



# COMMUNITY BULLETIN

## JULY & AUGUST 2021

AS OF 7-18-21

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

### PARAKLESIS

Paraklesis Service will be held on Thursdays, in July & August at 4:00 p.m. (time & dates change during the Dormition Fast—see flyer)

### OTHER WEEKDAY SERVICES

JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>—AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>

Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. See attached calendars for more details.

- **Tue. Jul. 20<sup>th</sup>**, St. Elias the Prophet, 6:00 p.m. Ninth Hour & Divine Liturgy
- **Sat. Jul. 24<sup>th</sup>**, St. Christina of Tyre
- **Mon. Jul. 26<sup>th</sup>**, St. Paraskeve
- **Tue. Jul. 27<sup>th</sup>**, St. Panteleimon
- **Thur. Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 p.m. Vespers for the Transfiguration of Lord
- **Fri. Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>**, Transfiguration of Our Lord
- **Tue. Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>**, St. Laurence of Rome
- **Sat. Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 p.m. Vespers for the Dormition of the Theotokos & Artoclasia
- **Fri. Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>**, Samuel the Prophet, 6:00 p.m. Ninth Hour & Divine Liturgy
- **Mon. Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Apodosis of the Dormition of the Theotokos & St. Ireneaus
- **Fri. Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>**, St. Phanourios the Great Martyr
- **Sat. Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>**, Moses of Scete

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- Transfiguration of Our Lord
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### NEW NEWSLETTER PRAYERS LIST

For the September Newsletter, we will begin a new listing of names for page 2 In Our Prayers. Please submit your names to Kim Braswell at [kcleywell@stnekarios.org](mailto:kcleywell@stnekarios.org).

### LIGHT A CANDLE

We invite you to light a virtual candle on the St. Nektarios Church website. **About this Tradition**, “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”—John 3:12 Upon entering our Orthodox church, we light candles representing the light of Christ we carry within us. In faith, we offer prayers of thanksgiving and glory to God. We may also petition for the needs of family and friends. May this virtual candle offer you comfort during your devotional time away from church.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Altar Fund and the Medical Assistance Fund (MAF) have some funds available to assist parishioners during these extraordinary times. The MAF may be able to assist with pressing medical expenses. The Altar Fund may be able to cover some basic bills or household expenses.

### SUNDAY LITURGICAL GIFTS

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

### PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meetings will be on Monday, **July 26** and **August 23rd** at 6:00 p.m. If you would like any item added to the agenda contact the office by the preceding **Wednesday**.

### NARROW PATH BOOKSTORE

The bookstore will be open on Sundays for 30 minutes after the Divine Liturgy for your purchases.

### A REMINDER CONCERNING RECENT CHANGES TO COVID-19 MEASURES

- ◆ The State of North Carolina face-covering mandate is no longer in effect.
- ◆ The CDC and State recommend that unvaccinated individuals wear a face covering indoors.
- ◆ Our parish is observing the updated policy while echoing the recommendations.
- ◆ Vaccination is a private matter of conscience, neither demanded nor forbidden by the church.

The above relate primarily to worship.

Events such as youth activities and catechism may require the use of face coverings by all participants. Such requirement will be communicated as needed.

### RESTRICTED ROWS

To allow for Social Distancing, please note that every other row on the right side in the church is closed.

### SUBMIT NAMES OF THE LIVING FOR PARAKLESIS SERVICE

Paraklesis service is offered on Thursdays at **4:00 p.m.** You may submit names (first name only) of the living to the church office.

### BEYOND ST. NEKTARIOS

**Save the Date!** St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Wilmington, NC — 75th Anniversary Gala, **Saturday, October 23, 2021 — 7:00 p.m.** Cocktail Reception — **8:00 p.m.** Dinner & Dancing at the Hotel Ballast, 301 North Water Street Wilmington, NC 28401. For more information contact Maria Stasios 910-233-4011 or Koula Katsikis 910-297-3141.

### SAVE THE DATE - ST. NEKTARIOS 5K

4th Annual St. Nektarios Taking Steps 5K Virtual Walk/Run (in person and virtual events) Saturday, November 20, 2021.

