



# COMMUNITY BULLETIN

## FEBRUARY & MARCH AS OF FEBRUARY 7

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

WEEKLY PARAKLESIS (suspended during Lent)

4:00 p.m. on Thursdays

### WEEKLY VESPERS SERVICES

5:00 p.m. on Saturdays

(CHECK LENT INSERTS FOR SERVICES DURING LENT)

OTHER WEEKDAY SERVICES - FEB 15 TO MAR 31

- **Thur. Feb. 15, 8:30 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy-St. Anthimos of Chios
  - **Fri. Feb. 23, 8:30 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy-St. Polycarp
  - **Mon. Feb. 26, 8:30 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy-St. Porphyrios of Gaza-St. Photine
  - **Thu. Feb. 29, 8:30 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy-St. John Cassian
  - **Fri. Mar. 1, Noon**, Small Hagiasmos
  - **Fri. Mar 8, Noon**, Sixth Hour and Divine Liturgy-40 Martyrs of Sebastia
  - **Sat. Mar. 9, 8:00 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy-Saturday of Souls
  - **Tue. Mar. 12, 7:30 a.m.** First Hour and Divine Liturgy-St. Symeon the New Theologian
  - **Sat. Mar. 16, 8:00 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy-Saturday of Cheesefare
  - **Mon. Mar. 18, 9:00 a.m.** Trithekte (Third and Sixth Hour)-Clean Monday
  - **Wed. Mar. 20, 6:00 p.m.** Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy
  - **Fri. Mar. 22, Noon**, Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy
  - **Sat. Mar. 23, 8:00 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy-St. Theodore's Miracle/Kollyva
  - **Sun. Mar. 24, 5:00 p.m.** Vespers for the Annunciation of the Theotokos
  - **Mon. Mar. 25, 8:00 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy-Annunciation of the Theotokos
  - **Wed. Mar. 27, 6:00 p.m.** Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy
  - **Fri. Mar. 29, Noon**, Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy
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## FOUNTAIN OF THE LIFE GIVING FONT

Attention parents. Please pay close attention when your child is in the vicinity of the Fountain. As a friendly reminder, this area has been blessed, is place of prayer and is not a play area. Nothing should be thrown into the fountain as it clogs up our water system.

## 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

## 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)**

## SHREDDING FOR CHARITY EVENT

Purge your files for the upcoming Shredding Event to be held after "tax season". Date and time to be announced later. Suggested donation of \$35.00 per 95 gallon bin. Any donation will benefit St. Nektarios' Missions and Philanthropy Ministry.

## 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.

## STEWARDSHIP

Announcing 2024 Stewardship Drive "Well done Good and Faithful Servant." Look for upcoming mailing.

## PARISH COUNCIL

- The next Parish Council meetings will be on **Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>**. If you would like any items added to the agenda, contact the office by the preceding Wednesday.

## NARROW PATH BOOK STORE

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

## SUBMIT NAMES OF THE LIVING FOR PARAKLESIS

**Weekly Paraklesis services will be suspended during Lent.**

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 to be commemorated after Pascha for five weeks.

## OFFICE CLOSING

- Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> (Clean Monday)
- Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Feast Day of the Annunciation.

## SAVE THE DATE - BYZANTINE CHANT WORKSHOP

Want to learn to chant? Saint Nektarios will be hosting a Byzantine Chant workshop the weekend of **May 30<sup>th</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup>** for any and all! Members of Saint Nektarios parish will receive a substantial discount, so please come and see. More information will be forthcoming, and if you have any questions, please reach out to [Protopsaltis Samuel Herron atprotopsaltis@stnektarios.org](mailto:atprotopsaltis@stnektarios.org).

## 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 Idiomelon, Sunday of Orthodoxy Evening

## Beneficiaries

Shelter Health Services-Charlotte

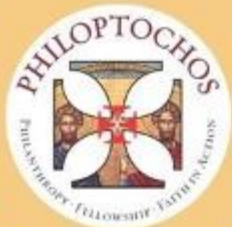
SAMA  
St. Anastasia Medical Assistance

Hellenic College  
Holy Cross School of Theology

Orthodoxy in Kenya

Caring for Seniors

March 24  
March 31  
April 7  
April 14  
April 21



# ST. NEKTARIOS PHILOPTOCHOS

February 2024

*Give a Helping Hand. Show Generosity. Please God.*

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 22

6:30 p.m. Sandwich Making and General Gathering

Tuesday, March 12

6:30 p.m. Speaker Presentation and General Gathering

Fri-Sun March 15-17

Metropolis Retreat at Diakonia Retreat Center

Sunday, March 24

Collection for Shelter Health Services (Tray)

Sunday, March 31

Palm Sunday Luncheon tickets and Koulourakia and Tsourekia/ Pascha Bread on Sale

Sunday, April 7

Collection for Hellenic College/Holy Cross (Tray)

Friday, April 26

Visitation Baskets Preparation

Saturday of Lazarus, Apr. 27

Palm Cross Making and Luncheon preparation

Palm Sunday, April 28

Palm Sunday Luncheon

Holy Tuesday, April 30

Pascha Egg Dyeing

Holy Friday, May 3

11 a.m. Kouvouklion Decorating

6:30 p.m. Memorial Luminary Set-up

Thursday, May 23

6:30 p.m. Year End Gathering

## SANDWICH MAKING



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND  
AT 6:30 PM  
IN THE ST. NEKTARIOS  
SLC/KITCHEN FOR A  
SERVICE PROJECT &  
GENERAL GATHERING

**BENEFITING**

**ROOF ABOVE**

AND SALVATION ARMY CENTER OF HOPE

**GOAL: 900 sandwiches**



ST. NEKTARIOS  
PHILOPTOCHOS

*Self Care  
Speaker  
Series.*

PRESENTING



*Mental Health and Self-Care*

**JONATHAN FEATHER, PSY. D**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12 AT 6:30 PM**

*Dr. Feather serves older adolescents and adults, individuals and couples, treating depression, anxiety, stress, adjustment to medical conditions/disabilities, marital and relationship problems, spiritual issues, and other adjustment/transitional issues. Dr. Feather enjoys integrating people's faith with the work of psychotherapy.*

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](http://stnektarios.org/philoptochos),  
or scan the QR code.

**OR COMPLETE THE COUPON**  
available at the church.

Questions:

[5046philoptochos@gmail.com](mailto:5046philoptochos@gmail.com)

SCAN ME



## Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spiritual Retreat

March 15-17, 2024

*Our Journey with Christ Through Lent and Holy Week*



Presented by Gerry Clonaris, who serves on the Archdiocese Religious Education Committee and is Chairman of Religious Education Departments for the Metropolis of Atlanta and Saint Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church. Gerry has also served as Choir Director and as an instructor of catechism for 46 years.

Located at the beautiful Diakonia Retreat

All women of the Metropolis are welcome.

Share in worship, education and fellowship on 210 acres of water, trees and scenery that reveal the beauty of God's creation.

## 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.

# BEYOND ST. NEKTARIOS



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH**

6 PM - 12 AM

**SOCRATES ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING**

3909 Weddington Rd. Matthews, NC 28105.

Indulge in an unforgettable evening featuring:  
All-You-Can-Eat Vegas Style Buffet,  
Gaming Tables, Handcrafted Cocktails, Cigar Patio

*Tickets are on sale now!*

*Each ticket includes admission, Vegas-style buffet and chips*

[www.socratesacademy.us/casino](http://www.socratesacademy.us/casino)

*All proceeds benefit the SA Foundation High School Project*

## Pilafi Night Glendi

Saturday, February 24th, 2024



Doors Open 6:30pm  
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
600 East Boulevard  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Live Music From New York By:



Christos Fasarakis Lyra    Greg Manouselis Laouto    Mike Mavroudis Laouto

Cash Bar | Mezedes | Pilafi & Vrasto | Desserts and Coffee

RSVP For Tickets

Adults: \$50 | Student (14-22): \$30 | Kids (7-13): \$15  
6 and under Free



Tickets Are Presale Only | Contact for Reservation  
George Kanellakis 704-619-4850 | Manoli Kanellakis 980-406-1955  
John Protopapadakis 727-656-8073 | Nick Evgenitakis 704-458-6785  
Or Email: [Psiloritis00@gmail.com](mailto:Psiloritis00@gmail.com)

St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church  
**FUNDRAISING**



# Gala



We've been imagining St. Luke's permanent home and now we are committing to our future! Join us for an evening of dinner and dancing as we kick off our capital campaign for our new church building in Lake Norman.

This fundraising gala will include a silent auction, dinner and dancing.

**SATURDAY**  
**February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 6:30PM**

**Tickets:**  
**\$100/PERSON**

Semi-formal dress.  
Black tie optional.

