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PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

Religious Education Ministries -

Bookstore/Library - Chrysanthé Lazarides
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Sunday School - Volunteer needed
Synaxis Discussion Group - Irene Voneiff & Debbie Rallis

Liturgical Life - Dr. Michael Rallis, Ministry Chair

Acolytes - Doug Brown
Altar Care - Matthew Wickersham
Koliva Ministry - Olympia Fragos
Prosforo Ministry - Volunteer needed
Livestream - Rick Reynolds
Byzantine Choir - Dr. Michael Rallis
Youth Choir - Katerina Katsikis

Outreach & Evangelism - Bradley Ballou

Hospitality - Ed & Kathleen Mayorga
Parish Care - Constantina Stamatakis, Kay Skandalakis
Mary Frankos, Jim Stasios, John Whitley
Welcome Ministry - Argiro Brown

Parish Family Life - Pauline McHugh, Ministry Chair

Forever Young - Kay Skandalakis
Parish Family Night - Pauline McHugh
Prayer Ministry - Barbara Reynolds
Young Adults - Cassie Snow & Katerina Katsikis

Youth -Ministries - GOYA - Stella McTaggart, Joyce

Kaprantzas Patsalos
HOPE/JOY - Victoria Fernandez Boron, Anita Kratsa
LOVE - Presbyteria Nicole Klund

Policies for the Safety of Youth & Children - Volunteer needed

Communications - Technology Ministries - Steve Karafas

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

Greek Festival - Nick Saffo & Lee King, Ministry Chairs

Stewardship - Barbara Reynolds & Melissa Kirkby, Ministry Chairs

IOCC - Angela Dentiste, Ministry Chair

OCF - Volunteer needed

Elisabeth Baynard, Faculty Advisor



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Fr. Steven Klund – Parish Priest



Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year, Great and Holy Pascha and the Greek Festival are the two main highlights of our parish calendar. They provide the spiritual and emotional boost for our faithful every year, and this year the positive effects from both were even greater! Based off of my observations and several conversations I have had in recent weeks, the general impression is that fellowship and camaraderie among the faithful are the highest they have been in over a year. This is easy to understand considering the challenging and isolating year we just endured.

“I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.” – Psalm 34:4

Throughout Church history, the faithful were frequently attacked and oppressed by opposing forces. Be it the Israelites suffering under Babylonian captivity, the Apostles living in fear of Roman persecution, or Orthodox families hiding from Turkish or Communist pursuers in more recent times, the Church has always been in need of God’s deliverance. 2020 Presented the Church a new, yet invisible, threat with the Coronavirus. And like those previous times of peril, God also graciously delivered us from these fears of infection as well. I thank God for His infinite goodness and deliverance from this modern crisis. In this newsletter you will hear about our updated COVID policies in our President’s report, and of exciting things like the reopening of Coffee Hour and other ministries at Saint Nicholas!

The anticipation and excitement for the upcoming ecclesiastical year, with a FULL slate of ministry events and programs, is palpable. As of today, the ministry calendar for 2021-2022 is largely set with only a few items remaining to be scheduled. I am so proud of how our Saint Nicholas Family has handled this really difficult year, and I am extremely thankful for all of our parish council members and ministry leaders for their perseverance and continued service to the parish.

With the return of all of our ministries this Summer and Fall, and the upcoming celebration of our 75th Anniversary in October, there are exciting times ahead for all at Saint Nicholas. There has never been a better time to come to Church and get involved. Make sure to join us for our ministry registration fair Sundays during Coffee Hour (August 22-September 12) to learn about all the excitement ahead for our stewards!

