



## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2023 AS OF SEPTEMBER 5

### SUNDAY SERVICES

7:45 a.m. Matins 9:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy

### WEEKLY PARAKLESIS

4:00 p.m. on Thursdays

### WEEKLY VESPERS SERVICES

5:00 p.m. on Saturdays

OTHER WEEKDAY SERVICES (SEE ATTACHED CALENDARS FOR MORE SERVICES)

- **Fri. Sep 8, 8:30 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy - Nativity of the Theotokos
- **Sat. Sep 9, 8:30 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy - Synaxis for Sts. Joachim and Anna
- **Wed. Sep 13, 6:00 p.m.** Vespers and Artoclasia for the Exaltation of the Cross
- **Thu. Sep 14, 10:45 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy - Exaltation of the Cross
- **Wed. Sep 20, 6:00 p.m.** Ninth Hour and Divine Liturgy - St. Eustathios
- **Tue. Sep 26, 8:30 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy - Dormition of St. John
- **Tue. Oct 3, 6:30 a.m.** First Hour and Divine Liturgy - St. Dionysios the Areopagite
- **Fri. Oct. 6, 8:30 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy - St. Thomas the Apostle/ St. Kendeas of Cyprus
- **Thu. Oct 12, 6:30 a.m.** First Hour and Divine Liturgy - St. Symeon the New Theologian

### IN THIS MAILING:

- 5K-Walk/Run
- 25th Anniversary Gala
- Adult Religious Education
- Blood Drive
- Building for Generations
- Calendars for September & October
- Charlotte Crop Hunger Walk
- Greek School Language Program
- HUMS Retreat
- IOCC
- Marriage Seminar
- Missions & Philanthropy
- Online Giving
- Orthodox Film Club
- Philoptochos
- Pontian Society
- Shredding for Charity
- St. Panteleimon Home School
- Young at Heart
- Youth Catechism & Youth Ministries

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# COMMUNITY BULLETIN

## SUNDAY SERVICE START TIMES

We have introduced Odes I, III, and IX of the Canon to the Matins service. To allow time for these odes to be included, Matins will now begin at 7:45 a.m. The Liturgy start time remains at 9:15 a.m.

## PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like any items added to the agenda, contact the office by the preceding Wednesday.

## SERVICES LIVE STREAM

To view services, please go to:

- ♦ St. Nektarios website, [www.stnektarios.org](http://www.stnektarios.org)
- ♦ YouTube page, St. Nektarios Church-Charlotte, NC
- ♦ Facebook page, St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church

## BETTER LATE THAN NEVER BOOK CLUB

Better Late Than Never is a book club organized to re-visit (or read for the first time) some classics and chat about them over refreshments. The meeting is the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Red Rock Café, 4223 Providence Rd. For more information contact Maria Demakis - 704-756-2057 or [maria\\_p29@hotmail.com](mailto:maria_p29@hotmail.com).

- ♦ **September 26<sup>th</sup>**, Happy Place by Emily Henry

## SUNDAY LITURGICAL GIFTS

You may make a financial gift to help defray the cost of the sacramental wine or the Prospora that are used for Holy Communion. Please note on the memo line of your check "Holy Communion" or "Prospora." You may also donate a bottle or can of pure olive oil which is then blessed at the Shrine of St. Nektarios and is offered in the anointing kits. For additional information contact the church office 704-708-4669.

## UPCOMING SECOND TRAYS

- ♦ **Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** — by Philoptochos to benefit Hellenic College/Holy Cross
- ♦ **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** — to benefit the Scholarship fund for member(s) to attend the Liturgical Arts Academy
- ♦ **Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>** — by Philoptochos to benefit the Ecumenical Patriarchate

## NARROW PATH BOOK STORE

Visit the store for your Liturgical shopping. Open on Sundays for 30 minutes after the Divine Liturgy.

## SUBMIT NAMES OF THE LIVING FOR PARAKLESIS

The Paraklesis prayer service is offered on **Thursday, at 4:00 p.m.** You may submit names of the living (first names only) to the church office. Names to be commemorated for five weeks.

## CHURCH MOUSE THRIFT STORE

- ♦ Monday & Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
  - ♦ Saturday - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 9010-D Monroe Rd. Charlotte, NC 28270  
704-443-7083.

