

## About Chris Nikitas and Arcadia Financial Services

I'm Chris Nikitas, President & CEO of Arcadia Financial Services based in Wilmington, NC. I work with individuals and business owners (I can work with anyone anywhere), and provide tax advising, tax preparation and filing, audit protection, bookkeeping, and other accounting services. I am an Enrolled Agent, licensed by the IRS, on the same level as a CPA, but EAs specialize in taxation. I enjoy helping people and providing tax solutions to save them money.

I am from Chicago. I grew up in Oak Park and my family moved to Deerfield during my senior year in High School. I am of Greek descent and speak fluent Greek (and I'm nearly fluent in Spanish). I do have a crazy, "Big Greek" family. My ancestors were from Sparta. Arcadia Financial Services was named for a region in Greece where my family came from.

I have a Bachelor's in Business Administration and a Master's in Math Education. I played basketball at DePaul University (in Chicago) and in 1979, I was a member of the NCAA Final Four Basketball team (DePaul lost to Indiana State by 2 points in the Semi Final game). I spent the last 2 years in college alongside my younger brother, Danny, at St. Michael's College in Vermont. Danny and I were recruited and played in an international league in Greece after college, and traveled all over Europe with our respective teams to countries like Italy, France, Germany, Yugoslavia, and Israel...

When my team played in Tel Aviv, I traveled to Jerusalem and that was a life-altering experience; I gave my life to Jesus Christ and God has remained the cornerstone of my life since then. My faith translates into how I run my business, and how I treat my clients, anyone I work with, and those around me. I consider my business to be part business and part ministry.

I have three grown children. My youngest, James (27), was born with Autism. In 2014, we moved to North Carolina from Chicago because at the time, the state offered some of the best care in the country for adults with special needs. That is no longer the case, but James is the happiest, most loving person you will ever meet. I am also the proud father of a 105-pound Greyhound named Argos. You would think that I gave him his Greek name, but, interestingly, the breeder, his original owner, named him. Argos was clearly meant to be my dog; I adopted him two years ago (he is four now). My fondness for greyhounds began years ago, as my aunt and uncle were part of a Greyhound rescue. My eldest daughter, Kelly, was fearful of every other dog breed, but Greyhounds are very gentle-natured. Argos never raced (he is actually 20% larger than most greyhounds), but he's a phenomenal runner and loves to prove that daily at the dog park.

I moved to Wilmington in 2020. I believe it was a calling, and that God brought me here because there were people who needed my help. The business is growing and doing very well, and we are still accepting and able to serve more clients.

Thank you for considering Arcadia Financial Services. Please call or email with any questions you may have.

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