### SERVICES LIVE STREAMING

To view services, please go to:

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

### METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA VIRTUAL CLERGY-LAITY

His Eminence is pleased to announce that this year's Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly, will be held virtually on Friday September 17th & Saturday, September 18th.

Please save these dates, and the Metropolis at large is invited to participate. Given that our Archdiocese & our Metropolis have devoted much of this year to honoring the Bicentennial of Greek Independence, it seems only appropriate to remember our past, even as we plan for the future, sentiments which are expressed in Psalm 77:11,

*“I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.”*

Giving a brief sample of Friday's online workshops, Dr. Victor Polizos will offer a presentation entitled The Miracle of 1821 - 200th Anniversary of Greek Independence, while Mr. Matthew Namee will give participants an overview of The History of Orthodoxy In America. Looking to meet the challenges of our new world with the same bravery of our ancestors, Fr. Barnabas Powell will offer his thoughts on Outreach and Evangelism Post COVID, while Mr. Theo Nicolakis of the Archdiocese's Internet Ministries will instruct both Clergy and Laity both in the urgent topic of Cybersecurity and the Parish: Securing systems and protecting parishioners in the age of ransomware.

Saturday morning will be devoted to the business of our many lay bodies, such as Philoptochos, the Metropolis Presbyters and the Choir Federation, which will meet online from 8 AM to 11 AM, while the Plenary Session will conclude the Assembly, from 11 AM to 12 PM. More details to follow.

### ST. NEKTARIOS

#### GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA  
**METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA**

**A TOPICAL STUDY OF  
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

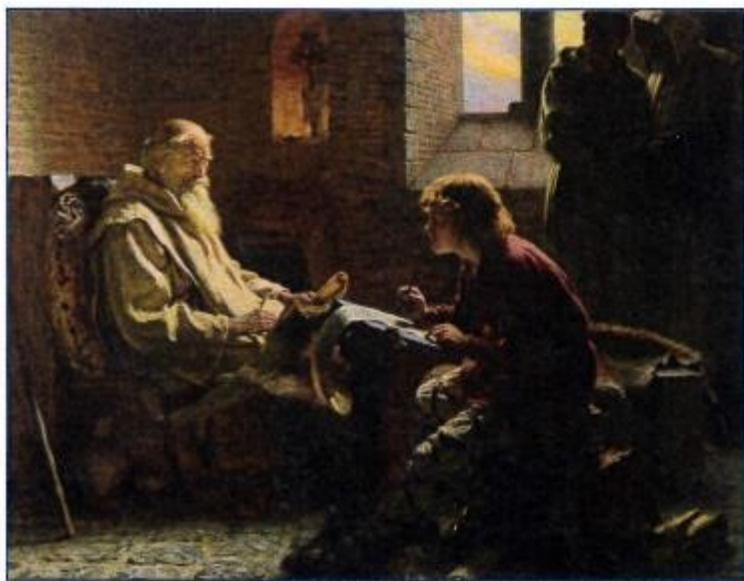
**Presented by**

**The Department of Religious Education  
of the Metropolis of Atlanta**

**A 5-week virtual study of the Gospel of John  
with Fr. Steve Dalber, Pastor Emeritus**

**Every Thursday, July 1 to July 29, 2021  
from 7 to 8 PM**

We invite everyone young  
and old to this rewarding summertime study.



This is an interactive study.  
To gain the most from this study,  
it would be helpful to read the  
Gospel of John by the first session.

**Join via Zoom using the  
Meeting ID: 833 4602 6682**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83346026682>

**Hosted by  
St. Nektarios  
Greek Orthodox Church**



## Ladies Philoptochos of St. Nektarios

*Making a Difference*

### Save the Date

**Sunday, August 29th**

St. Phanourios 2nd tray to benefit  
Metropolis of Atlanta Youth Ministry

**Monday, September 20th, 6:30 p.m.**

Welcome Back Dinner Meeting



# HAPPY SUMMER VACATION!

Summer is here - that means fun in the sun with family and friends;  
long lazy days; no school—so much to be grateful for!

By all means enjoy the summer months but remember that the church is not on vacation. Help  
keep the church cash flow steady by:

- ♦ Make your stewardship pledge if you have not already done so;
- ♦ Make regular weekly or monthly offerings;
- ♦ Make your Sunday offerings before going on vacation;
- ♦ Make a special summer gift to the church.