## ST. PHOEBE - UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ **Sept. 23<sup>th</sup>**, Samaritan's Feet Service Project (off-site.)
- ♦ **Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**, Ministry Meeting (SLC.)
- ♦ **Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**, Baby Bundles Service Project (off-site.)
- ♦ **Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>**, Second Harvest Food Bank Service Project (off-site.)
- ♦ **Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Diaper Bank of NC Service Project (off site.)

## CUB SCOUT PACK 490

All rising kindergarten-5th Graders who are interested in scouting may contact John Lowen - 704-299-6192 or email - [john.lowen@jlowen.com](mailto:john.lowen@jlowen.com). Still time to sign-up.

## NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR

- 1) Parish Council
- 2) Board of Elections
- 3) Board of Auditors

The 2023 nominating committee is now accepting names of members who are interested in running for Parish Council, Board of Elections, or Board of Auditors.

To submit a name or for more information, contact a member of the Nominating Committee:

- Despina Gallis, Nominating Committee Chair, [despinagallis@yahoo.com](mailto:despinagallis@yahoo.com)
- Theodora Sextstone, [theodora@tristatetrading.com](mailto:theodora@tristatetrading.com)
- George Demakis, [gdemakis@uncc.edu](mailto:gdemakis@uncc.edu)
- Missy Davis, [militsa@bellsouth.net](mailto:militsa@bellsouth.net)
- Mark Malatras, [mmalatras@gmail.com](mailto:mmalatras@gmail.com)
- Maria Mortis, [maria.tzefos@gmail.com](mailto:maria.tzefos@gmail.com)

Candidacy packets will be available at the Receptionist Desk Table at the church office beginning in September.

Nominations will be presented at the **Parish Assembly on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** following the Divine Liturgy.

*Founders and Newcomers Sunday*  
**Sunday, October 15, 2023**  
*A Special Brunch Following the Divine Liturgy*  
*To begin our 25th Anniversary Celebration*

Honoring our Charter Members  
who took the first steps to our future 25 years ago.  
Welcoming our newest members who continue the journey.

## 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

ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, NC

# YOUTH MINISTRY 2023 FALL EVENTS

SEP  
17

CATECHISM  
BEGINS

HOPE/JOY 5:30-  
KICKOFF 7PM

SEP  
22

SEP  
24

GOYA KICKOFF  
5:30 - 7PM, WEEKLY

FIRST FRIDAYS  
JOY/HOPE: 5:30 - 7PM

FIRST  
FRIDAY OF  
EVERY  
MONTH

OCT  
27

FALL FUN NIGHT  
JOY/HOPE: 5:30 - 7PM

GOYA LOCK-IN  
FRI. 5:30 - SAT. 12PM

NOV  
21-22

## Welcome Back

to our Catechism  
students and teachers on  
September 17

## Come

and pickup a helpful tool for  
students to begin the year

## and Imagine

our new and improved  
classrooms in the  
Ministry Center



# YOUTH CATECHISM

+ 2023-24 +

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

CLASSES BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

OR Scan the QR Code  
to Register



**Holy Unmercenaries Medical Society**  
**2023 Fall Retreat Sept 29 - Oct 1 Registration Form**

Metropolis of Atlanta Diakonia Center  
 455 Quail Ridge Rd, Salem SC 29676

*"Cultivating Spiritual and Physical Wellness in a World of Illness"*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Health care affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse HC Affiliation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Fee:	Healthcare professional	Single \$250	Couple \$350
	Student	Single \$125	Couple \$175

Total funds: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Fee covers Dinner Friday, 3 meals and reception Saturday, Lunch Sunday  
 Two nights lodging and educational materials

Please print, fill out and mail with a check to:

St Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church ATTN: HUMS  
 5108 Kuykendall Rd, Charlotte, NC 28270

*We will make every attempt to accommodate all registrants. Lodging will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.*



**HUMS**  
**Holy Unmercenaries Medical Society**  
**of the Holy Metropolis of Atlanta**  
 Annual Retreat  
**SEPT 29 – OCT 1, 2023**  
**Where:** Metropolis of Atlanta Diakonia  
 Retreat Center, Salem SC



**Theme:** "Cultivating Spiritual and Physical  
 Wellness in a World of Illness"

**Book Club Discussion September 29 evening:**

The Theology of Illness by Jean-Claude Larchet

<https://www.amazon.com/Theology-Illness-Jean-Claude-Larchet/dp/0881412392>

**Keynote Speakers September 30:**

**Ms. Christy Tsilimigras Buck**

Executive Director of the Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan. Since 2006, she and her staff have passionately presented to over 300,000 people on mental health awareness. She will present her message of hope, recovery, and empowerment through Putting on Christ with the be nice action plan. Her goal is that participants will understand the importance of spiritual health vs other types of health and wellness, that spirituality is a protective factor for mental health, and offer an action plan to help ourselves and others when it comes to mental health.