With Fervent Love in Christ,

Fr. Steven Klund

Treasurer

Tina Bostic

As of April the financial information for Saint Nicholas operating budget is below. We are managing expenses well and our Stewardship received is above target

| Operating Income/Expense | | | | Stewardship | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| General Fund | Income | Expenses | Variance | | Stewardship Received | Stewardship Goal | Variance |
| Jan | \$ 31,140.99 | \$ 47,681.92 | \$ (16,540.93) | Jan | \$ 27,617.84 | \$ 21,293.96 | \$ 6,323.88 |
| Feb | \$ 16,987.56 | \$ 25,133.96 | \$ (8,146.40) | Feb | \$ 22,604.70 | \$ 21,293.96 | \$ 1,310.74 |
| Mar | \$ 68,068.65 | \$ 31,639.64 | \$ 36,429.01 | Mar | \$ 27,576.24 | \$ 21,293.96 | \$ 6,282.28 |
| Apr | \$ 15,984.53 | \$ 26,373.72 | \$ (10,389.19) | Apr | \$ 14,068.04 | \$ 21,293.96 | \$ (7,225.92) |
| YTD | \$ 132,181.73 | \$ 130,829.24 | \$ 1,352.49 | YTD | \$ 91,866.82 | \$ 85,175.84 | \$ 6,690.98 |

Our March Madness Capital Campaign program with the use of our new gym was a huge success! With the many sponsors we raised greater than \$30,000 towards the back building during the single event.

Saint Nicholas Stewardship Status

Barbara Reynolds / Melissa Kirkby

\$224,607 pledged to date – 87.89% of 2021 goal

\$114,030 given to date – 44.6% of 2021 goal

Active Families – 308

Families that have pledged – 163 (53%)

Families that have pledged and given – 140

New pledgers in 2021 – 32 families

Lost pledgers in 2021 – 56 families

Increased pledge – 35 families

Thank you to the families that have pledged to support our church and our ministries in 2021!

If you haven't had a chance to pledge, please prayerfully consider how you can help support our Saint Nicholas family this year, and join our stewards today! Did you know that you can go the Saint Nicholas website and pledge? Simply go to the Stewardship page and submit an online pledge card (www.stnicholaswilmington.org/stewardship). Of course, you can also pick up a pledge card at the church and leave it in the office after filling it out.

Do you forget to bring checks to church? You can set up giving to Saint Nicholas online by going to the same Stewardship page on our Saint Nicholas. You can set up to give on a regular basis if you would like to.

2021 Stewards

Joseph & Courtney Abdiotakis
 James Adams
 Bill Agnostak & Beth Serepca
 Amalia Alexoudis
 Fr. Regis Alexoudis
 Dr. John Anagnost & Dr. Kathleen Jewel
 Chris Andrews
 Roula Andrews
 Don & Jill Argyrople
 Catherine Barkas
 Nicholas & Sylvia Batounis
 Kamilia Batshon
 Louis & Nadine Batuyios
 Michael & Tina Bostic
 Doug & Argie Brown
 Vasili & Maddi Brown
 John R. Bryan
 Cameron & Pam Calhoun
 Stavros & Stephanie Chantiles
 Rebecca Cooper
 Christopher Cranidiotis
 Gregory & Kimberly Dandoulakis
 Angela Dentiste
 Louise A. DeSimone
 Iffie Diakogiannis
 George Dimopoulos
 Ioannis Dimopoulos & Theodora Angelis
 Maria Dimopoulos
 Peter & Kathy Dimopoulos
 Vasilios Dimopoulos
 Lauren Dodge
 Nick & Kristina Dodge
 Efstathios Efstathiadis
 Peter & Christina Etters
 John Finch
 Larry & Helen Flowers
 Eliana Fragos
 Evangelos & Olympia Fragos
 Koula Fragos
 Yianni Fragos
 Giancarlo Franzese
 Jennie & Koulla J. Galantis
 Anastasios & Mary Gianoplus
 Pamela Mavros Hale
 Brant Hancock
 Irini Haralambous
 Benjamin & Barbara Efthymiou Harris
 Diana & Jeff Houck
 Constantine P. Ioannou
 Yiannis & Antonia Ioannou
 Christos & Eleni Kaprantzas
 Joanne Kares
 Yianni & Evgenia Karonis
 Angelo & Anastasia Katris
 Basil & Koula Katsikis
 Angelina Kayafas

