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THE NEWS FROM ST. NEKTARIOS

COMMITTING OUR LIFE TO CHRIST

By Fr. Andreas G. Houpos

«Τῆς παναγίας, ἀχράντου, ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου, δεσποίνης ἡμῶν, Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας, μετὰ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες, ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.»

“Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to **Christ our God.**”

This exhortation should ring familiar to us. It is found toward the end of litanies of other such exhortations offered up by the clergy in worship, to which the faithful pray “**Lord, have mercy!**” or “**Grant this, O Lord!**”. It is a bridge between the list of preceding exhortations and the ekphronesis, the solemn doxology offered up by the celebrant, that declares to God **and reminds the faithful of God’s** greatness and mercy and power and love.

While the litanies can vary in content and scope, this particular exhortation—**for us to “commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God”**—has a particular thrust to it, and could perhaps stand on its own. As with many aspects of our patterned worship, our scattered attention or simple desensitization to these challenging and holy words can cause us to overlook their significance.

The Church exhorts us here by having us call to mind the Theotokos and all the saints.

The mere mention of them brings them front-and-center to **our mind’s eye**. The most emphasis is given to the holy Theotokos, since she is the highest among all the saints. We are reminded of her holiness, purity, and blessedness, all of which stemmed from her blessed and holy upbringing and her dedication to a life of humble, self-emptying devotion to God.

When we hear “**all the saints**”, perhaps we think of our patron saint—George, Katherine,

us the faith! Remember those who taught us! Do what we know they did!”

The holy Apostle Paul spoke of this in a characteristic way when he was writing to the Hebrews:

“Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings” (13:7-9a).

“Becoming familiar with them (the saints) helps us become familiar with Christ, decreasing the likelihood that we will be led astray, so that we can be committed to him today and forever into **eternity. Amen**”

Silouan, Porphyrios, Sophia, Daniel, Iakovos, Demetrios, Kassiane—any number of names are liable to flood our mind at this moment. Or perhaps we envision a vast sea of holy men and women and children, unable to distinguish them in the multitude, but aware of their closeness to God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Whatever the case, the Church has us remembering these holy people—our ancestors, our fathers, our siblings in Christ—to **set us up for the challenge: “let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.” In other words: “Remember our heroes! Remember our forebears! Remember those who handed**

This concern about “**diverse and strange teachings**” refers both to the world (society outside of the Church) and to misguided or even malicious personalities within, both of which pose dangers to the flock of Christ and our salvation. Therefore, by “**commemorating... all of the saints,**” we “**remember [our] leaders... and imitate their faith,**” are encouraged to “**commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God,**” who “**is the same yesterday and today and forever**”.

The Church is full of saints, and just about every day of the calendar year is dedicated to remembering at least one (usually, many) of them. With tools like the Daily Readings app, or volumes like The Synaxarion, we can take the opportunity to explore the vast treasure of the body of saints. Becoming familiar with them helps us become familiar with Christ, decreasing the likelihood that we will be led astray, so that we can be committed to him today and forever into eternity. Amen.

In the Spotlight

St. Hermione Home

The St. Hermione Home is a nationally accredited 501(c)3 non-profit serving the "least of these" (Matthew 25) in uptown Charlotte. SHH seeks to "heal the whole person" through offering food, clothing, medical and spiritual care to homeless women and children staying at the Salvation Army Center of Hope. By the grace of God, SHH will begin building the home for homeless pregnant single mothers in Spring 2023, with the goal of opening its doors the Fall of 2024.

This past year, we have had increasing numbers and success in our current programs (the Health and Wellness/ Orthopedic Program and Bible Study/ Prayer Group). We also have the immense opportunity of our patron Saint, St. Hermione, being featured in Trisagion Films. This short film will come out in September and shows the inspiration of SHH -connecting homeless women and children to the healing ministry of Christ and His Church.

