



METROPOLIS
OF ATLANTA



February - March 2021



*Annunciation of the Theotokos
March 25, 2021*

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2021 PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

Religious Education - Mary Bath Miliotiss, Ministry Chair, Interim

Bookstore/Library - Mary Ann Wall & Chrysanthé Lazarides

Book Study - Courtney Malahias

Sunday School - Volunteer needed

Synaxis Discussion Group - Irene Voneiff & Debbie Rallis

Liturgical Life - Dr. Michael Rallis, Ministry Chair

Acolytes - Doug Brown

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Parish Family Life - Pauline McHugh, Ministry Chair

Forever Young - Kay Skandalakis

Parish Family Night - Pauline McHugh

Prayer Ministry - Barbara Reynolds

Young Adults - Koula Fragos

Youth - Fr. Steven Klund, Interim Ministry Chair

GOYA - Joyce Kaprantzas Patsalos

HOPE/JOY - Sia Mayorga, Renee Karonis Psilos & Ben-jalee Pittman

Policies for the Safety of Youth & Children - Stella McTaggart, Parish Administrator

Communications - Technology Ministries - Steve Karafas, Ministry Chair

Hellenic Culture - Kitsa Wiersteiner, Ministry Chair

Adult Greek Dance Group - Antonia Ioannou

Hellenic School - Anestis Logothetis, Acting Director

Nea Smyrni Dance Group - Zaharoula Katsikis

Special Activities - Kitsa Wiersteiner

Zoyra Dance Group - Katerina Katsikis

Metropolis Strategic Planning - Koula Katsikis, Ministry Chair

Philoptochos - Maria Stasios, Chapter President
Irene Vogiatzis, Vice President; Barbara Reynolds, Treasurer; Angela Dentiste, Recording Secretary; Evyenia Karonis, Corresponding Secretary; Debra Rallis, Advisor

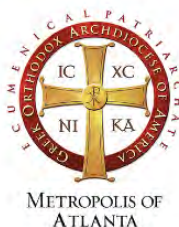
Greek Festival - Nick Saffo & Lee King, Ministry Chairs

Stewardship - Barbara Reynolds & Melissa Kirkby, Ministry Chair

IOCC - Angela Dentiste, Ministry Chair

OCF - Volunteer needed

Elisabeth Baynard, Faculty Advisor



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Fr. Steven Klund – Parish Priest



*“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for He who promised is faithful.” - Hebrews 10:23*

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We see in the passage above Paul encouraging the Hebrews to continue to be hopeful, knowing that God will be faithful in the promises He has made to us. This confession of our hope must remain constant in our hearts *without wavering* as Paul teaches. While the conditions around us may fluctuate from time to time, our hope in God and our trust in His plan for our lives should never change.

This is true now more than ever. With the first segments of the population receiving their COVID-19 vaccinations, the end of the pandemic is starting to become a foreseeable reality. In each passing day, hospitalization and fatality numbers are plateauing and even beginning to fall. Thankfully, it seems as though the “light at the end of the tunnel” appears to be drawing a little bit closer each morning. It is crucial in this time, *however*, that we not let our guard down. We will continue to practice our safety policies at Saint Nicholas, and we will maintain our cautious approach to our ministries during the early months of 2021 at least. We ask for your continued patience in this process. We have come so far, and done so well weathering this unprecedented challenge, let us not lose our endurance here, so close to the end of the Coronavirus.

Having said that, we are also quickly approaching the anniversary of the day our Churches in this country closed its doors last March. This unfortunately coincided with the first few days of Lent, and caused all of us to miss out on our intended Lenten and Holy Week experiences. It is understandable if many of us feel deprived in light of those circumstances last year. We remained patient during these agonizing months apart, and thankfully we have reason to *Hope* for a better 2021 experience!

I invite all of our faithful to do their best to come to Church *in person* at least once this Lenten season. We would never dare to push any of our Saint Nicholas Family into a situation that may compromise their well-being. All I ask is that you do what you are able. Whether you feel comfortable attending a Divine Liturgy on Sunday, or your limit is simply to come and light a candle during office hours during the week, we want to help you connect with God this Lent. If there is anything your family needs please contact us at Saint Nicholas so we can continue to minister to you best as we are able.

