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March 8, 2023

SAINT NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Notices and Reminders for the Next 9 Days

Wednesday, March 8
⇒ **6:00 p.m.** *Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten meal and Reflection*
Thursday, March 9
⇒ **12:00 p.m.** Young at Heart "Be Our Guest" Lenten Luncheon (see insert)
Friday, March 10
⇒ **12:00 p.m.** *Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten meal*
⇒ **6:00 p.m.** Family Night-Potluck & Salutations Service-GOYA-HOPE/JOY & parents
⇒ **7:00 p.m.** *Small Compline with Salutation-His Grace Bishop SEBASTIAN presiding*
Saturday, March 11
⇒ **1:00 p.m.** Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
⇒ **5:00 p.m.** *Vespers*
Sunday, March 12 | Second Sunday of Fast | St. Gregory Palamas | Sunday of Almsgiving
⇒ **8:00 a.m.** *Matins* // **9:15 a.m.** *Divine Liturgy // Youth Catechism*
⇒ 2nd Tray to benefit Charlotte Rescue Mission (see insert)
⇒ Parish Assembly
⇒ Philoptochos-Palm Sunday Lunch reservations - selling Pastries
⇒ **5:00 p.m.** *Vespers of Contrition, inviting all Orthodox in the Charlotte area*

Monday, March 13
⇒ **7:00 p.m.** *Great Compline*
Wednesday, March 15
⇒ **6:00 p.m.** *Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten meal and reflection*
Thursday, March 16
⇒ **11:00 a.m.** ARE-Lent Lunch & Learn (see insert)
⇒ **6:30 p.m.** Philoptochos-Sandwich Making (see insert)
Friday, March 17 | St. Alexios, The Holy Man of God
⇒ **12:00 p.m.** *Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten meal*
⇒ **6:00 p.m.** Family Night-Potluck & Salutations Service-GOYA-HOPE/JOY & parents and Group photo for Metropolitan Alexios' s name day
⇒ **7:00 p.m.** *Small Compline with Salutations*
Saturday, March 18
⇒ **8:00 a.m.** Community Service Project (see insert)
⇒ **5:00 p.m.** *Vespers*

Click here for this Sunday's Worship Missal

Scroll down for details and more information.
Visit our website for full Calendar of Events or any update at www.stnektarios.org
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St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox

Weekday Services

Great Compline and Canon of St. Andrew	• **Great Compline every Monday, February 27 through April 3 at 7:00 p.m.** • **Monday, February 27; Tuesday, February 28; & Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew** • **Wednesday, March 1 at 9:00 p.m. Canon of St. Andrew following the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

During the Great Forty Days, we offer up the Great Compline. "Compline" is derived from the Latin term from which we get the word "complete"; the compline service marks the end, or completion, of a calendar day. The Greek term is apodeipnon, which means "after supper". In other words, 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.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	• **Every Wednesday, March 1 through April 5, and Thursday, March 30 and Friday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m.** • **Fridays, March 3, 10 & 17 at Noon**

On Wednesdays, Thursdays, 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 with Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos	• **Fridays, March 3 through March 17 at 7p.m.** • **Friday, March 24 at 6 p.m. Vespers with Salutations** • **Friday March 31 at 6 p.m. Small Compline with Akathist**

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, «Χαῖρε!» ("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.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DISCOVER THE HIDDEN TREASURES

2023 A.R.E LENT, LUNCH AND LEARN

Join our Guest Speakers live on Thursdays
11:30 lunch // Noon Presentation
Virtual option also available
Zoom ID: 880 334 8094

March 16
Fr. Steve Dalber
Our Journey to Paradise

March 23
Fr. Christian Siskos
The Rudder for Our Life

March 30
Fr. John Cox
Lent and the Renewal of the Creation

April 6
Fr. Paul Tsahakis
& Gerontissa Arne
Prayer....Union With Christ

Feast Day of The Annunciation of the Theotokos

Friday , March 24

6:00 p.m. Vespers with Salutations

Saturday, March 25

8:30 a.m. Matins & Divine Liturgy

Followed by Reception

Flower Sponsorship 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 .

A Weekly Lenten Sponsorships for the Shrines, solea, and Narthex arrangements. The flowers are used for the weekly Compline, Presanctified Liturgy Salutation services and Sundays Liturgy.

