



E-BULLETIN

April 10, 2024

NOTICES AND REMINDERS FOR THE NEXT 10 DAYS

Wednesday, April 10

⇒ **6:00 p.m.** *Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy followed by meal and reflection children's activity available*

Thursday, April 11

⇒ **9:00 a.m.** St. Panteleimon Home School

⇒ **11:30 a.m.** ARE-Lent, Lunch and Learn - hosted by Young at Heart (see insert) virtual & in person

[Click here to join](#) **Zoom ID 880-334-8094 (PRESENTATION-NOON)**

⇒ **7:00 p.m.** Young Adult Ministry-Lenten Educational Presentation (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, April 12

⇒ **10:00 a.m.** Funeral

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

⇒ **4:30 p.m.** Greek Language School

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

Saturday, April 13

⇒ **5:00 p.m.** *Vespers followed by dinner with Bishop Neophytos and Presentation of his ministry*

Sunday, April 14 | Fourth Sunday of Lent | St. John Climacus | Almsgiving Sunday

⇒ **7:30 a.m. Matins — 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy with Bishop Neophytos serving with us**

⇒ Almsgiving Sunday- 2nd Tray Orthodoxy in Northern Kenya (see insert)

⇒ Youth Catechism

⇒ Philoptochos Sales- Palm Sunday Community Luncheon tickets | Luminaries | Koulourakia

⇒ **5:00 p.m.** *Vespers*

Monday, April 15

⇒ **7:00 p.m.** *Great Compline*

Wednesday, April 17

⇒ **6:00 p.m.** *Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy followed by meal and reflection-children's activity available*

Thursday, April 18

⇒ **9:00 a.m.** St. Panteleimon Home School

⇒ **11:30 a.m.** ARE-Lent, Lunch and Learn - (see insert) virtual & in person- [Click here to join](#)

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⇒ **6:00 p.m.** *Small Compline with Canon of St. Andrew*

Friday, April 19

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

⇒ **4:30 p.m.** Greek School Language

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

[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 ~ 5108 Kuykendall Rd. Charlotte, NC 28270

office@stnektarios.org ~ 704-708-4669



St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church
Please Join Us As We Welcome

His Grace Neophytos Kong'ai

Bishop of Eldoret and Northern Kenya

Thursday, April 11, 2024 to Thursday, April 18, 2024

MEET AND GREET

Saturday, April 13
5:00 p.m. Vespers

followed by Dinner and
Presentation on his Ministry

Serving with us on
Sunday, April 14

2nd Tray of Sunday of Alms-giving
to benefit Orthodoxy in Northern Kenya

With Informational Coffee Hour.



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 Idiomielon, 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

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



St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church

Young at Heart

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

And Adult Religious Education Ministry
Present

Lent Lunch and Learn

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024 | NOON

LENTEN REFLECTION

OFFERED BY

FR. STEVEN KLUND

ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH, WILMINGTON, NC



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CHURCH OFFICE — BY April 8th | 704-708-4669

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.

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 Sponsorship for the Shrines, solea, and Narthex arrangements. The flowers are used for the weekly Compline, Presanctified Liturgy/Salutation services and Sundays Liturgy.

- ♦ April 7th, 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

- ♦ March 22nd ♦ April 12th
- ♦ March 29th ♦ April 19th
- ♦ April 5th

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.

ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

FILM CLUB
PRESENTS



MAY 18, 2024 @ 6:30PM

Spiritual Life Center, 5008 Kuykendall Road, Charlotte, NC 28270

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



ST. NEKTARIOS PHILOPTOCHOS

Give a Helping Hand. Show Generosity. Please God.

MEMORIAL LUMINARIES IN MEMORY OF YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES TO LIGHT THE PROCESSION PATH ON HOLY FRIDAY

\$10.00 SUGGESTED DONATION PER LUMINARY
Proceeds to benefit Philoptochos Charities & Commitments

TO PARTICIPATE AND REGISTER YOUR NAMES,

1. COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO CHURCH BY SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH or
2. SCAN THIS QR CODE TO COMPLETE ONLINE FORM

(NOTE: Not part of the names for commemoration on Holy Friday ready by the priests)



SCAN ME

St. Nektarios Philoptochos ~ 2024 Memorial Luminaries

Sponsor Name: _____

Phone: _____

Print first names only, IN ENGLISH, for each candle.
Please no more than three names per candle.



_____ candles x \$10.00 suggested donation = \$ _____ total enclosed with this form

Additional donations welcomed to benefit Philoptochos Charities & Commitments

Candle 1	Candle 2
Candle 3	Candle 4

For additional candles attach sheet with names

Questions? Contact the Philoptochos Board at philoptochos@stnektarios.org or call the church office at 704-708-4669

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "PHILOPTOCHOS" and return to
Attn: Philoptochos-Luminaries, 5108 Kuykendall Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270

PHILOPTOCHOS PRESENTS

24TH ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER



April 28, 2024

following the Divine Liturgy

Preorders begin
Sunday, March 31st
Online sales at
[www.stnektarios.org/
philoptochos](http://www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos)

Scan
to
order
online



\$25 Adult Plate
(\$30 after April 21st)
\$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 CHURCH'S
ST. NICHOLAS BENEVOLENCE (ALTAR) FUND**

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

Mission Statement

- To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach
- To preserve the sanctity of life and family
- To perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions

Vision Statement

St. Nektarios Philoptochos will provide community outreach and philanthropy in collaboration with all church ministries through efficient, effective, and intentional programs and activities.

