



# COMMUNITY BULLETIN

## MARCH AS OF 3/26

### SUNDAY SERVICES (DURING LENT)

7:30 a.m. Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

### WEEKLY PARAKLISIS (suspended during lent)

### WEEKLY VESPERS (DURING LENT)

6:00 p.m. on Saturdays

5:00 p.m. on Sundays

(Wednesdays suspended during Lent)

### OTHER WEEKDAY SERVICES

(SEE WEEKDAY INSERT FOR COMPLINE SERVICES)

- **Wed. Mar. 4, 5:45 p.m.** Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy
- **Fri. Mar. 6, Noon.** Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy  
7:00 p.m. Small Compline with Akathist
- **Mon. Mar. 9, 7:00 p.m.** Great Compline
- **Wed. Mar. 11, 5:45 p.m.** Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy
- **Fri. Mar. 13, Noon.** Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy  
7:00 p.m. Small Compline with Akathist
- **Mon. Mar. 16, 7:00 p.m.** Great Compline
- **Wed. Mar. 18, 5:45 p.m.** Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy
- **Fri. Mar. 20, Noon.** Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy  
7:00 p.m. Small Compline with Akathist
- **Tue. Mar. 24, 6:00 p.m.** Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation
- **Wed. Mar. 25, 8:00 a.m.** Orthros & Divine Liturgy-Annunciation of the Theotokos
- **Thu. Mar. 26, 7:30 a.m.** Orthros with Great Canon
- **Fri. Mar. 27, Noon.** Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy  
7:00 p.m. Small Compline with Akathist
- **Mon. Mar. 30, 7:00 p.m.** Great Compline

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### SERVICES LIVE STREAM

To view services, please go to:

- ◆ St. Nektarios website, [www.stnektarios.org](http://www.stnektarios.org)
- ◆ YouTube page, St. Nektarios Church-Charlotte, NC
- ◆ Facebook page, St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church

### OFFICE CLOSING

- ◆ **Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** in observance of the Feast Day of the Annunciation.
- ◆ **Holy Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**, the office will have abbreviated hours.
- ◆ **Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**, in observance of Bright Monday.

### 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**.

### EARLIER SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES DURING THE FAST

Please note, for Sundays of Lent, 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.**

### 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 Drobonick - 704-641-5960** or **deedrob519@gmail.com**.

### COUNCIL OF MINISTRY RETREAT DATE UPDATE FORTHCOMING

For Clergy, Parish Council, all leaders in Ministry, staff and parishioners interested in the ministries of the parish.

### HOLY FRIDAY NAMES TO BE COMMEMORATED

Our clergy will be reading names of our departed loved ones on Holy Friday evening before the Epitaphion during the Lamentations Service. Please submit names by **April 9<sup>th</sup>** to the office during office hours or by email to **sawaimrin@stnektarios.org**.

### PARISH ASSEMBLY

A Parish Assembly of the parish membership will be held on **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, after the Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall.

### 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.**

### YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS 2026

- ◆ **AT OUR PARISH:** Vacation Church Camp for youth entering grades K-5, **June 22-25**.
- ◆ **AT OUR METROPOLIS ALEXIOS RETREAT CENTER:**  
455 Quail Ridge Road, Salem, SC 29676

St. Stephen's Camp, for youth entering grades 6-12.

- ◆ **Week 1:** June 21 - June 27
- ◆ **Week 2:** June 28 - July 4
- ◆ **Week 3:** July 5 - July 11
- ◆ **Week 4:** July 12 - July 18
- ◆ **Week 5:** July 19 - July 25

**Scan the QR code to register.**

Scholarships available, contact the youth director, **caroline@stnektarios.org**



### 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** **ptopsaltis@stnektarios.org**

### DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

All ladies that are interested in joining the Daughters of Penelope, please contact **Dianne Leventis - 704-366-8284** or email - **dalchar1965@gmail.com**  
Follow the link for more information  
**www.daughtersofpenelope.org**

### ARE - SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Please join us as we follow our Lord with his "Trials Through Holy Week and the Final Hours"  
**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.** by Gerry Clonaris (recommended also for children 12 Year and older)  
St. Nektarios Church - Spiritual Life Center.  
in person and via zoom - **Zoom ID 880-334-8094**

### PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meetings will be on **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like any items added to the agenda, contact the office by the preceding **Thursdays**.

