



COMMUNITY BULLETIN

MARCH AND APRIL AS OF MARCH 5

SUNDAY SERVICES DURING LENT

7:30 a.m. Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

WEEKLY PARAKLISIS (suspended during Lent)

WEEKLY VESPERS DURING LENT

(Wednesday suspended during Lent)

5:00 p.m. - Saturdays and Sundays

OTHER WEEKDAY SERVICES

• **Mon. Mar. 10, 7:00 p.m.** Great Compline

• **Wed. Mar. 12, 5:45 p.m.** Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy

• **Fri. Mar. 14**

◊ **Noon.** Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy

◊ **7:00 p.m.** Small Compline with Akathist

• **Mon. Mar. 17, 7:00 p.m.** Great Compline

• **Wed. Mar. 19, 5:45 p.m.** Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy

• **Fri. Mar. 21,**

◊ **Noon.** Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy

◊ **7:00 p.m.** Small Compline with Akathist

• **Mon. Mar. 24, 6:00 p.m.** Vespers for the Annunciation of the Theotokos

• **Tue. Mar. 25, 8:00 a.m.** Matins and Divine Liturgy-Annunciation of the Theotokos

• **Wed. Mar. 26, 5:45 p.m.** Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy

• **Fri. Mar. 28,**

◊ **Noon.** Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy

◊ **7:00 p.m.** Small Compline with Akathist

• **Mon. Mar. 31, 7:00 p.m.** Great Compline

• **Wed. Apr. 2, 5:45 p.m.** Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy

• **Thu. Apr. 3, 7:30 a.m.** Matins/Great Canon

• **Fri. Apr. 4,**

◊ **Noon.** Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy

◊ **7:00 p.m.** Small Compline with Akathist

• **Wed. Apr. 8, 5:45 p.m.** Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy

• **Fri. Apr. 11, Noon,** Ninth Hour and Presanctified Liturgy

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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

EARLIER SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES DURING THE FAST

Please note, for Sundays of Lent, which prescribe the longer St. Basil's Liturgy, we will begin Orthros at **7:30 a.m.** instead of **7:45 a.m.** The start time for the Divine Liturgy will be around **9:00 a.m.**

OFFICE CLOSING

- ◆ **Tuesday, March 25th** in observance of the Feast Day of the Annunciation.
- ◆ The office will have abbreviated hours on **Holy Friday, April 18th.**
- ◆ **Monday, April 21st** in observance of Bright Monday.

CAMPUS AND SANCTUARY CLEAN-UP

Many hands are needed to clean for Pascha.

- ◆ Interior Temple deep cleaning work sessions on Tuesdays, March 11th & 18th from 9 AM to 1 PM and 6 PM to 9 PM. All supplies will be provided; includes dusting, polishing, wax removal, etc. Please RSVP to Jim Keown at sexton@stnektarios.org.
- ◆ Outside Campus Cleaning on Saturdays, March 15th and 22nd starting from 9 AM. Please bring garden tools, pruning shears, work gloves, etc. Please RSVP to Marko Milich at mmilich@stnektarios.org. You may also call the church office for more information.

HOLY FRIDAY NAMES FOR COMMEMORATION

Our clergy will be reading the names of our departed loved ones on Holy Friday evening before the Epitaphion during the Lamentations Service. **Please submit names by April 17th** to the office during office hours or by email to sawaimrin@stnektarios.org.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Invites men 18+ to gather for discussion & fellowship **Saturday, 3/15, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.** St. Nektarios Spiritual Life Center - Lower Level Room H. Refreshments will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to stay for Vespers at **5 p.m.**

HAND DECORATED LAMBADES

Hand decorated Lambades (Pascha Candles) by the Greek Language School moms are available for sale each Sunday during Coffee Hour to benefit the school.

SHREDDING FOR CHARITY EVENT

Purge your files for the upcoming Shredding Event to be held after "tax season". **Saturday, May 17, 2025.** Suggested donation of \$35.00 per 95 gallon bin. Any donation will benefit St. Nektarios' Missions and Philanthropy Ministry.

