



COMMUNITY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AS OF OCTOBER 20, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:45 a.m. Orthros 9:15a.m. Divine Liturgy

WEEKLY PARAKLESIS

4:00 p.m. on Thursdays

WEEKLY VESPERS SERVICES

6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays

OTHER WEEKDAY SERVICES

- **Thu. Oct 23, 8:30 a.m.** Orthros & Divine Liturgy - Apostle James, Brother of Our Lord
- **Tue. Oct. 28, 8:30 a.m.** Orthros & Divine Liturgy
- **Fri. Oct. 31, 6:00 p.m.** Vespers for St. Cosmas & Damian
- **Sat. Nov. 1, 8:30 a.m.** Orthros & Divine Liturgy - Sts. Cosmas & Damian the Holy Unmercenaries of Asia
- **Sun to Fri. Nov 2 to 7, 6:00 p.m.** Vespers with Paraklesis for St. Nektarios
- **Sat. Nov. 8, 8:30 a.m.** Orthros & Divine Liturgy - Archangels Michael & Gabriel
- **Sat. Nov. 8, 6:00 p.m.** Vespers for St. Nektarios
- **Sat. Nov. 8, 8:30 p.m.** Small Compline with Akathist to St. Nektarios.
- **Thu. Nov. 13, 8:30 a.m.** Orthros & Divine Liturgy - St. John Chrysostom
- **Sat. Nov. 15, 7:30 a.m. Advent 40 Liturgies begin Monday to Saturday** First Hour & Divine Liturgy except noted below
- **Fri., Nov. 21, 8:00 a.m.** Orthros & Divine Liturgy Entrance of the Theotokos

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- Veterans Day Tribute
- Young at Heart Flowers for Feast Day
- Youth Evening Night

SERVICES LIVE STREAM

To view services, please go to:

- ◆ St. Nektarios website, www.stnektarios.org
- ◆ YouTube page, St. Nektarios Church-Charlotte, NC
- ◆ Facebook page, St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church

OFFICE CLOSING

Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th
in observance of Thanksgiving.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Next gathering on November 15, from 4 to 6 p.m..

VISITATION

Please contact the church office if someone is in need of a clergy visit or to notify of health issues.

SUNDAY LITURGICAL GIFTS

You may make a financial gift to help defray the cost of the sacramental wine or the Prospora that are used for Holy Communion. Please note on the memo line of your check "Holy Communion" or "Prospora." You may also donate a bottle or can of pure olive oil which is then blessed at the Shrine of St. Nektarios and is offered in the anointing kits. For additional information contact the church office 704-708-4669.

NAMES OF THE LIVING FOR PARAKLESIS

Paraklesis service is offered on **Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.** You may submit names of the living (first names only) to the church office. Names will be commemorated for five weeks at a time.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

Please be reminded that Fellowship Coffee Hour begins at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Our Hospitality Team will begin serving any refreshments once the congregation is fully dismissed from the Service.

CHURCH MOUSE THRIFT STORE

- ◆ Monday & Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

9010-D Monroe Rd. Charlotte, NC 28270

704-443-7083. If you would like to volunteer in helping in the store, please contact **Dee Drobnick - 704-641-5960** or deedrob519@gmail.com.

A NOTE FOR THE CHURCH MOUSE VOLUNTEERS

"If you have donations for the Church Mouse Resale Store please hold off taking them into the store between now and the end of October. We will resume donations intake again on **November 3rd**. We are currently working on Fall/Winter and Holiday items and need our storage space to process them."

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meetings will be on **Sunday, Nov. 23 following the 2:00 Open Budget meeting** If you would like any items added to the agenda, contact the office by the preceding **Thursdays**.

NARROW PATH BOOK STORE

Visit the store for books, icons, liturgical items and gifts. Open on Sundays for 30 minutes after the Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall.

FAMILY SPACES IN THE TEMPLE

Support spaces off the Narthex are reserved for use by our little ones and their families as an extension of our worship.

- ◆ The family room next to the elevator is reserved for our youngest to get out the wiggles and noises.
- ◆ The north stairwell may be used by our elementary aged youth with a lending library and church borrow bags.
- ◆ New addition! Now introducing our upstairs baby support room! Located across from the elevator.
- ◆ These spaces are a place where children can regroup and return to the service in the nave.

2026 SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Appalachia service project (ASP) Youth 11+ & Adults.

Our Youth and The Missions & Philanthropy Ministries are preparing for a summer mission trip to Appalachia from July 5-11, 2026! We will be joining parishioners from St. Nicholas of Wilmington, NC. For more information visit the Missions & Philanthropy table during coffee hour or contact **Tim Klund** at tklund.tk@gmail.com

ATTENTION GREEK CITIZENS IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Cretan Association of the Carolinas "Psiloritis" has been working with the Embassy of Greece in Washington to find ways to bring their services closer to our community in Charlotte.