**Dr. Daniel B. Hinshaw**

Professor Emeritus of Surgery at the University of Michigan, Consultant in Palliative Care at the University of Michigan Geriatrics Center, Sessional Professor of Palliative Care at St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary (2012-2020) and visiting professor at Transilvania University in Romania and Balamand University in Lebanon. He is the author of several books including *Suffering and the Nature of Healing*, 2013, *Touch and the Healing of the World*, 2017, and the forthcoming volume, *Journey to Simplicity: The Life and Wisdom of Archimandrite Roman Braga* from SVS Press. In 2018 he was a visiting professor at the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study where he worked on his recently published book, *Thriving in the Face of Mortality: Kenosis and the Mystery of Life*, Cascade Books, 2023.

**Orthodox Film Club**  
 Presents  
**ANDREI RUBLEV**  
 (PRESENTED IN TWO PARTS)

*"IT IS NOT A FILM THAT NEEDS TO BE PROCESSED OR EVEN UNDERSTOOD, ONLY EXPERIENCED AND WONDERED AT."*  
 -Steve Rose, Guardian

**PART I: SEPTEMBER 9 @ 6:30PM**  
**PART II: SEPTEMBER 10 @ 6:30PM**

**ST NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH - SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER**  
 5108 KUYKENDALL RD, CHARLOTTE, NC 28270

*\*\*While this film is based on the life of Saint Andrei Rublev, it does contain mature themes and is not suitable for all ages. Viewer discretion is advised.\*\**

INTRODUCING...

**ST. PANTELEIMON  
 HOMESCHOOL ACADEMY**

Supporting our families who choose home education for their children by providing an enriching, Orthodox-centered educational community,  
 for Kindergarten through middle school age children.

Current offerings include:  
**Science • History • Art • Orthodox Studies • Byzantine Chant**

Weekly classes begin September 7 and vary between Thursdays and Fridays from 9am - 1pm. Spaces are available, but limited. To apply follow the link or QR code below! Questions? contact Kathryn Baker at [plsc304@gmail.com](mailto:plsc304@gmail.com)

<https://forms.gle/xeqUGJYHqsCUiwWt6>

**Registrations will be closed on September 7<sup>th</sup> and will open back in December for the second semester.**



ST. NEKTARIOS  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
*25th Anniversary*

*Gala Celebration*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023**  
**6 PM TO MIDNIGHT**  
**HILTON CENTER CITY**  
**222 East Third Street**

**Special Presentation**

*Remembering our First 25 Years*  
*with a Tribute to Fr. Steve Dalber*

6PM Cocktail Reception with Hors D'oeuvres  
Followed by a Surf and Turf Dinner Feast

\$175 per person by October 1 // \$200 per person after October 1  
\$2500 Premium Table (*includes 10 seats and special amenities*)

*Celebrate the Past*  
*Honor the Present*  
*Build for the Future*

Dancing to  
Live Greek/American Music by  
Nick Trevelas and the Aegeans  
and DJ Arabic Music by  
Al-Shams

Free Parking

Proceeds Benefit the  
Ministry Work of St. Nektarios

**St. Nektarios 25th Anniversary Celebration**

To make your reservation or donation, please return this bottom reply form with your payment by October 1 for early discount

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list all guests on the back side.*

Prepaid Reservation/ Donation Remittance	
<input type="checkbox"/> PERSON @ \$175 (PRIOR to October 1)	Number of people ____ at \$ 175 = ____
<input type="checkbox"/> PERSON @ \$200 (AFTER October 1)	Number of people ____ at \$ 200 = ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Table of 10 people: \$1750 (BY to October 1)	Number of tables ____ at \$ 1750 = ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Table of 10 people: \$2000 (AFTER October 1)	Number of tables ____ at \$ 2000 = ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Premium Table: \$2500	Number of tables ____ at \$ 2500 = ____
<input type="checkbox"/> I will not be able to attend, please accept my donation	\$ _____
_____ Full Payment enclosed (CHECK # _____)      OR _____ Paid on line Use QR code to pay online or go to <a href="http://www.stnektarios.org">www.stnektarios.org</a> and select online giving. Scroll to down to Community Events.	