BLOOD DRIVE - SATURDAY, MAY 17

Donating blood is an impactful way to contribute to your community and is a potentially life-saving act that can make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. More information to follow to sign-up.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meetings will be on **Thursdays, March 27th, April 24th and May 22nd.** If you would like any items added to the agenda, contact the office by the preceding Thursdays.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

A Parish Assembly of the parish membership will be held on **Sunday, April 6, 2025** after the Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall.

NARROW PATH BOOK STORE

Visit the store for books, icons, liturgical items and gifts. Open on Sundays for 30 minutes after the Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall.

FAMILY SPACES IN THE TEMPLE

Support spaces off the Narthex are reserved for use by our little ones and their families as an extension of our worship.

- The family room next to the elevator is reserved for our youngest to get out the wiggles and noises
- The north stairwell may be used by our elementary aged youth with a lending library and church borrow bags.

Both spaces are a place where children can regroup and return to the service in the nave.

FOR YOUR SAFETY IN THE TEMPLE

- ◆ 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 will be 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 and call 911 if needed.
- ◆ **Nave Aisles** — Please keep the aisles clear of children running, playing and any tripping hazards.
- ◆ **Strollers** — Strollers may be stored in the stairwell by the family room. Please do not take them into the nave.
- ◆ **Adult Supervision** — We ask our families that youth be under supervision at all times by a parent or guardian.
- ◆ **Please use special care** in the upper level, especially with small children. No standing is allowed at the center section rail.

MISSION ADVENTURES—YOCAMA

YOUNG ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN AMERICAN MISSION ADVENTURES

is offering 4 mission team experiences to Native American Reservations this year. These experience are geared towards young people, but people of any age and families are encouraged to apply.

Please go to this website to learn more: YOCAMA

- ◆ Medical Trip (Navajo, Arizona): **May 18th - 22nd, 2025**
 - ◆ (Pre-med, pre-dental, nursing, PA students encouraged to apply)
 - ◆ Summer School Teaching and Construction Trip (Blackfeet, MT): **June 21st - 27th, 2025**
 - ◆ Montana (Blackfeet large group): **July 12th - 18th, 2025**
 - ◆ New Mexico (Navajo large group): **July 19th - 25th, 2025**
- Contact Missy Davis - 704-618-2289 for questions**

VISITATION

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

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WEEKDAY SERVICES

Great Compline

First Week of Lent: Mon, Tue, Thu 7:00 p.m.; Wed 9:00 p.m..

After: Mondays 7:00 p.m.

During the Great Forty Days, we offer up the Great Compline. Compline marks the end, or completion, of a calendar day. 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 & Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesdays 5:45 p.m. • Fridays 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 w/ Akathist Hymn

Fridays 7:00 p.m. through April 4

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.

FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS 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 704-708-4669.



- **Akathist to The Theotokos**
Weekly flower arrangement to adorn the icon of the Theotokos on Friday Compline with Akathist. Additional flowers may be sponsored for the solea, shrines and narthex.
 - March 7th
 - March 14th
 - March 21st
 - March 28th
 - April 4th
- March 23rd 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

LENTEN MEALS

Beginning Wednesday, March 5, Lenten soup will be provided after every Wednesday & Friday Presanctified Liturgies

Please bring a lenten side dish to share



KOUVOUKLION BEARERS FOR HOLY FRIDAY



Anyone who is interested in bearing the Kouvouklion which holds the Epitaphion during the Lamentations service is welcome to participate.

Please contact Silva Awaimrin at sawaimrin@stnektarios.org by April 11 or, call the office at 704-708-4669.

LENT, LUNCH, AND LEARN 2025

THURSDAYS 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKERS

ADULT RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION



March 6 – Fr. Gregory Georgiou, *M.Div., MA, LCP, Director of Pre-Marital Programming-Metropolis of Atlanta*

"THE LORD FROM OUR ORTHODOX FAITH NEAR TO THE BROKEN HEARTED"

The discussion will focus on the opportunities to utilize the length and themes from our Orthodox Faith For those who suffer and are healing from broken hearts.



March 13 – Fr. John Parker, *Dean of St. Tikhon University*

"HOW WE CAN SERVE ONE ANOTHER AS OUR LORD COMMANDED"

Everyone is invited to join the Young at Heart Lenten Luncheon to welcome and hear Fr. John



March 20 – Caroline Mellekas, *Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, St. Nektarios*

"I WAITED PATIENTLY FOR THE LORD"

We will explore the lives of some of our female martyrs and the struggle of asceticism.



