COMMUNITY BULLETIN

APRIL & MAY
AS OF APRIL 3, 2024

SUNDAY SERVICES
7:30 a.m. Matins 9:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy
WEEKLY PARAKLESIS (suspended during Lent)
WEEKLY VESPERS SERVICES
5:00 p.m. on Saturdays
(CHECK HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES)

OTHER WEEKDAY SERVICES - APR 8 TO MAY 10
• Wed. Apr 10, 6:00 p.m. Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy
• Fri. Apr 12, Noon, Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy
• Wed. Apr 17, 6:00 p.m. Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy
• Fri. Apr 19, Noon, Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy
• Wed. Apr 24, 6:00 p.m. Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy
• Fri. Apr 26, Noon, Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy
• Sat. Apr 27, 7:30 a.m., “Teaching of Proskomide” and Divine Liturgy
• Thu. May 2, 8:30 a.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy-Holy & Great Thursday
• Sat. May 4, 8:00 a.m. Vesperal Baptismal Liturgy of Pascha
  • 11:00 p.m. Paschal Vigil followed by Matins and Divine Liturgy for Pascha
• Mon. May 6, 9:00 a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy-St. George the Great Martyr
• Fri. May 10, 9:00 a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy with Hagiasmos-Zoodochos Pego/Blessing at Fountain
• Tue. May 21, 8:30 a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy-Sts. Constantine & Helen
• Fri. May 24, 8:30 a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy-St. Symeon the Stylist

In this mailing:
• Agape Picnic
• A.R.E.- Lent, Lunch & Learn
• Bishop Neophyto’s Visit
• Blood Drive
• Calendars for April and May
• Church Mouse
• Cross Road Institute
• Garden of the Life Giving Spring
• Holy Week Schedule
• Philoptochos
• Preparing for the Journey of Marriage
• Shredding Event
• Trisagion School-Spring Workshop
• Young at Heart
• Youth Ministry

FOUNTAIN OF THE LIFE GIVING SPRING
Attention parents. Please pay close attention when your child is in the vicinity of the Fountain. As a friendly reminder, this area has been blessed, is place of prayer and is not a play area. Nothing should be thrown into the fountain as it clogs up our water system.

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

EARLIER SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES DURING THE FAST
Please note, for Sundays of Fast, which prescribe the longer St. Basil’s Liturgy, we will begin Orthros at 7:30 a.m. instead of 7:45 a.m. The start time for the Divine Liturgy will be around 9:00 a.m.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
A Volunteer work session at new operating location for Loaves & Fishes now called NorishUP. Saturday, July 13 from 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. Kids 14 or older can participate with their parents. Visit the Missions table on Sundays for more information.

SPECIAL NOTE - OFFERTORY
Please note, the offertory basket will be passed during the Homily following the Gospel Reading.

HAND DECORATED LAMBADES
Hand decorated Lambades (Pascha Candles) by the Greek Language School moms are available for sale each Sunday during Coffee Hour. $20 each while they last.

COME AND JOIN THE CHOIR
Saint Nektarios Parish Choir looking for more members! The choir is looking to expand. So, if you have interest in participating in the choir, please reach out to Parish Music Director, Sam Herron at protopsalitis@stnektarios.org.

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 your check “Holy Communion” or “Phosphora.” You may also donate a bottle or can of 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.

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Third Sunday of Lent, April 7th, the Procession will take place at the end of the Doxology before Divine Liturgy.

PARISH COUNCIL
The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, April 25th. If you would like any items added to the agenda, contact the office by the preceding Wednesday.

NARROW PATH BOOK STORE
Visit the store for your Liturgical Gifts shopping. Open on Sundays for 30 minutes after the Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall.