\_\_\_\_\_ **PLEASE ASSIGN THE BEST AVAILABLE SEAT AT TIME OF PURCHASE**

Individual seats will be assigned when paid in full. Entire table will be assigned when ALL 10 tickets paid in full or premium table is purchased.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I PREFER TO SELECT MY OWN SEAT ON SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH AT THE GALA TABLE (ONLY available on Sundays)**

Make checks payable to St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church — In the memo "Celebration".

Return or mail Reply Form to: St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church, 5108 Kuykendall Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270

For more information, contact Pam Copsis at 704-953-6906 or Phyllis Gianakopoulos at 704-576-5880.

For overnight accommodations: contact the Hilton Hotel at 704-377-1500 and mention St. Nektarios 25th Anniversary Gala for our room reservations.



**BUILDING *global* RESILIENCE**

## Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk

10/22/23 @ 1:30 PM

Fighting Hunger Locally and Around the World! Benefiting Loaves & Fishes/Friendship Trays, Crisis Assistance Ministry, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina and Church World Service. Location: American Legion Memorial Stadium. For more info: 704-333-9255; kristine@charlottecropwalk.org

[crop hungerwalk.org/charlottenc](http://crop hungerwalk.org/charlottenc)



## Are You the Best Home Chef in Charlotte? JOIN US FOR A TASTE OF IOCC!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023 ~ 6:00PM

St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church  
5108 Kuykendall Rd | Charlotte, NC 28270

Prepare your signature dish, and attendees will vote for the top three in each category at this fun, casual event. Learn about IOCC's worldwide work and enjoy delicious homemade food and live music.

Signature dish competition categories include:

**HORS D'OEUVRES • MAIN DISHES • DESSERTS**

Ticket: \$40 • Ticket with Food Competition Entry: \$10  
Register by September 23!

Purchase tickets online at [iocc.org/charlotte](http://iocc.org/charlotte)

Or contact Elaine Fagan (704.936.6566) or Missy Davis (704.618.2289) for registrations or questions.



# DONATE BLOOD

St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church  
**Saturday, September 16**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

All donors receive\*:

- \$20 eGift Card
- OneBlood T-shirt
- Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: The average human heart pumps 2000 gallons of blood each day.

Donors Receive



- PLUS -



- PLUS -



Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use sponsor code 43030

ID REQUIRED

\*See offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not redeemable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit [oneblood.org/giftcards](http://oneblood.org/giftcards).



# SHREDDING FOR CHARITY

**Saturday, September 16**  
**8:00 am to 1:00 pm**

ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
5108 Kuykendall Rd -- Charlotte, NC

Don't miss this opportunity to declutter and protect your personal information by properly disposing of sensitive documents.

Free-will donations are accepted.

Suggested donation of \$35 per 95-gallon bin.



Any donation will benefit St. Nektarios' Missions and Philanthropy Ministry.

Start cleaning out your files!



# Ladies Philoptochos Society

of St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church

## Compassion in Action

Philoptochos invites you to celebrate the beginning of a new ecclesiastical year

Thursday, September 21st  
6:30 pm

The Open Kitchen  
1318 W. Morehead St,  
Charlotte, NC

Caravan travel/  
bus travel  
from  
St. Nektarios  
departing at  
6 pm to the  
restaurant.

\$30 per person in total, individually paid at the restaurant.  
Includes **entree choice**, garden salad, iced tea,  
coffee, water and bread.  
Any other drinks for purchase at the bar.

Entree choices (to be told to wait staff): Chicken  
Barcelona, Veal Barcelona, Chicken Parmigiana,  
Veal Parmigiana, Ravioli Parmigiana,  
Lasagne Parmigiana or Baked Ziti.

Must RSVP to Philoptochos at  
[philoptochos@stnektarios.org](mailto:philoptochos@stnektarios.org)  
by September 15th  
to give the restaurant a head count.