### IONIAN VILLAGE - REGISTRATION OPEN

Join us this Summer and discover new friendships and a FAITH that will last a lifetime!  
Early Bird Pricing Ends **March 16<sup>th</sup>**.  
Registration closes **April 13<sup>th</sup>**.  
Scan the QR code more details and to register.



### ST. NEKTARIOS

### GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

5108 KUYKENDALL RD ~ CHARLOTTE, NC 28270

704-708-4669 ~ OFFICE@STNEKTARIOS.ORG

WWW.STNEKTARIOS.ORG

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

Great Compline

First Week of Lent: Mon, Tue, Thu 7:00 p.m.; Wed 9:00 p.m.

After: Mondays 7:00 p.m.

During the Great Forty Days, we offer up the Great Compline. Compline marks the end, or completion, of a calendar day. 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.

Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesdays 5:45 p.m. • Fridays Noon

On Wednesdays 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 w/ Akathist Hymn

Fridays 7:00 p.m. through March 27

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.

## FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS 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.



### • Akathist to The Theotokos

Weekly flower arrangement to adorn the icon of the Theotokos on Friday Compline with Akathist. Additional flowers may be sponsored for the solea, shrines and narthex.

- February 27th
- March 6th
- March 13th
- March 20th
- March 27th

- March 15th 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

## LENTEN MEALS

Beginning Wednesday, February 25, Lenten soup will be provided after every Wednesday & Friday Presanctified Liturgies



Please bring a Lenten side dish to share

## KOUVOUKLION BEARERS FOR HOLY FRIDAY



Anyone who is interested in bearing the Kouvouklion which holds the Epitaphion during the Lamentations service is welcome to participate.

Please contact Silva Awaimrin at sawaimrin@stnektarios.org by April 3 or, call the office at 704-708-4669.

## 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.

MARCH 1

### ST. ANASTASIA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

A ministry of the parish which provides aid to members of the community with serious financial needs, requiring immediate action, as a result of significant medical issues.



MARCH 8

### CHILD OF GOD ACADEMY & FEEDING PROGRAM

A ministry of the parish assisting the Metropolis of Kenya to support the Academy which provides education, food and clean water to orphans and disadvantage children in the slums of Nairobi.



MARCH 15

### \* PHILOPTOCHOS - HELLENIC COLLEGE/HOLY CROSS

A national Philoptochos commitment to support our theological school that prepares students for the holy priesthood or for lay vocations in which they can put their faith into action.



MARCH 22

### \* PHILOPTOCHOS - SHELTER HEALTH SERVICES

To keep maintaining the waiting room at the Shelter Health Service that Philoptochos renovated couples years ago. In case needed any renovations, fresh coat of paint, fixtures, etc.



MARCH 29

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASKFORCE

Made up of vetted service providers agencies that work with victims every day in Mecklenburg County.



You may make your special offering to any and all funds throughout Lent

- BY CHECK OR USING BILL PAY THROUGH YOUR BANK FOR FUNDS INDICATED WITH A \* MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PHILOPTOCHOS FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS, MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. NEKTARIOS
- BY USING THE SPECIAL COLLECTION BOX IN THE NARTHEX OR THE HALL
- BY USING THE ASSOCIATED QR CODE FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING

Please note the name of the fund(s) for your offering.

# Lent Lunch & Learn

THURSDAYS DURING LENT • 11:30AM - 1:00PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



March 5

FR. STEVE DALBER  
LENT: OUR ANNUAL SABBATICAL



March 26

DAY PILGRIMAGE  
PANAGIA PROUSIOTISSA MONASTERY



Scan the QR code for details & registration by March 25<sup>th</sup>

March 12

DR. PHILIP MAMALAKIS  
LENT IN THE HOME



March 19

FR. ROBERT LAWRENCE  
CREATION: THE HEART SONG OF GOD



April 2

FR. PAUL TSAHAKIS  
PRAYER



Join us in person, or on Zoom: 880-334-8094

CONTINUE LENT WITH

# evening light

**Youth in Grades 5-12**  
 Stay for a while or for the whole evening!  
**WEDNESDAYS THIS SPRING**

**FIND YOUR VOICE · 5:00 PM · PORCH**  
 Learn hymns from the service: chanting lessons with the Protopsaltis.

**VESPERS · 6:00 PM · CHURCH**  
 Join the rhythm of daily worship, in our Wednesday Presanctifeid Liturgy during Lent

**QUIET TIME · 7:00-8:30 PM · PORCH**  
 FREE TIME for **study, reflection, quiet** — YOU choose!  
 Hosted by Youth Director · Refreshments provided