Fr. Steven Klund

Parish Council President*Evangelos Fragos*

Happy New Year! Καλή Χρονιά! I hope everyone had a very happy holiday season and brought in 2021 safe and healthy. During this time of year, it is always good to look back in reflection of last year. We have faced many challenges and uncertainty in 2020. Despite the cancelations and separations, I am very proud as I look back. This was truly a year that has opened my eyes. We have overcome many challenges that we could not have imagined! We have come together in ways we haven't before. We have learned, accomplished, and grown. Let's rejoice as we bring in 2021, and this fresh start before us!

With the new year, we are all excited and motivated to make 2021 better than last year. Please check out our website to stay up to date with our events, find links to our live stream, and our YouTube page. We pledge to continue to offer safe events as a way for the whole family to stay connected and spiritually engaged.

SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENT: A great way to stay connected and to get involved is to attend our Spring General Assembly Meeting. It is scheduled on **February 28, 2021** immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please review the General Assembly Agenda below.

I want to take a moment and thank you all for your continued support. We have many things to look forward to this year, and I am excited to be a part of it.

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church*General Assembly Agenda***February 28, 2021****Agenda**

- **Opening Prayer – Fr. Steven**
- **Pastoral Reflection – Fr. Steven**
- **Election of Chairman – Evangelos Fragos**
- **Determination of Quorum – Barbara Harris / Tina Bostic**
- **Spiritual Reflections – Fr. Steven**
- **Past General Assembly Meeting, Fall 2020 – Barbara Harris**
 - *Minutes electronically distributed*
 - *Action items reviewed*
- **President's Report – Evangelos Fragos**
- **Back Building Update – Nick Saffo**
- **Capital Campaign – Daphne Snow**
- **Campus Committee (Vision Planning) – Fr. Steven**
- **Drive Thru Festival update – Nick Saffo**
- **Ministry Team Highlights – Manny Miliotis**
- **Treasurer's Report – Tina Bostic**
 - Financial Status / Assets & Liabilities
 - 2021 Budget
 - Audit 2020 report
- **Closing Prayer – Fr. Steven**

Treasurer

Tina Bostic

December 2020 and YTD Operating Income/Expense summary:

Operating Income/Expense			
General Fund	Income	Expenses	Variance
Dec.	\$40,925.92	\$20,854.30	\$20,071.62
YTD	\$371,404.02	\$344,916.56	\$26,487.46

Additional Financial updates include:

- We've applied for round 2 of PPP money from the government.
- Correction from the last newsletter regarding the monthly pension which is \$700/month rather than \$600.
- We made a \$50,000.00 payment towards the mortgage from the Festival proceeds.
- Actual vs. Budget for 2020 and the Final 2021 budget will be provided during the General Assembly and can be provided upon request.

Show off your Parish Pride & Celebrate 75 Years in Style!

- Large Limited Gold Leaf Canvas Icon
- 8 x 10 in. Wooden Icon
- 75th Anniversary Fleece Pullovers

Supplies are Limited!

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Stewardship

Barbara Reynolds / Melissa Kirkby

Happy New Year! Our prayers are for a blessed 2021 at our beloved Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

November 15 kicked off our 2021 Stewardship Campaign. During the Divine Liturgy that day our pledge envelopes were offered to God in a special dedication service.

We are pleased to announce that in early January we are off to a good start with 121 families that have pledged their support to Saint Nicholas by filling out their stewardship pledges for 2021. As of this date \$171,310 has been pledged to support our church ministries.

Although this is a great start, our goal is for 100% of our families to pledge as stewards each year. If your name is not listed below, please contact the church office so we can update our records and get close to our annual goal. Your stewardship makes a difference and every pledge counts.

Thank you for being a part of our Saint Nicholas Family and supporting our Church.