March 27 – Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, *Protopresbyter of Holy Transfiguration Church, Marietta, GA*

"HOW DO WE KNOW GOD EXISTS"

This will be an interactive presentation. Fr. Panayiotis will also be showing a short film on St. Mary of Egypt.



April 3 – Fr. Panayiotis Steele, *Presbyter, Assistant Priest, St. Nektarios*

"THE UNIQUE SERVICES OF LENT AND HOLY WEEK"

He will discuss how they are designed to bring us to an experience of active repentance

In person and

By zoom 8803348094

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NEKTARIOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PROCESSION OF THE HOLY ICONS

On the first Sunday of Lent, March 9th, everyone is invited to bring a personal Icon from home to carry during the procession.

Youth Catechism will participate in the procession.

Students will remain in the church and receive instructions when to join the procession. Parents of younger students may accompany their youth as needed.



FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

MONDAY, MARCH 24
5:00 P.M. VESPERS

TUESDAY, MARCH 25
8:00 A.M. MATINS
& DIVINE LITURGY

Followed by a Luncheon Reception

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



SUNDAY, MARCH 23
7:30 A.M. MATINS

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

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.

MARCH 9

ST. ANASTASIA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

A ministry of the parish which provides aid to members of the community with serious financial needs, requiring immediate action, as a result of significant medical issues.



MARCH 16



PHILOPTOCHOS - CHILDREN'S MEDICAL FUND

A national Philoptochos initiative to raise funds to distribute as grants to pediatric programs, facilities and research.



MARCH 23



PHILOPTOCHOS - HELLENIC COLLEGE/HOLY CROSS

A national Philoptochos commitment to support our theological school that prepares students for the holy priesthood or for lay vocations in which they can put their faith into action.



MARCH 30

CHILD OF GOD ACADEMY & FEEDING PROGRAM

A ministry of the parish assisting the Metropolis of Kenya to support the Academy which provides education, food and clean water to orphans and disadvantage children in the slums of Nairobi.



APRIL 6

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASKFORCE

Made up of vetted service providers agencies that work with victims every day in Mecklenburg County.



Please note that we will not be passing a second tray on Sundays.

You may make your special offering to any and all funds throughout Lent

- BY CHECK OR USING BILL PAY THROUGH YOUR BANK
FOR FUNDS INDICATED WITH A * MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PHILOPTOCHOS
FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS, MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. NEKTARIOS
- BY USING THE SPECIAL COLLECTION BOX IN THE NARTHEX OR THE HALL
- BY USING THE ASSOCIATED QR CODE FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING

Please note the name of the fund(s) for your offering.



St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church

LENT, LUNCH, AND LEARN 2025

Young at Heart

Young At Heart invites you to join us at our Lenten Luncheon to welcome and hear Fr. John



Fr. John Parker, *Dean of St. Tikhon University*

**"HOW WE CAN SERVE ONE ANOTHER
AS OUR LORD COMMANDED"**

Thursday, March 13, 2025

11:30 - 1:00

Lunch provided by the Young At Heart

Please contact Steve Panteliodis at
(ddstevep@yahoo.com)
or 704-400-8041 to reserve your seat



ST. NEKTARIOS

OUTDOOR MINISTRY EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND - 10AM

Join us at Cane Creek Park for a morning of fellowship, food, and spiritual reflection!

After our meal and message, choose your

adventure—enjoy a guided nature walk,

cast a line for fishing, or relax with family at

the playground. For details and to sign up,

Scan the QR code

RSVP BY MARCH 15th



Donate Now



Special Collection

Mar. 16, 2025
supporting

Children's Medical Fund

The Atlanta Metropolis is hosting the Children's Medical Fund Luncheon in Atlanta Georgia September 27, 2025. Money raised from this event will benefit children's hospitals and organizations in the Metropolis of Atlanta.



Let us rejoice and embrace the children

To make your donation:

- Scan the QR Code here
- Use the PayPal link on the Philoptochos webpage, www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos
- Make your check payable to Philoptochos with "CMF" in the memo line.
- Mail to the church, attn. Philoptochos
- Bring to church on Mar. 16 to place in the special collection box.

