



March 27, 2024

# E-BULLETIN

NOTICES AND REMINDERS FOR THE NEXT 10 DAYS

## Wednesday, March 27

⇒ 6:00 p.m. *Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten meal and reflection*

## 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 reflection*

## Sunday, March 31 | Second Sunday of Lent | St. Gregory of Palamas | Almsgiving Sunday

⇒ 7:30 a.m. *Matins* — 9:00 a.m. *Divine Liturgy*

⇒ Almsgiving Sunday- 2nd Tray to benefit St. Anastasia Medical Assistant (SAMA)

⇒ Youth Catechism

⇒ Philoptochos - Palm Sunday Luncheon ticket sales | Luminaries sales | Koulourakia Sales

⇒ 5:00 p.m. *Vespers and reflection*

## Monday, April 1

⇒ 7:00 p.m. *Great Compline*

## Wednesday, April 3

⇒ 6:00 p.m. *Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten meal and reflection*

## Thursday, April 4

⇒ 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](#)

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## Friday, April 5

⇒ Noon, *Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten meal*

⇒ 5:30 p.m. JOY/HOPE First Fridays (see insert)

⇒ 7:00 p.m. *Small Compline with Salutations to the Theotokos*

## Saturday, April 6

⇒ 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](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.



### A Ministry of St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church

#### Mission

To provide aid to members of the community with serious financial needs, requiring immediate action, as a result of significant medical issues.

### March 31 Second Sunday of Almsgiving Beneficiary

Since its inception in 2010, over \$150,000 has been distributed to more than 20 people within our community. A special Coffee hour is offered by the SAMA Ministry in appreciation of your support.

ADULT RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION



# 2024 A.R.E COMING UP DURING LENT

## Wednesdays of Lent

Catechetical Lecture after Presanctified Liturgy

## Lent, Lunch, and Learn

Zoom ID  
880-334-8094

Thursdays, Noon // Virtual and in Person

March 28 Fr. Steve Dalber	April 4 Fr. Robert Lawrence	April 11 Fr. Steven Klund
April 18 Peter Reinhart	April 25 Sam Heron, Protopsaltis	

## 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

## 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 704-702-1663.

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

- 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 Kouvoukion dome
- Resurrection Sanctuary arrangements

- 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>

## HAND DECORATED LAMBADES



Hand decorated Lambades (Pascha Candles) by the Greek Language School moms are available for sale each Sunday during Coffee Hour. \$20 each while they last.

## LENTEN SOUP MEALS



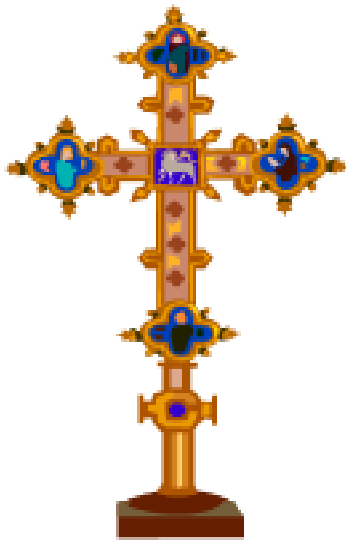
Beginning Wednesday, March 20

*Lenten meal will be provided  
after every  
Wednesday & Friday*

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGIES

*Please bring  
a lenten side dish to share*

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



# 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.

### 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

SAMA  
St. Anastasia Medical Assistance

Hellenic College  
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.



## 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

Five (5) \$1000 Awards  
from random drawing

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