COMMUNITY BULLETIN

MARCH — APRIL 2023
AS OF MARCH 1

SUNDAY SERVICES
8:00 a.m. Matins 9:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy

VESPER SERVICES
5:00 p.m. on Saturdays

OTHER WEEKDAY SERVICES

FEBRUARY 23rd TO MARCH 31st
(check lent flyer for services during lent)

- Thu. Feb. 23rd, 6:30 a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy - St. Polycarp

- Sat. Feb. 25th, 8:30 a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy - Holy Ascetics Cheesefare Saturday with Memorial

- Wed. Mar. 1st, 10:00 a.m. Small Hagiasmos (Blessing of Water)

- Fri. Mar. 3rd, 12:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy - The Miracle of St. Theodore

- Sat. Mar. 4th, 8:30 a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy - The Miracle of St. Theodore with Memorial

- Fri. Mar. 10th, 12:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

- Fri. Mar. 17th, 12:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

- Fri. Mar. 24th, 6:00 p.m. Vespers for the Eve of the Annunciation

- Sat. Mar. 25th, 8:30 a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy - Annunciation of the Theotokos

- Thu. Mar. 30th, 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

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- 2023 Lent Services & Activities
- Blood Drive
- Calendars for March & April
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- Feast Day of The Annunciation
- Endowment
- Fundraiser Lagana Bread
- Heritage Greece
- Karyae
- Online Giving
- Preparing for the Journey of Marriage
- Shredding Event
- Youth Ministry
- Young at Heart

WELCOME HIS GRACE, BISHOP SEBASTIAN

His Grace Sebastian is making a pastoral visit to our parish on Friday, March 10, and will be with us for Small Compline with the Salutations.
He will also visit with those who come for Family Night beginning at 6 p.m. preceding our services at 7:00 p.m.

SUBMIT NAMES OF THE LIVING FOR PARAKLEISIS

Weekly Parakleisis services will be suspended during Lent.
The Parakleisis service is offered on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. You may submit names of the living (first names only) to the church office to be commemorated after Pascha.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER BOOK CLUB

Better Late Than Never is a book club organized to re-visit (or read for the first time) some classics and chat about them over refreshments, the meeting is the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Red Rock Café, 4223 Providence Rd. for more information contact Maria Demakis - 704-756-2057 or maria_p29@hotmail.com.

- March 28th, Falling Upward by Richard Rohr
- April 25th, The Women They Could Not Silence by Kate Moore

PARISH ASSEMBLY - MARCH 12

A Parish Assembly of the parish membership will be held in person on Sunday, March 12th following the Divine Liturgy. 2022 Year End Financial Reports are now available at the Church Office for your review.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

The office will have abbreviated hours on Holy Friday, April 14 and will be closed on Bright Monday, April 17

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meetings will be on Monday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. If you would like any items added to the agenda, contact the office by the preceding Wednesday.

SUNDAY LITURGICAL GIFTS

You may make a financial gift to help defray the cost of the sacramental wine or the phosphora that are used for Holy Communion. Please note on the memo line of you check “Holy Communion” or “Phosphora.” 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.

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

SUNDAY VESPERS DURING LENT

Our local parishes will come together for Vespers on each Sunday at 5 p.m during Lent at one of the area churches.
On March 5, Vespers will be at Holy Trinity. On March 12, Vespers will be at St. Nektarios.
Locations will be announced for the remaining Sundays.

NARROW PATH BOOK STORE

Visit the store for your Liturgical shopping. Open on Sundays for 30 minutes after the Divine Liturgy.

Sundays of Almsgiving

“Come, let us purify ourselves by acts of charity…”

At St. Nektarios Church, the five Sundays of the Great Fast have served as focal points, harnessing the collective giving spirit of our faithful parishioners. Each Sunday has been dedicated to the collection of funds to support a particular philanthropic ministry. This is an effective way to funnel our resources to those in need.

“All, let us purify ourselves by acts of charity and tender mercy to the poor,
not sounding our trumpet or making public the good
that we have done.

Let the hand not know the right hand’s deed; let not self-esteem scatter the fruit of charity.

But in secret let us cry to Him who knows all secrets:
‘Father, forgive us our trespasses,
in Your love for humanity.”