2021 Pledged Stewards

Angelo Angeledes	Father Steven & Presbytera Nicole Klund	Dr. Michael & Debra Rallis
Chris Andrews	Hope Klund	Richard & Barbara Reynolds
Roula Andrews	Luke Klund	Doky & Despina Saffo
Bill Agnostak & Beth Serepca	Dr. Emmanuel & Lambra Koklanaris	Marika & Marian Saffo
Dr. John Anagnost & Dr. Kathleen Jewel	Anita & Caleb Kratsa	Nick & Edith Saffo
Nicholas & Sylvia Batounis	Paul Krneta	Nick & Tia Saffo
Kamilia Batshon	Samuel & Susan Lawler	Tony & Jamie Saffo
Michael & Tina Bostic	Chrysanthé Lazarides	Peter & Debra Semenoff
John R. Bryan	Nick & Eleni Lazaridis	Spiros & Giannoula Simotas
Stavros & Stephanie Chantiles	Emmanuel & Athansia Lionikis	Angelique Simpson
Gregory & Kimberly Dandulakis	Anestis & Constance Logothetis	Joanna Skandalakis
Angela Dentiste	Michael Louca	Kay Saffo Skandalakis
Louise DeSimone & David Garrison	Paul & Colleen Loukas	Deborah A. Skinner
Iffie Diakogiannis	Ralph & Evelyn Maggio	Mary Tomica Sljaka
George Dimopoulos	Dr. John T. Manolukas	Sophia Sljaka
Ioannis Dimopoulos & Theodora Angelis	Dr. Peter & Joan Manolukas	Cassandra Snow
Maria Dimopoulos	Nick & Jennifer Maraveyas	David & Daphne Snow
Peter & Kathy Dimopoulos	Georgia Marmaras	Thomas Souflas
Vasilios Dimopoulos	Maria Mastoras	Maria Spyropoulos
Lauren Dodge	Aspasia Mayorga	Constantina Stamatakis
Nick & Kristina Dodge	Edward & Kathleen Mayorga	James & Maria Stasios
John Finch	Calvin & Diane McGowan	George & Margaret Stephanou
Larry & Helen Flowers	Tom & Pauline McHugh	Ronald & Vicky Stephens
Eliaana Fragos	Micaiah & Stella McTaggart	Joseph & Dr. Lisa Kommatea-Steyer
Evangelos & Olympia Fragos	Martha Melts	Renee Theophilos
Koula Fragos	John Mihaltses & Dana Baigrie	Kyriaki Thomas
Yianni Fragos	Dorothy Miliotis	Chris & Jeannie Tsingelis
Irini Haralambous	Emanuel & Mary Beth Miliotis	Apostolos & Linda Vardakis
Benjamin & Barbara Efthymiou Harris	Neemat Nashed	Argiro Vassilaros
Diana & Jeff Houck	Matthew Orzechewski	Toula Vassilaros
Joanne Kares	William & Anastasia Papalitskas	Mary Ann Vavalette
Yianni & Evgenia Karonis	Lambros & Niki Papanicolaou	Vasilios & Irene Sotiriou Vogiatzis
Angelo & Anastasia Katris	Sandra Papanikolaou	George & Irene Voneiff
Angelina Kayafas	Ruth Pappamihel	Mary Ann Wall
Henry John King	Betty Parrett	Joseph Weatherly
Jacob King	Jimmy & Anna Patsalos	John & Helen Whitley
Lee & Doris King	Alesander & Yvonne Peklaris	Donald Wickersham
Matthew King	Alexia Porzio	Samuel & Kyriaki Wiersteiner
Emily Kirkby	Jack & Danielle Poulos	Effie Zezefellis
Matthew & Melissa Kirkby	John & Athena Poulos	
Zachary Kirkby		



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Manoli & Tatum Miliotis for the 40-day blessing of their daughter Evelyn Vasilia Miliotis on January 10, 2021. *May your child live a long healthy life in Christ – ΝΑ ΣΑΣ ΖΗΣΕΙ!*

Congratulations to Nate and Aileen Metcalf for the baptism of their child on January 30, 2021. *May your child live a long and healthy life in Christ!*

Congratulations to Alexandra and Lucas Bostic on the birth of their son Theotoki Robert Bostic born January 31, 2021. *May your child live a long healthy life – ΝΑ ΣΑΣ ΖΗΣΕΙ!*



We extend our condolences to Doug Brown and his family on the passing of his Father, Robert Lee Brown, Sr. on December 12, 2020. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ – Eternal be his Memory.