- **March 3rd**
- **March 10th**
- **March 17th**
- **March 24th**
- **March 31st**

- **March 19th 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 Soup Meals

Beginning Wednesday, March 1

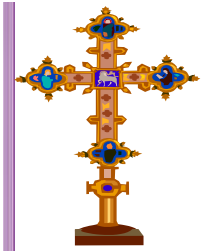
Lenten soup will be provided after every

Presanctified Liturgy

Please bring a lenten side dish to share

PREPARING FOR PASCHA
WAYS TO SERVE
KOUVOUKLION BEARERS FOR
HOLY FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH

Anyone who is interested in bearing the Kouvouklion which holds the Epitaphion during the Lamentations service, beginning at **7:00 p.m.** is welcome to participate. Please contact **Silva Awaimrin at sawaimrin@stnektarios.org** by **April 7th** or, call the office 704-708-4669.



Third Sunday of Lent

Veneration of the Holy Cross

Sunday, March 19

8:00 a.m. Matins

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

St. Nektarios Endowment

Cockinos Family Scholarships 2023

Accepting Applications
FEB 22 to APR 6

Guidelines and Application available on www.stnektarios.org or at the church office

- For Students 25 years and younger
- One (1) $2000 Award Scholar of Distinction
- Five (5) $1000 Awards from random drawing

Awards Announced May 21 after Divine Liturgy

Additional Grant Opportunities available for Youth 18 or Younger

Contact Church office for more information.

St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church

Young at Heart

Offering a social and supportive network, fostering relationship among our senior members 55 and older.

"BE OUR GUESTS"
Luncheon with our brothers and sisters from other Parishes

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Guest Speaker: Father Paul Tsahakis
Topic: Salvation through Almsgiving

12:00 p.m.

Join us for a Lenten Lunch and Social
The Shrine of St. Nektarios will be open at 11:00 a.m. for private prayer and veneration.

RSVP to St. Nektarios office - 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.

"Come, let us purify ourselves by acts of charity and tender mercy to the poor, not sounding our trumpet or making public the good that we have done.

Let the left hand not know the right hand's deed; let not self-esteem scatter the fruit of charity.

But in secret let us cry to Him who knows all secrets: 'Father, forgive us our trespasses, in Your love for humanity.'"

Apostícha Idiomelon, Sunday of Orthodoxy Evening

Beneficiaries

March 5	SAMA St. Anastasia Medical Assistance Fund
March 12	Charlotte Rescue Mission Rebound and Dove's Nest *Addiction Recovery*
March 19	Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology
March 26	Loaves and Fishes Food Bank and Friendship Trays
April 2	Shelter Health Services—Charlotte

SAINT NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

KUYKENDALL ROAD AND CAMPUS CLEANUP

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 || 8:00 AM

All supplies provided.
Meet on the plaza.

Volunteers can signup HERE or at www.signupgenius.com
Creator email: office@stnektarios.org

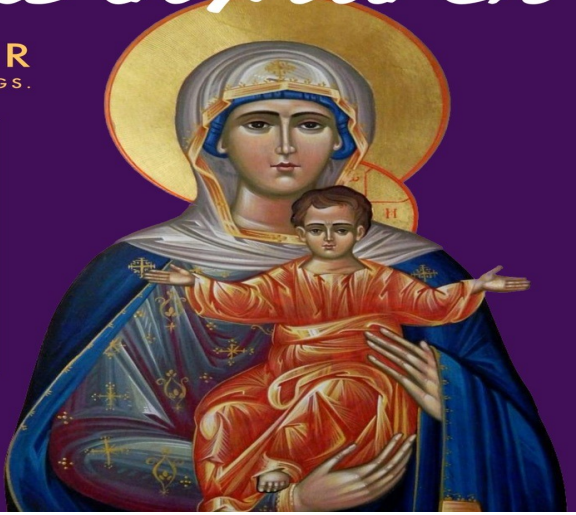
LENTEN FAMILY NIGHTS

Friday Nights in March

FAMILY NIGHT IS FOR
GOYA, HOPE, JOY, PARENTS & YOUNGER SIBLINGS.

MARCH
3, 10, 17, & 31
6PM – 7PM DINNER
7PM – SALUTATIONS SERVICE

*No family night on March 24 due to Vespers of Annunciation and Salutations Service



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2ND TRAY

March 19, 2023
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- Scan the QR Code here
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- Make your check payable to Ladies Philoptochos with "HCHC" in the memo line.
- Mail to the church, attn. LPS—HCHC
- Bring to church on Mar. 19th to place in the Second Tray

Thank you for your support!