After a lot of effort we are happy to announce that the Head of the Consular Office, Mr. Mixalis Skopelitis, will be visiting Charlotte with a small team from the Consulate on **Oct 31st**, to provide basic services.

We are expecting the official announcement, but we have been informed that they will offer new passport services and passport renewal services to any interested Greek citizens.

Mr. Skopelitis will also be here to address our community to further understand our needs and will be attending the Cretan Associations annual dance on November 1 as a special guest.

If you are interested in these services or interested in speaking to Mr. Skopelitis please reach out to John Protopapadakis or Spiros Evgenitakis and watch parish communications for updated details.

PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET & OPEN BUDGET MEETING

Sunday, November 23, 2:00 pm

A copy of the completed proposed budget will be available on **Sunday, November 16** at the information center and the church office.

An Open Budget Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 23, at 2:00 p.m.** Per the by-laws (Section 3), the Open Budget Meeting is the "only time that Parishioners will have the opportunity to discuss the items in the budget." Any member in good standing objecting to the final determination on any line item at the Open Budget Meeting may then request at this meeting that the item be marked for discussion and subsequent vote [at the Parish Assembly — Budget Approval to be held on **December 14, 2025**.

Per the by-laws, the Parish Assembly can discuss only items marked at the Open Budget Meeting. If no line items are marked, then the Proposed Budget is voted up or down in its entirety.

ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Holiday Bake Sale 2025 Fundraiser

Pick up in the Spiritual Life Center, St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church
5108 Kuykendall Road, Charlotte, NC 28270

**Proceeds to benefit Philoptochos Local,
National, and International Charities**

Two Pick Up Dates:

**November 23rd (order by November 18th) or
December 21st (order by December 16th)**

Pre-order online at pastrysale.org

Credit Card, Check or Cash accepted.

I will pick up my order between

11 am and 1 pm on:

November 23rd _____

December 21st _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Item	Quantity	Price	Quantity	Total \$
Baklava Layered, buttered phyllo and walnut pastry with honey-lemon syrup and spices (cinnamon & clove)	half dozen	\$18		
	9x13 pan (Approx. 30 pieces)	\$60		
Kourambiethes – Greek Wedding Cookies Almond shortbread cookies with powdered sugar	half dozen	\$12		
Koulourakia Butter twist cookies	one dozen	\$15		
Melomakarona Spice cookies dipped in traditional honey syrup	half dozen	\$12		
Pastry Assortment Box A sampling of: Baklava(2), Kourambiethes(2), Melomakarona(2) and Koulourakia(4)	10 pieces	\$20		
Spanakopita – Greek Spinach Pie Freezer to oven ready, spinach, onions cheeses, and herbs baked in flaky phyllo dough	9x13 pan (uncut)	\$35		
Vasilopita – New Year Sweet Bread <i>December 21st pick up only!</i>	Round loaf	\$20		



BAKING SIGN-UP



Donate Now



To make your donation:

- Scan the QR Code here
- Use the PayPal link on the Philoptochos webpage, www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos
- Make your check payable to Philoptochos with "Ecumenical Patriarchate" on the memo line.
- Mail to the church, attn. Philoptochos
- Bring to church on Oct. 26 to place in the special collection box.



Special Collection

October 26, 2025
supporting

The Ecumenical Patriarchate

Your donation supports the philanthropies of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, such as Balukli Hospital, nursing homes, schools, shrines, and parishes.

Thank you for your support!

ST. NEKTARIOS

2025 PATRONAL FESTIVITIES

SUNDAY 11/2

7:45 AM — Orthros & Divine Liturgy · *Followed by Capital Campaign "Phase II Rally" for our Ministry Center*

6:00 PM — Vespers w/ Paraklesis to St. Nektarios

MONDAY 11/3

6:00 PM — Vespers w/ Paraklesis to St. Nektarios

TUESDAY 11/4

6:00 PM — Vespers w/ Paraklesis to St. Nektarios

WEDNESDAY 11/5

6:00 PM — Vespers w/ Paraklesis to St. Nektarios · *Followed by presentation about St. Nektarios*

THURSDAY 11/6

6:00 PM — Vespers w/ Paraklesis to St. Nektarios

FRIDAY 11/7

6:00 PM — Vespers for the Holy Archangels

7:00 PM — Orthodox Film Club screening *Man of God* (feature-length film about St. Nektarios)

SATURDAY 11/8

8:30 AM — Orthros & Divine Liturgy for the Holy Archangels

6:00 PM — Festal Vespers for St. Nektarios, w/ Artoklasia · *Followed by reception by Philoptochos*

8:30 PM — (approx.) Small Compline w/ Akathist to St. Nektarios

SUNDAY 11/9

7:30 AM — Orthros for St. Nektarios, w/ full canon & anointing during the Praises

9:15 AM — Divine Liturgy & Procession around the temple with the sacred relics of St. Nektarios · *Followed by festive lunch*

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Building for Generations

YOU'RE INVITED!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
PHASE II RALLY

Sunday, Nov 2nd, 2025

Immediately following Divine Liturgy
Light meal provided

P A R T I I The Reveal

A video presentation with a full rendering of the new ministry center & spiritual life center renovations (gym, multipurpose rooms, banquet hall, bookstore, & more)

P A R T I I Forum

Hear from campaign leadership on our final benchmarks on completion, ask questions, and learn how to get involved.

P A R T I I I Virtual Tour

During Catechism, our children will be invited to use virtual reality glasses to walk through a rendering of the new space.

The Tour Tent will be open to adults after the Forum.

stnektarios.org    @stnektarioscharlotte



PLEASE JOIN US
AS WE CELEBRATE THE

BAPTISM

OF OUR SON

VASILIOS APOSTOLOS STEELE

NOV

SATURDAY 15 AT 1:00 PM

2025

ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL NEXT DOOR

IOCC CHARLOTTE METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO

Peace on Earth

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & MARKET



Saturday, November 15, 2025 • 6:30 pm

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

600 East Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28203

Join us for a festive evening, featuring choral Christmas performances, a market with unique gifts for the holiday, and delicious food and drinks. Celebrate the spirit of the season with great company and learn how IOCC is bringing hope and help to those in need.

Ticket: \$30 | Sponsorships are available

Purchase tickets online at

iocc.org/charlotte

Or contact Elaine Fagan 704.936.6566 or

Missy Davis 704.618.2289 for registrations or questions.



GREEK HERITAGE

NIGHT

HORNETS *-VS-* BUCKS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

FILODOXIA, CHARLOTTE'S VERY OWN
ADULT DANCE GROUP WILL BE
PERFORMING BEFORE THE GAME!



PURCHASE TICKETS
THROUGH OUR SPECIAL LINK
TO RECEIVE AN EXCLUSIVE
HORNETS X GREEK
HERITAGE NIGHT T-SHIRT
AND ARE INVITED TO A
SPECIAL PREGAME
WARMUP AT 4:45 PM



FOR YOUR SAFETY AT CHURCH

- **Emergency exits** in the Temple are the double doors located in each side chapel area, main doors in the Narthex, and the bottom of both stairwells.
- **In case of a fire alarm in the Temple**
All are instructed to use the closest exit to evacuate the building and go directly to the hall for further instructions. Do not go to your children if they are in catechism classes. Do not go to your vehicles. The Fire Department is on its way and they ask that the parking lot be clear of any traffic.
- **Please use special care in the Temple** in the upper level, especially with small children. No standing is allowed at the center section rail.
- **Sudden Illness in the Temple**
Notify the nearest usher if you or someone in your family is having an emergency or not feeling well. We will identify a first aider who can provide necessary assistance.
- **Nave Aisles**
Please keep the aisles clear of children playing and any tripping hazards.
- **Strollers** may be stored in the stairwell by the family room.
- **Adult Supervision** — We ask our families that the youth be under adult supervision at all times, including using the restrooms.
- **For the safety of our youth**, children should not run on the plaza, play near the fountain, play on the stage in the hall, or play unsupervised in the playground and parking lot.

INTRODUCING

evening light

Youth in Grades 5-12

Stay for a while or for the whole evening!

WEDNESDAYS THIS FALL

FIND YOUR VOICE • 5:00 PM • PORCH

Learn hymns from Vespers: chanting lessons
with Protosaltis Sam Herron.

VESPERS • 6:00 PM • CHURCH

Join the rhythm of daily worship, in our
Wednesday Vespers, the sung evening service.

