



E-BULLETIN

April 28, 2026

NOTICES AND REMINDERS FOR THE NEXT 10 DAYS

Wednesday, April 29

⇒ 5:00 p.m. Youth Evening Light

⇒ 6:00 p.m. *Vespers*

Thursday, April 30 | James the Apostle, brother of John the Theologian

⇒ 8:30 a.m. *Third Hour and Divine Liturgy*

⇒ 4:00 p.m. *Paraklesis*

⇒ 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

⇒ 7:00 p.m. ARE-History of our Faith - (virtual & in person) [Join here](#) Zoom ID 880-334-8094

Friday, May 1

⇒ 8:30 a.m. *Hagiasmos (Blessing of water)*

⇒ 4:30 p.m. Greek School Class

⇒ 6:00 p.m. JOY/HOPE - Family Picnic Night

Saturday, May 2

⇒ 6:00 p.m. *Vespers*

Sunday, May 3 | Sunday of Paralytic

⇒ 7:45 a.m. *Orthros* - 9:15 a.m. *Divine Liturgy*

⇒ Youth Catechism

⇒ *40 Day Memorial for Sexton Jim Keown*

⇒ *One Year Memorial for Elias Nassar*

Tuesday, May 5 | St. Irene the Great Martyr

⇒ Noon *Sixth Hour and Divine Liturgy*

Wednesday, May 6 | Mid Pentecost

⇒ 8:30 a.m. *Orthros and Divine Liturgy*

⇒ 5:00 p.m. Youth Evening Light

⇒ 6:00 p.m. *Vespers*

Thursday, May 7

⇒ 4:00 p.m. *Paraklesis*

⇒ 7:00 p.m. ARE-History of Our Faith - (virtual & in person) [Join here](#) Zoom ID 880-334-8094

Friday, May 8 | St. John the Theologian

⇒ 8:30 a.m. *Orthros and Divine Liturgy*

⇒ 4:30 p.m. Greek School Class



VISITATION ~ Please contact the church office if someone is in need of a clergy visit or to notify them of health issues.

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 Department of Adult Religious Education

History of our Faith

The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge. And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
Proverbs 18:9

Every Thursday from April 23 to June 4, 2026
6:30 PM-8:00 PM
Presented by Gerry Clonaris

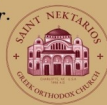
Presenting topics on the History of Our Faith.

- 4/23 The Resurrection of our Lord
- 4/30 The Creation (part 1)
- 5/7 The Creation (part 2)
- 5/14 The Theotokos
- 5/21 The Invisible World - Angels
- 5/28 Windows of Heaven - Iconography
- 6/4 The Apostles

These presentations are perfect for our new catechumens or for those who are considering joining our faith, as well as for anyone needing a refresher.



ZOOM ID FOR VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION:
880-334-8094



Our late Sexton, Jim, off the shore of Mt. Athos, Greece, October 2025.

MEMORIAL JIM IAKOVOS KEOWN

SUNDAY
MAY 3
COFFEE HOUR
SPONSORSHIPS
AVAILABLE

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Our community will offer the customary memorial prayers this coming
SUNDAY, MAY 3
at the end of the Divine Liturgy for
Sexton Jim Keown.

If you would like to help sponsor the coffee hour or make a different offering in Jim's memory, please contact our office.
May his memory be eternal!

THE METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA
PRESENTS OUR 5TH ANNUAL

Festival of Faith Retreat

MATTHEW 5:43-48
SERVING ONE ANOTHER

"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you"



REGISTER:

<https://campsci.active.com/orgs/GreekOrthodoxMetropolisofAtlantaWinterYOUTH Rally?season=3786333>

May 22-24, 2026
Alexios Diakonia
Center, Salem SC

Featured Sessions

**CLICK HERE
TO RSVP**

Navigating a Polarized World... and Dinner Table as Followers of Christ

Exploring the challenges of relationships in a world of differing beliefs, and how Christ, the Prince of Peace, guides us toward unity, understanding and stronger connections.

The Hospitality of the Heart

Exploring the peace of God through prayer, grace, mercy, and the beauty of becoming who God created us to be.