*Clergy, office staff and volunteers are busy preparing for the coming year  
with something for everyone.*

# A Retirement Party



St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church

## A Tribute to Fr. Steve Dalber

October 16, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. to Midnight

Hilton Charlotte Uptown | 222 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Dancing to Live Greek Music by ENDASI | Arabic DJ | American Music

Dessert & Ice-cream Bar | Featuring Surf & Turf, Hors D'oeuvres

\$150 per person

\$2,500 Premium Table (includes 10 seats and special amenities)

(Black Tie optional)

FREE PARKING

ONE COMPLEMENTARY BEVERAGE

### A Tribute to Fr. Steve

To make your reservation or donation, please return this bottom reply form with your payment by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all guests on the back side.

Prepaid Reservation/ Donation Remittance	
<input type="checkbox"/> PERSON @ \$150	Number of people _____ at \$150 = _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Table of 10 people: \$1500	Number of tables _____ at \$1500 = _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Premium Table: \$2500	Number of tables _____ at \$2500 = _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I will not be able to attend, please accept my donation	\$ _____
<p>** I WOULD LIKE TO PAY IN INSTALLEMNTS (Up to 3 with 1<sup>st</sup> installment with this reservation) (Final payment due by Sept. 20, payments non-refundable)</p> <p>_____ Full Payment enclosed (CHECK # _____)</p>	

\_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE ASSIGN THE BEST AVAILABLE SEAT AT TIME OF PURCHASE

(individual seats will be assigned when paid in full or 1st installment is received)

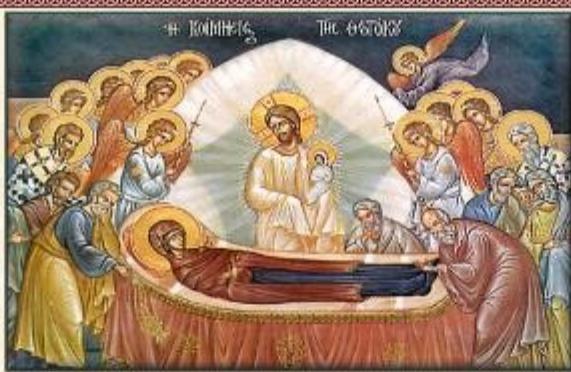
(entire table assigned when ALL 10 tickets paid in full or premium table purchased)

\_\_\_\_\_ I PREFER TO SELECT MY OWN SEAT ON SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH AT THE TRIBUTE TABLE (ONLY available on Sundays)

Make checks payable to St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church — in the memo "Retirement."

Return or mail Reply Form to: St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church, 5108 Kuykendall Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270

IN HONOR OF THE  
DORMITION OF  
THE THEOTOKOS  
**AUGUST 15**



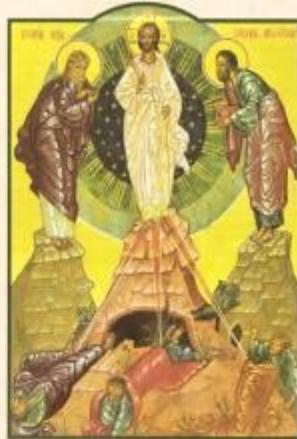
**ST. NEKTARIOS SERVICE SCHEDULE**

- Paraklesis Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. starting Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> except August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>
- Great Vespers will be held on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Feast Day Services will be celebrated Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> with 8:00 a.m. Matins, 9:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy, followed by Community Panigiri

The Fast of the Dormition of the Theotokos begins on **August 1<sup>st</sup>**.