Thalia Kefalas
 Henry John King
 Jacob King
 Lee & Doris King
 Matthew King
 Emily Kirkby
 Matthew & Melissa Kirkby
 Zachary Kirkby
 Father Steven & Presbyteria Nicole Klund
 Hope Klund
 Luke Klund
 Dr. Emmanuel & Lambra Koklanaris
 Andy & Maria Koutsokalis
 Anita & Caleb Kratsa
 Paul Krneta
 John & Julie Lafakis
 Samuel & Susan Lawler
 Chrysanthé Lazarides
 Nick & Eleni Lazaridis
 Emmanuel & Athansia Lionikis
 Anestis & Constance Logothetis
 Michael & Lola Loizides
 Michael Louca
 Paul & Colleen Venters Loukas
 Ralph & Evelyn Maggio
 Peter & Courtney Malahias
 Dr. John T. Manolukas
 Dr. Peter & Joan Manolukas
 Nick & Jennifer Maraveyas
 Georgia Marmaras
 Xenophon & Mary Maroudis
 Maria Mastoras
 Aspasia Mayorga
 Edward & Kathleen Mayorga
 Calvin & Diane McGowan
 Tom & Pauline McHugh
 Micaiah & Stella McTaggart
 Martha Melts
 John Mihaltzes & Dana Baigrie
 Dorothy Miliotis
 Emanuel & Mary Beth Miliotis
 Neemat Nashed
 Rees & Daniel O'Donnell
 Matthew Orzechewski
 William & Anastasia Papalitskas
 Lambros & Niki Papanicolaou
 Sandra Papanikolaou
 Ruth Pappamihel
 Betty Parrett
 Maria Alexoudis Parnell
 Jimmy & Anna Patsalos
 Alesander & Yvonne Peklaris
 Andy & Alexia Porzio
 Dena Poulos
 Jack & Danielle Poulos
 John & Athena Poulos
 Elpetha Poulson

Rena Poulson & Trey Croom
 Evangelos & Anna Proimos
 Dino & Renee Karonis Psilos
 John & Catherine Psilos
 Marianne Psilos
 Dr. Michael & Debra Rallis
 Richard & Barbara Reynolds
 Thomas & Connie Ronner
 Doky & Despina Saffo
 Kim Saffo
 Marika & Marian Saffo
 Nick & Edith L. Saffo
 Nick & Tia Saffo
 Tony & Jamie Saffo
 Christine Sampson
 Michael Savas
 Peter & Debra Semenoff
 Stephanie Sheehan
 Spiros & Giannoula Simotas
 Angelique Simpson
 Joanna Skandalakis
 Kay Saffo Skandalakis
 Deborah A. Skinner
 Mary Tomica Sljaka
 Sophia Sljaka
 Luke Smith
 Cassandra Snow
 David & Daphne Snow
 Thomas Souflas
 Maria Spyropoulos
 Constantina Stamatakis
 James & Maria Stasios
 George & Margaret Stephanou
 Ronald & Vicky Stephens
 Joseph & Dr. Lisa Kommatea-Steyer
 Dr. Constance R. Tambakis-Odom
 Renee Theophilos
 Kyriaki Thomas
 Chris & Jeannie Tsingelis
 Apostolos & Linda Vardakis
 Argiro Vassilaros
 Toula Vassilaros
 Mary Ann Vavallette
 Vasilios & Irene Sotiriou Vogiatzis
 George & Irene Voneiff
 Mary Ann Wall
 Joseph Weatherly
 John & Helen Whitley
 Donald Wickersham
 Samuel & Kyriaki Wiersteiner
 John Zervoulakos & KariAnn Mortensen
 Effie Zezefellis

I want to start off by saying a special thank you for all those who participated in volunteering during our "Drive-Thru" Festival. What a success for the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Community. We have a lot to be proud of and so much to be thankful for. Another year of record breaking!

Congratulations to all the students who finished school and special 'shout out' to those who graduated Colleges and Universities across the state. We wish you great success in your new careers and future endeavors!

I want to take a moment to note the transition period we are approaching regarding St. Nicholas COVID policy. As many of you may be aware of, we are beginning our transition back to more lenient guidelines. As we monitor State and Federal mandates and restrictions lifting, we are keeping on the side of caution as we begin to lift our own St. Nicholas procedures. The Archdiocese has also lifted its guidelines in an effort to getting us back to a new normal.

