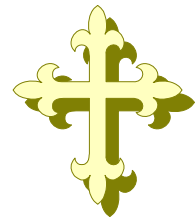
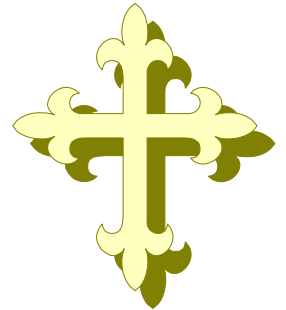
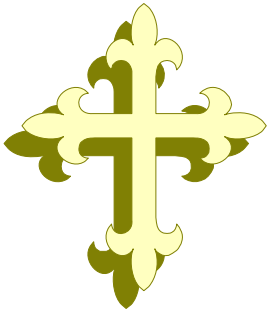
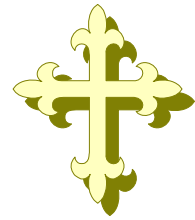
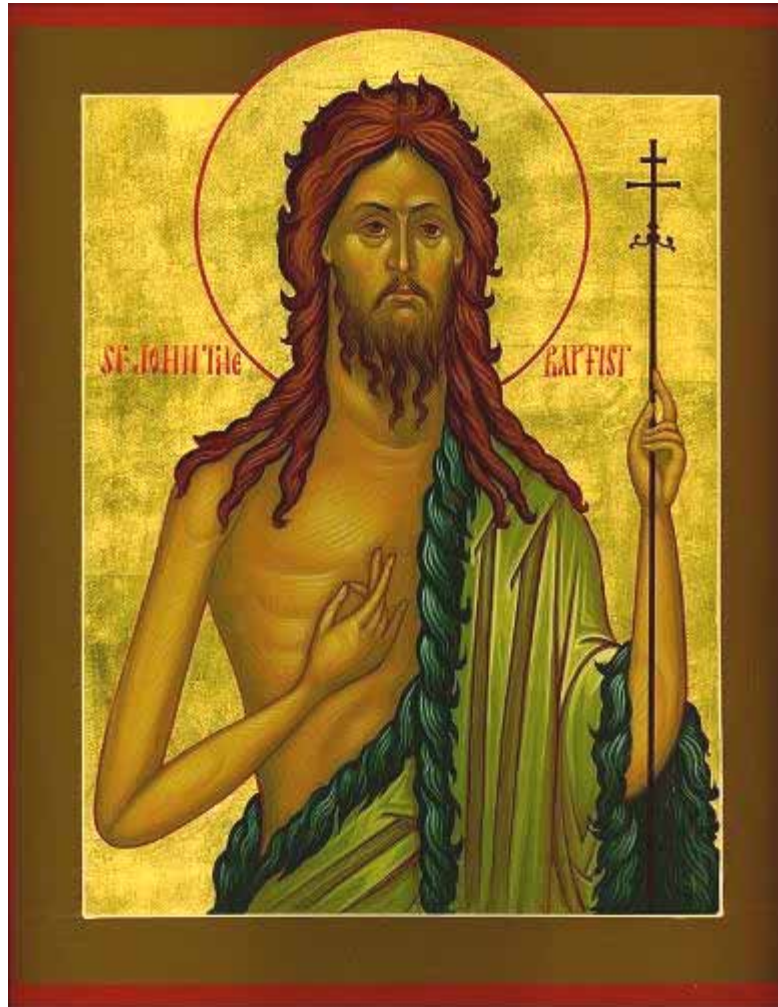


THE VOICE

John 1:23 "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness.

Make straight the way of the Lord."



DECEMBER 2011

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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CHURCH OFFICE

Monday - Friday: 8:45 am - 2:45 pm

SUNDAY SERVICES

Orthros: 8:45 am

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

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Stewardship Committee Chairman: Sam Stathos	238-1239
Sunday Greeter Scheduling: Anna Kouis	347-2868
Thee Holy Nook Gift Shop: Adrienne Finn	855-0304

The December Message from Father Angelo:

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Just recently I came across a book titled, "You Who Are On The Waves, Here Is Your Harbor", by Metropolitan Theophilou of Gortyna. What a poignant and mind-staggering title! It was as though the line was cast with live bait, and I snapped right at it. Needless to say, it reeled me in. You (meaning me, we, us) are constantly on the waves.....in the daily life of turmoil (more like storms), and we are battered back and forth, to and fro, tossed and tumbled, with some of us unfortunately, drowning into a sea of sin, obsession, misery, depression and addiction. The sea of life, wherein one moment everything is calm around us, and in a split second, a small change in course creates massive upheavals, chaos in our lives. Yet my friends, Metropolitan Theophilous clearly points out...."HERE IS YOUR HARBOR".