Thank you for your support!

The St. Sophia School
presents

The CLAY SPORTING

Fundraising Event

May 8th 2025

Meadow Wood Farms, Waxhaw NC

Registration and breakfast to start at 7:30am
Games, lunch, & silent auction to follow!

To be a team member and/or sponsor, follow the link in the QR code!

Register Now!

Join us in supporting
St. Sophia School's Inaugural Year!

Now accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year
info@thestophiaschool.org



THE METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL

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THE EUCHARIST AS THE CENTER OF OUR LIFE



REGISTER TODAY!!

REGISTRATION INCLUDES ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS AND ALL MEALS THROUGHOUT THE RETREAT



March 28 - 30, 2025
Metropolis of Atlanta Diakonia Retreat Center
455 Quail Ridge Rd, Salem SC



Featured Speakers



Fr. Andreas Houpos
Fr. Andreas Houpos serves as the Protosphyter of St. Nektarios Church in Charlotte, NC. He is a former speaker for the Metropolis Art Academy and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Academy. He will be delivering a two-part lecture series exploring the Eucharist from two distinct perspectives. The first session will examine the Eucharist as a boundary of the Church, while the second will offer a meditation on the Eucharist as the heart of the Church's life and the Christian experience.



Fr. Paul Abernathy
Fr. Paul Abernathy, an esteemed author and Orthodox priest, serves the missionary parish of St. Moses the Black in Pittsburgh, PA. He will share with us his profound spiritual and practical experiences in his role as an Orthodox priest dedicated to missionary work. Through his service, he fulfills the commandment from Our Lord to serve one another.



Presbytera Christine Salzman
Presbytera Christine Salzman is the co-founder of Image and Likeness Iconography and the executive director of The Liturgical Arts Academy. She has served on various boards, including the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos, the National Philoptochos, the Metropolis of Atlanta Sisterhood of Presbyters, and the St. Philotheos Philoptochos Chapter. Her topic, "What Shall We Do Today? Eucharistic Unity & Our Daily Life," will explore how the Eucharist strengthens our lives with courage, hope, peace, and beauty.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael Rollis at 910.619.0014 or Gerry Cionaris at 704.574.6779



JOIN THOUSANDS OF YOUTH ACROSS THE NATION AND SHARE YOUR FAITH!



2025 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Senior Division (Grades 10-12) • Junior Division (Grades 7-9)

AWARDS
National finalists are eligible to receive the following:
St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Scholarship: \$500 to \$2000
FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism: to be announced


Finalists at any level are eligible to receive the following:
Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College: \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year

Parish Festival Date & Time: **SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1:00 - 3:00PM**

Contact Information: **SNYOUTH@STNEKTARIOS.ORG**

Find the topics, tips, manual & award information at:
www.religioused.goarch.org

Department of Religious Education (DRE) Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



PHILOPTOCHOS INVITES YOU TO THE

25TH ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY COMMUNITY LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

April 13, 2025
following the Divine Liturgy




Preorders begin Sunday, March 2nd
Online sales at www.stnektarios.org/philoptochos



Scan to order online

\$25 Adult Plate (\$30 after April 6th)
\$8 Youth Plate

Menu
Adult Plate: Breaded Baked Cod, Greek-Style Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Dessert & Beverage
Youth Plate: Fish Sticks, Mac & Cheese, Applesauce, Dessert & Beverage

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CHURCH'S ST. NICHOLAS BENEVOLENCE FUND



For more information, email philoptochos@stnektarios.org or call the church office at 704-708-4669

MEMORIAL LUMINARIES

IN MEMORY OF YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES TO LIGHT THE PROCESSION PATH ON HOLY FRIDAY

\$10.00 SUGGESTED DONATION PER LUMINARY
Proceeds to benefit Philoptochos Charities & Commitments

TO PARTICIPATE AND REGISTER YOUR NAMES,
1. COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO CHURCH BY SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH or
2. SCAN THIS QR CODE TO COMPLETE ONLINE FORM

(NOTE: Not part of the names for commemoration on Holy Friday ready by the priests)

St. Nektarios Philoptochos - 2024 Memorial Luminaries

Sponsor Name: _____
Phone: _____

Print first names only, IN ENGLISH, for each candle.
Please no more than three names per candle.

