

BELOVED ICON: THE KAZAN MOTHER OF GOD

The Holy Virgin occupies a place of pre-eminence among the vast array of Saints in the Church. She is called "*Theotokos*," a Greek term that has come to be used throughout the Church. The word means Birthgiver or Mother of God, and its use is essential for the proper understanding of the Person of Christ.

A sign of this exalted esteem of the Birthgiver of God is the great number of beloved icons that are devoted to Mother and Child, the Christ. Among these is the one called "*The Kazan Mother of God*."

It first came to note in the 16th century, when a young maiden was directed in a dream to inform Church authorities of the location of a special icon, following a disastrous fire in the area. The girl proceeded to unearth the icon, which was miraculously unharmed. It was then carried in solemn procession to a cathedral. The icon was highly venerated, and believed to cause a number of healing miracles of those who were ill. This design has been popular model for iconographers ever since.

The icon is unique in a number of ways. The Mother of God is depicted to the shoulders only, and bears features that reflect both a tenderness and seriousness as she contemplates the Child she holds. The Infant-Christ appears upright, full-face, and rather serious, too. Only one hand is visible in the Kazan icon: that of the Christchild, raised in blessing. One gets the sense that the Child has an indication of the suffering and passion that awaits Him.

For hundreds of years, then, this icon has inspired the faithful of the Church in their prayer and meditation. Let it do so for us, as well.

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

October 31, 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF LUKE GODPARENT SUNDAY

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

OCTOBER SCHEDULE:

SUN Oct 31 5th Sunday of Luke 9:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

MON Nov 1	Sts. Cosmas & Damianos	9:00 a.m.
	Philoptochos Board Meeting	5:30 a.m.
	Philoptochos Meeting	6:00 p.m.
TUE Nov 2	Silver Liners Board Meeting	10:30 a.m.
WED Nov 3	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.
	Sr. Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
THU Nov 4	Hellenic Beginners Dance Practice	4:20 p.m.
	Hellenic Intermediate Dance Practice	5:00 p.m.
	Hellenic Senior Dance Practice	6:00 p.m.
SUN Nov 7	7th Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.
MON Nov 8	Synaxis of the Archangels	9:00 a.m.
TUE Nov 9	St. Nektarios	9:00 a.m.
WED Nov 10	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
THU Nov 11	Hellenic Beginners Dance Practice	4:20 p.m.
	Hellenic Intermediate Dance Practice	5:00 p.m.
	Hellenic Senior Dance Practice	6:00 p.m.
FRI Nov 12	Fish Fry	4:00 p.m.
SUN Nov 14	8th Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.
MON Nov 15	Deadline for ordering Poinsettias	
TUE Nov 16	Silver Liners Meeting	12:00 p.m.
WED Nov 17	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.
	Sr. Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
THU Nov 18	Hellenic Beginners Dance Practice	4:20 p.m.
	Hellenic Intermediate Dance Practice	5:00 p.m.
	Hellenic Senior Dance Practice	6:00 p.m.
	Dancers All Group and Parent Mtg.	7:00 p.m.
SUN Nov 21	Entrance of The Theotokos	9:00 a.m.
	GOYA meeting	12:00 p.m.
WED Nov 24	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
THU Nov 25	St. Katherine	9:00 a.m.
	Thanksgiving. Office Closed.	
FRI Nov 26	Office Closed	
SUN Nov 28	13th Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.
TUE Nov 30	St. Andrew	9:00 a.m.



TODAY'S MEMORIAL

40 Days: Catherine (Xides) Darrah

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NOVEMBER 7TH MEMORIAL:

1 year: Maria Basiakos



WELCOME GODPARENTS & GODCHILDREN!

Thank you for joining us today to celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

Sunday School Classes will not be held today.

Children will remain in church with their families.

We will reconfirm our baptismal vows before we receive Holy Communion.

The baptismal vows and responses are included as an insert in the Sunday Bulletin.



ST. HARALAMBOS PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING

Monday, November 1, 2021

Board Meeting 5:30 PM
General Meeting - 6:00 PM

ST. HARALAMBOS TRI-ROOM



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to donate poinsettia plants to decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season, please contact the church office at 330-454-7278. Cost per plant is \$25

DEADLINE: November 15th.



SAVE THE DATES!!!

ST. HARALAMBOS FISH FRY
2nd. Friday of each month
4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

November 12 - December 10 - January 14
February 11 - March 11 - April 8 - May 13



SAINT HARALAMBOS CHURCH 2021 CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

SPONSORED BY THE "SILVER LINERS"

**THIS IS OUR ONLY FUNDRAISER
YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY
APPRECIATED!**

Our St. Haralambos Silver Liners will once again sponsor our Church Christmas Card Project.

Parishioners and friends wishing to have their names included in the Christmas Card should mail their donation to the CHURCH OFFICE.

Names will appear as previously printed, unless there is an addition or omission.

For any questions, please contact Helen Tsarwhas, (330) 499-4649 or

Georgia Trikkas, (330) 499-3653.
Please don't hesitate!

Send your form and donation today!

Thank you!

Donation - \$20 per family.

Deadline: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

THE ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY SCHOOL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE IS NOW IN PROGRESS!



The Sunday School Thanksgiving Food Drive is now in progress. Parents, please send non-perishable food items to church with your children weekly. This important outreach has been successful annually thanks to the participation of our entire church community. We continue to welcome donations from our parishioners. Please help make Thanksgiving a little brighter for those less fortunate by supporting this important outreach. Thank you and God Bless!

PETITION FOR PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATE

Any parishioner in canonical and financial good-standing with the Church may submit a petition to be entered on the ballot.

Please submit your petition to the Board of Elections Committee or the Church office
**TODAY, OCTOBER 31ST
BY 12:00 NOON**

Dear Parishioners of St. Haralambos,

The Covid safety protocol set by the Metropolis is to follow the local public guidelines. Since our church is in the Canton City School District, we must follow their directive. At this time, the local guidelines require masks for children and adults regardless of vaccination status in all areas of the building. This includes but is not limited to all church services, classes and social meetings/activities.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Father Nick and the St. Haralambos Parish Council

October 31, 2021: Stachys, Apellos, Amplias, Urbanus, Aristoboulos, Narkissos the Bishop of Athens, of the Seventy Apostles, Martyrs (+1st c.); Martyr Epimachos (+250); Neomartyr Nicholas of Chios (+1754).

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος β΄

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν 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

Ἦχος β΄

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Mode 2

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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

Mode 2

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

October 31, 2021 The 19th. Sunday

II Cor 11:31-12:9

Epistle

The reading is from II Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

October 31, 2021 The 5th. Sunday

Luke 16:19-31

Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazaros, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.' "