Additionally St. Hermione Home is especially spiritually nurtured through its intimate relationships with the Holy Monastery of St Nektarios and the Holy Monastery of Panagia Prousiotissa.

Feel free to learn more about us through looking at our website at www.sthhome.com. We look forward to seeing you join the Taking Steps St. Nektarios 5k which supports both the St. Hermione Home and Shelter Health Services. ❖



FOCUS ON OUR COMMUNITY

Celebrations, Milestones, Comfort & Support

In our prayers

Tim Aphroula John Pat KS Joe Kim Johanna Edward Tina Theona Helen & Richard DG
Chuck Handsel Mason Robin & Benny John & Elaine Jennifer & family Eleftheria Mary Shan
Catherine Grant Jack Phyllis Melton family Tish Joanne Christina Stephen Barbara & Spiro
Gloria Phil & Ronnie John & Michelle & family MP MSR Ashley Glen Cheryl & Brian Paul Dina
John T. John D. Terry Dorothy Erma (Hermione) Phyllis John Emmanoeuel Mariham
Helen Debbie Hanna Chris Greg

We will be starting a new list for October. If you would like to stay on the list, please submit your names by October 11th.

FOR THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Helene Jordan Krassimire Nicholas Michael Constantine Zack
Matthew Amanda Danielle Anton Jimmy Thomas Cris

Congratulations and best wishes

Bir ths & For tieth Day Bl essings

To Demitra and Red Farha on the 40 day blessing of Stephanie's brother, Evangelos
To Maria & Daniel Siragusa on the 40 day blessing of Sophia & Guilia's brother, Thomas Daniel
To Ranim and George Mawardi on the 40 day blessing of Bruce's sister, Soliel Mariette

Chr ismations & Baptisms

To Vianca Jaramillo-Valadez on her chrismation and to her sponsor, Kara O'Brien
To Daniella Tekin Yilmaz & Simeon Yilmaz on the baptism of Valentina's brother, Jayden Daniel
and to his sponsor, Simon Tekin
To Alex & Ryan Hurst on the baptism of their son, Charles Ryan & to his sponsor, Louis Kachulis
To Judith & Alec Chaprak on the baptism of Cyril's sister, Zerina Lexy & her sponsor,
Alexander Chaprak

MARRIAGES

To Merrigrace Clewell and Silas Helms on their Orthodox wedding and to their sponsors,
Kathy & Mike Clewell

With Sympathy on the Repose of our bel oved brothers and sisters in Christ

To the community of Saint Nicholas in Wilmington, NC and the family of Rev. Fr. Regis Alexoudis
on his repose
To the family of Efosini Koutsokalis on her repose
To the family of Steve "Stavros" Politis on his repose
To the family of Helen Skiouris on her repose
To Holmes, Nixon, & Brown families on the repose of Georgia, Barbara & John's mother, Helen
To the Wheatley and Polites families on the repose of Maria's husband, Ron
To the Artemes family on the repose of Brenda's husband, Ares Lambros Artemes
The family of Ekaterini Georgiou on her repose

In Appreciation

Thanks to Diane Gilbert and Copycat for printing the Church Bulletin and Newsletter.

A Note of Thanks

To my St. Nektarios family,
I have recently moved to an assisted living complex in PA to be closer to my daughter and family. It is very nice here and I am making many new friends. I will miss you all and remember all of the good times we had over the past 20+ years. I will remember all of you in my prayers.
Love to you all, Kathy Pakuris

Please contact Kim Clewell at kclewell@stnektarios.org with information we may share with the community, to request a photo from or submit a photo to the newsletter or to add someone to the prayer list.
Please contact the office to request a clergy visit.

Please check the upper level elevator lobby to claim your lost items by **October 16th**.

Prayers for our students

We offered prayers for our school-aged children on August 28th and allowed them to bring the backpacks for a special blessing. Backpacks hold the supplies they need to succeed in school. We offered a prayer to remind them that God is with them wherever they go and if they trust in Him, they will be successful. At the end Fr. Nektarios gave each student an icon. ❖ (See photo below)



Pictured right:

We offered a prayer for those continuing in higher education for the Lord's guidance and direction. May they have a blessed year and may the Lord enlighten their paths!