_____ candles x \$10.00 suggested donation = \$ _____ total enclosed with this form

Additional donations welcomed to benefit Philoptochos Charities & Commitments

Candle 1	Candle 2
Candle 3	Candle 4

For additional candles attach sheet with names

Questions? Contact the Philoptochos Board at philoptochos@stnektarios.org or call the church office at 704-708-4669
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "PHILOPTOCHOS" and return to Attn: Philoptochos-Luminaries, 5108 Kuykendall Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270



St. Nektarios Endowment

2025 COCKINOS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Accepting Applications
March 15 to April 25

- For Students 25 years and younger
- One (1) \$2000 Award Scholar of Distinction
- Five (5) \$1000 Awards from random drawing

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

Awards Announced on Endowment Sunday May 18, 2025 after Divine Liturgy

Additional Grant Opportunities available for Youth 18 or Younger



GOD CREATED US TO LIVE IN HARMONY

(Romans 12:16)

A RELIGIOUS FREEDOM SYMPOSIUM

Presented by

ARCHONS of the ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE of the ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The symposium mission is to look through the lens of the Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Protestant faith teachings to better understand how our loving God has protected His flock and the issues facing Christians today.

March 22, 2025 | 8am - 1pm

Pestides Alumni Center
University of South Carolina
900 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Get your FREE ticket on EVENTBRITE



For hotel, schedule and more information: www.archons.org/2025USC

For questions, please contact: Symposium322@gmail.com

FEATURED SPEAKERS



His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



His Eminence Cardinal Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States Holy See



Reverend Dr. Mae Elise Cannon
Executive Director of Churches for Middle East Peace, Ordained Pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church



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YOUTH EVENTS 2025

K-5/JOY HOPE Family Nights

5:30-7:00PM | Fellowship Hall | Dinner | Rotations

- ~~FEB 7~~
- MAR 7
- APR 4
- MAY 2

GOYA Hang Time & Orthodox Life Nights

5:30-7:00PM | Fellowship Hall | Dinner | Activities

- ~~FEB 9~~
- ~~FEB 23~~
- MAR 9
- MAR 23
- MAY 4

MAR 29 PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL
1:00 - 3:00PM | Fellowship Hall | Grades 3-12

APR 5 DISTRICT ORATORICAL FESTIVAL
St. Nektarios is hosting District coming soon

APR 17-18 GOYA HOLY THURSDAY & FRIDAY LOCK-IN
7:00PM - 10:00PM | Fellowship Hall & Church

APR 18 JOY/HOPE HOLY FRIDAY MINI-RETREAT
10:00AM - 2:00PM | Fellowship Hall

JUN 23-26 VACATION CHURH CAMP
9:00AM-12:00PM | Spiritual Life Center | Rising K-5

SCAN BELOW TO JOIN THE YOUTH MINISTRIES EMAIL LIST



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ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 2025

