

COMMUNITY BULLETIN



MAY — JUNE 2023
AS OF APRIL 28

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 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

MAY 1 TO MAY 31

- **Fri. May 5, 8:30 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy - St. Irene
- **Mon. May 8, 8:30 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy - St. John the Theologian
- **Thu. May 11, 8:30 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy - Sts. Cyril and Methodios
- **Fri. May 12, 6:30 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy - St. Epiphanius
- **Sat. May 20, 8:30 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy - St. Thallelaios
- **Tue. May 23, 8:30 p.m.** Vigil (see insert)
- **Wed. May 24, 6:00 p.m.** Ninth Hour and Vespers (see insert)
- **Thu. May 25, 8:30 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy - Ascension

IN THIS MAILING:

- 25th Anniversary Gala
- ABC Fellowship Coffee Hour
- Feast of the Ascension Schedule
- Calendars for May & June
- Church Mouse
- Foods in Faith—Kollyva
- Greek Soccer Camp
- Karyae
- Liturgical Arts Academy
- Online Giving
- Pentecost Weekend
- Philoptochos Meeting and Elections
- Preparing for the Journey of Marriage
- St. Phoebe
- Young at Heart
- Youth Ministry
- ⇒ Come and See Sundays
- ⇒ Vacation Church Camp
- ⇒ GOYA Summer Sundays

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PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday, May 22**. 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
- 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.

SUNDAY LITURGICAL GIFTS

You may make a financial gift to help defray the cost of the sacramental wine or the prosphora 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 (No extra virgin 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.

FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, 5/5 - 6:00 p.m. Join us for some fellowship. This gathering is for GOYA, HOPE/JOY, younger siblings and parents.

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 **Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.** You may submit names of the living (first names only) to the church office. Names will be commemorated for five weeks.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

The office will be closed on **Monday, May 29**, in observance of Memorial Day.

JUNE 4 –SUNDAES AND SURPRISES

Save the date!
Visit the Building For
Generations Committee
on the Plaza after
services and during
Fellowship
Coffee Hour

Come and
Imagine . . .



WHY WE MUST MAINTAIN COMPLETE STILLNESS DURING THE MATINS HEXAPSALM (SIX PSALMS)

Metropolitan Athanasios of Limassol

It is a known fact that the Fathers have laid down that we not make a single movement, speak, or move from our place, and that we maintain complete stillness, while the Hexapsalm ("Six Psalms") is being read in church. We maintain complete stillness during the Hexapsalm because it is the time at which the Church remembers the Second Coming and the Judgment of God, and we must listen to the Hexapsalm in utter silence and devotion, that our souls might be united to the meaning of those psalms, which are so beautiful and important, and so full of compunction.

When the Hexapsalm is finished, and we say the "Alleluia" three times, it is there that we make the sign of the Cross three times, with three small bows. We do this so that our attention might not be disturbed at all in its meditation, in the hearing and reading of the Hexapsalm, which is a very significant moment in the entirety of the service of Matins. For this reason, the Fathers laid down this "policy," this formal order. And, indeed, it is good for us to be sure to be in church to hear Matins, and to hear the Hexapsalm, which is read with such devoutness and has such spiritual power, and that we be at church early to participate in the service of Matins.

Please note that our ushers will hold parishioners in the Narthex until the Six Psalms are completed. Thank you for your cooperation.

VACATION CHURCH CAMP 2023



JUNE 26-29
REGISTRATION
OPENS
MAY 10

TO REGISTER CLICK HERE

GOYA Summer Sundays

Dates to Be Announced Soon

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



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

**GALA
DINNER & DANCE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023
HILTON CENTER CITY**



SUMMER FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

Brought to you by the letter ...

A B C D

The Hospitality Team Invites Everyone to Co-host a Fellowship Coffee Hour

IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3.

1. Check the schedule for your date.
2. Go on-line to signupgenius.com, click on "Find a sign-up" and enter Creator's e-mail: office@stnektarios.org
OR Call Us -- To help us coordinate the menu, please contact the church office by Wednesday of that week with what you will bring. *If your Sunday does not work for you, you are welcome to participate on another Sunday.*
3. Drop-off to church on Friday by 4:30 p.m. or bring in by 8:45 a.m. on Sunday.

Suggested dishes: cheese and crackers, fruit tray, vegetable tray, or a baked good like coffee cakes, muffins and pastries.



LAST NAME BEGINS WITH	SUNDAY
G, H, I & J	Jun 4
K	Jun 18
L & M	Jun 25
N, O & P	Jul 2
Q, R, & S	Jul 9
T Through Z	Jul 16
A, B & C	Jul 23
D, E & F	Jul 30

June 11 will be a Community Newcomer Breakfast

St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church



Kollyva

The boiled wheat that is decorated and used for commemorations of those who have fallen asleep.

- Part 1 -- Preparing
Sat., 5/27; 6 - 9 PM after Vespers
- Part 2 -- Decorating
Sat., 6/3; 8 AM before Matins

Foods in Faith

The Foods in Faith series teaches students foods' theological significance, as well as how to make them.

Limited space allows for one adult per household.
Contact the office to reserve your spot! 704-708-4669
Sawaimrin@stnektarios.org



St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church

Young at Heart

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

Join us for our next Dinner meeting
In Honor of Mother's Day
Thursday, May 11, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.