Liturgical Arts Academy

The St. Nektarios family was well-represented at this year's Liturgical Arts Academy. With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta, the LAA offers weeklong intensive instruction in Byzantine chant (beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels) and iconography. Now in its fifth year, the Academy takes place at the crown jewel of the Metropolis of Atlanta, the Diakonia Retreat Center. Participants experience expert instruction and full, rich liturgical services, engaging presentations, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Our own Fr. Andreas has served as the Academy's chaplain since its inception. Didn't make it this year? Keep it in mind for next! ❖



Above: Beautiful sunset photo of the Diakonia Center taken by Fr. Andreas



Clergy-Laity Congress



We traveled to St. Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center, NYC, from our Clergy-Laity Delegation. Our delegates were Despina Gallis and Stavroula and John Couchell. Gerry Clonaris represented the Archdiocesan Council. On July 4, the church was consecrated by Archbishop Elpidophoros of America in a beautiful service. Glory to God! This will become a place of pilgrimage and one that our community will make it a point to visit in the future. Please see the Philoptochos pages for details about the conference. ❖



WORKING IN HIS VINEYARD: *MISSIONS & PHILANTHROPY MINISTRY*

“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” James 2:26

Shredding Event & Blood Drive
 On July 30, 2022, St Nektarios Missions & Philanthropy Ministry sponsored two events held in the church parking lot. With the generous cooperation from Bob Korkas (of Shred Industry Solutions), we held a shredding event for people needing to safely dispose of important records and/or files. Bob has done such volunteer service in the past under his previous shredding business; and with his new company he offered to do more of the same. We hope to schedule two events over the next year. Watch for an announcement of the next event date and make plans to purge old files and documents from your personal files, or **business records. Bob's company also handles** the destruction/disposal of computer disks and storage devices such as hard drives etc. Thank You Bob!!

The event was a success, running from 8 am to 1 pm. People drove into the lot and had their papers and files loaded into rolling garbage bins which in turn were hydraulically lifted and dumped into the feeding component of the truck, moving down a short conveyor belt to the churning blades cutting everything into shreds. Virtually everyone made a free will offering to support the St. Nektarios' Mission & Philanthropy Ministry. The event raised \$2,535.

Thanks again to Bob for donating his truck and labor to make this event possible.

A second event held that day was a blood drive for OneBlood, the new unified blood collection service now operating here in Charlotte. We have offered the use of our parking lot and facility for them to set up and collect blood donations from the public. This is not only for St. Nektarios parishioners, but also the nearby neighborhood communities as well. It is a convenient central point to donate. We expect we will be asked to offer this community service again in the not-too-distant future. All told, the event produced 13 pints of usable blood. Each pint of blood can be multiplied for use for four individuals in need. Watch the Bulletin for an announcement for the next blood drive opportunity we will sponsor here. If you have given before, please consider donating again and on a regular basis. If you have never given blood and are 17 or over, consider doing so as a life-saving measure for others in need. It is an easy

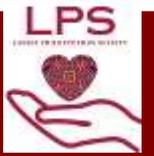


process, takes only about 30-45 minutes of your time and you get free refreshments and a gift card. But do it for the need to support your community, not the free juice and cookie. As a church community, lets shoot for having 20 parishioners participate in the next blood drive held at our facility.

Tim K, Kate C, Missy D



LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY



The 2022 National Philoptochos Convention celebrated Philoptochos 90th anniversary. Held in New York City, the Convention brought together 317 delegates from all over the country. Representing our parish were Charlotte Nickolopoulos and Madalina Lowen. Monday, July 4th began with the Consecration of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine (see pictures).



