E-BULLETIN

October 28, 2026

NOTICES AND REMINDERS FOR THE NEXT 10 DAYS

Wednesday, October 28 | Feast of Holy Protection of the Theotokos/OXI Day
- **6:00 p.m.** *Vespers*
- **7:00 p.m.** ARE-Open Study Divine Liturgy (virtual & in person) **Join here** **Zoom ID 880-334-8094**

Thursday, October 29 | St. Anastasia of Rome
- **9:00 a.m.** *Third Hour and Divine Liturgy*
- **4:00 p.m.** *Paraklesis*
- **6:00 p.m.** Parish Council meeting

CLICK HERE FOR THIS SUNDAY'S WORSHIP MISSAL

Friday, October 30
- **9:00 a.m.** Philoptochos Baking (Melomakarona)
- **4:30 p.m.** Greek Language School
- **7:00 p.m.** GOYA-Fall Function

Saturday, October 31
- **6:00 p.m.** *Vespers for Sts. Cosmas and Damian with Artoklasia sponsored by philoptochos*
- **7:00 p.m.** Becoming Orthodox Class

Sunday, November 1 | Sts. Cosmas and Damian the Holy Unmercenaries of Asia | Daylight Saving Ends
- **7:30 a.m.** *Orthros with Hagiasmos* - **9:15 a.m.** *Divine Liturgy*
- Youth Catechism

Monday, November 2
- **6:00 p.m.** *Vespers with Paraklesis to St. Nektarios*

Tuesday, November 3
- **9:00 a.m.** Philoptochos Baking (Koulourakia)
- **6:00 p.m.** *Vespers with Paraklesis to St. Nektarios*

Wednesday, November 4
- **6:00 p.m.** *Vespers with Paraklesis to St. Nektarios followed by Presentation about St. Nektarios*

Thursday, November 5
- **9:00 a.m.** *Third Hour and Divine Liturgy*
- **10:00 a.m.** Philoptochos Bading Koutoubiethes
- **4:00 p.m.** *Vespers with Paraklesis to St. Nektarios*

Friday, November 6
- **4:30 p.m.** Greek Language School
- **6:00 p.m.** Youth Family Night
- **7:30 p.m.** *Compline with Akathist to St. Nektarios*

Saturday, November 7
- **6:00 p.m.** *Vespers*
- **7:00 p.m.** Becoming Orthodox Class

Sunday, November 8 | Archangels Michael and Gabriel
- **7:45 a.m.** *Orthros* - **9:15 a.m.** *Divine Liturgy with Procession with the sacred relics of St. Nektarios*
- Veterans Day Observance with Memorial Service
- **5:00 p.m.** *Festal Vespers for St. Nektarios with Artoklasia and Anointing followed by Philoptochos reception*
- **8:30 p.m.** *Small Compline with Akathist to St. Nektarios*

Scroll down for details and more information. Visit our website for full Calendar of Events or any update at www.stnektarios.org ~ 5108 Kuykendall Rd. Charlotte, NC 28270 ~ office@stnektarios.org ~ 704-708-4669

YOUTH NEWS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2026

SENIOR (8TH – 12TH GRADES)

GOYA FALL FUNCTION

FELLOWSHIP HALL & PLAZA — 6:00PM - 8:00PM

THIS FRIDAY, OCT. 30th!

FESTIVE SNACKS

PUMPKIN PAINTING

CANDY HUNT

FELLOWSHIP & FUN!

ST. NEKTARIOS

2026 PATRONAL FESTIVITIES

MONDAY 11/2

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

TUESDAY 11/3

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

WEDNESDAY 11/4

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

THURSDAY 11/5

9:00 AM — Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

4:00 PM — Vespers w/ Paraklesis to St. Nektarios

FRIDAY 11/6

6:00 PM — Family Night w/ dinner and activities

7:30 PM — Compline w/ Akathist to St. Nektarios

SATURDAY 11/7

6:00 PM — Vespers

7:00 PM — "Becoming Orthodox" class · *Lesson 6: The Church of the Apostles*

SUNDAY 11/8

7:45 AM — Orthros & Divine Liturgy · Procession around the temple with the sacred relics of St. Nektarios · *Veterans Day observance*