My brothers and sisters, do you need me to tell you what that "safe harbor" is? Do you need me to paint more imagery in your minds? There is only one safe haven for us to be protected from all that is evil in this world. Only one harbor with only one entrance, where that beacon of light shines brightly in all and every direction. A light that shines so bright that no weather, no storm, can diminish its illumination. That light is the Light of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and through Him we no longer need to care or be obsessed by earthly things. Earthly things of pain, grief suffering, hate, jealousy and pride! Through His Guiding Light, we need not fear becoming shipwrecked upon the "evil one's" rocks.

During this Christmas Season, may we be reminded that the reason that we are celebrating the Nativity of Jesus, is not for receiving or giving gifts. It is not to be jolly at the malls because we FOUND that perfect gift or that second drink at the Christmas Party. It is a time to remember that God gave US gifts of HOPE, OF FUTURE, OF LOVE, OF TOMORROW, OF LIFE - HIS SON. Knowing full well how He would be accepted and treated by us, in spite of that, He gave Him to us and for us. For the mere 33 years that He Blessed us with His physical presence, He built for us an Eternal place where the light shines and darkness no longer exists. Where is that place? Where is that safe harbor? My friends, this place of peace and calm seas is within us; in the chambers of our hearts.

May our Triune God Bless all of you. On behalf of my family and myself, we wish all of you a joyous and blessed Christmas. Let us anticipate in peace and in love our Savior's Nativity.

With Love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Angelo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Message from our Parish Council President:

Dear Parishioners,

The Holiday season is upon us I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday season. Elections will be held this month and I encourage everyone to vote. Our community is growing and with this growth comes challenges that our Council will deal with in the coming year. I would also encourage everyone to volunteer for one of the many things our parish does throughout the year. From the Choir to the Festival. Hands are needed to make these ministries within our Church a success.

Once again the end of the year brings with it a new year of stewardship. I realize that we are again in hard economic times, however it is the exact reason why we need the Church. The Church is and will always be our anchor that helps us through the everyday struggles which is part of our everyday lives. So please keep in mind the upcoming year so we can make our Stewardship drive the best one we have ever had. I know with God's guidance we can accomplish many things.

We will again this year be the American Red Cross' place for their big Christmas Dinner for the poor. Last year our community committed to buy a Christmas Dinner for other needy families. We will once again take on that project. Jack Demtrak will be the Chairperson for this wonderful ministry. Should you want to donate a meal please contact him. Should you want to participate in the event please contact Jack. Please search your hearts in this most joyous time of the year to commit some of your time and money for the good of the Parish in the coming year. I and the Board wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As always I wish everyone well, much health and love in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Respectively,



George N. Spirakis
President

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

WHEN: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

TIME: AFTER CHURCH SERVICES UNTIL 4:00 PM

WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

There are five (5) Parish Council positions to be filled and we have six (6) candidates running:

CHARLES BELISSARY

BRUCE BIGART

JACK DEMTRAK

GREG KILLIAN

DR. JIMMY KONTOS

MS. ANDREA MERISOTIS

We encourage stewards in good standing to vote for up to five (5) candidates.

Message from our Stewardship Committee Chair:

Dear Parishioners,

How Do We Abide in Jesus? We abide in Him when we follow His example and love, serve and support the Church which is His Body. When we abide in Jesus, we express this through generosity and devotion, especially in our stewardship and acts of personal generosity. Bearing fruit in the world is the visible result of our abiding in Christ.

Just as the vine bears fruit only through its branches, so Jesus has chosen to work in the world through us. We are the members of His Body. We are the branches through which the True Vine must bear fruit. We bear fruit when we serve and support God and His Church.

Our Church provides many services and we ask you to support these worthy ministries. Giving to His Church is a way to thank God for His grace and generosity. The question is not, "How much do I give to stay in the club?" or "What are the dues?" but "How can I thank God for my many blessings?"