Metropolis of Chicago. The following morning at the AGAPE Awards breakfast, we had the opportunity to witness philanthropy in action as one chapter from each Metropolis was given the AGAPE award for their outstanding work during the past two years.

The Chapter Challenge projects were presented during one of the Convention sessions. **Our chapter's project was among the presentations shown to delegates. If you're interested in viewing the entire presentation, you can access it on the Philoptochos page of the St. Nektarios website at stnektarios.org/philoptochos.**



Later that evening we enjoyed a 4th of July celebration at the Yacht Club in Edgewater, NJ. (see picture below).



The following three days were packed with informative sessions and relevant business. Among the presenters were Dorrie Papademetriou, founder of MudGirls Studio, Dean Triantafilou, executive director and CEO of IOCC, George Cantonis, president of HCHC, Presbytera Kerry Pappas, coordinator for Seminarian and Clergy Couple Care, and Sarah Sladek, member engagement expert. His Grace, Bishop Athenagoras of Nazianzos, the spiritual adviser of Philoptochos gave a **wonderful presentation intitled "The Stages of Prayer" that focused on one of the most powerful prayers available to us: The Jesus Prayer – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.**



During a break between sessions, we participated in a "Blessing Bags" service project where we assembled bags with necessities for the homeless. (see picture above)

We enjoyed a wonderful evening of Byzantine music and exhibit viewing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. during a joint cultural event with the Clergy Laitly delegates (see picture on right.)

If you would like more information about 2022 National Philoptochos Convention, please visit the National Philoptochos website at philoptochos.org.



During the last evening of the Convention, we celebrated the Centennial of the Archdiocese at the Grand Banquet. (see picture top far right)



Madalina Lowen

Our Metropolis delegates enjoyed an evening of fellowship with the delegates of the



Our Philoptochos school supply drive was a success! We completely filled the bins. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important event to provide school children with the necessary supplies to help them succeed. ❖



The feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

We began our day with the divine services for the feast of our Lord's Transfiguration, with Fr. Nektarios presiding

A mishap with disposal of the coals used to burn incense during the services later triggered a fire alarm. Everything was perfectly fine, but it gave us an opportunity to be reminded of how God has blessed us with close proximity to a fire station full of professional, respectful, and kind firefighters. May God bless them and those they serve!

We also welcomed a visit by Fr. Nektarios Mamalougos, of Athens, Greece, who came with his family to venerate the relics of his patron saint. He and Fr. Andreas served a vigil at Panagia Prousiotissa Monastery the night before, for the feast of the Transfiguration.

Glory to God for all things! ❖



Photos above Counter-clock-wise:

Fr. Andreas with the firefighters that responded to the alarm that was triggered, Fr. Andreas & Despina Gallis at the fire station where we took lunch to thank them & in honor the Feast of the Dormition (see next page), Fr. Nektarios giving the Blessing of the Grapes, Nolan Atkinson and Jim Keown bringing out the icon of the Transfiguration and Fr. Andreas with Fr. Nektarios Mamalougos of Athens, Greece, who came with his family to venerate the relics of his patron saint

FINANCIAL MATTERS — STEWARDSHIP



We are stewards of the Gospel and stewards of our parish.

At St. Nektarios Church, we continue to grow together as we share our spiritual life.

We give generously of our time, talent and treasure to support our parish.

When we give of our first fruits, we set our priorities on God and have a constant reminder that all we are and all we have is His.

As of August 31, 2022

Regular Periodic Giving

We are eight months into the year. Are you on track?

\$861,000 Stewardship Annual Goal
\$574,000 Eight month Goal
\$522,792 Cash Received

Thank You for being a Steward

561 Pledges Received
 10% Exceeded their pledge // 21% Completed their pledge
 35% Offered regular periodic giving

Giving Fuels our Ministries.

Monthly offerings align with the ongoing funding of operations. This ensures year-long adequate support of our ministries that provide worship, witness, fellowship and service.