Questions? Contact Renee Keretses at  
704-989-6038 or [rkeretses@gmail.com](mailto:rkeretses@gmail.com).

## 2ND TRAY

Sept 17, 2023  
supporting



Ways to make your donation:

- Scan the QR Code here 
- Make your check payable to Ladies Philoptochos with "HCHC" in the memo
- Bring to church on Sept 19th to place in the Second Tray
- Mail to the church, attn. LPS—HCHC
- Use the PayPal link on the Philoptochos webpage, [www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos](http://www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos)

### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday	Sept. 16	11:30 AM	Metropolis Agape Luncheon in Raleigh
Sunday	Sept. 17		Pass second tray to benefit HC/HC
Thursday	Sept. 21	6:30 PM	General Meeting at Open Kitchen
Sunday	Oct. 1		Bake sale Pre-orders begin
Friday	Oct. 6	6 to 7 PM	Self-care presentation on Personal Finance
Saturday	Oct. 14	9:00 AM	Preparing Spanakopita
Sunday	Oct. 22		Brunch Ticket Sales begin
Tuesday	Oct. 24	9:30 AM	Baking day - Kourambiethes
Sunday	Oct. 29		Pass second tray to benefit Patriarchate
Wednesday	Nov. 1		Host Coffee Hour for National Feast day commemoration for St. Cosmas and Damianos.
Thursday	Nov. 2	9:00 AM	Baking Day—Koulourakia
Friday	Nov. 3	5:30 PM	Host Spaghetti Dinner at JOY/HOPE First Friday and Snack Pack Service Project
Wednesday	Nov. 8	7:30 PM	Hosting Reception following Feast Day Vespers
Friday	Nov. 10	9:30 AM	Baking day - Baklava
Saturday	Nov. 11	9:30 AM	Baking day - Baklava
Sunday	Nov. 19	1:00 PM	Deck the Halls Party
Saturday	Dec. 2	11:00 AM	<b>Philoptochos Brunch</b>
Monday	Jan. 1		Vasilopita Blessing and Cutting
Sunday	Jan. 7		Pass second tray for St. Basil Academy
Sunday	Jan. 28	11:30 AM	Membership Tea



SAVE THE DATE  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2023  
DOORS OPEN AT 7:00PM / DINNER  
8:00PM

PONTIAN SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH  
"OI ARGONAYTES"  
5TH ANNUAL DANCE

PLACE:  
HOLY TRINITY GREEK CHURCH  
600 East Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28203

FOOD & DRINK  
LIVE GREEK & PONTIAN MUSIC

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FROM:  
SPYROS ASLANIDIS  
336-406-7664  
NOPI  
704-771-5789  
KOSTAS  
DELIGIANNIDIS  
803-416-2846

PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER  
25th, 2023



STEVE KYRIAKIDIS  
LYRIA/SINGER  
MAINE

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS  
COMING SOON WITH HOTEL  
RATES !!!

MORE INFORMATION

- ARTISTS
- TICKET PRICES
- DANCERS

COMING SOON !!!



The Family Life Ministry of the Greek Orthodox  
Metropolis of Atlanta Presents:

Preparing for the Journey of Marriage  
In the Orthodox Church

2023 — Virtual

Every Second Saturday of the Month

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A one-day workshop for couples getting married in the Orthodox Church



- ◆ Discover God's purpose for marriage
- ◆ Learn how to work toward oneness
- ◆ Avoid the pitfalls that lead couples toward divorce
- ◆ Establish good patterns for relating to one another
- ◆ Get to know more about each other

Please follow the link below to register

<https://atlm.etropolis.org/pre-marital-seminars-journey-of-marriage>

'And so Marriage is a road: It starts out from the earth and ends in the heaven'  
Amfilanos of Simonopetra

Please contact: [flmpremarital@gmail.com](mailto:flmpremarital@gmail.com)  
with any further questions or needs.