SAINT NEKTARIOS  
 Sign in on the Porch (or Narthex during Vespers)

SAINT NEKTARIOS  
 CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

# PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> • 6:30 PM  
 For parishoners in grades 4-12

**SCAN TO REGISTER AND LEARN MORE**  
 OR VISIT [ST.NEKTARIOS.ORG/YOUTH](http://ST.NEKTARIOS.ORG/YOUTH)



The St. Sophia School

2026  
**FULL TIME TK PROGRAM**  
 APPLICATIONS OPEN

"WE LOVE THE HANDS ON LEARNING!"

**ENROLL NOW**  
[theistsophiaschool.org](http://theistsophiaschool.org)



**YOUTH AFTERNOONS**

SUNDAYS DURING LENT • 1:00PM - 2:30PM • HELLENIC PARK  
 2800 McKee Rd, Charlotte, NC

Join us for family fellowship outside!  
 soccer, frisbee, volleyball, football,  
 boardgames available



Parental supervision required. To volunteer or provide snacks,  
 email [snyouth@stnektarios.org](mailto:snyouth@stnektarios.org)

**GREEK IMMERSION LEGO CLUB**

TUESDAYS FEBRUARY 2 - MARCH 24  
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Ka. Anastasia Holevas will host this club in which students practice speaking Greek in a fun, playful setting. Open to all families who are members of an area Orthodox church, not just students at The St. Sophia School! To sign up, email [info@theistsophiaschool.org](mailto:info@theistsophiaschool.org)

OPEN TO GRADES K-5, \$120/CHILD, 8-WEEK SESSION

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

INVITES MEN 18+ TO GATHER FOR  
 DISCUSSION & FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY, 3/21/26 | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

St. Nektarios SLC - Lower Level Room H. Refreshments will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to stay for Vespers at 6 p.m.

# Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

We invite you to become a  
Philoptochos member in  
2026

*"... 'You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your strength, and with all  
your mind'; and 'your neighbor as  
yourself.' "* Luke 10:27



**ST. NEKTARIOS  
PHILOPTOCHOS**



**INVITES YOU  
TO JOIN US**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH  
AT 6:30 PM**

**IN THE ST. NEKTARIOS  
SLC/KITCHEN FOR A  
SERVICE PROJECT &  
GENERAL GATHERING**

**SANDWICH MAKING  
BENEFITING**

**ROOF ABOVE**

## KOULOURAKIA & MELOMAKARONA BAKING

PRESENTED BY PHILOPTOCHOS

**KOULOURAKIA - WEDNESDAY MARCH 4 | 9:00 AM**

**MELOMAKARONA - FRIDAY MARCH 6 | 9:00 AM**

**ST. NEKTARIOS SLC KITCHEN**



**ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME  
COME AND HELP MAKE  
TWISTED SHORTBREAD COOKIES AND LENTEN SPICE  
COOKIES WITH HONEY SYRUP**



**COLLECTED BY** [Donate Now](#)



**Special Collection**

March 15, 2026  
supporting

**HCHC Lenten  
Event Fund**

To make your donation:

- Scan the QR Code here
- Use the PayPal link on the Philoptochos webpage, [www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos](http://www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos)
- Make your check payable to Philoptochos with "HCHC" in the memo line.
- Mail to the church, attn. Philoptochos—HCHC
- Bring to church on Mar 15th to place in the Special Collection Box



**Thank you for your  
support!**



[Donate Now](#)



**Special Collection**

March 22, 2026  
supporting

**Shelter Health  
Services  
Waiting Room  
Maintenance Fund**

To make your donation:

- Scan the QR Code here
- Use the PayPal link on the Philoptochos webpage, [www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos](http://www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos)
- Make your check payable to Philoptochos with "Shelter Health Services" in the memo.
- Mail to the church, attn. Philoptochos—SHS
- Bring to church on March 22nd to place in the Special Collection box.



