

THE LIFE OF ST. NIPHON

Well travelled and highly revered are two ways we now describe **ST. NIPHON**, Patriarch of Constantinople. Let us give proper recognition to his spiritual qualities that were at times questioned during his tumultuous life.

Niphon was born in Greece in the 15th century. The hand of the Lord touched him at an early age, and while still in his teens, he decided to embrace the monastic life. He lived in a number of monasteries, ultimately making his way to Mt. Athos, where he quietly intended to spend the rest of his life.

Young Niphon discovered, however, that God had other plans for him! He was first selected to be Archbishop of Thessalonika, and when the patriarchal throne was vacant, Niphon was elected Patriarch of Constantinople. His reign was brief, lasting only 3 years. Pressured by both RELIGIOUS and POLITICAL enemies, he was forced to live in exile. Some ten years later, Niphon was reinstated as Patriarch. Once again, his enemies prevailed and in less than a year, Niphon was put out of office. This proved to be a blessing in disguise for this saintly hierarch. He returned to the monastery of Dionysiou on Mt. Athos.

Niphon has been given credit for compiling the “**Prayer of the Departing of the Soul**” used in requiem services in our Church. This blessing is read upon the death of a believer, for the forgiveness of their sins. The saint fell asleep in the Lord in 1508 A.D. at the age of 90.

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

August 8, 2021

7TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Orthros 9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy immediately following the Orthros.

40-day Trisagion
Father George Livanos

1 year Trisagion
Harriet Marinos

1 year Trisagion
Anthony Varavvas

Wine and Prophoro will be
donated by the family.

May their memories be eternal.

Please join us for beautiful and powerful
prayer services in honor of our Theotokos
through August 15th.

It's Not Too Late to RSVP!

PANIYRI FAMILY PICNIC

Next Sunday Aug 15th.

After church Services.

In the Tent.

Free to
St. Haralambos Church
Parishoners

Sign up in the Narthex or Call
the Church Office
to RSVP

454-7278



AUGUST SCHEDULE:

SUN Aug 8	7th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
Mon Aug 9	Paraklesis	6:30 p.m.
Wed Aug 11	Paraklesis	6:30 p.m.
Fri Aug 13	Paraklesis	6:30 p.m.
Sat Aug 14	Great Vespers Dormition of the Theotokos	6:30 p.m.
SUN Aug 15	Dormition of the Theotokos	9:00 a.m.
SUN Aug 22	9th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
SUN Aug 29	Beheading of St. John the Baptist	9:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

SUN Sept 5	11th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
WED Sept 8	Nativity of the Theotokos	9:00 a.m.
SUN Sept 12	Sunday Before Holy Cross	9:00 a.m.
TUE Sept 14	Holy Cross	9:00 a.m.
SUN Sept 19	Sunday After Holy Cross	9:00 a.m.
SUN Sept 26	Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian	9:00 a.m.



“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”
“Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow. It empties today of its strength.”
Corrie Ten Boom

MEETINGS

Parish Council	Weds	6:30
Silver Liners BOARD	Aug 17	1:00
Philoptochos BOARD	Sept 7	5:00
Philoptochos Members	Sept 7	5:30
Silver Liners Members	Sept 21	Noon

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Coaches Football Preview

Wed August 11, 2021 5:30pm \$20@

Krassas Event Center

Call the Office at 330-454-7278

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Volunteer for the last of the
GREEKFEST DRIVE THRU'S
August 19-20-21, 2021

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly

September 23-24-25, 2021

Hosted by St. Haralambos

*All parishoners and organizations are encouraged
to participate in the planning and implementation
of this 3-day event involving Clergy, Philoptochos
members, and Youth Leaders from the Diocese of
Pittsburgh.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

YAL (Young Adult League) CONFERENCE

“CONQUER: The Struggle is Real”

October 8-9-10, 2021

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Albert Rossi

To register or for more information:

Alyssa Kyritsis, Youth Director
(412)-621-8543

Prayers From The Small Paraklesis

O Theotokos, we shall never be silent of your
mighty acts, all we the unworthy. Had you
not stood to intercede for us who would have
delivered us from the numerous perils?

Who would have preserved us all until now
with our freedom?

O Lady, we shall not depart from you; for you
always save your servants from all
tribulation.

A protection of Christians unshamable,
Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering.
Please reject not the prayerful cries of those
who are in sin.

Instead, come to us, for you are good; Your
loving help bring unto us, who are crying in
faith to you. Hasten to intercede and speed
now to supplicate as a protection for all time,
Theotokos, for those who honor you.

No one is turned away from you ashamed
and empty who flee unto you O pure virgin
Theotokos; but one asks for the favor, and
the gift is received from you to the
advantage of their own request.

The transformation of the afflicted, you are
the cure of those in sickness, Theotokos,
O Virgin; save your people and your town.
You are the peace of those in conflict. The
calm of those in turmoil, the only protection
of the faithful.

The doors of caring do now open unto us
O most blessed Theotokos, so that hoping in
you we shall not fail. Through you we may be
delivered from adversities, for you are the
salvation of the Christian faith.

August 8, 2021: Post-Metamorphosis; Aimilianos the Confessor, Archbishop of Cuzica (+820); Myron, Archbishop of Crete, Wonderworker (+350);
Neomartyr Anastasios of Thessalonike (+1894); Neomartyr Triantaphyllos (+1680)

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Τῆς Ὀκτωήχου ᾠχος πλ. β
Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν,
καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας
τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν
ζωήν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

[Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς. Τοῦ Μηναίου ᾠχος βαρύς.
Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν
δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδυναντο. Λάμπσον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἁμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου
τὸ αἶδιον, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

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

Κοντάκιον ᾠχος βαρύς
Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταί σου τὴν δόξαν
σου, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν
πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς,
τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

Resurrectional Apolytikion From Octoechos Mode pl. 2
When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it
feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who
was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by
it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected
from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Apolytikion of the Feast From Menaion Grave Mode
You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to
Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners
though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the
Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

Hymn of the Church
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

Kontakion From Menaion Grave Mode
Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your
glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would
see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate,
and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

August 8, 2021 7th Sunday of Matthew

Romans 15 : 1-7



Epistle

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

August 8, 2021 7th Sunday of Matthew

The Gospel According to Matthew 9 : 27-35



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.