5:00 PM — Festal Vespers for St. Nektarios, w/ Artoklasia & anointing · *Followed by Philoptochos reception*

MONDAY 11/9

7:30 AM — Orthros for St. Nektarios (w/ anointing during the Praises) & Divine Liturgy · *Followed by festive lunch*

Let us faithful show honor to that son of Selyvria, Aegina's protector, who appeared in these latter years: Nektarios, the virtue-loving saint and God-inspired servant of the Lord. He pours forth abundant healings to those who pray and cry out with a reverent voice: "Glory to Christ, who glorified you! Glory to him for your miracles! Glory to him for all the cures that he works through you!"

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MEN'S GROUP MINISTRY

INVITES MEN 18+ TO GATHER

FOR DISCUSSION & FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY, 11/21 | 4:00 PM—6:00 PM

St. Nektarios SLC - Porch Refreshments will be provided.

Attendees are encouraged to stay for Vespers at 6 p.m.

BOOKSTORE

Visit the Narrow Path Bookstore for your Liturgical gifts shopping. Open on Sundays for 30 minutes after the Divine Liturgy.

Winter Youth Rally Interest Form

GOYANs in grades 7-12, registration for Winter Youth Rally (Dec. 27-30, 2026) is now open, at the discounted early bird price of $350.00 which ends on **November 1**. **Financial assistance is available.** Please indicate in the form below your interest so we can begin preparations for our trip to Atlanta.

Winter Youth Rally Interest Form

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME CROP HUNGER WALK

CROP HUNGER WALK

WALK WITH ST. NEKTARIOS

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Providence Baptist Church

4921 Randolph Rd, Charlotte, NC

Recognize our blessings. Share with those in need.

Join us with your steps and your donations to help provide meals for our neighbors and build greater food security around the world.

Supporting **Church World Service** and local hunger-relief agencies:
Crisis Assistance Ministry
Nourish Up
Second Harvest Food Bank

Celebrating 25 years of St. Nektarios participation

DONATE

Scan code or click here

JOIN THE TEAM

Scan code or click here

To join: select **Find an existing team to join** and search **St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church**

VISITATIONS

Please contact the church office if someone needs a clergy visit or to notify them of health issues.

IOCC Charlotte Metropolitan Committee
invites you to

A Christmas Celebration of Hope

COMMUNITY CAROLING AND MARKET

Saturday, November 14, 2026

Vespers 6:00 p.m. • Event immediately following

ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

5108 Kuykendall Road • Charlotte, NC 28270

Join us for a festive evening featuring choir leaders and chanters from various churches who will lead us in caroling. There will be a market with unique gifts for the holiday, and delicious food from the cultures of all churches involved. Celebrate the spirit of the season with great company and learn how IOCC is bringing hope and help to those in need.

Ticket: $30 per person | Register online at

iocc.org/charlotte

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Contact Elaine Fagan 704.936.6566 or Missy Davis 704.618.2289 for questions.

SAINT NEKTARIOS

taking STEPS

5K RUN/WALK

NOVEMBER 21, 2026

8:00 AM (5K) or 9:00 AM (1/3 Mile Dome Dash)

5108 Kuykendall Road, Charlotte, NC 28270

*For nine years, St. Nektarios Church has organized the Taking Steps 5K, to help provide free healthcare and housing for homeless women and children here in Charlotte. Event proceeds support both **Shelter Health Services** and **St. Hermione Home**.*

Follow the link below or scan the QR code

www.takingsteps5k.com

For more information contact us at

Info@StNektrariostakingsteps5k.com

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Have you seen our

VIDEO FAQs?

Scan to watch Father Andreas provide answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about our capital campaign.

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Building for Generations

THANK YOU!

to all who committed to Phase II and to a successful "Commitment Sunday!"

Please pick up your gift at BFG kiosk or at church office, M-F.

To add your commitment to our growing numbers

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Holiday Bake Sale 2026 Fundraiser

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

Proceeds to benefit Philoptochos Local, National, and International Charities

Two Pick Up Dates:
November 22 (order by November 17) or
December 20 (order by December 15)
Pre-order online at pastrysale.org
Credit Card, Check or Cash accepted.