METROPOLIS of ATLANTA PHILOPTOCHOS
VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT
Saturday, March 18, 2023

The Role of Women in the Greek Orthodox Church

Presented by Rev Fr. Gregory Georgiou

Father Gregory Georgiou is a priest in the Metropolis of Atlanta. He holds a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He holds a Master of Divinity from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and a Master of Arts in Community Mental Health Counseling from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in the State of North Carolina and a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC).

Father Georgiou plans and implements the training of clergy and lay facilitators for the Archdiocesan Journey of Marriage seminar that all couples take who are marrying in the Metropolis. He also travels throughout the Metropolis conducting the Journey of Marriage seminar in parishes.

Virtual Retreat per person registration $50

To register and for detailed information about the retreat:
https://atlmetropolis.org/virtual-spiritual-retreat-2023

9:00 AM — 12:45 PM

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23RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

April 9, 2023

following the Divine Liturgy

Preorders begin Sunday, March 5th
Online sales at www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos

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$25 Adult Plate
($30 after April 2nd)
$8 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 ALTAR BENEVOLENCE FUND

For more information, email philoptochos@stnektarios.org or call the church office at 704-708-4669

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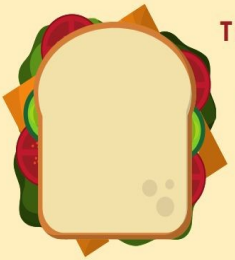
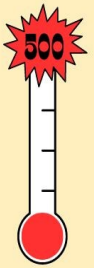


TO JOIN US
THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH
AT 6:30 PM
IN THE ST. NEKTARIOS SLC/KITCHEN FOR A SERVICE PROJECT & GENERAL GATHERING

SANDWICH MAKING BENEFITING



ROOF ABOVE

GOAL: 500 sandwiches

Better Late Than Never Book Club

The March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28

7:00 p.m.

Red Rocks Café, 4223 Providence Rd.

The March book choice is:

Falling Upward by Richard Rohr

For more information

contact Maria Demakis

704-756-2057

maria_p29@hotmail.com

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PARISH ASSEMBLY | SUNDAY MARCH 12, 2023

Please plan to attend the Assembly following the Divine Liturgy at the Spiritual Life Center. **To be eligible to vote in this Assembly, you must be a voting member in good standing for 2023 (see the definition below.)**

Qualifications for Membership to Vote at a Parish Assembly Excerpts from Bylaws ratified June 2011 Article III -- PARISHIONERS

Section 1: Member
A Member of the Parish of Saint Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church is any person, eighteen years of age or over, who was baptized and chrismated according to the rites of the Orthodox Church who lives according to the faith and canons of the Church, who participates regularly in the holy sacraments, who has completed Membership Registration for this Parish, and who abides by the UPR and these local by-laws. Once an individual becomes a Member, such person shall remain a Member until death or until a notice of resignation is communicated to the Parish Office.

Section 2: Member in Good Standing
A Member in Good Standing is any Member of this Parish who has completed a stewardship pledge card or otherwise communicated an intention to be a steward of the Parish and has made a good faith effort, regardless of the actual financial contribution, to support the stewardship of the Parish. In order to continue as a Member in Good Standing, Members shall communicate on an annual basis an intention to continue their stewardship commitment.

Section 3: Voting Member in Good Standing
A Voting Member in Good Standing is any Member in Good Standing of this Parish who has also regularly participated in the liturgical life of the Parish for a minimum of three (3) months during the 12 month period immediately preceding any Parish Assembly at which the individual desires to vote and who contributes to the welfare and prosperity of the Parish and the success of our sacred mission. The three (3) month period referenced in this Section 3 shall begin upon fulfillment of the requirements of Section 1, including the completion of the Membership Registration. A Member in Good Standing who is not eligible to vote solely because they have not satisfied the three (3) month minimum participation requirement may appeal the denial of voting rights before a committee comprised of the Priest, the President of the Parish Council and a third individual designated by the Parish Council to hear appeals dealing with the participation requirement (the "Membership Appeals Committee"). Any decision by the Membership Appeals Committee shall be made by majority vote. The third individual on the Membership Appeals Committee shall be designated for a 1-year term by the Parish Council in January of each year.

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- **Session B Dates: July 2 - 16, 2023**

Application deadline: March 15, 2023 **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

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