As of 03/05/2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Cheesefare Saturday 8:00am -Orthros & Divine Liturgy (Hagiasmos & Memorial Service) Death (The Dread Mystery) Presentation
2 SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS (Cheesefare) Expulsion from Paradise of Adam and Eve NO MEMORIAL SERVICES Palm Sunday Lunch Ticket Sales Pontian Society-Lenten bread sale (Laganis) St. Nicholas Planas 7:45am - Orthros - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy 5:00pm - 7:00pm Forgiveness Vespers 6:30pm - 8:30pm Community Dinner	3 CLEAN MONDAY — NO APPOINTMENTS / MEETINGS 9:00am - 10:30am Lenten Third Hour & Reflection — Clergy / Staff / Faithful 7:00pm - 9:00pm Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew-1	4 9:30am - 12:00pm Philoptochos Baking - Koulourakia (Kitchen Reserved at 8:00 AM) 5:00pm - 7:00pm Walk-in Confession 7:00pm - 9:00pm Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew-2	5 7:00am - 9:00am Walk-in Confession 5:45pm - 6:45pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7:30pm - 8:30pm Evening Lenten Meal and Reflection 9:00pm Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew-3	6 8:00am - 1:00pm St. Panteleimon-Home School 11:30am - 1:00pm Lent-Lunch & Learn 5:45pm - 7:15pm Adult Greek Language Class 7:00pm - 9:00pm Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew-4	7 OCMC Health Care Mission Trip to Guatemala 12:00pm - Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Lunch 4:30pm - 5:30pm Greek Language School 5:30pm - 7:00pm Family Night (K-5 & Families): Dinner & Rotations before Compline & Akathist 7:00pm -Small Compline with Akathist	8 OCMC Health Care Mission Trip to Guatemala St. Theodore's Kollyva Miracle 8:00am - 11:00am Orthros & Divine Liturgy w/ Memorial Service 5:00pm - Vespers followed by lenten meditation
9 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY NO MEMORIAL SERVICES Daylight Saving time Begins Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste OCMC Health Care Mission Trip to Guatemala Palm Sunday Lunch Ticket Sales St. Quadratus the Martyr, and those with him Sunday of Alms Giving 7:30am-Orthros & Divine Liturgy with Procession 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers of Sunday of Orthodoxy 5:30pm - GOYA (grades 6-12) — Fellowship Hall	10 OCMC Health Care Mission Trip to Guatemala 7:00pm - 8:30pm Great Compline	11 OCMC Health Care Mission Trip to Guatemala	12 OCMC Health Care Mission Trip to Guatemala 5:45pm - 6:45pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7:30pm - 8:30pm Evening Lenten Meal and Reflection	13 OCMC Health Care Mission Trip to Guatemala 8:00am - St. Panteleimon-Home School 11:30am - Lent-Lunch & Learn 11:30am - Young at Heart-Hosting Lunch, Learn 5:45pm - 7:15pm Adult Greek Language Class 6:00pm - Philoptochos Board Mtg	14 Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos Lenten Retreat-DRC OCMC Health Care Mission Trip to Guatemala 12:00pm - Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Lunch 4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek Language School 7:00pm -Small Compline with Akathist	15 Endowment Scholarship Applications Open Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos Lenten Retreat-DRC OCMC Health Care Mission Trip to Guatemala St. Nektarios Campus Clean up 3:00pm - 5:00pm Men's Group-meeting-SLC-Lower Level 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers
16 SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS NO MEMORIAL SERVICES Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos Lenten Retreat-OCMC Health Care Mission Trip to Guatemala Palm Sunday Lunch Ticket Sales Sunday of Alms Giving-Philoptochos-Children's Medical Fund 7:30am - Orthros - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers	17 St. Alexios, the Holy Man of God (No Services) 7:00pm - 8:30pm Great Compline	18	19 5:45pm - 6:45pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7:30pm - 8:30pm Evening Lenten Meal and Reflection	20 8:00am - 1:00pm St. Panteleimon-Home School 11:30am - Lent-Lunch & Learn 5:45pm - 7:15pm Adult Greek Language Class 6:30pm - 8:30pm Philoptochos Sandwich Making Service Project	21 12:00pm - Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Lunch 4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek Language School 7:00pm -Small Compline with Akathist	22 St. Nektarios Campus Clean up 8:00am - 1:00pm Religious Freedom Symposium -- South Carolina 10:00am - 2:00pm Outdoor Ministry Nature Walk 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers
23 SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS NO MEMORIAL SERVICES Coffee Hour - Middle Eastern Palm Sunday Lunch Ticket Sales Sunday of Alms Giving-Philoptochos-Holy Cross/Hellenic College 7:30am - Orthros - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers 5:30pm - 7:00pm GOYA (grades 6-12)	24 6:00pm - 7:30pm Vespers for the Eve of the Annunciation	25 Annunciation of the Theotokos OFFICE CLOSED 8:00am - 9:00am Matins 9:00am - 10:00am Divine Liturgy 11:45am - 12:45pm Community Lunch	26 5:45pm - 6:45pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7:30pm - 8:30pm Evening Lenten Meal and Reflection	27 8:00am - 1:00pm St. Panteleimon-Home School 11:30am - 1:00pm Lent-Lunch & Learn 5:45pm - 7:15pm Adult Greek Language Class 6:00pm - 9:00pm Parish Council meeting	28 Festival of Faith-Diakonia 12:00pm - Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Lunch 4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek Language School 7:00pm -Small Compline with Akathist	29 Festival of Faith-Diakonia Parish Oratorical Festival (grades 7-12) 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers
30 SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN OF "THE LADDER" NO MEMORIAL SERVICES Festival of Faith-Diakonia Greek School-Independence Day Celebration Palm Sunday Lunch Ticket Sales Sunday of Alms Giving 7:30am - Orthros - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers	31 7:00pm - 8:30pm Great Compline	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 				