We extend our condolences to Ed Mayorga and family on the passing of his Mother, Aspasia Chenglis Mayorga on January 10, 2021 in Youngstown, Ohio. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΗΣ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ – Eternal be her memory

We extend our condolences to the Bacogeorge family for the passing of Calliope “Clara” Fokakis Bacogeorge on January 17, 2021, in Charlotte, NC. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΗΣ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ – Eternal be her memory.



MEMORIALS



We extend our condolences to Pauline Tsiolas McHugh and family for the passing of their Father Eraklis Tsiolas on December 17, 2020 in Flushing, NY. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ – Eternal be his memory!

We will perform a Memorial service once a month for your dearly departed. Please call the office to schedule)

PLEASE PRAY

We extend our condolences to Sandra Papanikolaou and her daughters Stephanie, Katina and Eliana for the loss of their beloved husband and father, Efstratios “Harry” Papanikolaou who fell asleep in the Lord on December 29, 2020. ΑΙΩΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ – Eternal be his memory.



For those who are ill, recovering, and/or home-bound: Christos Anagnost, Angelo Angeledes, Georgia Apostolou, Bobby Bobon, Stavros Chantiles, Sherry Demas, Nicholas & Margie Devoles, Sue Fokakis, Demitra George, Charles Hegler, Gus Karafas, Olga Mancuso, Calvin McGowan, Mary Compos Marmaras, Anne Bakalis & Frank Pinkston, Scott Sanders (husband of Nikki Koklanaris) Sophia Sljaka, Pat Skinner, Tom Souflas, Peggy Stephanou, Kyriaki Thomas, Ernest Tracy., Vasilios Vogiatzis, Mary Ann Wall

Hellenic School

Anestis Logothetis

This year is the 200th Anniversary of the Greek Independence Revolution. There will be celebrations all over the world, although limited to some degree due to the pandemic. We as members of the Greek diaspora would also like to celebrate the best way we can.

The Greek School would like to ask the local AHEPA Chapter to join us in planning the celebration which will take place on Sunday March 28. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are uncertain whether the Hellenic Center will be open for coffee hour by then. If by then the danger of COVID-19 has passed and the Hall will be open we will ask Father Steven to offer a memorial service (μνημοσυνο) in the Church for the heroes of the Greek Revolution and then we will have the celebration at the Hall which will be decorated appropriately. We will have a guest speaker, poems from some of the Greek School children, Greek dances from the youth and fruit and desserts. If the pandemic still is with us and the Hellenic Center is not available then we will ask Father Steven to offer the memorial service and the speaker will deliver his talk in Church afterwards in lieu of the sermon. Kolyva will be given to all in attendance as they leave the Church.

This year we are delighted to have Mayor Bill Saffo accept our invitation to be the guest speaker. He is a good and inspirational person on the podium and he will give more importance to the occasion. Whatever the situation is we invite all parishioners to participate in our celebration if they possibly can.

200th Anniversary of the Greek Independence

This year Greece will be celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the start of the revolution against the Ottomans who had occupied Greece for almost 400 years. Constantinople, the Capital of the Byzantine empire fell to the Ottomans in 1453 and soon after Greece and all places which had large numbers of Greek population in the Balkans and Asia Minor were occupied. A curtain of darkness came down on our ancestors. However, the hope of freedom and independence never died. Greeks in the occupied territories and in the European diaspora formed the secret Φιλικη Εταιρία or “friendly Society”. Their purpose was to unite the populace and organize a revolution to overthrow the Ottomans and liberate their land. They were inspired first by the American Revolution where the people overthrew the powerful British and second from the French Revolution which overthrew their powerful King. They felt strongly that if the Americans and French can succeed to overthrow their oppressors, they could as well. An uprising took place on March 25, 1821 initiated by Bishop Germanos of Patras. The Christian religion played an important role in giving people hope and through the secret schools providing education to the children. It took almost ten years of hard and heroic fighting against the powerful Turks. In 1830 finally Greece became an independent country and a national Government was established. The national Anthem which is an hymn to liberty, reflects the desire of the people to regain freedom after almost 400 years slavery and imprisonment (σκλαβια και φυλακη).



