



March 20, 2024

# E-BULLETIN

NOTICES AND REMINDERS FOR THE NEXT 10 DAYS

## TODAY-Wednesday, March 20

- ⇒ 6:00 p.m. *Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten meal*
- ⇒ 9:00 p.m. *Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew-part 3*

## Thursday, March 21

- ⇒ 9:00 a.m. St. Panteleimon Home School
- ⇒ 10:00 a.m. **Funeral – Joseph Candela**
- ⇒ 7:00 p.m. *Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew-part 4*

## Friday, March 22

- ⇒ Noon, *Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten meal*
- ⇒ 4:30 p.m. Greek Language School
- ⇒ 7:00 p.m. *Small Compline with Salutations to the Theotokos*

## Saturday, March 23 | St. Theodore's Miracle-with Kollyva | First Saturday of the Fast

- ⇒ 8:00 a.m. *Matins* — 9:00 a.m. *Divine Liturgy with Memorial Service*
- ⇒ 5:00 p.m. *Vespers and lecture*
- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Orthodox Film Club - Nicholas and Alexandra - part 1

## Sunday, March 24 | First Sunday of Lent | Sunday of Orthodoxy | Almsgiving Sunday

- ⇒ 7:30 a.m. *Matins* — 9:15 a.m. *Divine Liturgy followed by the Procession of the Icons*
- ⇒ Almsgiving Sunday-Philoptochos 2nd Tray (see insert)
- ⇒ 4:00 p.m. Greek School Program-Independence Day
- ⇒ 6:00 p.m. ***Vespers for the Annunciation - Winston Salem Annunciation Church***
- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Orthodox Film Club - Nicholas and Alexandra - part 2

## Monday, March 25 | Annunciation of the Theotokos | OFFICE CLOSED

- ⇒ 8:00 a.m. *Matins* — 9:00 a.m. *Divine Liturgy with Artoclasia & Festal Kollyva followed by light Luncheon*
- ⇒ 7:00 p.m. *Great Compline*

## Wednesday, March 27

- ⇒ 6:00 p.m. *Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten meal and reflection*
- ⇒ 8:00 p.m. Youth Oratorical Festival Presentations - Fellowship Hall

## Thursday, March 28

- ⇒ 9:00 a.m. St. Panteleimon Home School
- ⇒ 12:00 p.m. ARE-Lent, Lunch and Learn - (see insert) virtual & in person- [Click here to join](#)  
**Zoom ID 880-334-8094**
- ⇒ 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

## Friday, March 29

- ⇒ Noon, *Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten meal*
- ⇒ 7:00 p.m. *Small Compline with Salutations to the Theotokos*

## Saturday, March 30

- ⇒ 5:00 p.m. *Vespers and lecture*

[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](http://www.stnektarios.org) ~ 5108 Kuykendall Rd. Charlotte, NC 28270  
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# ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

## 2024 LENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Weekday Services

#### Great Compline and Canon of St. Andrew

- . Monday, March 18; Tuesday, March 19; & Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew
- . Wednesday, March 20 at 9:00 p.m. Canon of St. Andrew following the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- . Every Monday, March 25 through April 22 at 7:00 p.m. Great Compline
- . Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. Small Compline with Canon of St. Andrew

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.

#### Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy

- . Wednesdays, March 20 through April 24 at 6:00 p.m.
- . Fridays, March 22, through April 29 at 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 with Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos

- . Fridays, March 22 through April 19 at 7p.m.

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, «Χαίρε!» ("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.

### MEMORIAL SATURDAYS

As we head into the Great Fast (Lent), there are three consecutive Saturdays on which it has been customary to offer memorial services:

- ♦ **Saturday of Souls** — The commemoration of all those who have reposed "with correct faith and with the hope of the resurrection of life eternal" (from the *Synaxarion*).
- ♦ **Cheesefare Saturday** — The commemoration of holy ascetics, the Saturday before the Fast begins.
- ♦ **The Miracle of St. Theodore** — The commemoration of a miracle wrought by St. Theodore the Recruit, concerning *kollyva*, on the first Saturday of the Fast.
- ♦ While our parish will be providing some *kollyva* on these Saturdays, the faithful are welcome to bring a small batch of their own to be blessed, which may be retrieved after the service. **Please note there will be no memorial services on the Sundays that immediately follow these Saturdays.**

Since these are commemorations for deceased Orthodox Christians, please only legibly submit the person's baptismal/chrisamation name—**first name only**. Please: no family names, nicknames, or other designations ("uncle", "grandmother", etc.) unless for ecclesiastical orders ("priest", "nun", "bishop", etc.). When in doubt, simply give the individual's first name—God knows the rest. May their memory be eternal.



# Feast Day of The Annunciation of the Theotokos

Sunday, March 24 | 6:00 p.m. Vespers  
Annunciation Church - Winston Salem

Monday, March 25

8:00 a.m. Matins & Divine Liturgy

St. Nektarios Church

Followed by light luncheon

## LENTEN SOUP MEALS



Beginning Wednesday, March 20

*Lenten meal will be provided*

*after every*

*Wednesday & Friday*

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGIES

**Please bring  
a lenten side dish to share**

## 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 704-708-1663.

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

- ♦ March 22<sup>nd</sup> ♦ April 12<sup>th</sup>
- ♦ March 29<sup>th</sup> ♦ April 19<sup>th</sup>
- ♦ April 5<sup>th</sup>

- ♦ April 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 Kouvoulkion dome
- ♦ Resurrection Sanctuary arrangements

## Sunday of Orthodoxy Sunday, March 24



Everyone is invited to bring a personal Icon from home.

