AN ICON OF THE HOLY TRINITY

The 18th Chapter of Genesis records the appearance of the Lord to Abraham on the plains of Mamre. One day he lifted his eyes to the door of his tent and saw 3 men standing there. He ran to meet them and bowed himself toward the ground. He welcomed them, and then asked Sarah, his wife, to prepare food for them.

To show that the 3 guests belong to the heavenly world, they are portrayed as angels. This image shows the first appearance of God to man, signifying the beginning of the promise of redemption to mankind. This promise was ultimately fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, when the final revelation concerning the Holy Trinity is given to the Apostles in Jerusalem. Therefore, we might say that the Holy Trinity literally binds together the beginning of the Old Testament Church with the establishment of the Church of the New Testament.

Today's Icon shows Abraham and Sarah serving their heavenly visitors. The table has on it a sacrificial dish, considered to be a symbol of the Eucharist. All sacred images of the Trinity tend to present the angels with identical faces, emphasizing the single nature of the 3 Divine Persons. While enjoying the hospitality of Abraham, the angels reveal that in a year's time, his wife Sarah will bear a son. They also, according to the Genesis account, foretell the destruction of the sinful cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The Trinity itself is a mystery. Any attempt to set it into iconographic terms is fraught with difficulty, but our Church attempts to capture this essential part of our theology. We are reminded that our religion is TRINITARIAN in nature. The dogma states that God is “Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” Here it is depicted graphically.
ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN
June 23, 2019
SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS
Orthros 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy immediately following the Orthros.

SUMMER SCHEDULE:
SAT. June 29 †The Apostles Peter & Paul 9:00 a.m.
SUN. June 30 †Synopsis of the 12 Apostles 9:00 a.m.
THUR. July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED
SUN. July 7 †3rd Sunday of Matthew 9:00 a.m.
SUN. July 14 †Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council 9:00 a.m.
SAT. July 20 †Elias the Prophet 9:00 a.m.
SUN. July 21 †5th Sunday of Matthew 9:00 a.m.
MON. July 22 †St. Mary Magdalene St. Markella of Chios 9:00 a.m.
SAT. July 27 †St. Panteleimon 9:00 a.m.
THUR. Aug. 1 †Paraklesis Service 6:30 p.m.
FRI. Aug. 2 †Paraklesis Service 6:30 p.m.
SUN. Aug. 4 †7th Sunday of Matthew 9:00 a.m.
MON. Aug. 5 †Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.
TUE. Aug. 6 †Holy Transfiguration 9:00 a.m.
WED. Aug. 7 †Paraklesis Service 6:30 p.m.
FRI. Aug. 9 †Paraklesis Service 6:30 p.m.
SUN. Aug. 11 †8th Sunday of Matthew 9:00 a.m.
MON. Aug. 12 †Paraklesis Service 6:30 p.m.

PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL
"Discovering Christ in the Old Testament" June 24-28, 2019, 9 am-12 noon Ages 5-12 St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church 1118 Cherry Ave. NE Questions? Call 330-455-8482 or email stgeorgecanton@sbcglobal.net. Registration forms are available in the lobby.

BIBLE VERSE:
A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for a time of adversity. Proverbs 17:17

SUMMER BOOKSTORE HOURS
The Bookstore will now be open on Sundays after church services until approximately 12:30 p.m. Weekday hours will resume in the Fall. Have a wonderful summer!

SUMMER COFFEE HOURS
If you, your family or your organization would like to sponsor the coffee hour on Sundays in July and August, please contact the church office at 330-454-7278, ext. 0. Thank you!

MEMORIAL COFFEE HOURS WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE.

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE:
June 30, 2019, Team D Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

MEFOX Scholarship
Undergraduate students who are church musicians are eligible to apply. You do not need to major in music. The scholarship application (fillable PDF) is available online at www.MEFOX.org. The application deadline has been extended until Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

ST. HARALAMBOS CHURCH: Pilgrimage To the Holy Land March 6-15, 2020, 10 Days Cost: $2,960 per person, Double Occupancy, Air & Land, including breakfast and dinner. (Single occupancy is $790 extra).
A $600 deposit per person is required to secure a reservation. Please make your check payable to Astro Tours. Please complete a reservation form and mail it along with your deposit, to Astro Tours.
Reservation forms are available in the church lobby. Reservation Deadline: August 16, 2019.

CHURCH ORGANIST NEEDED
We are currently in need of a church organist. If you play the piano or organ and are interested, please call Dr. Alex Christ at 330-284-9606.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Many volunteers are needed to help with weekly & monthly Catering Events. If you are available and would like to help, please contact our St. Haralambos Volunteer Coordinator, Linda Natale, at 330-495-8427. Thanks for all you do!

CATERING HELP NEEDED
We are looking for volunteers with kitchen experience to prepare a meal for 75 people 1-2 times per month. Please contact Ron Darrah at 330-284-2985 for more information.
June 23, 2019 Sunday Verses
Sunday of All Saints

Τοῦ Ναοῦ
Of the Church

Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος ἀείφωτος, τῆς οἰκουμένης σοφῆς, ἐδείχθης Χαράλαμπες· ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ μαρτυρίου, ἔλυσας καὶ εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

As a pillar unshaken of Christ’s holy Church, and lamp ever-burning to all the world you emerged, O wise Haralambos; in all the world you shined, with the martyrdom you suffered, you dispelled the dark night, of the idols, O blessed; whence, with courage do intercede, to Christ that we may be saved.

Κοντάκιον. Τῶν Ἁγίων.
Kontakion. For the Saints.

Ἡχος πλ. δ.’
Mode pl. 4.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ εὔσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Τῶν Ἁγίων. Ἦχος δ.’
For the Saints. Mode 4.

Τῶν ἐν ὅλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ Μαρτύρων σου, ὡς πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον τὰ ιεράτα, ἡ Ἐκκλησία σου στολισάμενη, δι’ αὐτῶν βοᾷ σοι Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῷ λαῷ σου τοὺς οἰκτιρόν διὰ φιλοσοφίας, εἰρήνην τῇ πολιτείᾳ σου δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, “Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy.”
Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated of whom the world was not worthy wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

The Lord said to his disciples, “Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”