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

ONLINE -
Go to: stnektarios.org/philoptochos,
or scan the QR code.

OR COMPLETE THE COUPON
available at the church.

Questions:
5046philoptochos@gmail.com

SCAN ME



HOLY WEEK



2024 SERVICES AND EVENT SCHEDULE

April 27

LAZAROS SATURDAY

7:30 a.m. — Matins & “Teaching” Proskomide, followed by Divine Liturgy
Relic of St. Lazaros present for veneration.

11:00 a.m. — *Breakfast · Palm-Cross Making · Philotochos Palm Sunday setup*

April 28

PALM SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. — Matins w/ blessing of Palm Crosses, followed by Divine Liturgy and Philotochos Luncheon

5:00 p.m. — *Adult Religious Education: “Christ’s Final Hours”*

7:00 p.m. — “Bridegroom” Matins of Holy Monday

April 29

HOLY & GREAT MONDAY

7:00 p.m. — “Bridegroom” Matins of Holy Tuesday

April 30

HOLY & GREAT TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. — *Philotochos egg-dyeing*

7:00 p.m. — “Bridegroom” Matins of Holy Wednesday

May 1

HOLY & GREAT WEDNESDAY

5:00 p.m. — Holy Unction*

7:00 p.m. — Matins of Holy Thursday

Anointing for those unable to be present for Holy Unction will resume at the Praises of Matins.

May 2

HOLY & GREAT THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. — Vesperal Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. — Matins of Holy Friday (*“Passion Service” with twelve Gospel lessons*)

May 3

HOLY & GREAT FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. — Great Hours

11:00 a.m. — *Decorating of the Kouvouklion (funeral bier) with flowers*

2:00 p.m. — Vespers of Apokathelosis (*removing Christ from the Cross*)

7:00 p.m. — Matins of Holy Saturday (*with the Encomia or “Lamentations”*)

May 4

HOLY & GREAT SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. — Vesperal Baptismal Liturgy of Pascha

Followed by blessing of Pascha food baskets in anticipation of the feast.

11:00 p.m. — Pre-resurrection Service/ Paschal Vigil (*doors open at 10:15*)

May 5

HOLY & GREAT PASCHA

12:00 a.m. — Resurrectional Matins & Divine Liturgy · ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΕΘΗ CHRIST IS RISEN!

Followed by fellowship in the Spiritual Life Center

11:00 a.m. — Vespers of Agape (“Love”) with the proclamation of the Gospel in a multitude of languages, followed by our Agape Picnic

* **Holy Unction** (anointing with holy oil) is a distinct *Mysterion*, or Sacrament, of the Orthodox Church approached with contrition, preparation, and great hope. It is offered to Orthodox Christians for physical and/or spiritual healing and reparation of our breach of the Communion that God has established with us in his Son, Jesus Christ, by the operation of the Holy Spirit. Not originally part of Holy Week, it has become a much-loved component of the faithful's preparation for Pascha.

The holy oil is not sent home with the faithful. Visits to the homebound by our priests may be arranged through the church office.



THE LIFE-GIVING SPRING

REDEDICATION

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Following the Divine Liturgy

*As we honor our Mother the Theotokos
on Mother's Day*

Our beautiful Life-giving Spring Garden is being renewed and rededicated on the occasion of its tenth anniversary.

The Feast of the Life-giving Spring is celebrated on the Friday of Bright Week, May 10, 2024



ST. NEKTARIOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

AGAPE PICNIC

*Sharing our
Bountiful Table*

PASCHA SUNDAY

MAY 5, 2024 | NOON-3 PM

Following the 11 AM Agape Vespers Service

EGG HUNT INFLATABLES PINATAS
MUSIC AND DANCING

Sampler Plate of Greek Specialties
Whole Lamb on the Rotisserie
BBQ, Hot Dogs, Desserts
Coffee/Frappes, Beverages
(Home Brew Beer Sampling & wine cash bar)

Proceeds will benefit

ROOF ABOVE

Free will offerings will be accepted.
Kindly consider a donation of
\$30 per adult or \$75 per family.
Your generosity will help our homeless neighbors.

Thank you to our sponsors!
To become a sponsor or to help at the picnic,
contact 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
- Select the "Online Giving" tab
- Follow the prompts



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GIVE NOW

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



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STORE HOURS

Monday, Thursday | 10:00 am — 5:00 pm

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Church Mouse Resale Store has an urgent need of one or two volunteers to work the store at least 1/2 or 1 day a week. Volunteer (s) will need to be comfortable to learn our cashier POS system which is very easy to operate. Some retail experience helpful but not necessary.

DAYS AND TIMES ARE FLEXIBLE

**Please contact Dee Drobonick
by phone, text or email.**

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