**Thank you for  
your support!**



**Palm  
Sunday  
Luncheon**



SCAN ME

**Volunteer  
Sign-up**



**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 SUBMIT YOUR NAMES,  
1. COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT  
TO CHURCH BY SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH 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)



SCAN ME

St. Nektarios Philoptochos ~ 2026 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

Candle 1	Candle 2
Candle 3	Candle 4

For additional candles attach sheet with names

Questions? Contact the Philoptochos Board at [philoptochos@stnektarios.org](mailto: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 INVITES YOU TO THE

**26TH ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY COMMUNITY  
LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER**



**April 5, 2026**

following the Divine Liturgy



Preorders begin  
Sunday, Feb. 22nd  
Online sales at  
[www.stnektarios.org/  
philoptochos](http://www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos)



\$30 Adult Plate  
(\$35 after Mar. 29th)  
\$10 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 FUND**

For more information, email [philoptochos@stnektarios.org](mailto:philoptochos@stnektarios.org) or call the church office at 704-708-4669

*Bearing Myrrh*

Extending the beauty, compassion,  
and steadfastness of our faith into  
our daily lives



**METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA  
PHILOPTOCHOS  
SPIRITUAL RETREAT**

**PLANNED ACTIVITIES:**

- Friday Night Salutations
- Excellent Sessions by our Speaker
- Lake Side exercise class
- Arts and Crafts
- Time for quiet reflection
- Opportunities for Confession
- Chapter Sharing
- Time by the fire pit in the evening

GUEST SPEAKER

**EDNA KING**

Family Life Ministries of Atlanta  
Orthodox Author



REGISTRATION  
LINK AVAILABLE AT  
THIS QR CODE  
TOTAL COST FOR  
RETREAT \$260

**MARCH  
20-22  
2026**

ALEXIOS RETREAT CENTER  
Salem, SC

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://atlmetropolis.org/spiritual-retreat-2026> [sarah.e.kalaris@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.e.kalaris@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:PROTOPSALTIS@STNEKTARIOS.ORG)



# GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

## Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha

### Enrich Your Journey to Pascha!

We invite you to step into the heart of the Orthodox liturgical calendar. Enrich your journey from Pre-Lent through Great and Holy Pascha with resources for the faithful, families, and youth workers, including articles, family discussions, and video commentaries.

#### Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha in the Orthodox Church - Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



PRE-LENT

This is a **three-week period of spiritual preparation** before the start of **Great Lent**. The Triodion, a liturgical book for services from Pre-Lent to Holy Saturday, is introduced on the first Sunday.



GREAT LENT

Great Lent is the **40-day period before Pascha (Easter)** inviting us to turn our focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving which are at the heart of Christian living.



HOLY WEEK

The services of Holy Week transform us into **eyewitnesses and direct participants** in the awesome events of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



PASCHA

The Feast of Great and Holy Pascha (Easter), *the feast of feasts*, begins the **forty-day celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**.



**AHEPA Mother Lodge Chapter  
No. 1 Educational Fund, Inc.  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE  
for Academic Year 2026 – 27**

Scholarships range from \$1000 to \$3000  
APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/AHEPAApp26>

Application deadline - March 15, 2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
[applications@ahepaATLscholarship.org](mailto:applications@ahepaATLscholarship.org)



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY  
ACTION TEAMS - IRWIN,  
TENNESSEE**

We are joining two IOCC Action Teams in Irwin, Tennessee, to assist with ongoing recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene.

**DATES: MAY 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> | AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- No special skills are required - just a willing heart and a strong spirit of service!
- Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.
- Youth ages 16 – 17 may participate if accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or authorized group leader.

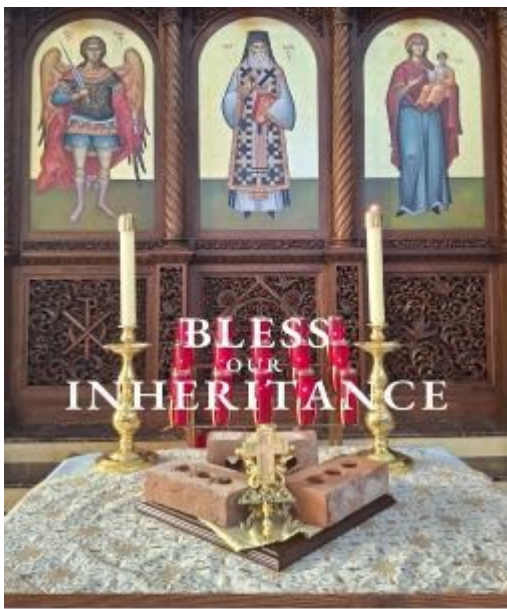
For more information, scan the QR code.