JOHN 1:1-5:1

COME & SEE SUNDAYS AT ST. NEKTARIOS

DINNER • FELLOWSHIP • PRAYER

GOYA MEETINGS
~~MARCH 19~~
~~APRIL 2~~
MAY 21
6PM-7:30PM

FOLLOW OUR
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@STNEKTARIOSYM



GREEK SOCCER CAMP

COACHED BY PRO SOCCER PLAYERS

DATES **JUNE
19-23
26-30**

Boys & Girls
8-17 Years Old

Camp Hours

8:30AM-3:00PM

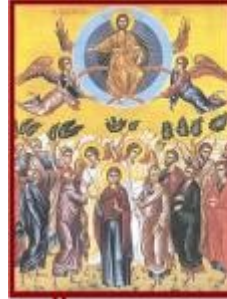
Camp Venue

Hellenic Park
2700 McKee Rd. Charlotte, NC 28270

**\$225 per week
\$400 for two weeks**



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LEAVE-TAKING OF PASCHA

In celebration of the feast day of the
Holy Ascension

TUESDAY, MAY 23 - VIGIL - 8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 - 6:00 PM

*Ninth Hour for Apodosis (Leave-taking) of Pascha
followed by Vespers for Ascension of Our Lord*

Just prior to the beginning of Great Vespers, there will be a short ceremony (Ninth Hour) to signal the end of the forty-day celebration of Pascha.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Commemorating the Ascension of Christ

8:30 AM. Matins — 9:30 AM. Divine Liturgy

At St. Nektarios In celebration of the feast of *Pentecost*



Saturday, June 3rd — Saturday of Souls
8:30am Matins, 9:30am Liturgy with Memorial Service
5:00pm Vespers

Gravesite Prayers // 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM
Clergy will be available at the gravesite,
no appointment necessary.
Fr. Jonathan Resmini at Evergreen Cemetery
Fr. Andreas Houpos at Forest Lawn East Cemetery

Sunday, June 4th
8:00am Matins, 9:15am Liturgy
6:00 pm, Kneeling Vespers followed by Dinner

Monday, June 5th
8:15am Matins, 9:30 am Liturgy
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
600 East Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28203

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF ST. NEKTARIOS

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023, AT 6:30 PM
BOARD ELECTIONS AND GENERAL MEETING
Spiritual Life Center

PIZZA AND SALAD PROVIDED -- PLEASE BRING A DRINK OR DESSERT TO SHARE

In Heartfelt Appreciation for our Outgoing and Incoming Board Members





ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 2023

As of 5/10/2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 St. Irene the Great Martyr 8:30 am Matins and Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm Family Night-Potluck -GOYA-HOPE/JOY & parents	6
Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please see future communiqués for updates to this calendar Please refer to the ecclesiastical calendar for further fasting explanations, www.goarch.org Check our website calendar for the most up-to-date list of events at www.stnektarios.org 				4:00-5:00 pm Paraklesis	5:00-6:00 pm Vespers	
7 Sunday of Paralytic 8:00am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy 10:45am Catechism- Last Day	8 St. John the Theologian 8:30am Matins and Divine Liturgy	9	10	11 Sts. Cyril & Methodios, Equals-to-the-Apostles 8:30am Matins and Divine Liturgy 4:00-5:00 pm Paraklesis 5:00pm Young at Heart-Dinner	12 St. Epiphanius 6:30am Matins and Divine Liturgy	13 5:00-6:00 pm Vespers
14 Sunday of Samaritan Woman Mother's Day 8:00am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy	15	16 6:30 pm Philoptochos-Board Elections & General meeting	17	18 4:00-5:00 pm Paraklesis	19	20 St. Thalleaios 8:30 am Matins and Divine Liturgy 5:00-6:00 pm Vespers
21 Sts. Constantine & Helen, Equals-to-the Apostles 8:00am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy Catechism-Recognition of Graduates and Teachers 6:00pm GOYA-meeting	22 6:00 pm Parish Council Mtg.	23 8:30 pm-1:30 am Vigil-Apodosis of Pascha	24 Apodosis of Pascha Ascension 6:00pm Ninth Hour and Divine Liturgy	25 Ascension 8:30am Matins and Divine Liturgy 4:00-5:00 pm Paraklesis	26	27 5:00-6:00 pm Vespers 6:00-9:00 pm Kolyva Workshop Foods in Faith
28 8:00am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy	29 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	30	31			



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June 2023

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4 Holy Pentecost Sts. Mary & Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; St. Sophia of Thrace 8:00am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm - Kneeling Vespers followed by dinner	5 Holy Spirit Matins and Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity G. O. C.	6	7	8 4:00pm Paraklesis 5:00pm Young at Heart-Dinner 7:00-9:00pm ARE-The History of the Church	9 St. Cyril of Alexandria 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy	10 5:00-6:00 pm Vespers
11 Welcome Sunday Newcomer Brunch Sts. Bartholomew & Barnabas 8:00am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy	12	13	14	15 4:00-5:00 pm Paraklesis 7:00-9:00 pm ARE-The History of the Church	16	17 ADELPHOTIS ARAHOVITON-Karyae Park-Gastonia 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. dinner 5:00-6:00 pm Vespers
18 Father's Day ADELPHOTIS ARAHOVITON-Karyae Park-Gastonia 11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 1:00 p.m. Lunch 8:00am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy	19	20 St. Nicholas Cabasilas	21 Metropolis Clergy-Laity	22 Metropolis Clergy-Laity 4:00-5:00 pm Paraklesis	23 Metropolis Clergy-Laity	24 Metropolis Clergy-Laity Nativity of St. John the Forerunner 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy 5:00-6:00pm Vespers
25 Metropolis Clergy-Laity 8:00am Matins 9:15am Divine Liturgy	26 9:00am-12:00 pm Vacation Church Camp 6:00 pm - Parish Council Mtg.	27 9:00am-12:00 pm Vacation Church Camp	28 9:00am-12:00 pm Vacation Church Camp	29 Sts. Peter & Paul 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy 9:00am-12:00 pm Vacation Church Camp 4:00pm Paraklesis	30 Synaxis for the Twelve Apostles 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy	