



## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

September 15, 2009

Rev. Fr. Matthew Carter  
President & esteemed Parish Council members  
And the Faithful of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Wilmington, NC

My dearly beloved in the Lord,

*"Let all that you do be done with love." 1 Cor. 16:14*

I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. While we continue our journey through the New Ecclesiastical Year, it is with great joy that I take this opportunity to congratulate you and to thank you for the beautiful celebration commemorating the Elevation of the Holy and Lifegiving Cross. The organization of the events was excellent and I commend all of you for your efforts. Please accept my personal gratitude for the gift of your time, energy and resources that resulted in this spiritually uplifting occasion. I know that everyone who attended left illuminated with the spirit of the Feast Day, and I pray that this spirit will continue to enlighten and inspire us in the New Year.

I would also like to extend my appreciation and gratitude for your hospitality and the spiritual fellowship we shared. I congratulate all the faithful coworkers of this committee, as well as Fr. Matthew, the president and parish council members and the Faithful of St. Nicholas who devotedly offered their assistance and their prayers in this event.

In closing, I wanted to thank you again for all your time, hard work and dedication. May our Lord in His Divine Providence bestow upon you all His abundant blessings of peace, joy, mercy and love. With faithful commitment to His service, I remain

Paternally yours with love in Christ,

**ALEXIOS**  
Metropolitan of Atlanta.