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

# 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.'"*

Aposticha Idiomelon, Sunday of Orthodoxy Evening

March 24  
March 31  
April 7  
April 14  
April 21

## Beneficiaries

Shelter Health Services-Charlotte

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Holy Cross School of Theology

Orthodoxy in Kenya

Caring for Seniors

PREPARING FOR PASCHA  
WAYS TO SERVE

KOUVOUKLION  
BEARERS FOR HOLY  
FRIDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>



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](mailto:sawaimrin@stnektarios.org)  
by **April 26<sup>th</sup>** or, call the office  
at 704-708-4669.

## ORTHODOX FILM CLUB

**SAT. MAR. 23RD & SUN. MAR. 24TH**

**6:30 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL**



**ACADEMY AWARD WINNER!**  
Best Art Direction • Best Costume Design



*Nicholas  
and Alexandra*

ADULT RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION



2024

**A.R.E**  
COMING UP  
DURING LENT

### Wednesdays of Lent

Catechetical Lecture after Presanctified Liturgy

### Lent, Lunch, and Learn

Thursdays, Noon // Virtual and in Person

March 28  
Fr. Steve Dalber

April 4  
Fr. Robert Lawrence

April 11  
Fr. Steven Klund

April 18  
Fr. Maximos Conostas

April 25  
Sam Heron, Protopsalti

**Zoom ID**  
**880-334-8094**

### Saturdays of Lent

6PM Catechetical Lecture following Vespers

### Palm Sunday Presentation

April 28 at 5PM *Christ's Final Hours*

### Orthodox Film Club

• Nicholas & Alexandra

To be announced

• Short Subjects - Saint Paisios: Fr. Farasa to Heaven

Sat., Mar. 2 Episode 1 // Sat. Mar. 23., Episode 2 at 6:30PM

• Smyrna: My Beloved

Sat., May. 11 at 6:30PM

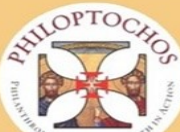


# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## Veneration of the Holy Cross

SUNDAY, APRIL 7  
7:30 a.m. Matins

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



## ST. NEKTARIOS PHILOPTOCHOS

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- Use the PayPal link on the Philoptochos webpage, [www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos](http://www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos)
- Make your check payable Philoptochos with "Shelter Health Services" in the memo line.
- Mail to the church, attn. Philoptochos—SHS
- Bring to church on Mar. 24th to place in the Second Tray

### 2ND TRAY

March 24, 2024  
supporting

**Shelter Health  
Services  
Waiting Room  
Maintenance  
Fund**



**Thank you for  
your support!**

ST. NEKTARIOS  
PHILOPTOCHOS

*Membership  
Information*

WE 

OUR MEMBERS

*Thank You*

for your past membership  
in our chapter.

Your generosity is crucial in  
making a difference in the  
lives of those in need.

*We are stronger when we come together  
to give a helping hand.*

### RENEW OR JOIN NOW

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Go to: [stnektarios.org/philoptochos](http://stnektarios.org/philoptochos),  
or scan the QR code.

OR COMPLETE THE COUPON  
available at the church.

Questions:

[5046philoptochos@gmail.com](mailto:5046philoptochos@gmail.com)

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## ELECTRONIC GIVING

### 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



### Mobile App

Use your smartphone to make convenient one-time or recurring donations in a few easy steps after you download the free app:

 **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** on the App Store and Google Play

- Search Organization and select St. Nektarios
- Log in if you have an established profile (on our website online giving)
- OR create your profile
- Follow the prompts to make your offering



Registration required for all participants & volunteers by Wednesday, April 3

# JOY & HOPE

(Grades K-5)

# FIRST

# FRIDAYS



Parents & children in grades K-5, come spend the first Friday of each month at the Church...

Dinner is served from 5:30-6PM, with a rotation of chaperoned activities for each age group to follow: arts & crafts • games • chant lesson • devotional  
Parents are invited to attend a talk with Fr. Andreas as children enjoy activities.



4/5/24

5:30 - 7:30PM



SLC

Fellowship Hall

2024 First Fridays: February 2 • March 1 • April 5 • May 17

## Come and Join the Choir

Saint Nektarios Parish Choir is looking for more members! The choir is looking to expand, so if you have interest in participating in the choir, please reach out.

TO FIND OUT MORE, PLEASE EMAIL  
PARISH MUSIC DIRECTOR  
SAMUEL HERRON AT  
[PROTOPSALTIS@STNEKTARIOS.ORG](mailto:PROTOPSALTIS@STNEKTARIOS.ORG)



## St. Nektarios Endowment

### Cockinos Family Scholarships 2024



### Accepting Applications FEB 18 to APR 7

Guidelines and Application  
available on  
[www.stnektarios.org](http://www.stnektarios.org)  
or at the church office

For Students  
25 years and younger

Awards Announced  
on Endowment Sunday  
May 19 after  
Divine Liturgy

One (1) \$2000 Award  
Scholar of Distinction

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available for Youth 18 or Younger  
Contact Church office for more information.