Sunday, December 4th has been designated as Catch-Up Sunday to remind us all to fulfill our 2011 Stewardship Pledge and begin thinking about our 2012 Stewardship Pledges. Please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making.

A check mailed to the church is most meaningful when accompanied by your presence, by your willingness to serve, by your prayers, and by your commitment. Giving is not a substitute for commitment – it is an expression of your commitment. **"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit."** (John 15:8).

Yours in Christ,

Sam G. Stathos

Stewardship Committee Chair

2011 Stewardship "Catch-Up" Sunday

Sunday, December 4th

***Catch-Up Sunday is the time
to bring your giving up to date for the year.***

Our St. John's Parish Family depends on regular stewardship offerings in order to continue the work of our Lord through our services and activities year round. If you have fallen behind in your regular giving during the year, please participate in "Catch-Up" Sunday. Attend the Divine Liturgy with your family on Sunday, December 4th.

***Please fulfill your 2011 Stewardship Pledge
and begin thinking about your 2012 Stewardship!***

Thank You for your generous support!



ADDITIONAL SERVICES DURING DECEMBER



Monday,	December 5th	6:00 PM Vespers	(St. Nicholas Vesper Service) St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church~Wilmington, NC
Tuesday,	December 6th	8:45 AM Orthros	10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (St. Nicholas) St. John the Baptist Church~Myrtle Beach, SC
Thursday,	December 8th	8:45 AM Orthros	10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Ossios Patapios)
Monday,	December 12th	8:45 AM Orthros	10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (St. Spyridon)
Saturday,	December 24th	6:00 PM Vespers	(Christmas Eve Vesper Service)
Sunday,	December 25th	8:45 AM Orthros	10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ)

FAST DAYS DURING DECEMBER

NATIVITY FAST: November 15th through December 24th

NO FASTING: December 25th through January 4th

COMMUNITY THANK YOU'S

- **The Daughters of Penelope** who very generously donated \$6,250 for the painting of the Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Hall looks so much nicer and brighter!
- **Jimmy, Vivian, George, Effie and Athina Lambrinos, Bruce Bigart, Dr. Victoria Moshoures, Fr. Angelo and Presvytera Mary Pappas** who helped serve at Street Reach on November 10th. Special thanks to **Jimmy Lambrinos** for cooking a delicious meal which fed almost 200 people.
- **Mike Arakas** for also cooking a delicious meal for Street Reach in November. Mike was nice enough to help Street Reach one night when they had no one to cook. Over 200 hungry people were fed that night because of Mike Arakas.

EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

CHRISMATION

David Santimaw

Sunday, November 6, 2011

Godparents: Loretta Siotka and Pat Pappas

ADULT BAPTISM

John Ohler

Sunday, November 20, 2011

Godparent: Jason Hinsey

May God bless David and John and their Godparents!

CONDOLENCES

ASPASIA P. BUCK

NOVEMBER 12, 2011 (READING, PA)

SHE WAS THE BELOVED MOTHER OF TWO DAUGHTERS; VOULA MANUKAS AND HER HUSBAND GEORGE AND VASSO PAPAVALION AND HER HUSBAND THOMAS. SHE WAS ALSO THE LOVING GRANDMOTHER OF THREE AND GREAT-GRANDMOTHER OF FOUR. OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE BUCK FAMILY.

MAY ASPASIA'S MEMORY BE ETERNAL!

St. Barbara (December 4th)

St. Barbara was born in the early third century. A saint in the highest tradition of purity and piety, Barbara is listed in some Church branches as one of the fourteen Auxiliary Saints who are sometimes referred to as Holy Helpers, but she held so much hope for so many if the faithful in all walks of life that she was adopted by various segments of society as their special patroness. Officially, she is recognized as the patroness of artillerymen and firemen and just about everyone engaged in hazardous occupations. She is regarded by some as the safeguard against sudden death. The purity of St. Barbara is such that her name can be invoked on any occasion with the assurance that her virtue is an answer to evil in any form.