As for our "In- Church" regulations, the Parish Council have begun the process of our transition in the beginning of May to lift our restrictions. Our goal is to make sure everyone who comes to church feels comfortable, safe, and welcome. Firstly, we have started opening the Church seating capacity where half of the church continues to follow the social distancing regulations, while the other half offers lifted protocols with open seating. As for masks, we have followed in the path of others no longer requiring all who enter to wear them. We however, leave this open to your own discretion. We are no longer taking temperatures at the door and are no longer re-

quiring sign-in sheets. At our June 8th meeting the PC has decided to lift other protocols:

1. Resume practice of kissing icons.
2. Offering collection will resume on June 13th.
3. Worship books will be placed back in pews.
4. The Nursery will remain closed until fall.
5. Social distance seating still available.
6. Coffee hour to resume.

The Parish Council has come to this decision in hopes to begin our own new normal.

We are also working through plans to open the Hellenic Center for coffee hour, following Sunday Service. Coffee hour is resuming on June 13, 2021. AHEPA Sunday. Our local AHEPA chapter will host our re-opening of the Hellenic Center and welcome all to come and attend, enjoy the coffee and fellowship. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office. This is a great way to participate in safely welcoming everyone back to our fellowship hall.

Ongoing News, St. Nicholas Capital Campaign efforts are still underway. We continue to focus on raising donations to help fund our new St. Nicholas Activity Center! All donations can be made by visiting www.abundant.co/stnickwnc/capitalchampions

Also, be on the lookout for mailings and news updates for the 75th Celebration of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

I pray for a happy, healthy, and safe summer of 2021 to all! Stay safe, stay in touch, see you soon!



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to each and every person who helped to make the May 2021 Drive Thru Festival an enormous success! We are extremely grateful to the Chairpersons, Nick Saffo and Lee King who worked tirelessly to create the best experience for our parishioners and our patrons. Thank you to all the Chairs of the various committees and booths and all the parishioners who came and volunteered their time and talents. Thank you to EVERYONE who came and helped in every way!

CHAIRS: Nick Saffo and Lee King

Kitchen Team:
GYRO Team:
Drive Thru Team:
Lamb Cooks:
Sampler Team:
Hellenic Center:

Chris Tsingelis & Family & Bill Vogiatzis
Matt & Melissa Kirkby & Family
Vangelis Fragos & Family
George Voneiff & Crew
Nadine Batuyios & Crew
Helen & Larry Flowers, Kay Skandalakis

Salad Crew:
Advertising:
Pastries:
Accounting:
Volunteers:
Office:

Nick & Nena Lazaridis
Basile Katsikis, Jim Stasios, Nick Saffo
Maria Stasios & Tia Saffo
Tina Bostic, Manny Miliotis, Dave Snow
Pauline McHugh
Georgia Marmaras

Philoptochos
Enosis Chapter #5027
Maria Stasios

Greetings from the Ladies Philoptochos Society! We pray you had a joyous Lenten season and Great and Holy Pascha. We have so many thanks to give – to those who supported our Lenten soup sales, donated flowers to decorate the kouvouklion, purchased lilies in memory or honor of a loved one, and who worked to decorate our church for Holy Week. Everything was just beautiful!



Since our last newsletter, we held another General meeting via Zoom. We rescheduled our Board elections meeting to June 6. This is our final gathering for 2021. Our chapter size is currently 35 ladies, and at that membership level, our Board number can range from 7-15 members. The newly elected board will meet to schedule the kick-off meeting which is typically held in September. Please be watching for that date and plan to attend whether or not you are currently a paid member of Philoptochos.