Care Teaching: The Four Chambers of the Heart

1. Having a Hospitable Heart Toward God
2. Having a Hospitable Heart Toward Self
3. Having a Hospitable Heart Toward Others
4. Living the Out in Daily Life

"Love Your Enemies": The Command That Offends Our Instincts

"Bless and Do Good": The Ascetic Practice of Non-Retaliation

"Pray for Those Who Persecute You": The Line Between Christianity and Everything Else

For more information, contact
Gerry Clonaris: 704-574-6179 or
gbcmtline@gmail.com

Keynote Speakers



Dr. Philip Mamalakis
Associate Professor Pastoral Care
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology



Georgia Mamalakis
Social Services Coordinator, St. Theodoros
Academy/St. Ephraim Home School



Fr. Gregory Edwards
Protopresbyter, Holy Cross
and Holy Trinity



**9010-D Monroe Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28270
704-443-7083**

STORE HOURS

**MONDAY & THURSDAY | 10 AM - 5 PM
SATURDAY, 10 AM - 4 PM**

**Volunteers needed to help in the store,
please contact Dee Drobonick**

**704-641-5960 or
deedrob519@gmail.com**

THE METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA
PRESENTS OUR 4TH ANNUAL

The Catechist Conference

July 5th and August 1st 2026 | 9:00A - 5:00P

LEARN MORE ABOUT
TEACHING FOR ALL



REGISTER TODAY!

Includes lightbreakfast,
lunch, educational
programming, and
relationship-building

This conference is open to all, including teachers of Sunday Catechism, Adult Religious educators, parents and grandparents of catechism students, Parish Team Ministry leaders, and Clergy

2 Dates, 2 Locations, 4 Featured Speakers

July 25 | Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Charlotte, NC



Rev. Father Panayiotis Papageorgiou

Fr. Panayiotis was born in Cyprus and holds degrees in Chemical Engineering from City College of New York and the University of Notre Dame, a Master of Divinity from Holy Cross, and a Ph.D. in Early Christian Studies from The Catholic University of America. He has served as a priest in the United States and Cyprus for 38 years and has taught Orthodox theology in Cyprus, Jerusalem, Canada, and the United States. For the past 18 years he has been the pastor of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Marietta, Georgia. He is the author of Homilies on Romans by St. John Chrysostom, Volume 1 and CEO of the online ministry Trisagion Films. He is married to Presvytera Catherine and they have two children and grandchildren.



Dr. Ann Mitsakos Bezerides

Dr. Ann Mitsakos Bezerides is the Executive Director of the CrossRoad Institute and Director of the Office of Vocation & Ministry at Hellenic College Holy Cross, where she teaches Youth Ministry and oversees the Certificate in Youth & Young Adult Ministry and Leadership. She has edited and contributed to two essay collections, *Christ at Work: Orthodox Christian Perspectives of Vocation and Eastern Orthodox Christianity and Higher Education*. She is also the co-author of *Find Your Telos: Discover What Orthodox Young Adults & Parishes Can Create Together*. Her work focuses on vocation, youth ministry, and leadership within the Orthodox Church. She holds degrees from Middlebury College (BA), St. Vladimir's Seminary (M.Div.), and Boston College (PhD).

August 1 | Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church, Boca Raton, FL



Father Anthony Salzman

Father Anthony Salzman graduated from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology Summa Cum Laude in 1989. He spent the next 6 years studying the Art of Byzantine iconography under Master iconographer Kosta Photiades in Thessaloniki, Greece. He is serving the Church of St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church in Watkinsville, Ga., since 1999. He is married to Christine and has two sons, Stephanos and Maximos and two grandchildren Amalia and Silas.



Dr. Eve Tibbs

Dr. Eve Tibbs is the author of *A Basic Guide to Eastern Orthodox Theology: Introducing Beliefs and Practices and Seeing the Gospel: An Interpretive Guide to Orthodox Icons*. Dr. Tibbs currently serves as a member of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches representing the Ecumenical Patriarchate. She is the Ministry Lead for Adult Christian Education and a member of the Metropolis Council of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco.

For more information on the July 25th session, contact Gerry Clonaris at 704.574.6179 or Dr. Thomas Copulos at 561.706.3562 regarding August 1st.



SUBMIT NAMES OF THE LIVING FOR PARAKLESIS

Paraklesis Prayer service is offered on

Thursdays - 4:00 p.m.

You may submit names of the living (first names only) to the church office or you may respond to this email. Names will be commemorated for five weeks.

