



# E-BULLETIN

March 5, 2025

NOTICES AND REMINDERS FOR THE NEXT 10 DAYS

## Thursday, March 6

- ⇒ **11:30 a.m.** Lent-Lunch and Learn (virtual & in person) [Join here](#) **Zoom ID 880-334-8094** (see insert)
- ⇒ **5:45 p.m.** Adult Greek Language School
- ⇒ **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) : Lenten family night dinner and activities 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 "Prayers to Christ"*

## Sunday, March 9 | Sunday of Orthodoxy | Daylight Saving Time Begins

- ⇒ **7:30 a.m.** *Matins and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil followed by Procession with Holy Icons*
- ⇒ Philoptochos - Palm Sunday Tickets Sale
- ⇒ **5:00 p.m.** *Vespers of Sunday of Orthodoxy*
- ⇒ **5:30 p.m.** GOYA Hang Time (see insert)

## Monday, March 10

- ⇒ **7:00 p.m.** *Great Compline*

## Wednesday, March 12

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

## Thursday, March 13

- ⇒ **11:30 a.m.** Lent-Lunch and Learn (virtual & in person) [Join here](#) **Zoom ID 880-334-8094-Hosted by Young at Heart** (see insert)
- ⇒ **5:45 p.m.** Adult Greek Language Class

## Friday, March 14

- ⇒ **Noon.** *Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Lunch*
- ⇒ **4:30 p.m.** Youth Greek Language School
- ⇒ **7:00 p.m.** *Small Compline with Akathist*

## Saturday, March 15

- ⇒ **3:00 p.m.** Men's Group meeting (see insert)
- ⇒ **5:00 p.m.** *Vespers followed by Lenten Meditation by Fr. Andreas*



Scroll down for details and more information.

Visit our website for full Calendar of Events or any update at  
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for your Liturgical gifts shopping.  
Open on Sundays for 30 minutes  
after the Divine Liturgy.

## 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 April 4

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, «Χαίρει!» ("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.
  - March 7th
  - March 14th
  - March 21st
  - March 28th
  - April 4th
- March 23rd 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, March 5, 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 11 or, call the office at 704-708-4669.

## SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PROCESSION OF THE HOLY ICONS

On the first Sunday of Lent, March 9th, everyone is invited to bring a personal Icon from home to carry during the procession. Youth Catechism will participate in the procession. Students will remain in the church and receive instructions when to join the procession. Parents of younger students may accompany their youth as needed.



# 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 9**

## 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.



**Please note that we will not be passing a second tray on Sundays.**

**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.**

THIRD SUNDAY  
OF LENT

## VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



SUNDAY, MARCH 23  
7:30 A.M. MATINS

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

## CAMPUS AND SANCTUARY CLEAN-UP

*Many hands are need to clean for Pascha.*

- ◆ Interior Temple deep cleaning work sessions on Tuesdays March 11th & 18th from 9 AM to 1 PM and 6 PM to 9 PM. All supplies will be provided; includes dusting, polishing, wax removal, etc.
- ◆ Please RSVP to Jim Keown at [sexton@stnektarios.org](mailto:sexton@stnektarios.org).
- ◆ Outside Campus Cleaning on Saturdays, March 15th and 22nd starting from 9 AM. Please bring garden tools, pruning sheers, work gloves, etc.
- ◆ Please RSVP to Marko Milich at [mmilich@stnektarios.org](mailto:mmilich@stnektarios.org).
- ◆ You may also call the church office for more information.



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explore holy stories in our nation's capital with Dr Timothy Patisas & Thomaida Hudanish, cofounders of Beauty First Films



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visit this limited-time exhibit at the Museum of the Bible

**HOLY STORIES**

Learn of 20th c. holy people and their spiritual impact on the city

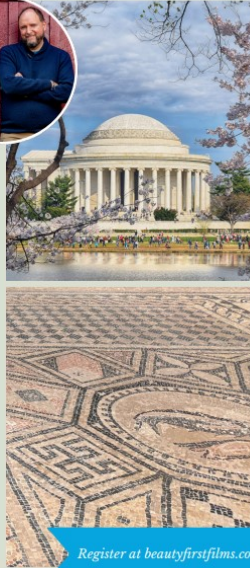
**PRAYER**

join local parishes for worship and veneration of relics

**CITY AS LITURGY**

reflect on Jane Jacobs' writing about cities and Dr Tim's application of her work to liturgy

**FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY**



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**FEATURING**

- Megiddo Mosaic at Museum of the Bible
- 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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**St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church**

**LENT, LUNCH, AND LEARN 2025**

*Young at Heart*

Young At Heart invites you to join us at our Lenten Luncheon to welcome and hear Fr. John



**Fr. John Parker, Dean of St. Tikhon University**  
**"HOW WE CAN SERVE ONE ANOTHER AS OUR LORD COMMANDED"**

**Thursday, March 13, 2025**

**11:30 - 1:00**

**Lunch provided by the Young At Heart**

Please contact Steve Panteliodis at [ddstepv@yahoo.com](mailto:ddstepv@yahoo.com) or 704-400-8041 to reserve your seat



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**March 22, 2025 | 8am - 1pm**

**Pastides Alumni Center University of South Carolina 900 Senate Street Columbia, SC 29201**

**FEATURED SPEAKERS**



**His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America**  
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**25TH ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY COMMUNITY LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER**

**April 13, 2025**  
following the Divine Liturgy

Preorders begin Sunday, March 2nd  
Online sales at [www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos](http://www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos)

Scan to order online 

**\$25 Adult Plate** (\$30 after April 6th)  
**\$8 Youth Plate**

**Menu**  
**Adult Plate:** Braided 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

**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 METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL

**Festival of Faith Retreat**

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**March 28 - 30, 2025**  
Metropolis of Atlanta Diakonia Retreat Center  
455 Quail Ridge Rd. Salem SC

**Featured Speakers**



**Fr. Andreas Houpos**  
Fr. Andreas Houpos serves as the Protopresbyter 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

**St. Nektarios Endowment**

**2025 COCKINOS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

**Accepting Applications**  
**March 15 to April 25**

**For Students** ●  
**25 years and younger**

**One (1) \$2000 Award** ●  
**Scholar of Distinction**

**Five (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 May 18, 2025**  
**after Divine Liturgy**

**Additional Grant Opportunities**  
**available for Youth 18 or Younger**



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# 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 CHURCH 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 22<sup>ND</sup> - 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,

[CLICK HERE!](#)

RSVP by March 15<sup>th</sup>



## 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](mailto:SNYOUTH@STNEKTARIOS.ORG)

Find the topics, tips, manual & award information at:  
[www.religioused.goarch.org](http://www.religioused.goarch.org)

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