The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

As the summer season begins to end, and as life gradually resumes its familiar pace, we approached the Dormition—the falling asleep—of the Theotokos. Our most-holy Lady stands above the holy sanctuary with her arms outstretched both in prayer and to receive all those who would run to her for refuge, for she constantly helps direct us to her Son, our Savior.

We thank our faithful stewards who have continued to contribute to the needs of this holy community throughout these summer months. By their generous support, our doors have remained open for worship and our ongoing ministry is allowed to continue.

Thank you to those who joined in the bright and holy celebration of the “Summer Pascha”! The feast commenced on Sunday, August 14, with Festal Vespers followed by a reception. It culminated with Matins and Divine Liturgy on Monday, August 15, followed by a festive luncheon.

Most holy Theotokos, save us! ❖

Fr. Nektarios was able to visit and represent our community among our brothers and sisters in Greensboro, at the parish of the Dormition, where services were presided over by His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela. ❖



St. Nektarios Community Brunch



Thank you to all who came out to enjoy the Community Brunch on July 31st and to all our volunteers who work tirelessly at each event. May God bless all of you! ❖



St. Phoebe Ministry Retreat

The girls and moms of the St. Phoebe Ministry gathered at Elatos Park for their annual kickoff on Saturday, August 20.

We began the day with the Third Hour prayers. Anthea Copsis, Evie Demakis and Besse Karavokiros offered the readings for us. Fr. Jonathan Resmini from Holy Trinity joined us, as well, and had an interesting conversation with the girls about different ways they can look for and integrate their Faith into all areas of their lives.

We had a fun "Would You Rather...?" ice breaker, and a challenging Bible verse match-up game.

We discussed how to experience the fullness of our Faith: attend the Divine Liturgy, receive the Eucharist, pray, fast, go to confession, spend time with other Orthodox believers, study Scripture, become familiar with His voice, read books

from our bookstore. It's not enough to do only one of these things. In order to have the manifest presence of God in our lives, to see the fingerprints of God in our lives...we have to do it ALL.

Then we spent the afternoon sharing and discussing our favorite Bible verses. I won't tell you any specifics of those here, but I do want to tell you what I thought about later.

All of the verses the girls shared were ones that offered them comfort. They weren't deep, theological verses, of course. And they weren't necessarily lofty and inspiring. They were comforting. And as I thought about it, I, myself, was



comforted by that. Comforted and encouraged. I was comforted and encouraged because it tells me that they are looking to God our Father for their comfort.

And that gives me hope for their future. For our future. Glory to God!

--Christina Bonderer



Acolyte Retreat

The acolytes met for their semi-yearly orientation on Sunday, August 21. They began by having lunch together, followed by discussion with Fr. Andreas and our sexton, Jim Keown in the church. As the ministry that serves directly with the clergy, the acolytes have the blessing to be in the Holy Altar during most services. As such, they serve a particularly unique role in the Church and are given an opportunity to experience a very close encounter with the Divine Liturgy and the sacramental life of the Church that not many other lay people receive. ❖



Youth Ministry - Bible Time for Tots

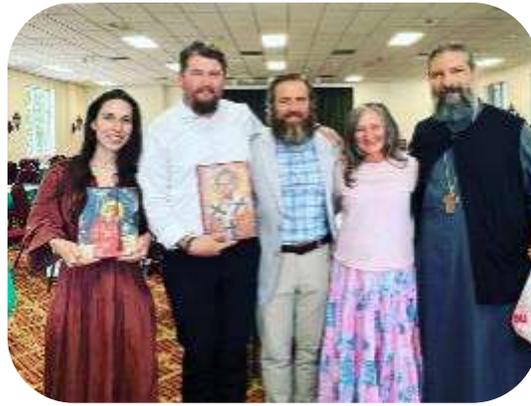
We suspend our catechism classes during the summer due to teachers and students being on vacation. This summer we decided to have a special class for young children called "Bible Time for Tots". Thank you to Merrigrace and Samara Clewell for heading up this endeavor and for their creative efforts incorporating Bible Stories with crafts and food. We also give a special thank you to all the parents and caregivers who were able to chaperone the classes.

