



E-BULLETIN

February 26, 2025

NOTICES AND REMINDERS FOR THE NEXT 10 DAYS

Wednesday, February 26

⇒ 6:00 p.m. *Vespers*

⇒ 7:00 p.m. ARE-Open Bible Study “Exodus” (virtual & in person) [Join here](#) Zoom ID 880-334-8094

Thursday, February 27

⇒ 10:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Philoptochos Baking Spanakopita

⇒ 4:00 p.m. *Paraklesis No Paraklesis* is offered during the weeks of Lent, Holy Week, and Bright Week

⇒ 5:45 p.m. Adult Greek Language Class

Friday, February 28 | St. John Cassian

⇒ 8:30 a.m. *Matins* and *Divine Liturgy*

⇒ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Philoptochos Baking Spanakopita

⇒ 4:30 p.m. Youth Greek Language School

Saturday, March 1 | Cheesefare Saturday

⇒ 8:00 a.m. *Matins, Blessing of the Water, Divine Liturgy, Memorial Prayers*

⇒ 11:30 a.m. Death: The Dread Mystery Presentation (see insert) and light Lunch

⇒ 5:00 p.m. *Vespers*

Sunday, March 2 | Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare) Expulsion from Paradise of Adam and Eve

⇒ 7:45 a.m. *Matins* — 9:15 a.m. *Divine Liturgy*

⇒ Youth Catechism

⇒ Lagana Bread Sale (see insert)

⇒ Philoptochos - Palm Sunday Tickets Sale

⇒ 5:00 p.m. *Forgiveness Vespers, followed by Community Dinner*

Monday, March 3 | Clean Monday | Lent Begins

⇒ 9:00 a.m. *Lenten Hours and Reflection* - Open to all (*streaming will be available*)

⇒ 7:00 p.m. *Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew part 1*

Tuesday, March 4

⇒ 8:00 a.m. *Philoptochos-baking Koulourakia*

⇒ 7:00 p.m. *Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew part 2*

Wednesday, March 5

⇒ 5:45 p.m. *Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Meal and Reflection*

⇒ 9:00 p.m. *Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew part 3*

Thursday, March 6

⇒ 11:30 a.m. Lent-Lunch and Learn (virtual & in person) [Join here](#) Zoom ID 880-334-8094

⇒ 7:00 p.m. *Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew—part 4*

Friday, March 7

⇒ Noon. *Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Lunch*

⇒ 4:30 p.m. Youth Greek Language School

⇒ 5:30 p.m. Family Night (K-5 & families) : Dinner & Rotations before Compline and Akathist

⇒ 7:00 p.m. Small Compline with Akathist

Saturday, March 8 | St. Theodore's Kollyva Miracle

⇒ 8:00 a.m. *Matins and Divine Liturgy, w/ blessing of Kollyva and Memorial Prayers*

⇒ 5:00 p.m. *Vespers followed by Lenten Meditation by Fr. Andreas*

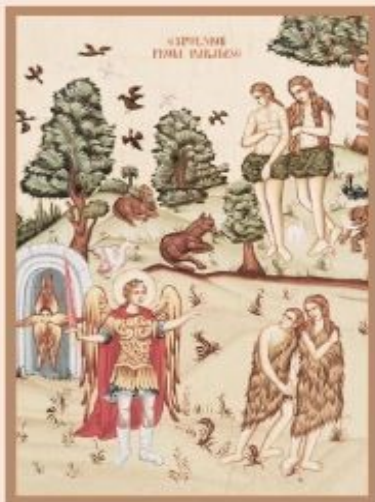


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THE LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS Our Spiritual Journey to Resurrection



**Adam and Eve's Exile
from Paradise
Commemorated on the Eve
of Lent to remind us
from what we have fallen**

**Sunday, March 2, 2025
5:00 PM "Forgiveness"
Vespers Service**

**Fellowship Dinner to Follow.
Free will offering will be accepted.**

*Before we enter the Lenten fast,
we are reminded that there
can be no true fast,
no genuine repentance, no
reconciliation with God,
unless we are at the same time
reconciled with one another.*

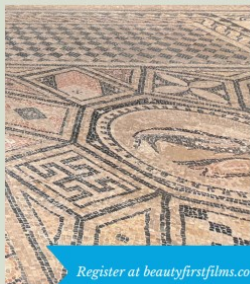
On the evening of the Sunday of Forgiveness, the Church conducts the first service of Great Fast, the service that directs us further on the path of repentance and helps us to acknowledge our need for forgiveness from God and to seek forgiveness from our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This is the first time that the Lenten prayer of St. Ephraim accompanied by prostrations is read. At the end of the service all the faithful approach the priest and one another asking for mutual forgiveness.