OFFICE CLOSING
• The office will have abbreviated hours on Holy Friday, May 3rd.
• Monday, May 6th in observance of Bright Monday.
• Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

HOLY FRIDAY NAMES FOR COMMEMORATION
Our clergy will be reading the names of our departed loved ones on Holy Friday evening before the Epitaphion during the Lamentations Service. Please submit names by April 29th to the office during office hours / email to sawaimrin@stnektarios.org.

FOR YOUR SAFETY IN THE CHURCH
EMERGENCY EXITS are located in each side chapel area in the nave and the bottom of both stairwells.

IN CASE OF A FIRE ALARM — 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 vehicles. The Fire Department is on its way and they ask that the parking lot be clear of any traffic.

SUDDEN ILLNESS — 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 — Strollers may be stored in the stairwell by the family room.

ADULT SUPERVISION — We ask our families that the youth be under adult supervision. For the safety of our youth, children should not run on the plaza, play on the stage in the hall, or play unsupervised in the playground and parking lot. Please use special care in the upper level, especially with small children. No standing is allowed at the center section rail.

SUNDAY OF ALMS-GIVING
A second tray will be passed on the five Sundays of Lent. April 7 — For Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology by Philoptochos
April 14 — Orthodoxy in Kenya
April 21 — Senior Care services

St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church ~ 5108 Kuykendall Rd. ~ Charlotte, NC 28270
office@stnektarios.org www.stnektarios.org ~ Ph: 704-708-4669
## 2024 Services and Event Schedule

**April 27**  
**Lazaros Saturday**  
7:30 a.m. — Matins & “Teaching” Proskomide, followed by Divine Liturgy  
Relic of St. Lazaros present for veneration.  
11:00 a.m. — Breakfast · Palm-Cross Making · Philotheos Palm Sunday setup

**April 28**  
**Palm Sunday**  
7:30 a.m. — Matins w/ blessing of Palm Crosses, followed by Divine Liturgy and Philotheos Luncheon  
5:00 p.m. — Adult Religious Education: “Christ’s Final Hours”  
7:00 p.m. — “Bridegroom” Matins of Holy Monday

**April 29**  
**Holy & Great Monday**  
7:00 p.m. — “Bridegroom” Matins of Holy Tuesday

**April 30**  
**Holy & Great Tuesday**  
10:00 a.m. — Philotheos egg-dyeing  
7:00 p.m. — “Bridegroom” Matins of Holy Wednesday

**May 1**  
**Holy & Great Wednesday**  
5:00 p.m. — Holy Unction*  
7:00 p.m. — Matins of Holy Thursday  
*Anointing for those unable to be present for Holy Unction will resume at the Praises of Matins.

**May 2**  
**Holy & Great Thursday**  
8:30 a.m. — Vesperal Divine Liturgy  
7:00 p.m. — Matins of Holy Friday ("Passion Service" with twelve Gospel lessons)

**May 3**  
**Holy & Great Friday**  
8:30 a.m. — Great Hours  
11:00 a.m. — Decorating of the Kouvouklion (funeral bier) with flowers  
2:00 p.m. — Vespers of Apokathelosis (removing Christ from the Cross)  
7:00 p.m. — Matins of Holy Saturday (with the Encomia or ‘Lamentations’)

**May 4**  
**Holy & Great Saturday**  
8:00 a.m. — Vesperal Baptismal Liturgy of Pascha  
Followed by blessing of Pascha food baskets in anticipation of the feast.  
11:00 p.m. — Pre-resurrection Service/ Paschal Vigil (doors open at 10:15)

**May 5**  
**Holy & Great Pascha**  
12:00 a.m. — Resurrectional Matins & Divine Liturgy · ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ἈΝΕΣΘΗ! ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΕΙΣΕΡΕΘ!  
Followed by fellowship in the Spiritual Life Center  
11:00 a.m. — Vespers of Agape (“Love”) with the proclamation of the Gospel in a multitude of languages, followed by our Agape Picnic

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* **Holy Unction** (anointing with holy oil) is a distinct Mysterion, or Sacrament, of the Orthodox Church approached with contrition, preparation, and great hope. It is offered to Orthodox Christians for physical and/or spiritual healing and reparation of our breach of the Communion that God has established with us in His Son, Jesus Christ, by the operation of the Holy Spirit. Not originally part of Holy Week, it has become a much-loved component of the faithful’s preparation for Pascha.

The holy oil is not sent home with the faithful. Visits to the homebound by our priests may be arranged through the church office.

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

$10.00 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 28TH 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)

St. Nektarios Philoptochos ~ 2024 Memorial Luminaries

Sponsor Name: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

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

#_____ candles x $10.00 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@stnektarios.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
PHILOPTOCHOS PRESENTS

24TH ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

April 28, 2024
following the Divine Liturgy

Preorders begin
Sunday, March 31st
Online sales at
www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos

Scan to order online

$25 Adult Plate
($30 after April 21st)
$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 CHURCH’S
ST. NICHOLAS BENEVOLENCE (ALTAR) FUND

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

May 30 - June 2
Thursday, May 30
- 4 pm: Paraklesis to St. Nektarios

Friday, May 31
- 7:45 am - Orthros
- 9:30 am - Breakfast
- 10 am - Welcome & Introductions
- 10:30 am - Intro to Liturgical Books
- 11 am - Vocal Technique Session
- 12:30 pm - Lunch
- 1:30 pm - 1st Classroom Session
- 2:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
- 4:30 pm - Break
- 5 pm - Vespers
- 6:30 pm - Dinner & Fellowship

Saturday, June 1
- 7:45 am - Orthros
- 9 am - Liturgy
- 10:30 am - Breakfast
- 11:30 am - 2nd Classroom Session
- 12:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
- 1:30 pm - Lunch
- 2:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
- 4:30 pm - Break
- 5 pm - Great Vespers
- 6:30 pm - Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday, June 2
- 7:45 am - Orthros
- 9:30 am - Liturgy
- 11:30 am - Brunch
- 12:30 am - Group Presentation

TRISAGION SCHOOL OF BYZANTINE MUSIC

Before you decide what to do with your life, decide what to do with your summer!

Don’t miss this once-in-a-lifetime experience that is amazing fuel for your soul!
Limited availability for CrossRoad Northern California (June 18-28) and Cross Road Chicago (July-16).

High School Juniors and seniors, spend 10 incredible days:
- Deepening your personal sense of life purpose
- Asking hard questions about faith and life to incredible Orthodox college faculty
- Meeting Orthodox peers from across North America
- Connecting with our beautiful theological and spiritual tradition in a deep and meaningful way
- As you prepare for the rest of your life, take time to fuel your soul!

Learn more and apply: www.crossroadinstitute.org
Applications Accepted on a Rolling Basis!
Once all seats are filled, the opportunity to submit an application will close.

St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church
Young at Heart
Offering a social and supportive network, fostering relationship among our senior members 55 and older.

And Adult Religious Education Ministry
Present
Lent Lunch and Learn
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024 | NOON

LENTEN REFLECTION
OFFERED BY
FR. STEVEN KLUND
ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, WILMINGTON, NC

Questions, Please contact
Presb. Sandy Stanar, Chairperson
sstanar3@gmail.com or 443-745-0986
OR Steve Pantelidios, Co-chair
djstevep@yahoo.com or 704-400-8041
PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPOT TO THE ST. NEKTARIOS CHURCH OFFICE — BY April 8th | 704-708-4669

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
DISCOVER THE HIDDEN TREASURES

2024
A.R.E COMING UP
DURING LENT

WEDNESDAYS OF LENT
Catechetical Lecture after Presanctified Liturgy
Zoom ID
880-334-8094

LENT, LUNCH, AND LEARN
THURSDAYS, NOON // VIRTUAL AND IN PERSON

March 28
Fr. Steve Dooler
April 4
Fr. Robert Lawrence
April 11
Fr. Steven Klund
April 18
Peter Reinhart
April 25
Sum Heron, Protopsallit