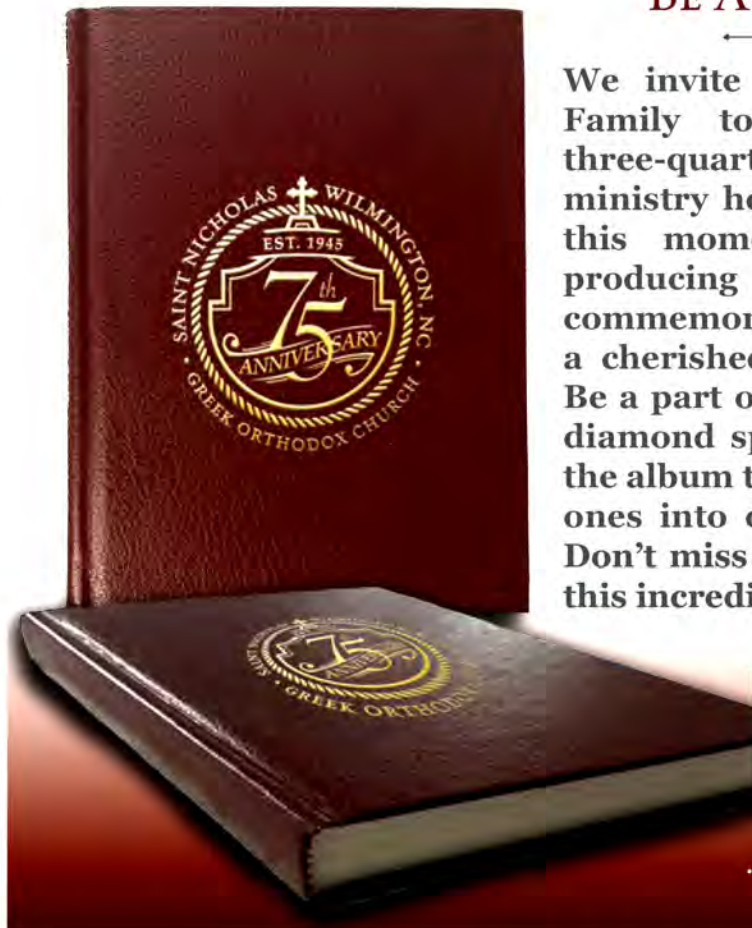
It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as President of this dynamic organization. I am very proud of the work we do in concert with all of our parishioners. We are current in our metropolis and national commitments, and we continue to provide support to our local community. All of our achievements and successes are only possible because of the Grace of our God, and all of your support.

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

SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

75TH COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM

BE A PART OF HISTORY!



We invite all of our Saint Nicholas Family to join us in celebrating three-quarters of a century of Christian ministry here in Wilmington. To mark this momentous milestone we are producing a beautiful leather-bound commemorative album that will serve as a cherished keepsake for generations. Be a part of history! Sign up today as a diamond sponsor, or reserve an Ad in the album to forever inscribe your loved ones into our parish's storied history. Don't miss this opportunity to share in this incredible occasion. Join us today!

ONLY \$75

**ACT FAST...
....ONLY 150 WILL BE MADE!**

75TH ANNIVERSARY ALBUM AD PRICES

(all photos will be black & white)

Full Gold Page Ad (\$475) | Full Silver Page Ad (\$375)

Full White Page Ad (\$275) | Half White Page Ad (\$175) | Quarter White Page Ad (\$75)

ALL Orders Due By July 16, 2021

FOR INQUIRIES & ORDERS CONTACT: STNICK75TH@GMAIL.COM



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

75TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

"75 Years Established & Committed in Christ"

– Proverbs 16:3

Much has changed in the past twelve months. On a global level, we all had to adjust with the pandemic and many plans were altered. Our 75th Anniversary celebration was no exception. However, as this Saint Nicholas Family has shown over the past three-quarters-of-a-century, we remained resilient and hopeful, knowing that the Coronavirus would not cancel but only delay our festivities. Therefore, it is my great joy to once again invite you to our 75th Anniversary Weekend rescheduled for October 22-24, 2021!

Please make arrangements to attend this incredible weekend. As we said last year, we at Saint Nicholas are a Family! Our 75th Anniversary celebration would be incomplete without you being part of it. Be it through sponsorships, album ads, gala tickets, or volunteer opportunities, there are various ways for your family to participate in our commemoration of this milestone.