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FEATURING

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- Icons at the National Gallery
- Rock Creek Cemetery
- St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Cathedral
- St. Nicholas OCA Cathedral
- Byzantine Collection at the Museum at Dumbarton Oaks
- Cherry Blossoms and memorial prayers along the waterfront
- Georgetown

REGISTER

Ticket price: \$350*

Travel through our nation's capital with like-minded pilgrims start 8:45a Saturday; end 8:00p Sunday

Included: content and quality time with Dr Timothy & Thomaida, transportation within the tour, Lenten meals and group admission, connection with local clergy and Orthodox faithful

***does not include airfare or hotel**

Register by March 10th [via this google form](#)

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THE
DREAD
MYSTERY



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1. Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church , Winston Salem NC
2. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church , Charlotte NC
3. St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church , Charlotte ,NC
4. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church , Columbia SC
5. Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church , Greensboro NC

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Featured Speakers



Fr. Andreas Houpos

Fr. Andreas Houpos serves as the Protosphyter of St. Nektarios Church in Charlotte, NC. He is a former speaker for the Metropolis Art Academy and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Academy. He will be delivering a two-part lecture series exploring the Eucharist from two distinct perspectives. The first session will examine the Eucharist as a boundary of the Church, while the second will offer a meditation on the Eucharist as the heart of the Church's life and the Christian experience.



Fr. Paul Abernathy

Fr. Paul Abernathy, an esteemed author and Orthodox priest, serves the missionary parish of St. Moses the Black in Pittsburgh, PA. He will share with us his profound spiritual and practical experiences in his role as an Orthodox priest dedicated to missionary work. Through his service, he fulfills the commandment from Our Lord to serve one another.



Presbytera Christine Salzman

Presbytera Christine Salzman is the co-founder of Image and Likeness Iconography and the executive director of The Liturgical Arts Academy. She has served on various boards, including the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos, the National Philoptochos, the Metropolis of Atlanta Sisterhood of Presbyteres, and the St. Philothea Philoptochos Chapter. Her topic, "What Shall We Do Today? Eucharistic Unity & Our Daily Life," will explore how the Eucharist strengthens our lives with courage, hope, peace, and beauty.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael Rallis at 910.619.0014 or Gerry Clonaris at 704.574.6179

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

INVITES MEN 18+ TO GATHER FOR DISCUSSION & FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY, 3/15

3:00 PM—5:00 PM

St. Nektarios SLC - Lower Level Room H.

Refreshments will be provided.

Attendees are encouraged to stay

for Vespers at 5 p.m.



The St. Sophia School

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IV NEXT: June 2 - June 13

Session One: June 22 - July 11

Session Two: July 20 - August 8

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

YOUTH EVENTS 2025

K-5/JOY HOPE Family Nights

5:30-7:00PM | Fellowship Hall | Dinner | Rotations

~~FEB 7~~

MAR 7

APR 4

MAY 2

GOYA Hang Time & Orthodox Life Nights

5:30-7:00PM | Fellowship Hall | Dinner | Activities

~~FEB 9~~

~~FEB 23~~

MAR 9

MAR 23

MAY 4

MAR 29

PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL
1:00 - 3:00PM | Fellowship Hall | Grades 7-12

APR 5

DISTRICT ORATORICAL FESTIVAL
St. Nektarios is hosting! Details coming soon.

APR 17-18

GOYA HOLY THURSDAY & FRIDAY LOCK-IN
9:00PM - 10:00AM | Fellowship Hall & Church

APR 18

JOY/HOPE HOLY FRIDAY MINI-RETREAT
1:00PM - 3:00PM | Fellowship Hall

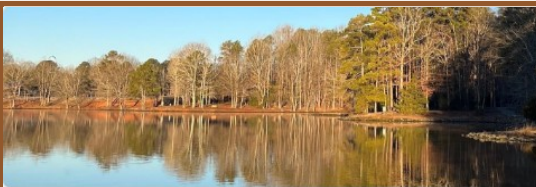
JUN 23-26

VACATION CHURH CAMP
9:00AM-12:00PM | Spiritual Life Center | Rising K-5

SCAN BELOW TO JOIN THE YOUTH MINISTRIES EMAIL LIST



EMAIL SNYOUTH@STNEKTARIOS.ORG FOR QUESTIONS



ST. NEKTARIOS

OUTDOOR MINISTRY EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND - 10AM

Join us at Cane Creek Park for a morning of fellowship, food, and spiritual reflection! After our meal and message, choose your adventure—enjoy a guided nature walk, cast a line for fishing, or relax with family at the playground. For details and to sign up,

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RSVP by March 15th



2025 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Senior Division (Grades 10-12) • Junior Division (Grades 7-9)

AWARDS

National finalists are eligible to receive the following:

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Scholarship: \$500 to \$2000

FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism: to be announced

Finalists at any level are eligible to receive the following:

Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College: \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year

Parish Festival Date & Time: **SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1:00 - 3:00PM**

Contact Information: SNYOUTH@STNEKTARIOS.ORG

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www.religiouised.goarch.org

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