SATURDAYS OF LENT
6PM Catechetical Lecture following Vespers

PALM SUNDAY PRESENTATION
April 28 at 5PM Christ’s Final Hours

ORTHODOX FILM CLUB
Nicholas & Alexandra
To be announced

- Short Subjects - Saint Paisios: Fr. Faronio to Heaven
- Smyrna: My Beloved
Sat., May, 11 at 6:30PM
AGAPE PICNIC
Sharing our Bountiful Table
PASCHA SUNDAY
MAY 5, 2024 | NOON-3 PM
Following the 11 AM Agape Vespers Service

EGG HUNT  INFLATABLES  PINATAS
MUSIC AND DANCING

Sampler Plate of Greek Specialties
Whole Lamb on the Rotisserie
BBQ, Hot Dogs, Desserts
Coffee/Frappes,Beverages
(Home Brew Beer Sampling & wine cash bar)

Proceeds will benefit

ROOF ABOVE

Free will offerings will be accepted.
Kindly consider a donation of
$30 per adult or $75 per family.
Your generosity will help our homeless neighbors.

Thank you to our sponsors!
To become a sponsor or to help at the picnic,
contact the office at 704-708-4669.
THE LIFE-GIVING SPRING

REDEDICATION
Sunday, May 12, 2024
Following the Divine Liturgy
As we honor our Mother the Theotokos on Mother’s Day

Our beautiful Life-giving Spring Garden is being renewed and rededicated on the occasion of its tenth anniversary.

The Feast of the Life-giving Spring is celebrated on the Friday of Bright Week, May 10, 2024

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Bill Pay
Use your bank’s on-line Bill Pay Service. Just list the church as one of your single or recurring payments. There is no charge to you or to the church.

Website Giving
- Visit our website at www.stnektarios.org
- Select the “Online Giving” tab
- Follow the prompts

Mobile App
Use your smartphone to make convenient one-time or recurring donations in a few easy steps after you download the free app:

Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement on the App Store and Google Play
- Search Organization and select St. Nektarios
- Log in if you have an established profile (on our website online giving)
- OR create your profile
- Follow the prompts to make your offering

Come and Join the Choir

Saint Nektarios Parish Choir is looking for more members! The choir is looking to expand, so if you have interest in participating in the choir, please reach out.

TO FIND OUT MORE, PLEASE EMAIL PARISH MUSIC DIRECTOR SAMUEL HERRON AT PROTOPSALTIS@STNEKTARIOS.ORG
**SHREDDING FOR CHARITY**

**Saturday, May 18**

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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**BLOOD DRIVE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024**

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

on premises

Donating blood is an impactful way to contribute to your community and is a potentially life-saving act that can make a significant difference in the lives of those in need.

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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

2024 — 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

Please follow the link below to register
[https://agmetropolis.org/pre-marital-seminars-journey-of-marriage](https://agmetropolis.org/pre-marital-seminars-journey-of-marriage)

*And so Marriage is a Way. It starts out from the earth and ends in the Heavens.*

Aristotle of Stimonopera

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

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**CHURCH MOUSE**

9010-D Monroe Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28270
704-443-7083

**STORE HOURS**

Monday, Thursday | 10:00 am — 5:00 pm
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Church Mouse Resale Store has an urgent need of one or two volunteers to work the store at least 1/2 or 1 day a week. Volunteer(s) will need to be comfortable to learn our cashier POS system which is very easy to operate. Some retail experience helpful but not necessary.

**DAYS AND TIMES ARE FLEXIBLE**

Please contact Dee Drobonick by phone, text or email.

704-641-5960 or [deedrob519@gmail.com](mailto:deedrob519@gmail.com).
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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.greek.org.
- Check our website calendar for the most up-to-date list of events at www.stnektarios.org.

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