St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church  
AFTERNOON GREEK LANGUAGE PROGRAM  
**Discover through Language**



**Welcoming Learners  
In PK (4-Year olds) to 5th Grades**

Fridays, beginning OCTOBER 6, 2023  
through May 2024

**1st Fridays**

Classes held in person from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
followed by JOY/HOPE First Fridays with dinner included

**2nd, 3rd, & 4th Fridays**

Classes will be held in person from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
From 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm ~ Beyond the Classroom  
Learning through games, dancing, music, and more

**Online Practice**

An interactive speaking and listening session  
offered for each level on a separate day during the week

**MISSION**

An interdisciplinary program promoting the Orthodox Christian  
Faith and introducing the Hellenic Language and Culture in a  
positive learning environment.

\$80 for first family  
member per month  
\$65 for each  
additional member

**Registration Now Open**

Visit our Information Table  
each Sunday in September during  
Fellowship Coffee Hour  
for forms and more

For more information  
contact:  
Anastasia Holevas  
704-517-7049  
jgholevas@earthlink.net

**ST. NEKTARIOS  
MISSIONS AND PHILANTHROPY MINISTRY**

*2024 Mission Trip Opportunities  
and Service Projects*



with  
Fr. Luke Varonis,  
Director for the  
Missions Institute  
of Orthodox  
Christianity  
(Zoom Presentation)

Be part of  
the  
Mission  
Work  
of the  
Church



Chef Peter Reinhart  
will be preparing  
Focaccia  
served with salad  
and a Githeri  
sampling

**THU. OCT. 26, 2023**

**AT 7PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Preview & Planning/Sign-up

See When and How You Can Serve

Medical, building, teaching and more...

**FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:**

Tim Klund tklund.tk@gmail.com  
Missy Davis militsa@bellsouth.net  
Kate Caltis kate.caltis@gmail.com

**SIX YEARS OF 5K**

**TAKING STEPS OUT OF HOMELESSNESS**

**JOIN OUR 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**ST.NEKTARIOS TAKING STEPS 5K WALK/RUN**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2023 | 8:00 AM**

**to Benefit Charlotte area Homeless Women & Children**

- ◆ Shelter Health Services provides free healthcare to homeless women and children.
- ◆ St. Hermione Home offers a warm and nurturing environment for women without home and homeless pregnant women.



Registration & Sponsorship are open  
For more information contact us at  
[Info@StNektariostakingsteps5K.com](mailto:Info@StNektariostakingsteps5K.com)  
Or Visit [www.StNektariosTakingSteps5K.com](http://www.StNektariosTakingSteps5K.com)



# St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church *Young at Heart*

## An Invitation to Join

Offering a social and supportive network,  
Fostering relationships among our senior members 55 and older

To Join or Renew for September 2023 to June 2024:

- Complete the Registration form below.
- There is a **one-time \$20.00 per person suggested** membership offering to defray the cost of Regular Meeting meals, programs and activities. (Additional fees apply for outings, trips and the Christmas Celebration). *We love having guests at our regular meetings and ask for a \$5.00 donation for any non-members who attend.*
- Kindly submit your offering with your registration to the church office by Sept. 8, 2023
- For those with email, meeting reminders and RSVP's will be done via email in addition to our phone tree.

*(The board realizes that there are some members who are not in a position to contribute. Please do not let it keep you from joining. Membership Sponsorships are available, contact Evelyn Klund at 704-708-4669.)*



### *For our 55 and Older Members and Friends* 2022-23 Membership Registration Form or Use QR Code

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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# BECOMING ORTHODOX

FALL 2023 · FRIDAYS 7:00-8:30 P.M.

- September 29** *Introduction* — Meet & greet clergy and fellow students, learn the hierarchical historical context of our parish, and receive an overview of the course.
- October 6** *The Temple* — A clergy-led walkthrough (including Q & A) of our temple to help deepen the catechumen's experience of the sacred space.
- October 13** *Fundamental Doctrines: God · Creation · Humanity · the Fall* — Gain a basic understanding of these core teachings of the Orthodox Christian faith.
- October 20** *Holy Mysteries: Baptism - Chrismation - Eucharist* — Learn how our salvation in Jesus Christ is actualized in the life-giving Mysteries ("Sacraments") of the Church.
- October 27** *Holy Mysteries: Ordination, Confession, Unction, Marriage* — A further look at other Mysteries of the Church and how they impact the lives of the faithful.
- November 3** *Historical Overview* — Touch on significant historical moments in the life of the Church over the last two millennia.
- November 10** *The Ecumenical Councils* — Learn about the significance of the Church as a body that meets challenges in each era in a conciliar way.
- November 17** *The Saints* — Who are the saints? Why and how do we interact with them? What do they teach us about ourselves?
- December 1** *Life and Death* — Exploring our Orthodox Faith in the context of everyday life, and in the face of the inevitable end of our biological existence.
- December 15** *The Local Parish* — A recap of the whole course, with an emphasis on how we are the Universal Church here in our little corner of the world.

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7 to 8PM

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## **Book Study - Tuesdays**

Beginning Sept. 19, 7PM// Virtual only

**Face to Face: Knowing God beyond our Shame**  
*by Fr. Stephen Freeman*



## **Men's Bible Study - Mondays**

Beginning Sept. 25, 7AM//Virtual and in person  
on the Book of Genesis



## **Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays**

Beginning Sept. 27, 10AM// Virtual and in person  
on the Book of Genesis



## **Evening Bible Study - Wednesdays**

Beginning Sept. 27, 7PM// Virtual and in person  
on the Book of Genesis



## **Becoming Orthodox - Fridays**

Beginning Sept. 29, 7PM// in person only  
See schedule of topics



## **Special Holiday Presentation**

Sunday, Nov. 29

6PM Byzantine Choral Exhibition

7PM Opera Carolina Christmas at St. Nektarios



## **Orthodox Film Club - Next Screenings**

- Andrei Rublev, in 2 parts  
on Sept. 9 and 10 at 6:30PM

- Man of God, November 4 at 6PM

Watch announcements for upcoming  
screenings.





# ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## September, 2023

As of 9/5/2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> <b>Transfer of the Relics of St. Nektarios</b> Metropolis Catechist Conference 7:45am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy	<b>4</b> <b>Labor Day</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>St. Hermione/Prophet Moses</b> 6:30am Matins 7:30am Divine Liturgy	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00am St. Panteleimon-Home School 4:00pm Paraklesis 6:00pm Vespers 7:00pm Youth Catechism Teacher Orientation 8:00pm Choir Practice	<b>8</b> Holy Trinity Yiasou Festival <b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b> 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy	<b>9</b> Holy Trinity Yiasou Festival <b>Synaxis for Sts. Joachim and Anna</b> 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy 5:00pm Vespers 6:00pm Film Club -- Andrei Rublev, Part 1
<b>10</b> Holy Trinity Yiasou Festival Young at Heart Recognition 7:45am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy 6:00pm Film Club -- Andrei Rublev, part 2	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 5:00pm Young at Heart Dinner Gathering & Bingo 6:00pm Philoptochos Board Meeting	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Vespers & Artoclasia for the Exaltation of the Cross	<b>14</b> <b>Exaltation of the Cross</b> <b>Strict Fast</b> 10:45am Matins and Divine Liturgy 4:00pm Paraklesis	<b>15</b> 9:00am St. Panteleimon-Home School	<b>16</b> 8:00am Shredding Fundraiser for Missions 10:00am Oneblood - Blood Drive 11:30am Philoptochos Metropolis Agape Luncheon in Raleigh 5:00pm Vespers
<b>17</b> Philoptochos 2nd tray for HC/HC 7:45am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy 10:45am Youth Catechism Begins	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00pm ARE-Book Study-Fr. Nektarios-Virtual	<b>20</b> <b>St. Eustathios</b> 6:00pm Ninth Hour & Divine Liturgy w/Typika	<b>21</b> 9:00am St. Panteleimon-Home School 4:00pm Paraklesis 6:30pm Philoptochos Gathering 8:00pm Choir Practice	<b>22</b> 5:30pm JOY/HOPE & Parents Kickoff (SLC Fellowship Hall)	<b>23</b> 9:00am St. Phoebe-Samaritan's Feet Service Project-Off-Site 5:00pm Vespers 5:30pm Holy Trinity -Gala Dinner Dance
<b>24</b> <b>Adult Religious Ed Kick-off</b> <b>St. Silouan of Mt. Athos</b> <b>St. Thecla</b> 7:45am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy 10:45am Youth Catechism 11:00am Catechumen Induction 5:30pm GOYA Kickoff (SLC Fellowship Hall)	<b>25</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Parish Council	<b>26</b> <b>Dormition of St. John</b> 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy 7:00pm ARE-Book Study-Fr. Nektarios-Virtual 7:00pm Better Later Than Never Book Club	<b>27</b> 10:00am ARE- Women's Bible Study 7:00pm ARE -- Bible Study	<b>28</b> <b>St. Chariton the Confessor</b> Young at Heart-Apple Picking 9:00am St. Panteleimon-Home School 4:00pm Paraklesis	<b>29</b> <b>St. Kyriakos</b> 7:00pm Becoming Orthodox	<b>30</b> HUMS Retreat (TENT) <b>St. Romanos/St. John Koukouzelis</b> 5:00pm Vespers



# ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## October, 2023

As of 9/5/2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 2nd Tray for Liturgical Art Academy scholarship <b>Agia Skepi   St. Romanos</b> Church Musicians Appreciation Sunday 7:45am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy with Hagiasmos 10:45am Youth Catechism 5:30pm GOYA (SLC Fellowship Hall)	<b>2</b> <b>St. Cyprian</b> <b>St. Justina</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study	<b>3</b> <b>St. Dionysios the Areopagite</b> 6:30am First Hour & Divine Liturgy 7:00pm ARE-Book Study-Fr. Nektarios-Virtual	<b>4</b> 10:00am ARE- Women's Bible Study 7:00pm ARE -- Bible Study	<b>5</b> 9:00am St. Panteleimon-Home School 4:00pm Paraklesis 8:00pm Choir Practice	<b>6</b> <b>Apostle Thomas</b> <b>St. Innocent of Alaska</b> <b>St. Kendeas of Cyprus</b> 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy 5:30pm JOY/HOPE First Friday (SLC) <b>6:00pm Philoptochos Family Night</b> -- Self Care Financial Health 7:00pm Becoming Orthodox	<b>7</b> 5:00pm Vespers 6:00pm IOCC Regional Fundraiser at St. Nektarios
<b>8</b> Nominations Assembly <b>St. Pelagia of Antioch</b> 7:45am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy 10:45am Youth Catechism 5:30pm GOYA (SLC Fellowship Hall)	<b>9</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study	<b>10</b> 7:00pm ARE-Book Study-Fr. Nektarios-Virtual	<b>11</b> <b>St. Philip the Apostle</b> 10:00am ARE- Women's Bible Study 7:00pm ARE -- Bible Study	<b>12</b> <b>St. Symeon the New Theologian</b> 6:30am First Hour & Divine Liturgy 9:00am St. Panteleimon-Home School <b>11:00am Philoptochos Baking day - Spanakopita</b> 4:00pm Paraklesis <b>5:00pm Young at Heart -- Honoring the Past: Parish 25th Anniversary</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00pm Becoming Orthodox	<b>14</b> <b>9:00am Philoptochos Baking -- Spanakopita</b> 5:00pm Vespers
<b>15</b> <b>Newcomer Brunch</b> 7:45am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy 10:45am Youth Catechism 12:00pm St. Phoebe Meeting 5:30pm GOYA (SLC Fellowship Hall)	<b>16</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Parish Council	<b>17</b> <b>7th Ecumenical Council Prophet Hosea</b> Vespers-St. Luke-Mooresville 7:00pm ARE-Book Study-Fr. Nektarios-Virtual	<b>18</b> <b>St. Luke the Apostle and Evangelist</b> 6:30am Matins 7:30am Divine Liturgy 10:00am ARE- Women's Bible Study 7:00pm ARE -- Bible Study	<b>19</b> 9:00am St. Panteleimon-Home School 4:00pm Paraklesis 8:00pm Choir Practice	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Becoming Orthodox	<b>21</b> 25th Anniversary Dance 5:00pm Vespers
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<b>29</b> Safety and Security Monitoring Team Blessing <b>St. Anastasia of Rome</b> 7:45am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy 10:45am Youth Catechism 5:30pm GOYA (SLC Fellowship Hall)	<b>30</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study	<b>31</b> 6:00pm Vespers for Sts. Cosmas & Damian   Artoclasia sponsored by Philoptochos	<b>Notes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please see future communiqués for updates to this calendar</li> <li>Please refer to the ecclesiastical calendar for further fasting explanations, <a href="http://www.goarch.org">www.goarch.org</a></li> <li>Check our website calendar for the most up-to-date list of events at <a href="http://www.stnektarios.org">www.stnektarios.org</a></li> </ul>			