Purchase Tickets/Donate: Visit [www.stlukegoc.org](http://www.stlukegoc.org), scan the QR code  
Or Call Ali Beaulieu: 704-877-5112



Join Us at The Ivory Barn - 14418 NC 73, Huntersville NC 28078



## AHEPA JOURNEY TO GREECE 2024

Since its establishment, AHEPA, the largest and oldest Greek American Organization in the U.S., has consistently dedicated itself to advancing education for the upcoming generations. The AHEPA Journey to Greece program, a cultural immersion initiative, enables high school seniors and college undergraduates to earn up to six college course credits. Originally initiated in 1968, the program transported a youthful generation of Greek American youths to explore their ancestral culture and land. After a hiatus, it was revitalized in 2006 in collaboration with Webster University. Now in its 18th year, the 2024 AHEPA JTG program is accepting applications for individuals eager to delve into the rich culture and history that Greece offers. Scheduled to run from June 16 to July 12, 2024, interested parties can find more details regarding costs, schedule, courses, and application submission at

<https://ahepa.org/education/>.

The program to Greece is more than just an academic venture; it's a cultural immersion experience that I believe all students should have the opportunity to take advantage of. As generational stewards of our heritage, it is crucial to foster, promote, and transmit the rich traditions of our culture to the upcoming generation of Hellenes and Philhellenes.

We invite all college-aged students to submit applications and participate in this summer's program. It promises to be an unforgettable journey, brimming with valuable connections and a lifetime of cherished memories! [Click Here to download the information packet and 2024 application.](#)



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

Preparing for the Journey of Marriage In the Orthodox Church

2024 — 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://atimetropolis.org/pre-marital-seminars-journey-of-marriage>

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

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

# WE Our Volunteers

## DURING FEBRUARY, POST A NOTE ON OUR RECOGNITION BOARD



Thanks for offering your time and talent

THE METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA  
PRESENTS THE 2ND ANNUAL

## Festival of Faith Retreat

SPIRITUAL GROWTH  
THROUGH LIFE  
IN OUR PARISH



REGISTER TODAY!!

[app.campdoc.com/register/statophencamp24/festivaloffaith](http://app.campdoc.com/register/statophencamp24/festivaloffaith)

REGISTRATION INCLUDES ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS  
AND ALL MEALS THROUGHOUT THE RETREAT



MARCH 8-10, 2024

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

### Featured Keynote Speakers



*"Revered in the Body of Christ"*  
In this session, we will explore the nature of Christian life, as a community of faith, worship, and practice rooted in the Body of Christ

**Very Rev. Fr. Maximos Conostas**

Distinguished Professor  
of the Humanities  
University of Austin | Austin, TX



*"Be Watchful, Be Sober:"*  
St. Paul's Path to Spiritual Maturity"

St. Paul reveals the Path to Spiritual Maturity when he instructs the Corinthians and the Thessalonians how to form an attentive and sober mind to discern the wise way of living and prioritizing the Faith everyday.

**Fr. Barnabas Powell**

Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene  
Greek Orthodox Church | Cumming, GA



*"The Mind of Christ"*

5 Interactive Sessions!  
What is the Mind of Christ?  
The Mind of Christ as Key to Salvation  
Acquiring the Mind of Christ

**Dr. Jeannie Constantinou**  
Author, Speaker, Podcast | San Diego, CA

For more information, contact  
Gerry Clonaris: 704-574-6179 or [gbcmkline@gmail.com](mailto:gbcmkline@gmail.com)

## PET FOOD DRIVE

Please join our St. Phoebe Ministry in supporting a pet food drive benefitting The Humane Society of Union County!

They are a foster-based, no-kill organization with the goal of helping as many dogs and cats as is humanly possible.

### Suggested donations for Cat / Dog Food:

- Natures Recipe for dogs, Salmon & Sweet Potato w/ Pumpkin (dry)
- Puppy Pedigree (wet and dry)
- Purina Cat/Kitten Chow (dry)
- Fancy Feast Cat/Kitten (wet)
- Cleaning supplies (disinfecting wipes, laundry detergent, and Clorox/Lysol spray) are also welcome!

Drop off at:

The St. Nektarios Spiritual Life Center donation bins on the 1st floor  
by March 1st, 2024

Thanks for your  
kindness!



# 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, «Χαῖρε!» (“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.



**Adam and Eve's Exile  
from Paradise  
commemorated  
on the Eve of Lent to  
remind us from what  
we have fallen.**

## THE LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS *Our Spiritual Journey to Resurrection*

**March 17, 2024 // 5:00 PM**  
**"Forgiveness" Vespers Service**

On the evening of the Sunday of Forgiveness, the Church conducts the first service of the Great Fast, the service that directs us further on the path of repentance and helps us to acknowledge our need for forgiveness from God and to seek forgiveness from our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This is the first time that the prayer of St. Ephraim is read, accompanied by prostrations. At the end of the service all the faithful approach the priest and one another asking for mutual forgiveness.

**Fellowship Dinner to follow**  
**Free will offering will be accepted**

*Before we enter the Lenten fast, we are reminded that there can be no true fast, no genuine repentance, no reconciliation with God, unless we are at the same time reconciled with one another.*

## Flower Sponsorship for Lenten and Paschal Season

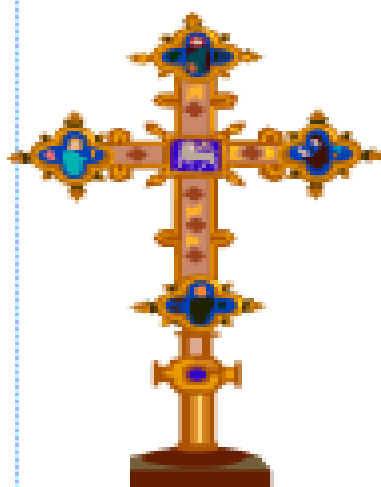
*During the upcoming Lenten and Paschal season,  
there are special opportunities to remember your loved  
ones with an offering of flowers. See list below.  
For more information and to reserve your spot,  
contact the office at 704-702-4669.*

A Weekly Lenten Sponsorships for the Shrines, solea, and Narthex arrangements. The flowers are used for the weekly Compline, Presanctified Liturgy Salutation services and Sundays Liturgy.

- March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- March 29<sup>th</sup>
- April 5<sup>th</sup>
- April 12<sup>th</sup>
- April 19<sup>th</sup>

- April 7<sup>th</sup>, 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





## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Veneration of the Holy Cross

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

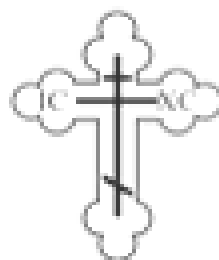
7:30 a.m. Matins

The Procession of the Holy Cross will take place at the end of the Doxology before Divine Liturgy.



### MEMORIAL SATURDAYS

As we head into the Great Fast (Lent), there are three consecutive Saturdays on which it has been customary to offer memorial services:



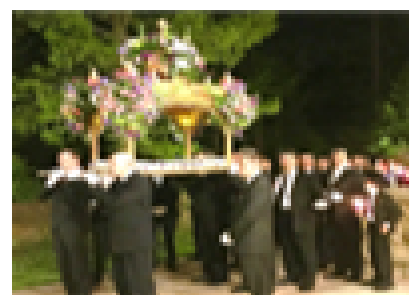
- ✦ **Saturday of Souls** — The commemoration of all those who have reposed "with correct faith and with the hope of the resurrection of life eternal" (from the Synaxarion).
- ✦ **Cheese-fare Saturday** — The commemoration of holy ascetics, the Saturday before the Fast begins.
- ✦ **The Miracle of St. Theodore** — The commemoration of a miracle wrought by St. Theodore the Recruit, concerning *kolyva*, on the first Saturday of the Fast.
- ✦ While our parish will be providing some *kolyva* on these Saturdays, the faithful are welcome to bring a small batch of their own to be blessed, which may be retrieved after the service. Please note there will be no memorial services on the Sundays that immediately follow these Saturdays.

Since these are commemorations for deceased Orthodox Christians, please only legibly submit the person's baptismal/chrisman name—first name only. Please: no family names, nicknames, or other designations ("uncle," "grandmother," etc.) unless for ecclesiastical orders ("priest," "nun," "bishop," etc.). When in doubt, simply give the individual's first name—God knows the rest.

May their memory be eternal.

### PREPARING FOR PASCHA WAYS TO SERVE

**KOUVOUKLION  
BEARERS FOR HOLY  
FRIDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**



Anyone who is interested in bearing the Kouvouklion which holds the Epitaphion during the Lamentations service, beginning at 7:00 p.m. is welcome to participate.

Please contact  
Silva Awaimrin at  
sawaimrin@stretkarios.org  
by April 20<sup>th</sup> or, call the office  
at 704-708-4668.

Sunday of Orthodoxy  
Sunday, March 24



Everyone is invited to bring a personal icon from home.

LENTEN SOUP  
MEALS



Beginning Wednesday,  
March 20

*Lenten soup will be provided  
after every  
Wednesday & Friday*

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGIES

*Please bring  
a lenten side dish to share*



Feast Day  
of The Annunciation  
of the Theotokos

Sunday, March 24

5:00 p.m. Vespers

Monday, March 25

8:00 a.m. Matins & Divine Liturgy

Followed by Reception





Registration required for all participants & volunteers by Wednesday, Feb 28

**JOY & HOPE**  
(Grades K-5)

**FIRST**

**FRIDAYS**



Parents & children in grades K-5, come spend the first Friday of each month at the Church...

Dinner is served from 5:30-6PM, with a rotation of chaperoned activities for each age group to follow! arts & crafts • games • chant lesson with Protopsaltis Samuel Herron • devotional discussion in the Church  
**Parents are invited to attend a talk with Fr. Andreas Houpos as children enjoy activities.**



1/3/24  
5:30 - 7:30PM



SLC  
Fellowship Hall

2024 First Fridays: February 2 • March 1 • April 5 • May 17

*St. Nektarios Endowment*

**Cockinos Family Scholarships 2024**



**Accepting Applications FEB 18 to APR 7**

Guidelines and Application available on [www.stnektarios.org](http://www.stnektarios.org) or at the church office

**For Students 25 years and younger**

**Awards Announced on Endowment Sunday May 19 after Divine Liturgy**

**One (1) \$2000 Award Scholar of Distinction**

**Five (5) \$1000 Awards from random drawing**

Additional Grant Opportunities available for Youth 18 or Younger  
Contact Church office for more information.

St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church

*Young at Heart*

**Up-Coming Programs**

**Thursday, MAR. 14, 2024**

Noon Gathering; and Luncheon

**"Be our Guest" — hosting area church senior groups**

**Thursday, April 11, 2024**

11:30 a.m. Hosting, Lent, Lunch, and Learn

Speaker: Fr. Steven Klund

**Thursday, MAY 9, 2024 — Mother's Day**

5PM Gathering (following 4 Paraklesis); 5:30 p.m. Dinner Program

Selecting Mother of the Year

**Thursday, JUN. 13, 2024 — Father's Day**

5PM Gathering (following 4 Paraklesis); 5:30 p.m. Dinner Program

Selecting Father of the Year

**Youth Catechism Ministry**

**Luncheon and Bake Sale**

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

**Greek Platter**

with Pastitsio and other Greek specialties.

**Dine-In or Carry-Out**

Suggested minimum donation \$15.00 for Adults

\$5.00 for kids meal — chicken tender & Mac/cheese

Pay at the Door

**Bake Sale and Frappes**

An assortment of home-baked treats and desserts

Proceeds to benefit Youth Catechism Trip in June to St. Photios Shrine —St. Augustine, Florida



ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**2024**

**A.R.E COMING UP**

**JANUARY TO MAY**

- Bible Study on Book of Genesis**  
Nine weeks Virtual and in Person  
Men's Group : Women's Group : Open Group  
Mon., Jan. 8, at 7AM : Wed., Jan. 10, at 10AM : Wed., Jan. 10 at 7PM
- Understanding Byzantine Chant**  
Tues., Feb. 13 to Mar. 5 at 7 PM Virtual and in Person
- Wednesdays of Lent**  
Catechetical Lecture after Presanctified Liturgy
- Lent, Lunch, and Learn**  
Thursdays, Noon // Virtual and in Person  
March 28 : April 4 : April 11  
Fr. Steve Dalber : Fr. Robert Lawrence : Fr. Steven Klund  
April 18 : April 25  
Fr. Maximos Conostas : 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

# 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  
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## PARISH ASSEMBLY | SUNDAY, 2/18

Please plan to attend  
the Assembly following the Divine  
Liturgy at the Spiritual life Center.

### Agenda includes:

- Opening Prayer and Welcome
- Election & Appointment of Assembly Officers
- Approval of Minutes from December 2023 Parish Assembly
- 2023 Accomplishments and Highlights
- Financial Report
- Looking Ahead
- Building for Generations - Ministry Center update
- Old Business
- New Business
- Closing Prayer

Members of Good Standing may participate.  
Others are welcome to observed.



## ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## February 2024

As of 02/07/2024

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| <b>11</b><br>Super Stewardship Sunday<br>7:45am - Matins - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy<br>10:45am Youth Catechism   | <b>12</b><br>7:00am - 8:00am ARE-Men's Bible Study (virtual & in person)  | <b>13 Sts. Priscilla and Aquila</b><br>6:30am - 8:30am First Hour and Divine Liturgy<br>6:00pm - 9:00pm Philochochos Board meeting<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm ARE-Understanding Byzantine Chant (virtual & in person) | <b>14 Valentine's Day</b><br>10:00am - 12:00 pm ARE-Women's Bible Study-Virtual & in person<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm ARE-Bible Study (virtual & in person) | <b>15 St. Anthimos of Chios</b><br>8:30am - 11:30am Matins and Divine Liturgy<br>4:00pm - 5:00pm Paraklesis<br>8:00pm - 10:00pm Choir Practice                               | <b>16</b><br>9:00am - 1:00pm St. Panteleimon-Home School<br>4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek Language School             | <b>17 St. Theodore the Tyro</b><br>8:30am Philochochos Retreat-Greensboro<br>5:00pm - Vespers   |
| <b>18 St. Leo the Great</b><br><b>Sunday of the Cananite</b><br>Endowment application opened<br>Parish Assembly<br>7:45am - Matins - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy<br>10:45am Youth Catechism<br>5:30pm - 7:00pm GOYA (Grades 6-12)         | <b>19 Presidents' Day</b><br>7:00am - 8:00am ARE-Men's Bible Study (virtual & in person)  | <b>20</b><br>7:00pm - 9:00pm ARE-Understanding Byzantine Chant (virtual & in person)  | <b>21</b><br>10:00am - 12:00 pm ARE-Women's Bible Study-Virtual & in person<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm ARE-Bible Study (virtual & in person)                 | <b>22</b><br>9:00am - 1:00pm St. Panteleimon-Home School<br>4:00pm - 5:00pm Paraklesis<br>6:30pm - 9:30pm Philochochos-Sandwich Making Service Project and General Gathering | <b>23 St. Polycarp</b><br>8:30am - 11:30am Matins and Divine Liturgy<br>4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek Language School | <b>24 1st &amp; 2nd Finding of the head of St. John the Baptist</b><br>5:00pm Vespers<br>6:00pm - 12:00 am AHEPA Casino Night<br>Socrates Academy |
| <b>25 Tridion begins</b><br><b>Sunday of the publican &amp; Pharisee</b><br>7:45am - Matins - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy<br>10:30am - 40 Day Memorial-Hanna Nassif<br>10:45am Youth Catechism<br>11:00am - 2:30pm Scout-BBQ-Sale pick-up | <b>26 St. Photine St. Porphyrios of Gaza</b><br>7:00am - 8:00am ARE-Men's Bible Study (virtual & in person)<br>8:30am - 11:30am Matins and Divine Liturgy<br>6:00pm - 9:00pm Parish Council Meeting | <b>27</b><br>7:00pm - 9:00pm ARE-Understanding Byzantine Chant (virtual & in person)  | <b>28</b><br>10:00am - 12:00 pm ARE-Women's Bible Study-Virtual & in person<br>7:00pm - 9:00 pm ARE-Bible Study (virtual & in person)                | <b>29 St. John Cassian</b><br>8:30am - 11:30am Matins and Divine Liturgy<br>4:00pm - 5:00pm Paraklesis<br>8:00pm - 10:00pm Choir Practice                                    |   |   |



# ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## March 2024

As of 02/07/2024

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| <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> |   |   |  |  | <b>1</b><br>9:00am - 1:00pm<br>St. Panteleimon-Home School<br>12:00pm Small Hagiasmos<br>(Blessing of the water)<br>4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek<br>Language School<br>5:30pm - JOY/HOPE First Fridays                                | <b>2 St. Nicholas Planas</b><br>St. Phoebe-workshop-Elatos Park<br>8:30am - Matins and Divine Liturgy<br>5:00pm - Vespers<br>6:30pm - 9:30pm Orthodox Film Club<br>-Episode 1  |
| <b>3 Prodigal Son</b><br>St. Photos Trip Luncheon Fundraiser<br>Stewardship at work come and learn session<br>7:45am - Matins - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy<br>10:45am Youth Catechism  | <b>4</b><br>7:00am - 8:00am ARE-<br>Men's Bible Study (virtual &<br>in person)  | <b>5</b><br>7:00pm - 9:00pm ARE-<br>Understanding Byzantine<br>Chant (virtual & in person)  | <b>6</b><br>10:00am - 12:00pm<br>ARE-Women's Bible Study<br>Virtual & in person<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm ARE-Bible<br>Study (virtual & in person)                                      | <b>7</b><br>9:00am - 1:00pm<br>St. Panteleimon-Home School<br>4:00pm - Paraklesis  | <b>8 40 Martyrs of Sebastia</b><br>Metropolis Festival of Faith<br>12:00pm - 2:00pm Sixth Hour<br>& Divine Liturgy<br>4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek<br>Language School   | <b>9 Saturday of Souls</b><br>Metropolis Festival of Faith<br>Saturday of Souls<br>8:00am - Matins and Divine Liturgy<br>5:00pm - Vespers  |
| <b>10 Daylight-Saving Time Begins</b><br><b>Meatfare Sunday</b><br>Metropolis Festival of Faith<br>7:45am - Matins - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy<br>10:45am Youth Catechism<br>5:30pm - 7:00pm GOYA (Grades 6-12)   | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b><br><b>St. Symeon the New</b><br><b>Theologian</b><br>7:30am - First Hour & Di-<br>vine Liturgy<br>6:30 pm Philoptochos<br>Guest Speaker-Dr. Feather | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b><br>9:00am - 1:00pm<br>St. Panteleimon-Home School<br><b>12:00pm - 2:00pm Young at Heart</b><br><b>Lunch Gathering</b><br>4:00pm - Paraklesis<br>8:00pm - Choir Practice  | <b>15</b><br><b>Metropolis of Atlanta</b><br><b>Philoptochos 18th Annual</b><br><b>Spiritual Retreat-DRC</b><br>4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek<br>Language School   | <b>16 Cheesefare Saturday</b><br><b>Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos</b><br><b>18th Annual Spiritual Retreat-DRC</b><br>8:00am - 11:00am Matins and Divine<br>Liturgy<br>5:00pm - Vespers and Artoclasia               |
| <b>17 St. Alexios, the Holy Man of God</b><br><b>Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday</b><br><b>Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos</b><br><b>18th Annual Spiritual Retreat-DRC</b><br>7:45am - Matins - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy<br>10:45am Youth Catechism<br>Tentative-Greek School Bake Sale<br>5:00pm - Forgiveness Vespers followed<br>by Dinner   | <b>18 Lent Begins</b><br><b>Clean Monday-Office</b><br><b>Closed</b><br>9:00am - Trithekte (Third &<br>Six Hour)<br>7:00pm - Great Compline<br>with Canon of St. Andrew-1 | <b>19</b><br>7:00pm - 9:00pm Great<br>Compline with Canon of<br>St. Andrew-2  | <b>20</b><br>6:00pm -Ninth Hour &<br>Presanctified Liturgy<br>followed by Lenten Soup<br>9:00pm - 10:00pm Great<br>Compline with Canon of<br>St. Andrew-3                        | <b>21</b><br>9:00am - 1:00pm<br>St. Panteleimon-Home School<br><b>12:00pm - 1:00pm Lent, Lunch,</b><br><b>and Learn (tent)</b><br>6:00pm-Panish Council Meeting<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm Great<br>Compline with Canon of<br>St. Andrew-4 | <b>22</b><br>12:00pm - 2:00pm Ninth Hour &<br>Presanctified Liturgy followed by<br>Lenten Soup<br>4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek School<br>Class-Rehearsal for March 25th<br>program<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm Small<br>Compline with Akathist | <b>23</b><br>First Saturday of the Fast<br><b>St. Theodore's Miracle-with</b><br><b>Kollyva</b><br>8:00am - 11:00am Matins and Divine<br>Liturgy<br>5:00pm - Vespers<br>6:30pm - 9:30pm Orthodox Film Club<br>-Episode 2 |
| <b>24 Sunday of Orthodoxy</b><br>Almsgiving Sunday-Philoptochos 2nd<br>Tray to benefit Shelter Health Services<br>7:45am - Matins - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy<br>4:00pm - 6:00pm Greek School<br>Program-Independence Day<br>5:00pm - Vespers for the Eve of the<br>Annunciation-Maybe at another parish  | <b>25</b><br><b>Annunciation of the</b><br><b>Theotokos</b><br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>8:00am - Matins and Divine<br>Liturgy<br>7:00pm Great Compline                     | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b><br>6:00pm - Ninth Hour &<br>Presanctified Liturgy<br>followed by Lenten Soup<br>8:00pm - 9:00pm Youth<br>Oratorical Festival<br>Presentations (SLC<br>Fellowship Hall) | <b>28</b><br>9:00am - 1:00pm<br>St. Panteleimon-Home School<br><b>12:00pm - 1:00pm Lent, Lunch,</b><br><b>and Learn</b><br>8:00pm - Choir Practice   | <b>29</b><br>12:00pm - 2:00pm Ninth Hour &<br>Presanctified Liturgy followed by<br>Lenten Soup<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm Small<br>Compline with Akathist  | <b>30</b><br>5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers   |
| <b>31 St. Gregory Palamas</b><br>Coffee Hour sponsored by GGG to benefit<br>SAMA<br>Endowment application ended<br>7:45am - Matins - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy<br>10:45am Youth Catechism<br>5:00pm - Vespers-Potentially at<br>another parish<br>5:30pm - 7:00pm GOYA (Grades 6-12)  |   |   |  |  |  |  |



# ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## April 2024

As of 02/07/2024

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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|  | <b>1</b><br>7:00pm - 9:00pm Great<br>Compline  | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b><br>6:00pm - 8:00pm Ninth<br>Hour & Presanctified Liturgy<br>followed by Lenten Soup  | <b>4</b><br>9:00am - 1:00pm<br>St. Panteleimon-Home<br>School<br><b>12:00pm - 1:00pm Lent,</b><br><b>Lunch, and Learn</b>   | <b>5</b><br>12:00pm - 2:00pm Ninth Hour<br>& Presanctified Liturgy followed<br>by Lenten Soup<br>5:30pm - 7:00pm JOY/HOPE<br>First Friday (SLC Fellowship<br>Hall)<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm Small<br>Compline with Akathist | <b>6</b><br>5:00pm Vespers  |
| <b>7 Sunday of the Holy Cross</b><br>Almsgiving-Philoptochos 2nd Tray-Holy Cross<br>7:30am - Matins - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy<br>10:45am Youth Catechism<br>5:00pm - Vespers-Potentially at another parish<br>5:30pm - 7:00pm GOYA (Grades 6-12) | <b>8</b><br>7:00pm - 9:00pm Great<br>Compline  | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b><br>6:00pm - 8:00pm Ninth<br>Hour & Presanctified Liturgy<br>followed by Lenten Soup | <b>11</b><br>9:00am - 1:00pm<br>St. Panteleimon-Home<br>School<br><b>12:00pm - 1:00pm Lent,</b><br><b>Lunch, and Learn Hosted</b><br><b>by Young at Heart</b><br>8:00pm - 10:00pm Choir<br>Practice | <b>12</b><br>12:00pm - 2:00pm Ninth Hour &<br>Presanctified Liturgy followed by<br>Lenten Soup<br>4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek<br>Language School<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm Small<br>Compline with Akathist                         | <b>13</b><br>5:00pm Vespers   |
| <b>14 St. John Climacus</b><br>Almsgiving Sunday-2nd Tray<br>7:45am - Matins - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy<br>10:45am Youth Catechism<br>5:00pm - 7:00pm Vespers-Potentially at another<br>parish  | <b>15</b><br>7:00pm - 9:00pm Great<br>Compline   | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b><br>6:00pm - 8:00pm Ninth<br>Hour & Presanctified Liturgy<br>followed by Lenten Soup | <b>18</b><br>9:00am - 1:00pm<br>St. Panteleimon-Home<br>School<br><b>12:00pm - 1:00pm Lent,</b><br><b>Lunch, and Learn</b><br>6:00pm - 9:00pm Small<br>Compline with Canon of<br>St. Andrew         | <b>19</b><br>12:00pm - 2:00pm Ninth Hour &<br>Presanctified Liturgy followed by<br>Lenten Soup<br>4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek<br>Language School<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm Small<br>Compline with Akathist                         | <b>20</b><br>5:00pm Vespers   |
| <b>21 Mary of Egypt</b><br>Almsgiving Sunday-2nd Tray<br>7:45am - Matins - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy<br>10:45am Youth Catechism - Last Day of<br>Classes<br>5:00pm - Vespers-Potentially at another parish   | <b>22</b><br>7:00pm - 9:00pm Great<br>Compline   | <b>23</b><br><b>St. George the</b><br><b>Great Martyr</b>                                      | <b>24</b><br>6:00pm - 8:00pm Ninth<br>Hour & Presanctified Liturgy<br>followed by Lenten Soup | <b>25</b><br>9:00am - 1:00pm<br>St. Panteleimon-Home<br>School<br><b>12:00pm - 1:00pm Lent,</b><br><b>Lunch, and Learn</b><br>8:00pm - 10:00pm Choir<br>Practice                                    | <b>26</b><br>12:00pm - 2:00pm Ninth Hour &<br>Presanctified Liturgy followed by<br>Lenten Soup<br>4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek<br>Language School  | <b>27</b><br><b>Saturday of Lazarus</b><br>7:30am - 11:00am<br>"Teaching of<br>Proskomide" and<br>Divine Liturgy<br>11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.<br>Palm Cross Making<br>5:00pm - Vespers |
| <b>28 Palm Sunday</b><br>7:45am - Matins - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy<br>Philoptochos Palm Sunday Luncheon<br>7:00pm - 8:30pm Matins of Holy & Great<br>Monday "Bridegroom"   | <b>29 Holy &amp; Great</b><br><b>Monday</b><br>7:00pm - 8:30pm Matins<br>of Holy & Great Tuesday<br>"Bridegroom" | <b>30 Holy &amp; Great</b><br><b>Tuesday</b><br>7:00pm - 8:30pm<br>Matins of Holy<br>Wednesday |   |   |   |   |