St. John of Damascus (December 4th)

St. John was born in 675. He served as a diplomat in the court of the Caliph in Damascus, but his greater service was to Jesus Christ - a service which he fulfilled by writing many books on the Christian religion with the authority of the most knowledgeable theologian. Jealousy led to John being accused of treachery, and his right hand was hacked off by a scimitar, trying to assure that John's writing talent would be blunted. John picked up his severed hand and attached it again to his wrist, miraculously restored through healing which the Lord had seen fit to perform for His wounded servant. He went on to use that hand to write down the beautiful hymns that came from the depth of John's love for Jesus Christ. These hymns, some of the most beautiful words and music ever created, are sung to this day not only in the Eastern Church but in the Roman Catholic Church as well. Masterpieces of words and song continued to pour forth from John until he died in 745.

St. Nicholas (December 6th)

St. Nicholas was bishop of Myra in Lycia. In spite of the fact that he is one of the more popular saints in both the Greek and Latin Churches, very little is historically certain about him. According to tradition, he was imprisoned during the Diocletian persecution but was afterwards released. He was believed to be present at the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea although his name does not appear in the early lists of bishops present at the Council, nor is he mentioned in the writings of St. Athanasius relative to the Council. His name is definitely mentioned in connection with the church of "St. Pricus and St. Nicholas" built by the emperor Justinian at Constantinople in the middle of the 6th century. He began to become widely venerated in the West after the inhabitants of the Italian city of Bari claimed to have taken possession of his remains in 1087.

St. Nicholas is regarded to be the patron saint of sailors, and churches dedicated to him are built all over the Christian world so that they can be seen from the sea as landmarks. In some Christian countries, he is also considered the patron saint of children bringing gifts under the name of Santa Claus, which is a corruption of the name Nicholas. He is also the patron saint of Russia.

Holy Father Ossios Patapios (December 8th)

God needs but to whisper to a truly pious monk for an echo to roll through more than a thousand years. Patapios was born in Thebes in Egypt in the fifth century and spent the early years of his life in urban upper class pursuits, which he was to abandon as a young man in answer to an irresistible call to the service of Jesus Christ. One story told concerning Patapios was that of a blind man who proclaimed his faith in Jesus Christ and earnestly prayed that the world be opened to him after a lifetime of darkness. Patapios placed his hand on the afflicted man and told him that if he were to see the creations of God, it would be through Jesus Christ. The blind man's sight was restored and he walked away thanking the Lord, not the monk, who vanished into the crowd. After his death, Patapios was enshrined in the church of St. John, but when alterations were made in the tenth century, the remains were missing. They reappeared in a monastery in Corinth in 1904. A convent was added in 1953, an adjunct to the shrine of the patron of the blind.

St. Spyridon (December 12th)

The holiest shrine on the island of Kerkyra (Corfu) just off the western coast of Greece is the tomb of a fourth-century saint, St. Spyridon, whose body after sixteen centuries is in such a remarkable state of preservation that every year he is carried through the streets on the occasion of his feast day. Like St. Nicholas, with whom he formed a lasting friendship, St. Spyridon fell victim to pagan persecution and was one day hauled off to prison, where he was so brutally beaten by the guards that he lost the sight of one eye. Years of misery were to follow then, for rather than execute him the Romans consigned him to the mines. There the gentle bishop lived in squalor and labored in agony for many years before at last he died. Faithful to the end, his last words were in praise of the Lord. His body was put into a ditch from which it was taken by friends for Christian burial. Later removed, his body lies intact to this day, preserved by the hand of God.

St. Eleutherios (December 15th)

Eleutherios was among the first and youngest to carve a niche for himself in Christianity in the city of Rome, where he astounded his elders with his prodigious intellect and early development. Evincing a desire to serve the Savior that was as profound as his learning, he acquired the equivalent of a college education before he was twelve, was tonsured a reader at thirteen, ordained a deacon at fifteen, and at seventeen years of age was ordained a priest. At the age of twenty, he was the youngest bishop ever to reach the pinnacle through his own efforts. Emperor Hadrian ordered Eleutherios' arrest, and he was cast into prison, tortured, and put to death. He died for Christ on December 15th.