If you are interested in serving.

Please contact **Missy Davis**

704-618-2289 or [millitsa@bellsouth.net](mailto:millitsa@bellsouth.net).





*Lifting up our past.  
Laying down the foundation of our future.*



**Building for Generations**  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Honor the legacy of our first parish home by making your commitment to *Build for Generations* (search for a 25 model of the Holy Cross and Spiritual Life Center associations) and to make your contribution.



## FOR YOUR SAFETY AT 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.

### St. Nektarios Endowment

## 2026 COCKINOS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Accepting Applications  
April 5 to May 10

For Students  
25 years and younger

One (1) \$2000 Award  
Scholar of Distinction

up to (5) \$1000 Awards  
from random drawing

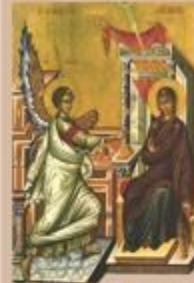
Guidelines and  
Application available on  
[www.stnektarios.org](http://www.stnektarios.org)  
or at the church office

Awards Announced on  
Endowment Sunday, June 7, 2026  
after Divine Liturgy

Additional Grant Opportunities  
available for Youth 18 or Younger

SAINT  
NEKTARIOS  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

## LENT 2026



### FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

TUESDAY, MARCH 24  
6:00 P.M. VESPERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25  
8:00 A.M. MATINS  
& DIVINE LITURGY

Followed by a Luncheon Reception

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



SUNDAY, MARCH 15  
7:30 A.M. MATINS

The Procession of the Holy Cross  
will take place at the end of the  
Doxology before Divine Liturgy.

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# ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## March 2026