Greek Independence Day - March 25

200 years of Freedom - 1821 - 2021

HEROS OF THE GREEK WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

Theodoros Kolokotronis
Georgios Karaiskakis
General Yannis Makriyannis
Athanasios Diakos
Rigas Feraios
Georgios Papaflessas
Constantine Kanaris
Manto Mavrogenous
Andreas Miaoulis
Odysseas Androutsos
Laskarina Bouboulina
Demetrios Ypsilantis
Ioannis Kapodistrias
Alexandros Mavrokordatos
Germanos III
Petros Mavromichalis
Georgios Karaiskakis
Markos Botsaris
Nikitas Stamatelopoulos
Emmanouel Pappas
Lord Byron
Charles Nicholas Fabvier
Richard Church
Nicholas I
Lodewijk Heiden
Edward Codrington
Henri de Rigny
Nicolas Joseph Maison



Policies for the Safety of Youth & Children

Stella McTaggart

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Certified Youth Workers

as of January 14, 2021

THANK YOU TO THESE WONDERFUL SERVANTS

Fr. Steven Klund
 Demetri Brown
 Doug Brown
 Cameron Calhoun
 Pam Calhoun
 Patricia D'Orazio
 Barbara Harris
 Renee Karonis
 Evyenia Karonis
 Koula Katsikis
 Doris King
 Melissa Kirkby
 Anita Kratsa
 Anestis Logothetis
 Georgia Marmaras
 Sia Mayorga
 Pauline McHugh
 Lea McHugh
 Thomas McHugh
 Stella McTaggart
 Mary Beth Miliotis
 Manny Miliotis
 Matthew Orzechowski
 Stacey Papalitskas
 Eleni Pappamihel
 Joyce Patsalos
 Anastasia Perk
 Fred Perk
 Benjalee Pittman
 Athena Poulos
 Michael Rallis
 Connie Ronner
 Tia Saffo
 Cassie Snow
 Jimmy Stasios
 Alexandros Theodoropoulos
 Joseph Weatherly
 Matthew Wickersham



Do wonderful things for us, your servants, and show your mighty power to our children. Psalm 90:16

I love to go to the beach and dip my toes in the water when it is warm or just watch the crash of the waves against the sand when it is cold. Watching dogs frolic in water is the best fun ever (tell me otherwise.) Now, trying to bathe a 4 pound cat that may have fleas, that is the stuff of horror stories – the clawing, the meowing, the hissing. But in all seriousness, God sent us His Grace by means of water for the renewal and healing of our bodies and our souls. This is why we celebrate each January the Feast of the Holy Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. This is why we hold baptism as a sacred sacrament. This is why we keep Holy Water in our homes, purses, cars.

When we are told to **Wash** our hands by the NC Department of Health and Human Services I always take that time to say a prayer. I thank God for His Living Water” (Jn. 4:10) and say The Lord’s Prayer for those precious 20 seconds.

If I asked you if you could go into a bathroom to watch children at the Church wash their hands, what would you answer? * If you were a CERTIFIED YOUTH WORKER you would know the answer to this question and many more.

As you join us in wearing your mask, waiting six feet apart, and washing your hands, become a CERTIFIED YOUTH WORKER so you can take your shot at helping and participating in youth ministries and events. The time is now!

Thank you to our 38 Certified Youth Workers who have completed their certification for the 2020-2021 Ecclesiastical Year. I am expecting THIRTY THREE more of our congregation to join their ranks to recertify themselves. The recertification process should take less than 10 minutes.

If you would like to join us as a NEW CERTIFIED YOUTH WORKER it is 3 easy steps – register, screen, and training. For more information about this process, please contact me at youthsafety@stnicholaswilmington.org.