St. Dionysios (December 17th)

This saint, who seems to be among the living through the miraculous preservation of his holy body, is a man who has come down to us as St. Dionysios, a spiritual giant who was born on the Greek island of Zakynthos in 1546. Born into the ruling class at a time when Venice was a dominant force in the area, Dionysios is said to have been baptized in the Christian Faith with the name of Draganinos by no less a godfather than Gerasimos of Kephallonia, who was himself destined to become a venerated saint of the Church. Dionysios refused to take advantage of his social position other than to avail himself of the privilege of a full education which brought out the power of his extraordinary intellect. By the time he was twenty-one he had established himself as a deep thinker and profound theological scholar and had also mastered several languages. Dionysios seemed to have the favor of the Lord and emerged from the seclusion of his monastic retreat from time to time to share this divine spark with his fellow Christians. He died peacefully at the age of seventy-five and reposes in the Church of Dionysios on the island of Zakynthos in the Ionian Sea.

St. Eugenia (December 24th)

This Martyr was the daughter of most distinguished and noble parents named Claudia and Philip, who was a Prefect of Rome in Alexandria. Eugenia learned the Christian Faith, in particular when she encountered the Epistles of Saint Paul. Secretly taking two of her servants, Protas and Hyacinth, she departed from Alexandria by night. Disguised as a man and called Eugene, she took up the monastic life in a monastery of men. A woman named Melanthia, thinking Eugenia to be a monk, conceived lust for Eugene, and when Eugenia refused, Melanthia slandered Eugenia to the Prefect. Eugenia was brought before the Prefect, her own father Philip, and revealed to him both that she was innocent of the accusations, and that she was his own daughter. Through this, Philip became a Christian; he was afterwards beheaded at Alexandria. Eugenia was taken back to Rome with Protas and Hyacinth. All three of them ended their life in martyrdom in the years of Commodus, who reigned from 180 to 192. Our Church library is named for St. Eugenia.

First Martyr Stephen (December 27th)

This saint whose name leads all the rest who sacrificed their lives for Jesus Christ is Stephen, known as the first martyr of Christendom because he was the first to die for the Savior. Stephen was one of the seven deacons of the original Church of Christ in Jerusalem. Well-educated in Jewish scholarship, he served as a missionary to the city of Jerusalem, using his education to prove that Jesus was the Messiah who had been foretold in the Old Testament. This angered many people, and he was stoned to death by a mob, a brutal death at the hands of those with whom he had grown up. Tradition says that among the crowd was Saul, the Jewish scholar who years later became the Apostle Paul. The early Christians buried Stephen in a small chapel in Jerusalem which was dedicated to his memory and was known as the chapel of St. Stephen the Protomartyr.

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical competition planning meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 4th** following Divine Liturgy. The Topic for the competition will be announced, discussion about the Oratorical Festival will take place, and an actual date for the competition in March will be set as well. Tim Groza is the chairperson for the Oratorical Festival and encourages parents and students to attend and participate if possible.

St. John's Parish Christmas Party/Dinner

Sunday, December 11th at 6:00 PM

American Red Cross Christmas Dinner

We will again be hosting this year's American Red Cross Christmas Dinner at our fellowship hall on **December 25th at 1:00 PM**, in addition to other local churches. Volunteers are needed to cook beginning **December 19th**. If you can help, please contact **Jack Demtrak at 843-446-5977** with dates and times that you can volunteer.

Gift bags will also be presented to 150 children and 200 elderly attendees. **Philoptochos** will be seeking donations of the following to go into the gift bags: white cotton socks, winter gloves, lip balm, hot cocoa (regular and sugar free), individual boxes of raisins, cases of fruit, coffee mugs, assorted wrapped candy, crackers and cookies, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel-sized shampoos, conditions, and other toiletries; combs, small trinket-type toys for kids, coloring/activity books, crayons, pens, pencils, small stuffed animals, and red and green tissue paper.

Please keep in mind that the items must fit into a small lunch bag sized bag.

New Sponsor for "The Voice"

We welcome and thank **Anthony and Stephanie Fanelli**, operators of **Eggs Up Grill** for advertising in "The Voice". Visit them at their new location at 1289 38th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach (Plantation Point Plaza near Bi-Lo).

A Heartfelt Thank You

Dear Friends,

As Honorees chosen by you, our fellow parishioners, for the 2011 Archangel Michael Awards and endorsed by His Eminence Alexios, Metropolitan of Atlanta, we both wish to express our heartfelt thanks to God for granting us the distinction of representing our beloved Holy Orthodox Church of Saint John the Baptist on November 12th with feelings of deepest humility and love. We each continue our spiritual journey newly inspired.

Yours in Christ,

Loretta Prevas Siotka and George D. Lambrinos

Festival Baking (Koulouria)
September 2nd, 2011



FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS
September 19th, 2011



FESTIVAL
September, 2011



Congratulations Fr. Nicolaos and Presbytera Mary Spirakis!
Thank you for your many years of service to St. John's Parish!



On Sunday, November 6th, a luncheon was hosted by the Parish Council to honor Fr. Nicolaos and Presbytera Mary Spirakis for their many years of service to St. John's Parish.

Fr. Angelo unveiled the Plaque during the luncheon that will designate the Greek Orthodox section at Southern Palms Memorial Gardens in North Myrtle Beach in their honor.

Congratulations Loretta Siotka and George Lambrinos!
St. John's 2011 Archangel Michael Award Honorees



Archangel Honors Banquet
Saturday, November 12, 2011
Atlanta, GA

DECEMBER SCHEDULES

PANGARI

December 4th Dave Radomsky
 December 11th Jimmy Lambrinos
 December 18th Jack Demtrak
 December 25th George Spirakis

PROSFORON

December 4th Susan Paraschos
 December 11th Linda Moustakis
 December 18th Loretta Siotka
 December 25th Veatriki Vrantsis

Please let Linda Moustakis know if you wish to make prosforon for a specific day, to avoid confusion for Fr. Angelo as to who is making Prosforo and the prayers to be said. Bring to church before 2:30PM on Friday if possible. Thank You!

SUNDAY GREETERS

December 4th Michael & Andrea Merisotis
 December 11th Kalla Szostek & Dorothy Radomsky
 December 18th George & Linda Moustakis
 December 25th Anastasia Spirakis Haar & Anna Kouis

COFFEE HOUR

December 4th Sunday School
 December 11th John and Nora Radu
 December 18th Philoptochos

The church provides paper items, coffee and sugar. Hosts are responsible for pastries, milk or half & half and juice. Directions for making coffee are posted inside cabinet to right of urns. Usually 3 cups of coffee per 50 cups of water is sufficient. Use large urn for regular coffee and small urn for decaf. Filters for urns are under the cabinets with coffee. PLEASE NOTE: START COFFEE NO LATER THAN 10:15 AM. Cleaning up after coffee hour is greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone that hosts the coffee hours, your efforts and treats are appreciated!

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

Monday, December 12th: Elaine Karavan and Anna Kouis
 Tuesday, December 13th: Linda Moustakis and Loretta Siotka
 Wednesday, December 14th: Tim and Mary Vaughan
 Thursday, December 15th: Kalla Szostek & Pres. Mary Pappas
 Friday, December 16th: Jimmy Tselides & John Popa

If unable to keep your assigned date, please contact Linda Moustakis at 238-1473 as soon as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Philoptochos "Saint Nicholas Christmas Luncheon" will be held following Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, December 6th at 12:00 PM at Sea Captain's House at 3002 North Ocean Boulevard. We are honoring the Name Day of Saint Nicholas, beloved Patron Saint of Greece and Russia; of children and seamen.

For reservations, contact Maria Veselinovich at 910-579-1624. Guests are welcome. Free-will donations to fill 200 gift bags for the needy at the American Red Cross Christmas Day Dinner in the Hall at St. John's gratefully accepted at the Luncheon.



The Daughters of Penelope Chapter 369 will not have their monthly meeting in December.



AHEPA Chapter 498 will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 14th at Mykonos. A short meeting followed by dinner at 7:30 PM for members, spouses and anyone considering becoming a member of AHEPA.



STREET REACH: Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 PM. Volunteers needed to cook and serve. Please call Fr. Angelo if you can help.

October 2011 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

		Year to Date
INCOME	13,098	163,242
EXPENSES	15,022	187,893
NET:	(-924)	(-24,651)
<u>ACCOUNT BALANCES</u>		
Operating Account	3,333	
Fellowship Hall Account	2,928	
Fundraising Account	16,656	
Equity Account	960	
Medical Fund Account	4,946	
Loan Balance	1,024,020	

WANTED



We would like include your pictures from church events in our monthly newsletter and on our parish website. Please e-mail your digital photos to office@stjohn-mb.org.