QUIET TIME • 7:00-8:30 PM • PORCH

FREE TIME for *study, reflection, quiet* — YOU choose!
Hosted by Youth Director • Refreshments provided



Sign in on the Porch
(or Narthex during Vespers)

SAINT
NEKTARIOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

ST NEKTARIOS

Young at Heart
JOIN US

NOV. 5, 2025
2PM-4PM

WE ARE MAKING FLORAL CENTERPIECES
FOR ST. NEKTARIOS FEAST DAY



Bring your favorite snack to share
Please RSVP by 11-1-25



20th Annual Dinner Dance November 1st, 2025

Cretan Association of Carolinas



Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
600 East Blvd, Charlotte, North Carolina

Doors Open at 6 PM | Cash Bar | Meze | Dinner | Pilafi & Vrasto

Βαγγέλης
ΑΛΕΞΑΚΗΣ

Live Music from Crete:
Vaggelis Alexakis &
Grigoris Paragioudakis

Cocktail Hour & Laika
Music:
Marinos Lournis

Dance Performance:
"Timios Stavros" Cretan
Youth of Charlotte



Γρηγόρης
ΠΑΡΑΓΙΟΥΔΑΚΗΣ

Tickets: Advance Purchase ONLY

ADULTS \$85 | Students (14-22) \$40

Child (7-13) \$25 | 6 And Under Free

Contacts for Reservation:

George Kanellakis: 704-619-4850 | John Protopapadakis: 727-656-8073

Nick Evgenitakis: 704-458-6785 | Ritsa Neary: 704-845-6229

Or Email: Psiloritis00@gmail.com



**Announcement about our chapter's
pledge to cover Maria Kamenakis
expenses while she battles cancer**

This year our chapter is joining the Pancretan Association of America in rallying around Maria Kamenaki, a courageous 13-year-old from Chania that is battling an aggressive form of bone cancer.

Maria has undergone 14 rounds of chemotherapy, two surgeries and radiation therapy in Greece since October 2023. Her parents Mixali and Kiki recently turned to MD Anderson Center in Houston, TX, one of the world's top cancer centers, to continue the fight far from their home with a nine-month regiment of chemo and a promising new drug.

The PAA Philanthropic Committee is working with the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Houston, TX and all Pancretan chapters to ensure that the family's expenses are covered during their stay in the States.



Learn About
Maria's Story

**The Cretan Association of the Carolinas has pledged
ALL NET PROCEEDS FROM THIS YEAR'S RAFFLE
towards the family's expenses during their stay in
Houston as Maria continues her fight away from home.**

Please take a moment to learn about Maria's story and help us cover her family expenses for the month of December.

JOIN US FOR THE
ST. SOPHIA SCHOOL

OXI Day

CELEBRATION

Date: Tuesday, October 28

Time: 9:45 AM - LITURGY

**Celebration and school
performances to follow**

**Location: St. Nektarios Church
and fellowship hall**



A Taste of Greece

YASSOU GREEK RESTAURANT, MYERS PARK
FUNDRAISING BRUNCH FOR
THE ST. SOPHIA SCHOOL



SCAN TO
REGISTER

\$85/Adults

\$35/Kids

\$100/Deluxe Brunch

(includes 2 mimosas)

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER
16TH - 1:00 PM**

Join us as we celebrate the one-year anniversary of The St. Sophia School with a special Greek brunch experience at Yassou Greek! Enjoy a Pre-Fixed Menu featuring delicious options to suit all dietary needs, including soup/salad, dessert, and your choice of wine or beer.

Seating is limited to 60 guests!

**Reserve your seats early —
this event will sell out quickly.**



The St. Sophia School

A HEARTFELT THANK-YOU TO YASSOU
GREEK RESTAURANT FOR THEIR
GENEROSITY AND PARTNERSHIP!

Honoring All Who Served



SUNDAY
NOV. 9, 2025

BRING YOUR
MEMORABILIA FOR
DISPLAY

PARTICIPATE IN
THE ST. NEKTARIOS
FEAST DAY
GROUP PROCESSION



Sign up by Nov. 3
Use the QR code or
Contact the church office at
704-708-4669

SAINT 
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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

EIGHT YEARS OF 5K
TAKING STEPS CARING FOR THE HOMELESS
JOIN OUR 8TH ANNUAL
5K and 1/3 mile Dome Dash Walk/Run
NOVEMBER 22, 2025 | 8:00 AM



to Benefit Charlotte area Homeless Women & Children

- Shelter Health Services provides free health care and resources to homeless women and children. They collaborate with St. Hermione Home Ministry to help provide food, clothing and education to those who otherwise would have no access.
- St. Hermione is a faith base inner city ministry in Charlotte, NC that provides safe housing and spiritual support for pregnant women experiencing homelessness and extends to feeding more than 2000 homeless individuals each month.

Follow the link below to register
or scan the QR code

www.stnektariostakingsteps5k.com

For more information contact us at
Info@StNektariostakingsteps5K.com



**RSVP for an open house
or schedule a tour on our
website**

thebstsophiaschool.org

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Intentionally Small

Visit our website for
more information

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Charlotte, NC 28270



Elevating our
SOUNDSCAPE

*Help overhaul
our temple's sound system!*



To participate, scan the QR code or submit your offering to the office by October 26