A memorable week was the story of Noah's ark when they made a boat-like craft & enjoyed animal crackers while keeping with the theme of the week. The last class was themed telling the story of Baby Moses in the basket where the children created Baby Moses from clay and drew a photo of the river in which he was found. We are thankful for such amazing teachers both in Bible Time for Tots and our regular catechism classes which will resume on Sunday, September 18th.



Family Fun Day ~ August 28, 2022

At the end of divine services, we blessed our young ones for the new school year and welcomed all to a Family Fund Day. Special thanks are due to the many dedicated people who made it their joy to serve others. May the Lord bless them and us all.



COTTON CANDY FUN



... BUBBLES ...



Family Fun Day ~ August 28, 2022



GAMES



BBOQ, frappes, candy, desserts & ministry booths



Pelagia the Righteous October 8

This Saint was a prominent actress of the city of Antioch, and a pagan, who lived a life of unrestrained prodigality and led many to perdition. Instructed and baptized by a certain bishop named Nonnus (Saint Nonnus is commemorated Nov. 10), she departed for the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem, where she lived as a recluse, feigning to be a eunuch called Pelagia. She lived in such holiness and repentance that within three or four years she was deemed worthy to repose in an odour of sanctity, in the middle of the fifth century. Her tomb on the Mount of Olives has been a place of pilgrimage ever since.

Abercius, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Wonderworker of Hierapolis October 22

Saint Abercius, Bishop of Hierapolis in Phrygia in the times of Marcus Aurelius, was adorned with the grace of wonderworking and with apostolic zeal. During a festival in honour of Apollo, the chief deity of Hierapolis, the holy bishop was instructed in a revelation to destroy the idols. He went to the temple by night and overturned the statues of Apollo and the others. When this was discovered, the Saint boldly cried out that the gods, becoming drunk from the wine of the libations offered them, had struck one against another in their confusion. A multitude of furious pagans came to avenge the insult to their gods, but when the Saint cast the demons out of three afflicted young men, fear fell upon the idolaters and they with the whole city became Christian. After many labours, and afflictions, Saint Abercius reposed in peace about the year 167 (or, according to some, 186).

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OUR MISSION:

St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church is dedicated to the continuation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's ministry of salvation through the proclamation and teaching of the Gospel; through Baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and through loving service to God and to mankind.

OUR VISION:

The community will provide a loving, caring and welcoming environment where all belong and grow in the faith through worship, service, witness, and fellowship.

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SUNDAYS AT SAINT NEKTARIOS

Worship

Matins 8:00 a.m. and
Divine Liturgy 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship Coffee:
Following Divine Liturgy

Prosphora

Please contact the church office or
Christie Asimos at 704-756-1512 if you
would like to provide or sponsor
Prosphora.

Coffee Hour

Please contact the church office if you
would like to host or co-host a Coffee
Hour on Sunday. Your Stewardship
pays for the coffee hour refreshments
provided by the Hospitality Ministry
Team.

Flowers

You may donate flowers in honor of a
family member's feast day, in memory
of a loved one or friend, on the occasion
of a holiday, or simply as a gift to the
community of St. Nektarios. To donate
flower arrangements to be placed at the
Iconostasis, St. Nektarios Shrine or in
the Narthex for Sunday Services,
please contact the church office to
reserve a Sunday.

Sacramental Wine & Pure Olive Oil

You may make a financial gift to help
defray the cost of the sacramental wine
that is used for Holy Communion.
Please note on the memo line of your
**check or on the envelope "Communion
Wine". 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.
Please feel free to bring this with you to
any of our services and give to an usher
on duty. For additional information
contact the church office.

UPCOMING DEADLINE

Newsletter & Bulletin Due Dates:
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