ICONOGRAPHY

His Eminence is encouraging our parish to complete it's iconography project so that the church may be consecrated. We are seeking donations in order to complete this project. If you are interested in purchasing an icon, either from our completed projects or from our upcoming project, please contact Jimmy Arakas at (843) 450-3665, or you may contact the office at (843) 448-3773.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES, INC.

Donated items of clothing, furniture, small appliances, etc. are freely given to those in need. A.C. also issues Thanksgiving vouchers to its clients and school-age children are given a yearly voucher to buy shoes. Other A.C. programs also help new mothers and provide assistance to those who lose their homes to a fire. Help is limited to those in Myrtle Beach, Socastee, Surfside Beach and Murrells Inlet. Clients must be registered with A.C. and must meet poverty guidelines and show proof of residence in the areas mentioned above. Kalla Szostek and Loretta Siotka will be in charge of accepting and delivering gently-used clothing, linens, small appliances and household articles to the A.C. location at 742 8th Ave. North in Myrtle Beach. All bagged or boxed donations should be placed in the Church kitchen (off of the Narthex) for delivery to Associated Charities or they may be dropped off at the address noted above.

St. John's Parish Cookbook, a "Voyage in Greek Cooking"



HOT OFF THE PRESS!!! The 6th revised edition of our parish cookbook has arrived from the publisher. Cost is \$15.00 — postage and handling is \$4.00 per book. Send orders to: Ladies Philoptochos Society, c/o St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, 3301 33rd Avenue Ext. N., Myrtle Beach, SC 25977.

BUSINESS OWNERS: If you would like to sell these cookbooks from your business, please contact Linda Moustakis at 238-1473, or Irene Sfougaristos at 424-3841.

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

THE HOLY NOOK has imported Greek items including hand painted ceramic tiles and jewelry boxes, greeting cards, bracelets, olive oil soap, Greek coffee, "brikia" and delicious halva, as well as "A Voyage in Greek Cooking," St. John's parish cook-book. A catalog is available in the Narthex and online on our parish website. Please stop by during coffee hour, or you may contact Adrienne Finn at 843-855-0304.



WHAT'S NEW IN OUR PARISH BOOKSTORE!!!

Our parish bookstore is located in the fellowship hall library, and is open following the Divine Liturgy. We have added a children's section, and new icons and instructional guides in addition to a variety of Orthodox Christian literature and worship items. *Stop by and check it out!!!*



PARISH PRINTS

We have signed, numbered prints of our parish available for \$20 each. These would make great gifts for someone who has a wedding or baptism, etc. in our church. The prints could be matted and framed with the date of the event to commemorate a special occasion. Contact 448-3773 for additional information.



AHEPA Myrtle Beach Chapter 498

AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Dear Brothers, Family and Friends of AHEPA;

"It's the most wonderful time of the year!" As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it is my sincere hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

On Wednesday, December 14th our chapter will be hosting a meeting at Mykonos, located at 1002 29th Avenue North in Myrtle Beach, across from Broadway at the Beach. We will begin with a short meeting for current members, followed by dinner at 7:30 for members, spouses and anyone interested in becoming a member or reinstating. This is an appeal to those in our community who have considered becoming a member of AHEPA, as well as to those who have been members in the past.

- The Supreme Lodge has waived initiation and reinstatement fees for the balance of 2011.
- New members paying dues in November and December of 2011 will be pay in full through to December 31, 2012.

Now is the best time to join our very worthy organization, and as a member you can help shape the future of our chapter. Please call me at 843-450-6204 for your reservation.

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Fraternally,

George J Karukas
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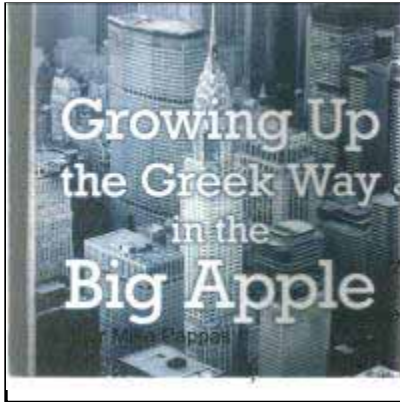
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