Aposticha Idiomelon, Sunday of Orthodoxy Evening

St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church
5108 Kuykendall Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28270
office@stnektarios.org
www.stnektarios.org
Ph: 704-708-4669

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Loaves and Fishes

Shelter Health Services—Charlotte
Spring Youth Calendar 2023
Sr. GOYA (Freshman-Senior)
Jr. GOYA (6th-8th Grade)
HOPE & JOY (K-5th Grade)

February
Friday, February 24
Family Night-Polluck Dinner and Ice Cream Social
(for GOYA, HOPE, JOY & parents) 6pm - 7:30pm

March
Friday, March 3
Lenten Family Night Polluck & Salutations Service
(for GOYA, HOPE, JOY & parents) 6pm - 8pm

Sunday, March 5
GOYA Meeting 6pm-7:30pm

Friday, March 10
Lenten Family Night Polluck & Salutations Service
(for GOYA, HOPE, JOY & parents) 6pm - 8pm

Friday, March 17
Lenten Family Night Polluck & Salutations Service
(for GOYA, HOPE, JOY & parents) 6pm - 8pm

Sunday, March 19
GOYA Meeting 6pm-7:30pm

Friday, March 31
Lenten Family Night Polluck & Salutations Service
(for GOYA, HOPE, JOY & parents) 6pm - 8pm

April
Date TBD
Parish Level St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

Sunday, April 2
GOYA Meeting 6pm-7:30pm

Friday, April 14
Holy Friday Retreat (more details coming soon)

May
Friday, May 5
Family Night Polluck
(for GOYA, HOPE, JOY & parents) 6pm - 7:30pm

Sunday, May 21
GOYA Meeting 6pm-7:30pm

2023 A.R.E
LENT, LUNCH AND LEARN

Join our Guest Speakers
live on Thursdays
11:30 lunch // Noon Presentation
Virtual option also available
Zoom ID: 880 334 8094

March 16
Fr. Steve Dalber
Our Journey to Paradise

March 23
Fr. Christian Siskos
The Rudder for Our Life

March 30
Fr. John Cox
Lent and the Renewal of the Creation

April 6
Fr. Paul Tsahakis & Gerontissa Arne
Prayer....Union With Christ

LENTEN FAMILY NIGHTS
Friday Nights in March

FAMILY NIGHT IS FOR
GOYA, HOPE, JOY, PARENTS & YOUNGER SIBLINGS.

MARCH 3, 10, 17, & 31
6PM - 7PM DINNER
7PM - SALUTATIONS SERVICE

*No family night on March 24 due to Vespers of Annunciation and Salutations Service
23rd Annual Fundraiser
Palm Sunday Luncheon

April 9, 2023
following the Divine Liturgy

Preorders begin
Sunday, March 5th
Online sales at
www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos

Scan to order online

$25 Adult Plate
($30 after April 2nd)
$8 Youth Plate

Menu

Adult Plate: Breaded Baked Cod,
Greek-Style Potato Salad,
Coleslaw, Dessert & Beverage

Youth Plate: Fish Sticks, Mac & cheese,
Applesauce, Dessert & Beverage

Proceeds benefit the
Altar Benevolence Fund

For more information, email philoptochos@stnektarios.org or
call the church office at 704-708-4669

Philoptochos Palm Sunday Luncheon ~ St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church ~ 704-708-4669
RSVP by April 2nd for Special Prepaid Pricing

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ City: ___________ St: _____ Zip: _________

Return RSVP with payment to:
Philoptochos - Palm Sunday, St. Nektarios GOC
5108 Kuykendall Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270

# of Adult Plates _____ x $25.00 = ____________
($30.00 after April 2nd)

# of Youth Plates _____ x $8.00 = ____________

[ Payment method Cash / Check ] TOTAL: ______________

MEMORIAL LUMINARIES
IN MEMORY OF YOUR
DEPARTED LOVED ONES
TO LIGHT THE PROCESSION PATH ON
HOLY FRIDAY

$5.00 SUGGESTED DONATION PER LUMINARY
Proceeds to benefit Philoptochos Charities & Commitments

TO PARTICIPATE AND REGISTER YOUR NAMES,
1. COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT
   TO CHURCH BY SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH OR
2. SCAN THIS QR CODE TO COMPLETE ONLINE FORM

(NOTE: Not part of the names for commemoration on
Holy Friday ready by the priests)

Philoptochos Society of St. Nektarios ~ 2023 Memorial Luminaries

Sponsor Name: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Print first names only. IN ENGLISH, for each candle.
Please no more than three names per candle.

#_____ candles x $5.00 suggested donation = $_______ total enclosed with this form

Additional donations welcomed to benefit Philoptochos Charities & Commitments

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For additional candles attach sheet with names

Questions? Contact the Philoptochos Board at philoptochos@stnktarios.org or
call the church office at 704-708-4669
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “PHILOPTOCHOS” and return to
Attn: Philoptochos-Luminaries, 5108 Kuykendall Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270
Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church
Compassion in Action

“The one who has mercy on the poor lends to God, and He will repay him according to his gift.” Proverbs 19:17

COLLECTED BY
LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
OF ST. NEKTARIOS

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 Ladies Philoptochos with “HCHC” in the memo line.
• Mail to the church, attn. LPS—HCHC
• Bring to church on Mar. 19th to place in the Second Tray

COMING UP MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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<td>11AM Kouvouklion Decorating</td>
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INVITES YOU TO JOIN US THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH AT 6:30 PM IN THE ST. NEKTARIOS SLC/KITCHEN FOR A SERVICE PROJECT & GENERAL GATHERING

SANDWICH MAKING BENEFITING ROOF ABOVE
GOAL: 500 sandwiches
# Weekday Services

| Great Compline and Canon of St. Andrew | - Great Compline every Monday, February 27 through April 3 at 7:00 p.m.  
- Monday, February 27; Tuesday, February 28; & Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew  
- Wednesday, March 1 at 9:00 p.m. Canon of St. Andrew following the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts |

During the Great Forty Days, we offer up the Great Compline. “Compline” is derived from the Latin term from which we get the word “complete”; the compline service marks the end, or completion, of a calendar day. The Greek term is apodeipnon, which means “after supper”. In other words, these are prayers said before retiring for sleep. “Small” Compline is part of the daily cycle of services throughout the year. During the Great Fast, we begin to use the “Great” Compline, which is characterized by its greater length and multitude of psalm readings and hymns. Each evening of the first week of the Fast, different sections of the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete are chanted in Great Compline as well. As with the other nighttime services, the theme of Compline has to do with trusting in God’s providence and seeking forgiveness for our offenses.

| Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts | - Every Wednesday, March 1 through April 5, and Thursday, March 30 and Friday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m.  
- Fridays, March 3, 10 & 17 at Noon |

On Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, we offer a Presanctified Liturgy. It is “Presanctified” because the Holy Gifts (bread and wine) were sanctified at the previous Sunday’s Divine Liturgy and saved for later. This is because the centuries-long practice of the Church is to not permit the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on weekdays during the Fast (with the exception of the Feast of the Annunciation). The Presanctified service is preceded by the Ninth Hour, consists of the first part of Vespers, and the parts of the Divine Liturgy that follow the consecration of the Holy Gifts. This service is offered as a way for the faithful, who are maintaining their fast, to partake of the Bread of Life—that is, of Holy Communion—during this season of intensified spiritual struggle.

| Small Compline with Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos | - Fridays, March 3 through March 17 at 7p.m.  
- Friday, March 24 at 6 p.m. Vespers with Salutations  
- Friday March 31 at 6 p.m. Small Compline with Akathist |

On Fridays, we offer the Small Compline with the Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos. The Akathist is broken down into four sections that are chanted in sequence over the first four Fridays of the fast. On the fifth Friday, it is chanted in its entirety. The popular name for this service is “Salutations”, as the Akathist Hymn stanzas are replete with the salutation to Mary, «Χαίρε!» (“Hail!” or “Rejoice!”). This splendid work of poetry, which explores and expresses the great miracle of the Annunciation and its implications, comes to us from perhaps as far back as the fifth century, but gained prominence when Constantinople was saved by a miracle of the Virgin Mary in the seventh century.
A Weekly Lenten Sponsorships for the Shrines, soela, and Narthex arrangements. The flowers are used for the weekly Compline, Presanctified Liturgy Salutation services and Sundays Liturgy.

- March 3rd
- March 10th
- March 17th
- March 24th
- March 31st
- March 19th Veneration of the Holy Cross flowers
- Palm Sunday Sanctuary Arrangements
- Palms for Palm Sunday Crosses
- Holy Thursday Cross wreath and arrangement at base
- Holy Friday Kouvouklion dome
- Resurrection Sanctuary arrangements

Flower Sponsorship for Lenten and Paschal Season

During the upcoming Lenten and Paschal season there are special opportunities to remember your loved ones with an offering of flowers. See list below.

For more information and to reserve your spot, contact the office at 704-708-4669.

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Feast Day of The Annunciation of the Theotokos

Friday, March 24
6:00 p.m. Vespers with Salutations

Saturday, March 25
8:30 a.m. Matins & Divine Liturgy
Followed by Reception

PREPARING FOR PASCHA
WAYS TO SERVE
KOUVOUKLION
BEARERS FOR HOLY FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH

Anyone who is interested in bearing the Kouvouklion which holds the Epitaphion during the Lamentations service, beginning at 7:00 p.m. is welcome to participate. Please contact Silva Awaimrin at sawaimrin@stnexitarios.org by April 7th or, call the office at 704-708-4669.

LENTEN SOUP MEALS

Beginning
Wednesday, March 1
Lenten soup will be provided after every
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY
Please bring a lenten side dish to share
**Shredding for Charity**

**Save the Date**

Saturday, April 22, 
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

**St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church**
5108 Kuykendall Rd -- Charlotte, NC

Suggested donation of $35.00 per 95 gallon bin  
(a $95.00 value)  
Certificate of Destruction is included.

Any donation will benefit  
St. Nektarios’ Missions and Philanthropy Ministry

Start cleaning out your files!

Spread the word to your Friends,  
Neighbors, and Employers.

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**St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church**
5108 Kuykendall Road, Charlotte, NC

**SAVE THE DATE**

**oneblood**
Share your power.

**BIG RED BUS**

Saturday, April 22, 2023
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Be a part of the 10% that donate blood

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**The Family Life Ministry of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta Presents:**

**Preparing for the Journey of Marriage in the Orthodox Church**
2023 — Virtual  
Every Second Saturday of the Month
9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A one-day workshop for couples getting married in the Orthodox Church

- Discover God’s purpose for marriage  
- Learn how to work toward oneness  
- Avoid the pitfalls that lead couples toward divorce  
- Establish good patterns for relating to one another  
- Get to know more about each other

Follow the link to register: [https://altmetropolises.org/pre-marital-seminars-journey-of-marriage](https://altmetropolises.org/pre-marital-seminars-journey-of-marriage)

Please contact: [impremirital@gmail.com](mailto:impremirital@gmail.com) with any further questions or needs.

And so Marriage is said: it starts out from the earth and ends in the heaven.” — Annunciation of Evangelist
St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church

Young at Heart

Offering a social and supportive network, fostering relationship among our senior members 55 and older.

“BE OUR GUESTS”
Luncheon with our brothers and sisters from other Parishes
Thursday, March 9, 2023
Guest Speaker: Father Paul Tsahakis
12:00 p.m.

Join us for a Lenten Lunch and Social
The Shrine of St. Nektarios will be open at 11:00 a.m. for private prayer and veneration.

RSVP to St. Nektarios office - 704-708-4669

HERITAGE GREECE®
PROGRAM THESSALONIKI
A TWO-WEEK JOURNEY TO GREECE TO CONNECT WITH YOUR ROOTS

The Heritage Greece Program is an unforgettable educational and cultural immersion experience for North American students of Hellenic heritage, shared with students from ACT- American College of Thessaloniki. Heritage Greece connects Greek American and Greek Canadian College & University-age students to their Hellenic roots by allowing them to spend two intense weeks exploring Greece in all its facets.

- Session A Dates: June 11-25, 2023
- Session B Dates: July 2 - 16, 2023

Application deadline: March 15, 2023  CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
KUYKENDALL ROAD AND CAMPUS CLEANUP

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 | | 8:00 AM

All supplies provided.
Meet on the plaza.

Volunteers can signup HERE or at www.signupgenius.com
Creator email: office@stnektarios.org

METROPOLIS of ATLANTA PHILOPTOCHOS
VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT
Saturday, March 18, 2023

The Role of Women in the Greek Orthodox Church
Presented by Rev Fr. Gregory Georgiou

9:00 AM — 12:45 PM

Father Gregory Georgiou is a priest in the Metropolis of Atlanta. He holds a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He holds a Master of Divinity from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and a Master of Arts in Community Mental Health Counseling from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in the State of North Carolina and a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC).

Father Georgiou plans and implements the training of clergy and lay facilitators for the Archdiocesan Journey of Marriage seminar that all couples take who are marrying in the Metropolis. He also travels throughout the Metropolis conducting the Journey of Marriage seminar in parishes.

Virtual Retreat per person registration $50

To register and for detailed information about the retreat:
https://atlnetropolis.org/virtual-spiritual-retreat-2023

Make A Commitment
Thank you to those who have made an early commitment and have laid the foundation for our next steps.

We are asking for a commitment from everyone as soon as possible to allow us to break ground in 2023.

Commit online, mail in your form, or scan now to commit for the future
Thanks for being “All In”
# St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church Community Calendar

**March 2023**

**Sunday**
- 1st Sunday of Lent — Sunday of Orthodoxy: St. Mary of Egypt 8:00am Matins
- 9:15am Divine Liturgy
- 10:15am Catechism
- 11:00am Philoptochos-Palm Sunday Lunch reservations
- 5:00pm Vespers—maybe at different parish
- 6:00pm GOYA-meeting

**Monday**
- 1:00pm Small Hieromartyr (Blessing of water)
- 6:00pm Pretranscend Liturgy
- 6:00pm Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew Pt. 4

**Tuesday**
- 6:00pm Pretranscend Liturgy

**Wednesday**
- Holy Forty Martyrs St. Quadratus the Martyr, and those with him 12:00pm Young at Heart “We Our Guest” Luncheon

**Thursday**
- 11:00am ARE-Lent, Lunch & Learn
- 6:00pm Philoptochos-Sackler Making Service Project & General Outlining

**Friday**
- 11:00am ARE-Lent, Lunch & Learn
- 12:00pm Family Night-Pool/Backyard Cream Snacks-GOYA(NPV)/JOY & parents
- 7:00pm Small Compline with Salutations

**Saturday**
- 9:00am Antiochian Orthodox Christian Institute
- 12:00pm Pretranscend Liturgy
- 1:00pm Young at Heart “We Our Guest” Luncheon
- 6:00pm Family Night-Pool/Backyard Cream Snacks-GOYA-NPV/JOY & parents
- 7:00pm Small Compline with Salutations

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**April 2023**

**Sunday**
- 5th Sunday of Lent - St. Mary of Egypt 8:00am Matins
- 9:15am Divine Liturgy
- Philoptochos 2nd Tray-Shelter Health Service
- 10:45am Catechism
- 11:00am Philoptochos-Palm Sunday Lunch reservations
- 5:00pm Vespers—maybe at different parish
- 6:00pm GOYA-meeting

**Monday**
- 10:00pm Better Later Than Never Book Club

**Tuesday**
- 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting
- 8:00pm Great Compline

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**Thursday**
- 11:00am ARE-Lent, Lunch & Learn
- 12:00pm Family Night-Pool/Backyard Cream Snacks-GOYA-NPV/JOY & parents
- 6:00pm Family Night-Pool/Backyard Cream Snacks-GOYA-NPV/JOY & parents
- 7:00pm Small Compline with Salutations

**Friday**
- 6:00pm Pretranscend Liturgy

**Saturday**
- 9:00am Matins and Divine Liturgy with “Teaching”
- 11:00am Philoptochos Palm Cross Making

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**Notes:**
- Please see future communiques for updates to this calendar.
- Please refer to the ecclesiastical calendar for further fasting explanations, www.goarch.org
- Check our website calendar for the most up-to-date list of events at www.stnektarios.org