As of 3/2/2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 - Sunday of Orthodoxy   Sunday of Almsgiving</b> 7:30am-Orthros 9:00 am -Divine Liturgy with Procession <b>Philoptochos-Palm Sunday ticket sale</b> Loukoumades - Greek School sale 1:00pm - 2:30pm Youth Afternoon at Hellenic Park <b>POSTPONED-Council of Ministry</b> 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers	<b>2 - St. Nicholas Planas</b> Visitation-9:30 a.m. <b>10:30am - Funeral-Perry G. Diamaduros</b> 7:00pm - 8:30pm Online-Adult Greek Language Class 7:00 pm Great Compline	<b>3</b> 3:00pm - 4:00pm St Sophia after school program - Lego <b>7:00pm - 9:00pm Voce Pura Chorale Rehearsal - Room H</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Philoptochos-baking Koulourakia-9:00am - 2:00pm</b> 5:00pm - 8:30pm Youth Evening Light (grades 5-12) — Porch 5:45pm - 7:15pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7:30pm - Lenten Meal & Reflection	<b>5</b> 11:30am - 2:00pm Lent-Lunch & Learn 5:45pm - 7:15pm Online Adult Greek Language Class	<b>6</b> <b>Philoptochos-baking Melomakarona-9:00am - 2:00pm</b> 12:00pm - 1:30pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Lunch <b>4:30pm - Greek School Class</b> 7:00pm -Small Compline -Akathist	<b>7</b> 6:00pm - Vespers
<b>8 - Sunday of Gregory Palamas   Sunday of Almsgiving</b> 7:30am - Orthros - 9:00am Divine Liturgy Philoptochos-Palm Sunday ticket & bake sale Special Collection for Child of God 1:00pm - 2:30pm Youth Afternoon at Hellenic Park 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers	<b>9 - Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste   St. Quadratus the Martyr, and those with him</b> 6:30pm - Philoptochos Board Mtg 7:00 pm Great Compline 7:00pm - 8:30pm Online-Adult Greek Language Class	<b>10</b> 3:00pm - 4:00pm St Sophia after school program - Lego <b>7:00pm - 9:00pm Voce Pura Chorale Rehearsal - Room H</b>	<b>11</b> 5:00pm - 8:30pm Youth Evening Light (grades 5-12) — Porch 5:45pm - 7:15pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7:30pm - 9:00pm Lenten Meal & Reflection	<b>12</b> 11:30am - 2:00pm Lent-Lunch & Learn Hosted by Young at Heart 5:45pm - 7:15pm Online Adult Greek Language Class	<b>13</b> 12:00pm - 1:30pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Lunch 7:00pm - 8:30pm Small Compline with Akathist	<b>14</b> 6:00pm - Vespers
<b>15 - Sunday of the Holy Cross   Sunday of Almsgiving</b> 7:30am - Orthros - 9:00am -Divine Liturgy Philoptochos - HC/HC Special Collection Philoptochos-Palm Sunday ticket & bake sale 1:00pm - 2:30pm Youth Afternoon at Hellenic Park 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Great Compline 7:00pm - 8:30pm Online-Adult Greek Language Class	<b>17 - St. Alexios, the Holy Man of God (No Services)</b> 3:00pm - 4:00pm St Sophia after school program - Lego <b>7:00pm - 9:00pm Voce Pura Chorale Rehearsal - Room H</b>	<b>18</b> Youth Evening Light (grades 5-12) — Porch 5:45pm - 7:15pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7:30pm - 9:00pm Lenten Meal & Reflection	<b>19</b> 11:30am - 2:00pm Lent-Lunch & Learn 5:45pm - 7:15pm Online Adult Greek Language Class 6:30pm - 7:30pm Philoptochos - Sandwich Making Project & General gathering	<b>20</b> Metropolis Philoptochos Spiritual Retreat - DRC 12:00pm - 1:30pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Lunch 7:00pm - 8:30pm Small Compline with Akathist	<b>21</b> Metropolis Philoptochos Spiritual Retreat DRC <b>4:00pm - 6:00pm Men's Group-meeting-SLC-Lower Level-Room H</b> 6:00pm - Vespers
<b>22 - Sunday of St. John of "The Ladder" Sunday of Almsgiving</b> 7:30am -Orthros - 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy Metropolis Philoptochos Spiritual Retreat Philoptochos-Special Collection-Shelter Health Services <b>Parish Assembly</b> Philoptochos-Palm Sunday ticket & bake sale 1:00pm - 2:30pm Youth Afternoon at Hellenic Park 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm Great Compline 7:00pm - 8:30pm Online-Adult Greek Language Class	<b>24</b> 3:00pm - 4:00pm St Sophia after school program - Lego 6:00pm - 7:30pm Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation <b>7:00pm - 9:00pm Voce Pura Chorale Rehearsal - Room H</b>	<b>25 - Annunciation of the Theotokos</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 8:00am - Orthros 9:00am - Divine Liturgy followed by luncheon Youth Evening Light (grades 5-12) — Porch	<b>26</b> 7:30am - 9:30am Orthros with Great Canon 11:30am - 2:00pm Lent-Lunch & Learn 5:45pm - 7:15pm Online Adult Greek Language Class 6:00 pm Parish Council meeting	<b>27</b> 10:00am - Philoptochos-Assemble Baskets for Shut Ins 12:00pm - 1:30pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Lunch <b>4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek School Class</b> 7:00pm - 8:30pm Small Compline with Akathist	<b>28</b> Tentative Outdoor Ministry 6:00pm - Vespers
<b>29 - St. Mary of Egypt   Sunday of Almsgiving</b> 7:30am - Orthros - 9:00am - Divine Liturgy Philoptochos-Palm Sunday ticket end & bake sale Special Collection - Humna Trafficking Taskforce 1:00pm - 2:30pm Youth Afternoon at Hellenic Park 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers 6:30pm - 8:00pm Parish Oratorical Festival	<b>30</b> 7:00 pm Great Compline 7:00pm - 8:30pm Online-Adult Greek Language Class	<b>31</b> <b>7:00pm - 9:00pm Voce Pura Chorale Rehearsal - Room H</b>	<b>Notes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please see future communiqués for updates to this calendar</li> <li>• Please refer to the ecclesiastical calendar for further fasting explanations, <a href="http://www.goarch.org">www.goarch.org</a></li> <li>• Check our website calendar for the most up-to-date list of events at <a href="http://www.stnektarios.org">www.stnektarios.org</a></li> </ul>			