*This is a short fast lasting 14 days which follows the fasting guidelines for Great Lent.*

THE TRANSFIGURATION  
OF OUR LORD



**Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Great Vespers

**Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Matins  
9:00 a.m. Liturgy &  
Blessing of the Grapes

**A Tribute to Fr. Steve  
Reservation Information**

**Please list all guests**

Table A

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Table B

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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

2021 — 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



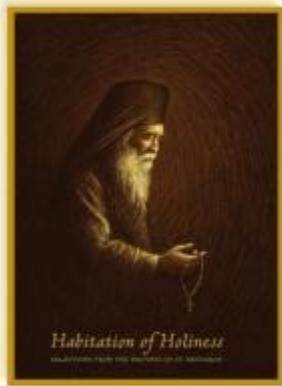
- ◆ Discover God's purpose for marriage
- ◆ Establish good patterns for relating to one another
- ◆ Learn how to work toward oneness
- ◆ Avoid the pitfalls that lead couples to divorce
- ◆ Get to know more about each other

Please use the link below to register

<https://atlmetropolis.org/pre-marital-seminars-journey-of-marriage>

'And so Marriage is a road: It starts out from the earth and ends in the heaven'  
Amilianos of Simonopetra

## NARROW PATH BOOKSTORE



## HABITATION OF HOLINESS

By St. Nektarios of Pentapolis  
Translated by Rev. Fr. Peter Chambers

"Let our philosophy and our desire be in the worship of God and may our love for learning be the study of His will." St. Nektarios of Aegina

As Abbess Theodosia wrote concerning the founder of her monastery, "St. Nektarios delighted insatiably in the spiritual honey of the doctrines, the mysteries, the worship, the hymnography, the Christian ethics and in general of the Orthodox spiritual life and tradition. He was most meticulous in studying and very precise in applying the divine word, which he then transmitted through his preaching, his writings and primarily his personal example." This collection gathers some of this spiritual fruit, translated for the first time in English.

This collection includes the following essays:

- Worship in Spirit and Truth
- The Privilege of Loving and Worshiping God
- The Relation of True Freedom with Moral Freedom

- Attaining Salvation Through the Grace of God and the Will of the Human Person
- The Nature and Mission of the Church
- The Priesthood of the Church

**Books are now available through the Narrow Path Bookstore for a free-will donation.  
(Please consider a \$10.00 donation. The books retail for about \$23.00 each)**

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Four quick, easy,  
and secure options



### 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](http://www.stnektarios.org)
- Select the "Online Giving" tab
- Follow the prompts



### GIVING KIOSK

Use the Kiosk for a one-time convenient donation with a swipe of your debit/credit card.

- Located at the Information Table in the Fellowship Hall
- Use the simple touchscreen/card reader
- Select the amount of your donation and the fund for which you are making your offering.
- Print a paper receipt or have one sent by email.



### GIVING APP

Use your smartphone to make convenient one-time or recurring donations in 3 easy steps after you download the free app:  
**GIVE+** on the App Store and  
**GivePlus** on Google Play

- Search for St. Nektarios and follow the prompts
- Select among the funds and amount to give
- Provide debit/credit card or checking/savings account information.

If you have established a website online giving profile, you are ready to go with the App too. Or you may create your profile on the app which will be saved for future transactions. You can then manage and schedule your giving and review donation history with the ease of your smartphone.

# ACOLYTE ORIENTATION 2021

SUNDAY  
AUGUST 22  
FOLLOWING  
DIVINE LITURGY

FOR ALL BOYS  
RETURNING  
& NEW  
ACOLYTES

(Rising 4th-12th Grade)

Parents are welcome to stay. If boys need to be measured for a robe, this will take place following the meeting in the church.

Please RSVP that you will be attending to Evelyn Klund at [office@stnektarios.org](mailto:office@stnektarios.org) or Niki Kleto at [nkleto@stnektarios.org](mailto:nkleto@stnektarios.org)

Boys will meet at the Porch following Divine Liturgy for lunch and a review of the services and their role as Acolytes in the church.

myOCN  
COMMUNITY



It's not only about the Journey.

It's about the Destination.

Christ is Risen! From the very beginning, the Orthodox Christian Network was driven by a mission to reach the ends of this earth to spread the word of Christ. To this day, everything we do is in service to that mission. Over the past 26 years, we have reached millions of faithful and faith-seekers around the world through our radio and online programming.

Today, we are excited to announce the creation of our new website, <https://myocn.net/> which when combined with our social media platforms makes for a powerful platform for Orthodox Christians. Having a hub of relevant articles, programs, and resources is critical to our faith journey. Establishing a strong online Orthodox presence and creating a community is just as important, and that is why the myOCN Community is a natural extension of our core mission—to improve your experience in Orthodoxy.



## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

St Nektarios fellowship Coffee Team is seeking volunteers to help with set-up, serving, hospitality and clean-up on designated Sundays.

Please call the office at 704-708-4669 if you are interested.



9010-D Monroe Road  
Charlotte, NC 28270  
704-443-7083

### STORE HOURS :

Thursday & Friday | 10:00 am — 6:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am — 4:00 pm

We are always looking for volunteers to assist during store hours in sorting donations. Days and times are flexible

If you are interested please contact: Dee Drobnick at [deedrob519@gmail.com](mailto:deedrob519@gmail.com)

**ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**July 2021**

As of 7/1/2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>Sts. Cosmas &amp; Damianos the Unmercenaries</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Festal Kolyva 4:00 PM Paraklesis 6:00 PM Vespers (no live stream) Young Adult Ministry Dinner & Discussion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy & Service of Doxology 12:00 PM Youth Summer of Service	<b>5</b> <b>OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> St. Athanasios of Mt. Athos 8:00 AM Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM-POSTPONED-Adult Religious Education Book Study with Fr. Nektarios (virtual)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 4:00 PM Paraklesis 7:00 PM Metropolis of Atlanta department of Adult Religious Education-A Topical Study of the Gospel of John	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM Building for Generations Celebration Sunday 12:00 PM Youth Summer of Service	<b>12</b> <b>St. Paisios the Athonite</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM-POSTPONED-Adult Religious Education Book Study with Fr. Nektarios (virtual)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>St. Kyrikos</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM Paraklesis 7:00 PM Metropolis of Atlanta department of Adult Religious Education-A Topical Study of the Gospel of John	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>St. Marina the Great Martyr</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
<b>18</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy 12:00 PM Youth Summer of Service	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>St. Elias the Prophet</b> 6:00 PM Ninth Hour & Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM POSTPONED Adult-Religious Education Book Study with Fr. Nektarios (virtual)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 4:00 PM Paraklesis 7:00 PM Metropolis of Atlanta department of Adult Religious Education-A Topical Study of the Gospel of John	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>St. Christina of Tyre</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
<b>25</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy 12:00 PM Youth Summer of Service	<b>26</b> <b>St. Paraskeve</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Festal Kolyva	<b>27</b> <b>St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM-POSTPONED-Adult Religious Education Book Study with Fr. Nektarios	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4:00 PM Paraklesis 7:00 PM Metropolis of Atlanta department of Adult Religious Education-A Topical Study of the Gospel of John	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

**ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**August 2021**

As of 7/1/2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> + Dormition Fast 8:00 AM Matins 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM Paraklesis	<b>2</b> + Dormition Fast 7:00 PM Paraklesis	<b>3</b> + Dormition Fast 7:00 PM POSTPONED-Adult Religious Education - Book Study with Fr. Nektarios (virtual) 7:00 PM Paraklesis	<b>4</b> + Dormition Fast 7:00 PM Paraklesis	<b>5</b> + Dormition Fast 7:00 PM Vespers for the Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:00 AM Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Blessing of the Grapes 7:00 PM Paraklesis	<b>6</b> + Dormition Fast <b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Blessing of the Grapes 7:00 PM Paraklesis	<b>7</b> + Dormition Fast
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<b>15</b> <b>Dormition of the Theotokos</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy & Festal Kolyva 11:00 AM Community Panigiri	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 4:00 PM Paraklesis	<b>20</b> <b>Samuel the Prophet</b> 6:00 PM Ninth Hour & Divine Liturgy	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy	<b>23</b> Apodosis of the Dormition of the Theotokos St. Irenaeus 8:00 AM Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 4:00 PM Paraklesis	<b>27</b> St. Phanourios the Great Martyr 8:00 AM Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy	<b>28</b> <b>Moses of Scete</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
<b>29</b> <b>Beheading of St. John the Baptist</b> 8:00 AM Matins 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy, Phanouropita & 2nd Tray to benefit the Metropolis of Atlanta Youth Ministries	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7:30 PM Better Late Than Never Book Club				

**Notes:**

- Please see future communiqués for updates to this calendar
- Please refer to the ecclesiastical calendar for further fasting explanations, [www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org)
- Check our website calendar for the most up-to-date list of events at [www.stnektarios.org](http://www.stnektarios.org)