St. Nektarios Endowment

2026 COCKINOS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Accepting Applications
April 5 to May 10

For Students
25 years and younger

One (1) \$2000 Award
Scholar of Distinction

up to (5) \$1000 Awards
from random drawing

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

Awards Announced on
Endowment Sunday, June 7, 2026
after Divine Liturgy

Additional Grant Opportunities
available for Youth 18 or Younger



NEW VISIT & SHARE OUR CAMPAIGN WEBPAGE!

STNEKTARIOS.ORG/BFG

- View fundraising progress
- Watch immersive video tour
- Make a commitment & more!



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FOR YOUR SAFETY IN THE CHURCH

- Emergency exits are located in each side chapel area in the nave and the bottom of both stairwells.
- **In case of a fire alarm** — all are instructed to use the closest exit to evacuate the building and go directly to the hall for further instructions. Do not go to your vehicles. The Fire Department is on its way and they ask that the parking lot be clear of any traffic.
- **Sudden Illness** — Notify the nearest usher if you or someone in your family is having an emergency or not feeling well. We will identify a first aider who can provide necessary assistance.
- **Nave Aisles** — Please keep the aisles clear of children playing and any tripping hazards.
- **Strollers** — Strollers may be stored in the stairwell by the family room.
- **Adult Supervision** — We ask our families that the youth be under adult supervision at all times.
- **For the safety of our youth**, children should not run on the plaza, play on the stage in the hall, or play unsupervised in the playground and parking lot.
- **Please use special care** in the upper level, especially with small children. No standing is allowed at the center section rail.

The 2nd Annual

Clay Sporting Tournament

→ Thursday, May 7, 2026
→ Meadow Wood Farms in Waxhaw, NC

\$1000 Register Individually or as a team! **\$250** Per Person

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Access to the 13-Station Course
- Breakfast and Lunch
- Entry to the Silent Auction
- Chance to Win Prizes



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DATES JUNE 22-26

Boys & Girls
7-14 Years Old

Camp Hours
9:00AM-2:00PM

Camp Venue
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2700 McKee Rd, Charlotte, NC 28270

\$265 SIGN UP FEE

More info +1 (704) 835-5920 soccereventsgr@gmail.com

ST. NEKTARIOS MISSIONS AND PHILANTHROPY MINISTRY

*2026 Calendar
Trip & Service Opportunities*

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INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

Volunteers needed for various charities
Sign-up online at www.iocc.org
Must be 14 or older (details online)



Scan Here For Samaritan's Purse

Local, National and International Opportunities

SATURDAY, MAY 16 | 8 AM-12 PM CHARITY DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT CLEAN OUT YOUR FILES

Donation will benefit Missions and Philanthropy Ministry
St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church - 5108 Kuykendall Rd.

SATURDAY, MAY 23 | 9 AM - 12 PM Samaritan's Feet Shoe Sorting

Contact: Kate Caltis at kate/caltis@gmail.com; Missy Davis at millitsa@bellsouth.net;
Dennis Kokenes at dkokenes324@gmail.com; Tim Klund at tklund.tk@gmail.com



Volunteer Opportunity: IOCC Action Teams – Irwin, Tennessee

We are joining two IOCC Action Teams in Irwin, Tennessee, to assist with ongoing recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene.

DATES: MAY 26TH - 30TH | AUGUST 16TH - 22ND

No special skills are required - just a willing heart and a strong spirit of service!

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Youth ages 16-17 may participate if accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or authorized group leader.

For more information, scan the QR code.

If you are interested in serving,

Please contact Missy Davis at

704-618-2289 or millitsa@bellsouth.net.



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- ◆ Use your banking bill pay



BLOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, MAY 16

10 AM - 3 PM

**St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church
5108 Kuykendall Road,
Charlotte, NC 28270**

CLICK HERE TO SCHEDULE THE TIME

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VACATION CHURCH CAMP

JUNE 22-25 • 9AM-12PM • GRADES R-5

OUT OF THIS EARTH



VISIT STNEKTARIOS.ORG/YOUTH TO REGISTER BY JUNE 15

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



MEN'S GROUP

INVITES MEN 18+ TO GATHER
FOR DISCUSSION & FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY, 5/16 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

St. Nektarios SLC - Lower Level Room H.

Refreshments will be provided.

Attendees are encouraged to stay for Vespers at 6 p.m.

Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

We invite you to become a Philoptochos member in 2026

"... 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind'; and 'your neighbor as yourself.' " Luke 10:27



BOOKSTORE

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

 The St. Sophia School

2026

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