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## April 2026

As of 3/2/2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Youth Evening Light (grades 5-12) — Porch 5:45pm - 7:15pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7:30pm - Lenten Meal & Reflection	<b>2</b> 11:30am - 2:00pm Lent-Lunch & Learn	<b>3</b> <b>4:30pm - 6:00pm Greek School Class</b> 5:45pm - 7:30pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 6:00pm - 7:30pm JOY/HOPE Family Night	<b>4 - Saturday of Lazarus</b> 7:30am -Orthros "Teaching Proskimide" and Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour is hosted by Young at Heart 11:30am Palm Cross Making & Palm Sunday Luncheon Set up 6:00pm - Vespers
<b>5 - Palm Sunday</b> 7:30am - Orthros 9:00 am -Divine Liturgy Western Easter Philoptochos Palm Sunday Luncheon Philoptochos bake sale end 1:00pm - 2:30pm Youth Afternoon at Hellenic Park 5:00 pm ARE Special Presentation 7:00pm - 8:30pm Matins of Holy & Great Monday "Bridegroom"	<b>6 - Holy and Great Monday</b> 7:00pm - 8:30pm Matins of Holy Tuesday "Bridegroom"	<b>7 - Holy and Great Tuesday</b> 9:30am - 11:30am Philoptochos Egg Dyeing 7:00pm - 8:30pm Matins of Great Wednesday <b>7:00pm - 9:00pm Voce Pura Chorale Rehearsal - Room H</b>	<b>8 - Holy and Great Wednesday</b> Kouvouklion Prep-Philoptochos 5:00pm - 7:00pm Holy Union 7:00pm - 8:30pm Matins of Holy Thursday	<b>9 - Holy and Great Thursday</b> 8:30am - Vesperal Divine Liturgy 7:00pm - 11:00pm Matins of Holy Friday "Passion"	<b>10 - Holy and Great Friday</b> Luminaries Set Up - Philoptochos 8:30am - Great Hours 11:00am Decorating the Kouvouklion - Philoptochos 12:00pm - Office Closed 2:00pm - Vespers of Great Saturday 7:00pm - Matins of Great Saturday-Lamentation	<b>11 - Holy and Great Saturday</b> 8:00am - 11:00am Vesperal Baptismal Liturgy of Pascha 11:00pm - Paschal Vigil
<b>12 - Holy and Great Pascha</b> 12:00am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy 11:00am - 12:30pm "Agape" Vespers followed by Agape Picnic	<b>13 - Bright Week</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7:00pm - 8:30pm Online Adult Greek Language Class	<b>14</b> <b>7:00pm - 9:00pm Voce Pura Chorale Rehearsal - Room H</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 11:30am - 2:00pm Young at Heart Lunch Gathering 5:45pm - 7:15pm Online Adult Greek Language Class	<b>17</b> 9:00am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy with Hagiasmos (blessing of water) <b>4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek School Class</b> 7:00pm - 8:30pm Young Adult Ministry	<b>18</b> 6:00pm - Vespers
<b>19 - Thomas Sunday</b> 7:45am - Orthros 9:15am - Divine Liturgy <b>Scout BBQ Sale</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00pm - 8:30pm Online Adult Greek Language Class	<b>21</b> <b>7:00pm - 9:00pm Voce Pura Chorale Rehearsal - Room H</b>	<b>22</b> Youth Evening Light (grades 5-12) — Porch 6:00pm - 7:00pm Vespers	<b>23 - St. George the Great Martyr</b> 8:30am -Orthros & Divine Liturgy 4:00pm - Paraklesis 5:45pm - 7:15pm Online Adult Greek Language Class	<b>24</b> <b>4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek School Class</b>	<b>25 - St. Mark the Evangelist</b> 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy <b>4:00pm - 6:00pm Men's Group-meeting-SLC-Lower Level-Room H</b> 6:00pm - Vespers
<b>26</b> 7:45am - Orthros 9:15am - Divine Liturgy	<b>27</b> 7:00pm - 8:30pm Online Adult Greek Language Class	<b>28</b> <b>7:00pm - 9:00pm Voce Pura Chorale Rehearsal - Room H</b>	<b>29</b> Youth Evening Light (grades 5-12) — Porch 6:00pm - 7:00pm Vespers	<b>30 - James the Apostle, brother of John the Theologian</b> 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy 4:00pm - Paraklesis 5:45pm - 7:15pm Online Adult Greek Language Class		