I will pick up my order between 11 am and 1 pm on:
November 22 _____
December 20 _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

Honoring All Who Served

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SUNDAY
NOV. 8, 2026

VETERANS BRING YOUR MEMORABILIA FOR DISPLAY

PARTICIPATE IN THE ST. NEKTARIOS FEAST DAY GROUP PROCESSION

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Sign up by Thurs., November 5th
Use the QR code or contact Kim in the church office at 704-708-4669

SAINT NEKTARIOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Before the Fashion Show and Brunch . . .

This year, the "Paws for a Cause Christmas Market and Essentials Room" gives attendees a chance to purchase the showcased jewelry and other gifts, as well as providing the essentials needed for the service dogs in their new homes. Enjoy a stroll among the dining tables to view, vote, and bid for your favorite Christmas centerpiece or wreath. Centerpieces and Wreaths are handcrafted and donated by our Philoptochos members and friends of Philoptochos. *One "Best of Show" prize will be awarded!!* Be sure to participate in the sweepstakes for a chance to win fabulous prizes, including the $1,000 cash grand prize. Your ticket purchase includes a Mimosa, a fabulous three-course brunch, and a chance to win one of the many door prizes!

Holiday Brunch: McConnell Garden Salad with either ranch or McConnell vinaigrette, your choice of Chicken Picata **OR** Pan Roasted Salmon. Both dishes come with roasted potatoes and brocolini; freshly-baked rolls, iced tea, water, and fresh-brewed coffee. Cash bar is available for any drinks.

Be sure to save room for a fabulous dessert of Key Lime Tart!

Kids meal is chicken tenders with fries, bowl of fresh fruit, and a cookie.

"Angel of Hope" — Saturday, December 5, 2026

Reservation Form with payment must be received by Sunday, November 22nd — *Assigned Seating Only*

First & Last Name_____ **Phone (_____)** _____

If purchase is for more than one person or for a table of 10, please list names of all attending below and entrée choice:

# of adults _____**x 75.00 =** _____ **# of Kids (under 12) Meals** _____**x 30.00 =** _____ **Total payment $** _____

	First & Last Name (Please print)	Entrée (choose one) S	C	Kids		First & Last Name (Please print)	Entrée (choose one) S	C	Kids
1	_____	☐	☐	☐	6	_____	☐	☐	☐
2	_____	☐	☐	☐	7	_____	☐	☐	☐
3	_____	☐	☐	☐	8	_____	☐	☐	☐
4	_____	☐	☐	☐	9	_____	☐	☐	☐
5	_____	☐	☐	☐	10	_____	☐	☐	☐

Please return reservation form along with payment to:

Philoptochos Christmas Brunch — St. Nektarios Church — 5108 Kuykendall Rd. — Charlotte, NC 28270

For more info, contact ***Philoptochos*** *at philoptochos@stnektarios.org or 704-708-4669*

Our Mission

"Transforming lives through the power of canine connections. We conduct innovative research, provide essential education and create partnerships to serve both the canine community and people."

IN MEMORY OF NICK COPSIS

August 24, 2002-August 17, 2024

My son, Nick, had a beautiful way of moving through this world, and one of the greatest blessings in his life and our family's life was his service dog Rudy. Because Nick was nonverbal autistic, navigating social interactions could sometimes be a challenge. But his service dog changed everything. Nick would happily allow people to approach and pet Rudy. In those moments, his dog became a bridge--opening the door to beautiful social interactions and connections that might never have happened otherwise. It gave Nick a unique voice and a way to share his joy with the world.

To honor Nick's legacy, the St. Nektarios Philoptochos is raising funds for Highland Canine Connect, a wonderful charity that helps provide service dogs to children with disabilities and complex medical needs.

Please consider making a donation in honor of Nick. Your gift will directly help another child find their bridge to the world, just like Nick did with Rudy.

With love and gratitude,

Pam Copsis

Pam Copsis
"Angel of Hope", Chairperson
Mom of an "Angel"

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 at all times.
- **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.