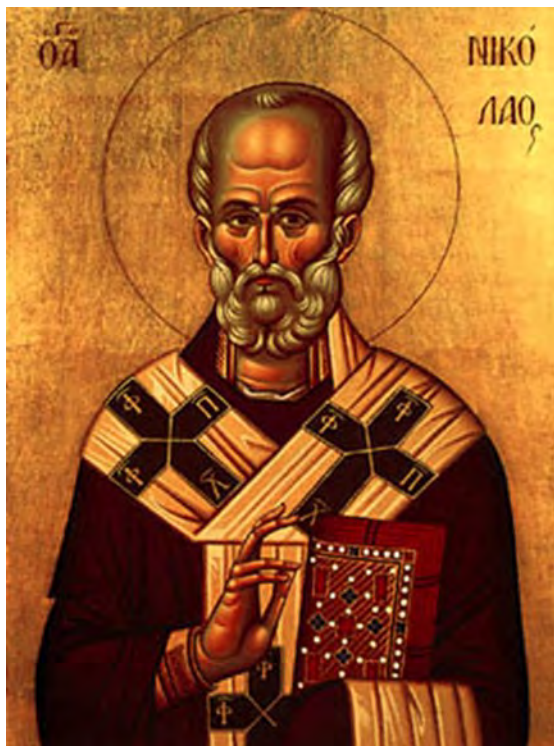
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 11:45AM Forever Young 7PM Parish Council	3 5:30PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7PM Lenten Adult Book Study 7PM GOYA boxing baklava	4	5 4PM Greek School 7PM Salutations to the Theotokos	6 9:30AM GOYA Baklava Sale
7 <i>St. John of the Ladder</i> 8:30AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy 11:30A M Philoptochos General Meeting 11:30 AM GOYA Baklava Sale	8 6:30PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	9	10 5:30PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7PM Adult Book Study	11	12 7PM Akathist to the Theotokos	13
14 <i>St. Mary of Egypt</i> 8:30AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy 12PM GOYA Baklava sale	15 <i>Newsletter Articles DUE</i>	16	17 5:30PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7PM Adult Book Study	18	19 No Greek School	20 <i>Saturday of Lazarus</i> 8AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy 9:30AM Palm Cross Folding
21 PALM SUNDAY 8:30AM Orthros 9:55AM Blessing of the Palms 10AM Divine Liturgy After Divine Liturgy Palm Sunday Luncheon 7PM Bridegroom Orthros	22 Holy Monday 7PM Bridegroom Orthros	23 Holy Tuesday 7PM Bridegroom Orthros	24 Holy Wednesday- 9AM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 4PM Holy Unction 7PM Bridegroom Orthros	25 Holy Thursday 9AM Vesporal Liturgy of St Basil 7PM Passion Orthros/12 Gospels Passion of Christ	26 Holy Friday 10AM Holy Friday Youth Rally Retreat TBD 10AM Decoration of Kouvouklion 3PM Un-nailing Vespers No Greek School 7PM Lamentation Orthros	27 Holy Saturday 9AM Vesporal Liturgy of St. Basil 11PM Canon Midnight Orthros/Divine Liturgy of Pascha
28 Pascha Sunday 12Noon AGAPE Vespers 1PM Pascha Luncheon	29 <i>Great Martyr St. George</i> 8AM Orthros/ Divine Liturgy	30 7PM COM Meeting				

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ST. NICHOLAS

**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.