**The Answer: You should stand outside the bathroom but within earshot during youth group bathroom breaks. To learn about possible exceptions, like in treatment of an injury, become a CERTIFIED YOUTH WORKER today!*

Policies for the Safety of Youth & Children

Philoptochos
Enosis Chapter #5027
Maria Stasios, President

Greetings and Happy New Year from the Ladies Philoptochos Society. We continue to stay connected via email and/or Zoom meetings and are looking forward to the day we can return to in-person fellowship as a sisterhood!

Thank you to all who supported our recent on-line Vasilopita auction, whether by baking or purchasing a bread or cake. Your participation in this unique fund-raising option is most appreciated.

The Philoptochos board continues to meet virtually and to share information with our members via email and/or phone calls. As we begin our Paschal preparations, we are considering to again offer Lenten Soups for sale during Great Lent. Be on the lookout for more information in March and April. Also look for the sign-up form in this newsletter to sponsor a Lily to decorate our solea for Pascha in honor or memory of a loved one.

If you are not receiving our Philoptochos emails, please let us know. We'd love to have every woman in the community on our distribution list. If you have not become a member of Philoptochos, we invite you to complete a membership pledge card. It is through your participation that we are able to continue to support the needs of our community. Anyone is welcome to be a part of this philanthropic group, "the right hand of the church."

Through your continued support, since the last newsletter, we have contributed to:

- Saint Basil's Academy in Garrison NY
- Saint Nicholas parish benevolent fund
- Ronald McDonald House
- Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, Nourish NC
- Snipes Academy
- And we have continued to provide 40-day blessing packets to our new mothers.



UPCOMING - February 14

- ◇ Drop off your Diaper Donations
- ◇ Wear Red for National Heart Disease Month for Women





LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS

*Lenten Soup
to-go
Fundraiser*

COMING AGAIN THIS SPRING!

EASTER FLOWER 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/ couple/ family.

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Deadline for submittals is Sunday, April 18th



SAINT NICHOLAS SPRING FAMILY PLAN

FEB 2021

KEY THEME: LOVE

Our monthly remote **FAMILY PLAN** is back! For the rest of the ministry year we will offer these monthly plans as resources for our families while we also attempt to safely roll out more in-person ministry events as well. This month **LOVE** is in the air! Try to find opportunities as a family to share your love with each other. How can you show it? Being helpful around the house? Writing a thoughtful card? Spending more quality time together? The possibilities are endless. It is important to feel valued, and often times we miss out on opportunities to express our feelings of affection to those we care about. Our faith encourages the opposite! We are to **LOVE OTHERS** as (if not more than) we love ourselves. So get to work. **LOVE EACH OTHER...**and prove it this month!

LOVE/JOY (0-11 YRS)



Drive Thru Valentines Exchange: On Sunday, February 14 our youngest families will take part in a Drive-Thru **Valentines Day Card Exchange**. This will be a safe distant event, but one that should help our families feel close and connected during this difficult time apart.

GOYA (GRADES 6-12)



"WARM" (2/27): On Saturday, February 27 our GOYANs will once again engage in a service project day with Project WARM NC. This local work day will assist a deserving family with a home restoration project and give our kids a chance to spread some needed love in our hometown.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



February 28: On the final day of the month join us at Church for our Spring General Assembly. This is an invaluable opportunity as a Saint Nicholas Family to stay updated on the recent events and upcoming projects that will shape our future as a parish. Stay connected, get involved!

DATES TO SAVE: 2/7 FEBRUARY MEMORIALS | 2/21 TRIODION STARTS | 2/28 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED EVENT: "LOVE" MINISTRY KICK OFF!!!



THIS MONTH keeping with our LOVE theme, our "LOVE" ministry will launch its sessions for our youngest families. "LOVE" is the Church ministry that serves our children ages 0-4 years old. Our **FIRST gathering will be Feb. 24 at 10 am at Church**. We have scheduled our events to occur twice per month on Wednesday mornings at 10 am, plus an additional weekend event on one selected Saturday morning per month as well for our working families.

Typical gatherings will feature prayer, songs, storytime, crafts, snacks and playtime.

