

# YOU BELONG HERE

ST. NEKTARIOS  
MINISTRY CENTER

## FORWARD IN FAITH BUILT ON FAITH CALLED BY FAITH





# BUILT ON FAITH

The community of St. Nektarios Church was born of a vision – to glorify our Father by spreading His love throughout our community and to vast corners of the globe. This is our gift, to share.

We humbly thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on us in our 23 years. Under Fr. Steve Dalber, we have “witnessed a miracle.” Our parish has grown from 70 families to more than 700 families... from a handful of ministries to more than 50... from a few active participants to more than 600 dedicated volunteers who serve our members and beyond.

Over these years, our parish has educated 1800 students in various catechetical programs. Through our vibrant ministries we have been able to donate \$700,000 to the greater Charlotte region, and to national and international organizations. These organizations have also received an additional \$260,000 raised by our Philoptochos. Parishioners with medical needs have benefited from \$125,000 in grants. Our youth has received over \$150,000 in scholarships. These efforts and so many more are making a difference in the lives of others.

## ***A Prayer to Build for Generations***

Lord, and Master, Jesus Christ our God, who in your inexpressible love visited mankind and bestowed your blessings on all who entreat you, we pray to you and ask of you:

Look with kindness on us, your servants, who have chosen to embark upon this work, putting our trust in your strength, and bless our undertaking.

Protect us against all evil influences, and bestow upon us all peace, love, concord, and justice.

Grant us your abundant mercies and direct our steps to every good work.

Yes, Lord, bless our undertakings in peace, and bring them to a successful conclusion—for we have not gained this land by violence and treachery, but by honest sweat and the pursuit of good works.

Let this property you have entrusted to our stewardship endure to the ages. For in obedience to you we accomplish all these things, working by your power and glory, which is that of your Father in heaven, and the all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*“It seems only natural that, as the St. Nektarios parish matures, she will grow and establish herself.*

*Her campus will blossom with buildings befitting what she stands for: truth, light, repentance, and love—all in the name of Christ and under the patronage of St. Nektarios.”*

Protopresbyter Andreas Houpos, Proistamenos

# FORWARD IN FAITH

As we continue to grow in our faith and strengthen our community, we will also expand our support for each other and those around us. It is critically important that we recognize NOW is the time to come together to provide for the ongoing needs of today's St. Nektarios members, to support our growing ministries, and to build for the generations to come.

***"Building for Generations: You Belong Here"*** is a three-year capital campaign to raise funds to build the Ministry Center and renovate the Spiritual Life Center. The master plan for our St. Nektarios community has always included the Ministry Center to allow us to fulfill our mission and vision statements: to better serve God and each other.

**To Foster Community** with a multipurpose room and gymnasium which will serve all ages—both for athletics and as a banquet facility. New flex space will support large and small ministries, to include a dedicated library for counseling and education.

**To Grow our Faith** with additional space for youth and adult education, we will address our overwhelming need for more classes and programming equipped with leading technology for learning and for campus-wide safety features. The Bookstore will have a permanent location.

**To Support Each Other** with more programming for large and small groups. We can respond to the needs of all parishioners, at every stage of their continuing walk with God. Additional space will allow for simultaneous ministry programming and informal gatherings in a "social corner" designed for fellowship.

**To Serve Beyond Ourselves** with additional resources to share with the greater Charlotte community who are hungry or need shelter and assistance. We will continue our partnerships with local public service groups and outreach programs. Larger scale service projects will support local, national, and international charities.



## FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

### CAMPAIGN PROJECT

\$8,800,000	Build Ministry Center
\$1,100,000	Renovate the Spiritual Life Center
\$1,000,000	Reserves
\$475,000	Retire sanctuary mortgage

### CAMPAIGN RESOURCES

\$ 782,000	Cash on hand
\$ 470,000	Cash from Hoskins property sale
\$ 1,373,000	Outstanding pledges previous campaigns
\$ 8,750,000	<b>Building for Generations Campaign Pledge Goal</b>



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**PRAY...** that our Lord blesses our undertakings in peace and brings them to successful conclusion. At our June 6 *Prayer Service and Ground Blessing* for the Ministry Center, we asked for His love and caring for our endeavors. Please include "A Prayer to Build for Generations" in your daily devotions.

**REFLECT...**on gratitude and generosity and how the gifts God has bestowed upon us may be put to His glory. Discern what your sacrificial gift should be.

**COMMIT...**to the future of the St. Nektarios community so we may provide the resources for all to grow in worship, service, witness and fellowship—today and in the generations to come. We pray that each person will make a sacrificial gift with love and with faith in our future — not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.

Soon you will learn more on how to offer your commitment. Join your St. Nektarios family on June 27 for *Commitment Sunday*.

**CELEBRATE...**God's love and blessings as we gather on July 11 to share in the successes God has bestowed upon us.

*Let your commitment to this campaign ensure our legacy for the future generations to foster community, grow in faith, support each other, and serve beyond ourselves.*

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burdens, give us confidence towards God, and fill  
our hearts with happiness and bliss."

St. Nektarios of Aegina

