



May 7, 2026

# E-BULLETIN

NOTICES AND REMINDERS FOR THE NEXT 10 DAYS

**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

**Saturday, May 9**

6:00 p.m. *Vespers*

**Sunday, May 10 | Sunday of Samaritan Woman | Mother's Day**

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

⇒ Youth Catechism

⇒ **Endowment Scholarship - last day accepting applications**

**Tuesday, May 12 | St. Epiphanius of Cyprus**

⇒ 6:30 a.m. *First Hour and Divine Liturgy*

**Wednesday, May 13**

⇒ 5:00 p.m. Youth "Evening Light" Program

⇒ 6:00 p.m. *Vespers*

**Thursday, May 14**

⇒ 4:00 p.m. *Paraklesis*

⇒ 5:00 p.m. Young At Heart Mother's Day Dinner (see insert)

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

**Friday, May 15**

⇒ 4:30 p.m. Last Day of Greek School Class

**Saturday, May 16**

⇒ 8:00 a.m. Shredding Event

⇒ 10:00 a.m. Blood Drive

⇒ 4:00 p.m. Men's Group

⇒ 6:00 p.m. *Vespers*

**Sunday, May 17 | Sunday of the Blind Man**

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

⇒ Youth Catechism Ends



**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](http://www.stnektarios.org) ~ 5108 Kuykendall Rd. Charlotte, NC 28270  
[office@stnektarios.org](mailto:office@stnektarios.org) ~ 704-708-4669



**VACATION CHURCH CAMP**  
JUNE 22-25 • 9AM-12PM • GRADES R-5

**OUT OF THIS EARTH**



SAINT NEKTARIOS  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

VISIT [STNEKTARIOS.ORG/YOUTH](http://STNEKTARIOS.ORG/YOUTH) TO REGISTER BY JUNE 15

St. Nektarios  
Greek Orthodox Church  
*Young at Heart*  
**Mother's Day Tribute**



Dinner Gathering  
**Thursday, May 14, 2026**  
Following 4:00 Paraklesis  
**5:00 Wine & Cheese Social**  
**5:30 Meatloaf Dinner**  
served with mashed potatoes, green beans and salad

*We will be sharing our photo library of our Moms  
Please contact the office to add your photo*

RSVP  
May 10, 2026  
online or  
call the office  
704-708-4669

THANK YOU  
to our sponsor  
**George Couchell**  
in memory of his  
Mom



Thank you to Picadeli's Pub-In-Deli for preparing our meal

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"*

**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




**REGISTER:**  
<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/GreekOrthodoxMetropolisofAtlantaWinterYouthRally?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.*

**Core 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  
gcbmktline@gmail.com

**WILMINGTON GREEK FESTIVAL**

**MAY 15-17**  
**11AM - 9PM**  
(CLOSES SUNDAY 5PM)



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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 (Ph.D.).

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.

**HYBRID OFFERINGS!**  
To reach a broader audience, all sessions will be offered both live and virtually

**CLICK HERE TO RSVP**

## 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](http://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



# YOUTH NEWS WEEK OF MAY 4, 2026



# GREEK SOCCER CAMP

COACHED BY PRO SOCCER PLAYERS

**DATES** **JUNE 22-26**

Boys & Girls  
7-14 Years Old

Camp Hours  
9:00AM-2:00PM

Camp Venue  
Hellenic Park  
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*

Scan Here For IOCC



### INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

Volunteers needed for various charities  
Sign-up online at [www.iocc.org](http://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](mailto:kate/caltis@gmail.com); Missy Davis at [millitsa@bellsouth.net](mailto:millitsa@bellsouth.net);  
Dennis Kokenes at [dkokenes324@gmail.com](mailto:dkokenes324@gmail.com); Tim Klund at [tklund.tk@gmail.com](mailto: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 26<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup> | AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup>**

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](mailto:millitsa@bellsouth.net).



### Giving Options for Your Stewardship, offering and More

- ◆ Go to [www.stnektarios.org](http://www.stnektarios.org); select online giving
- ◆ 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**

**Oneblood will give donors  
\$20 e-gift card**

**Donate Blood and save a life**



# 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



Scan the QR Code for more info and registration.

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REGISTRATION  
ENDS ON 5/18

ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK  
LANGUAGE SCHOOL  
JULY 27-30, 2026

\$60/camper



ΕΛΑΤΕ ΝΑ  
ΠΑΙΞΟΥΜΕ!  
COME, LET'S PLAY!

A Greek Language Immersion Camp

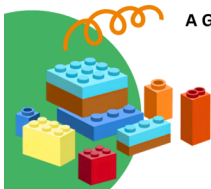
9 AM - 12 PM

Snacks will be provided

### ACTIVITIES

FAITH, MUSIC, DANCE  
LEGO, SPORTS, CRAFTS,  
GAMES AND MORE!

No prior knowledge in the Greek  
Language is required.



ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
Contact: Anastasia K. Holevas  
akholevas24@gmail.com

## 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



### 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

## FULL TIME TK PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS OPEN

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ON LEARNING!"



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