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OR EMAIL: NicoleTsapelas@gmail.com

**Feb. 2 - Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Divine Liturgy - 9:30 am

Feb. 3 - Saint Stamatis

Divine Liturgy - 9:30 am

Feb. 4 & 5 - House Blessings**Feb. 4 - Discover Orthodoxy**

7:00 pm

Feb. 7 - Orthros 8:45 am | Divine Liturgy

10:00 am

Memorial Sunday

Sunday School - 2:30 pm

Feb. - 8, 9 & 10 - House Blessings**Feb. 11 - Discover Orthodoxy - 7:00 pm****Feb. 14 - Orthros 8:45 am | Divine Liturgy**

10:00 am

JOY Valentine Drive -By - 11:30 pm

Sunday School - 12:30 pm

Feb. 21 - Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

Orthros 8:45 am | Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Sunday School - 12:30 pm

Feb. 24 - LOVE Kick-off Event 10 am**Feb. 27 - GOYA Project Warm - 8 am - 2 pm****Feb. 28 - Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

Orthros 8:45 am | Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Spring General Assembly - 11:30 am

Sunday School - 12:30 pm

For the most current version of our Parish Calendar,
please visit us online at

[http://www.stnicholaswilmington.org/church-
calendar/](http://www.stnicholaswilmington.org/church-calendar/)

Mar. 6 - Saturday of the Souls

Divine Liturgy - 9:30 am

Oakdale Memorial Cemetery Blessings - 11:00 am**Mar. 7 - Judgement Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)**

Orthros 8:45 am | Divine Liturgy 10 am

Sunday School - 12:30 pm

Mar. 8 - The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebastia

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Mar. 10 - LOVE - 10 am**Mar. 12 - GOYA Campfire 7 pm****Mar. 13 - 2nd Saturday of the Souls**

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Baptism 11:00 am

Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery Blessing 12:30 pm**Mar. 14 - Forgiveness Sunday**

Orthros 8:45 am | Divine Liturgy 10 am

Sunday School 12:30 pm

Mar. 15 - Clean Monday**Mar. 17 - Pre-sanctified Liturgy**

5:30 pm

Mar. 19 - Salutation to the Theotokos

7:00 pm

Mar. 20 - 3rd Saturday of the Souls

Divine Liturgy - 9:30 am

LOVE Play Date - 10 AM**Oleander Memorial Gardens Blessing 11:00 am****Mar. 21 - Sunday of Orthodoxy**

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Mar. 24- Vesporal Liturgy - Annunciation of the Theotokos**LOVE - 10 am**

Divine Liturgy 5:30 pm

Mar. 26 - Salutations to the Theotokos

7:00 pm

Mar. 27 - Journey of Marriage Seminar

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mar. 28 - Sunday of Saint. Gregory Palamas

Orthros 8:45 am | Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Greek Independence Program 11:00 am

Mar. 31 - Pre-sanctified Liturgy

5:30 pm

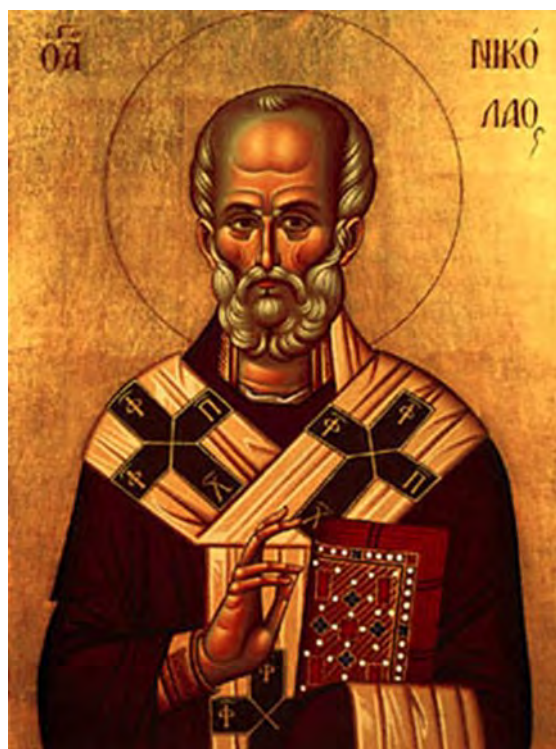
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