ST. NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 2025

As of 03/05/2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:45pm - 6:45pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7:30pm - 8:30pm Evening Lenten Meal and Reflection	3 7:30am - 9:30am Orthros with Great Canon 8:00am - 1:00pm St. Panteleimon-Home School 11:30am - 1:00pm Lent-Lunch & Learn 5:45pm - 7:15pm Adult Greek Language Class	4 12:00pm - 2:00pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Lunch 4:30pm - 5:30pm Greek Language School 5:30pm - 7:00pm Family Night (K-5 & Families): Dinner & Rotations before Compline & Akathist 7:00pm - 9:00pm Small Compline with Full Akathist	5 District Oratorical Festival 9:00am - 11:00am NourishUp-Warehouse Volunteers project 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers
6 SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT NO MEMORIAL SERVICES Parish Assembly Palm Sunday Lunch Ticket Sales Sunday of Alms Giving 7:30am Orthros - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers	7 7:00pm - 8:30pm Great Compline	8 6:00pm - 7:00pm Philoptochos Board Mtg	9 5:45pm - 6:45pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7:30pm - 8:30pm Evening Lenten Meal and Reflection	10 8:00am - 1:00pm St. Panteleimon-Home School 5:45pm - 7:15pm Adult Greek Language Class	11 12:00pm - 2:00pm Ninth Hour & Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Lunch 4:30pm - 6:30pm Greek Language School	12 Saturday of Lazarus 7:30am - 11:30am Matins-"Teaching Proskomide" and Divine Liturgy 11:30am - 5:30pm Young at Heart-Hosting Brunch-Palm Cross Making 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers
13 PALM SUNDAY NO MEMORIAL SERVICES Palm Sunday Lunch Ticket Sales 7:30am - Orthros - 9:15am - Divine Liturgy w/ Procession 3:00pm - 6:00pm Special Palm Sunday Presentation 7:00pm - 8:30 pm Matins of Holy & Great Monday "Bridegroom"	14 Holy & Great Monday 7:00pm - 8:30pm Matins of Holy & Great Tuesday "Bridegroom"	15 Holy & Great Tuesday 7:00pm - 8:30pm Matins of Holy Wednesday	16 Holy & Great Wednesday 5:00pm - 7:00pm Holy Unction 7:00pm - 8:30pm Matins of Holy Thursday	17 Holy & Great Thursday 8:30am - 11:30am Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00pm - 10:00pm Matins of Holy Friday	18 Holy & Great Friday 8:30am - 10:30am Great Hours 2:00pm - 4:00pm Vespers of Great Saturday 7:00pm - 10:00pm Matins of Great Saturday-Lamentation	19 Holy & Great Saturday 8:00am - 11:30am Vespers Baptismal Liturgy of Pascha 11:00pm - 12:00am Paschal Vigil
20 GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA 12:00am - 2:30am Matins and Divine Liturgy for Pascha 11:00am - 12:00pm "Agape" Vespers	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22	23 St. George the Great Martyr 9:00am - 11:00am Orthros & Divine Liturgy 6:00pm - 7:00pm Vespers	24 6:00pm - 9:00pm Parish Council meeting	25 Endowment Applications Close at 5 PM St. Mark the Evangelist 9:00am - 11:30am Matins and Divine Liturgy with Hagiasmos at Fountain	26 5:00pm - 6:00pm Vespers
27 THOMAS SUNDAY 7:45am - Orthros - 9:15am - 11:00am Divine Liturgy	28	29	30 James the Apostle, brother of John the Theologian 8:30am - 10:30am Matins and Divine Liturgy 6:00pm - 7:00pm Vespers			