We cannot wait to host you for a once in a generation celebration of our Saint Nicholas Family's storied history! Please join us on the weekend of October 22-24, 2021 to reminisce and rejoice in the decades of Christian witness and service in Eastern North Carolina. Weekend details can be found below, and album information on the next page.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021

WELCOME RECEPTION – 6 PM – FREE – *At Saint Nicholas*
Featuring the Premier Screening of the historical film
"Saint Nicholas: Then & Now"



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

75TH ANNIVERSARY GALA – 5:30 PM – \$75 per Ticket

Hotel Ballast – Downtown Wilmington

(301 N Water St, Wilmington, NC 28401)

For Hotel Reservations, Use Special Code "NGO"

\$179/night (Group Rate). Hotel Reservations must be made by September 10, 2021 to secure the group rate.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

DIVINE LITURGY – 10 AM – FREE – *At Saint Nicholas*

FAREWELL BRUNCH – 11:45 AM – *Hosted by Parish Council*

Forever Young
Kay Skandalakis

Our day to get together finally came this April after a year of waiting. We had a small but mighty group. We shared a delicious lunch & fellowship. It was wonderful to be able to sit and enjoy a meal together.

A big thank you to the following who came to help cup the tsatziki for the festival:

Iffie Diakogiannis, Mike & Lola Loizides, Niki & Lambro Papanicolaou, Thalia Kefalas, Georgia Spiliotis, Eleni Kaprantzas, and Elaine Whitley.

Exciting news!! Please Save the Date for our August 15, 2021 "Panagia's Panagiri Luncheon. Since we are celebrating the Dormition of the Theotokos on a Sunday this year, the luncheon will immediately follow Divine Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Anyone wanting to donate a gift basket or give a monetary donation towards one, please contact Kay Skandalakis at (910) 762-1161. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, July 18, 2021. We will surely appreciate everyone's support.

Hellenic School
Anestis Logothetis

Our classes for youngsters and adults have been discontinued since March 2020 due to COVID19. It was unfortunate that a year and a half of schooling has been lost. However, we are ready to start again in September with classes for kids from kindergarten all the way to junior high school and also for adults. We have teachers but what we need are kids willing to learn Greek, the language of our heritage and deeply connected to our faith. We encourage all parents to put a priority in having their children attend Greek School which is only one day a week, Friday afternoons. We try to teach in addition to the language a little of the Greek history and culture. Let the office know of your interest or get in touch with Kitsa Wiersteiner, Evgenia Karonis, Theodora Podia or Anestis Logothetis. We hope to see many kids registered in the Fall.

For the 200th Anniversary of the Greek War of Independence we celebrated the event by having Mayor Vassili Saffo give an inspiring talk in Church. We could not have a more elaborate celebration with kids reciting poems and dancing Greek traditional dances because of COVID19. Mayor Saffo also arranged to have the Greek Flag flying in the front of the City Hall along with the American Flag. He also arranged to have Thalian Hall illuminated at night with white and blue lights, the colors of the Greek flag. For those of you who missed Mayor Saffo's presentation, you may visit our YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/user/stnicholasgoc/videos> or come by the office for a paper copy.





Family Life Ministry



CHRISTOS ANESTI!!

It has been so wonderful to see the pews of our church full! Glory to God we can start to build up our ministries again.

It was such a blessing to have so many people on Saturday of Lazarus help make the crosses for Palm Sunday. We had a record turn out and we made beautiful crosses together as a church family. Thank you to all who came.

In April, the Ministry for the Homebound delivered Paschal care packages to many of our long term care parishioners. Our monthly visits with antidoro and/or artoclasia are a source of joy for those who can not come to church. In May, I had the pleasure to visit with Nick and Margi Devoles and hear the story of Nick's life's work and view his lovely sculptures.

We always welcome more members to the Homebound Ministry. Come join this ministry and help spread the love of our Faith. Contact Pauline McHugh @516-902-7760.

Our Prayer Team has also been fervently praying for all our parishioners in need. We have had so many prayers answered. If you have anyone who needs to be added to our Prayer List please email Barbara Reynolds, our Prayer Ministry Chair, breynoldgm@gmail.com



IMAGINE THE DOORS THAT WILL OPEN FOR YOU BY KNOWING GREEK



GREEK SCHOOL IS BACK!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

LEARN ABOUT OUR LANGUAGE, OUR FAITH, OUR CULTURE, OUR HISTORY, OUR SONG, OUR DANCE

Classes in Greek language are being offered on Fridays
for children 5 and above as well as adults
beginning September 17, 2021 with Agiasmos at 5:00 pm
Though registration is free, donations are always welcome.

For expressions of interest & enrollment contact:

Church Office (910) 392-4444

e-mail: office@stnicholaswilmington.org



St. Nicholas Hellenic School

608 South College Road ~ Wilmington, North Carolina 28403

**Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox
Church Certified Youth Workers
as of
June 1, 2021**

**THANK YOU TO THESE WONDERFUL
SERVANTS!!**

Fr. Steven Klund
Demetri Brown
Doug Brown
Konstandena Brown
Cameron Calhoun
Pam Calhoun
Patricia D'Orazio
Barbara Harris
Evyenia Karonis
Renée Karonis
Koula Katsikis
Katerina Katsikis
Zaharoula Katsikis
Angelena Kayafas
Doris King
Melissa Kirkby
Pres. Nicole Klund
Anita Kratsa
Anestis Logothetis
Georgia Marmaras
Sia Mayorga
Lea McHugh
Pauline McHugh
Thomas McHugh
Stella McTaggart
MaryBeth Miliotis
Manny Miliotis
Matthew Orzechowski
Stacey Papalitskas
Eleni Pappamihel
Joyce Patsalos
Anastasia Perk
Fred Perk
Benjalee Pittman
Theodora Podia
Athena Poulos
Michael Rallis
Connie Ronner
Tia Saffo
Cassie Snow
Jim Stasios
Alexandros Theodoropoulos
Joseph Weatherly
Matthew Wickersham
Kitsa Wiersteiner



Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ had 33 years on our beautiful planet to teach us all He wanted to share before His crucifixion. He had a plan for every moment, every teaching, and every encounter. As humans, we are not graced with divine knowledge. We never know how many years our God will grant to us to learn and teach all that we know. But what I do know is, these 44 Servants of God have pledged 2021 to be a year they are ready to be called upon to teach and share their talents with children of our community.

As we do everything in our powers to protect our children at home and school we want to ensure we do everything to protect our youth at and away from our St. Nicholas Campus. If you witness ANY event please report it immediately to your Youth Supervisor or Fr. Steven. You may also make an anonymous report using the **Notice of Concern Form** found in this newsletter. Just submit it to the office filled out with as much information as you can share. You may also contact the below for ANY questions you may have.



**Childhelp National Child Abuse
Hotline**
1-800-4-A-Child
1-800-422-4453



**National Suicide Prevention
Lifeline**
1-800-273-8255

If you want to participate in ANY Youth Ministry or Event you MUST be a CERTIFIED YOUTH WORKER. To start the 3-step process please visit <https://forms.gle/geDBqdHoFuuSH4ua8> to complete the registration form or contact me at youthsafety@stnicholaswilmington.org.

Thank you to all of you as we work together to meet our Church's Mission and Vision.

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

"The harvest is so great, but the workers are so few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send out more workers for his fields." Matthew 9:37-38



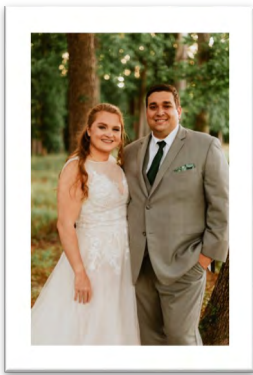
High School Graduation - Anna Patsalos, Angelia Saffo, Alexia Porzios

College Graduations - Katherine Franck, Robert Frank, Aggie Karafas, Angel Karafas, Valerie Lazarides, George Malahias, Pantelis Poulos

Congratulations

Courtney Malahias named 2021 Elementary Teacher of the Year! Courtney teaches at Snipes Academy, and has been a leader in our parish Philoptochos and religious education ministries.

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



Weddings

On May 21, 2021, **Madison & Vasili Brown** were joined together in Holy Matrimony. May they live a beautiful life together in Christ.

Baptisms/40-Day Blessings

On May 9 2021, **John Stewart Finch Jr.** was baptized at Wrightsville Beach. His proud Godparent is Fred Moutos.

On May 23, **Brock Anthony Sampson**, son of James & Christine Sampson, was baptized. His proud Godparents are Stephanie Sheehan & Michael Savas.

On May 23, **Desmond Michael Sheehan**, son of Mike & Stephanie Sheehan was baptized. His proud Godparents are Michael Savas & Christine Sampson.

On May 24, 2021, we held a 40-day blessing for **Bennett Scott Vrettos**, the son of Athan & Kaycey Vrettos.

On May 29, **Eli Burnham**, son of Daniel Burnham & Jeannie Johns, was Baptized. His proud Godparents are Patrick & Emma McLaughlin.

Να Σας Ζησουμε! May they live long Christian lives in the lord!

Sympathy & Memorials

We extend our condolences to the family for the falling asleep in the Lord of **Presbyter Mary Frimenko** on March 19, 2021.



We extend our condolences to the family of for the falling asleep in the Lord of **Leonidas "Leon" Mavrolas** on April 8, 2021.

May the Lord grant the families comfort during these difficult days and may their faith bring them peace.

April Memorials

Martha Melts - 40-days

Emily Papanikolaou (Ikaria, 8 days)

Angeline Batuyios Saffo (8 years)

Christos Stasios (53 years)

Evlogia Stasios (24 years)

May Memorials

Peter (Panayioti) Sotiriou -(15 years)

Leon Mavrolas - 40-days

Pontian Genocide Memorial

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

Pray

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

Christos Anagnost, Nikki Bober, Bobby Boron, Georgia Apostolou, Stavros Chantiles, Sherry Demas, Nicholas & Margie Devoles, Demitra George, Charles Hegler, Gus Karafas (brother of Irene Karafas Voneiff), Lambra Koklanaris, Olga Mancuso, Mary Marmaras, Ann & Frank Pinkston, Scott Sanders (husband of Nikkii Koklanaris), Sophia Sljaka, Pat Skinner, Tom Souflas, Peggy Stephanou, Kyriaki Thomas, Vasilios Vogiatzis, Mary Ann Wall

Please contact the church office to add/remove someone from the list. The names will stay on our prayer list for 40 days after which they will be removed and given to our prayer ministry team.



June 10

Holy Ascension
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

June 13

Fathers of the 1st Council
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Memorials - Ahepa, Ethel Melts, Georgia Macris
Ahepa sponsors Coffee Hour
Philoptochos Board Oath of Office

June 14 - 18

Saint Nicholas Summer Camp

June 19

9:30 am Saturday of the Souls
2 pm YAL in your Backyard

June 20

Holy Pentacost
Father's Day
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

June 21

Monday of the Holy Spirit
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

June 21-24

WARM Service Project

June 27 - July 3

St. Stephen's

June 27

The Sunday of All Saints
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy



July 4

8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

July 11

8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

July 16

75th Album Ads DUE!

July 17

St. Marina the Great Martyr
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

July 18

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

July 20

Prophet Elijah (Elias)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene, the Holy Myrrh-bearer
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

June 25

8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

June 27

Saint Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

July 31

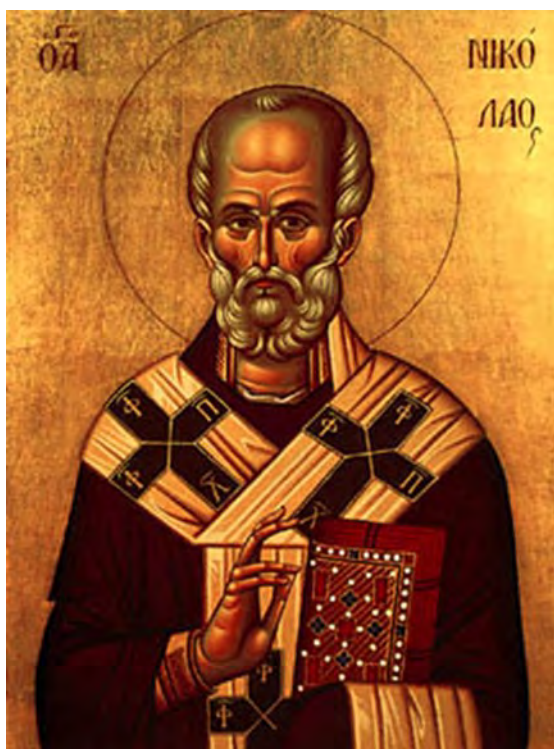
2 pm Young Adult Beach Games

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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.