

THE "ROCK" AND THE "CHOSEN VESSEL"

It is fitting that our Church chooses to honor her two greatest Apostles on the same day. PETER, whose missionary labors centered on winning converts from Judaism, is often referred to as the "ROCK" because of his strong, firm faith. It was Peter, who boldly proclaimed his belief that Jesus was "the Son of the living God" in response to Christ's direct question: "And who do you say I am?" PAUL, who concentrated his ministry on taking the Gospel to the Gentiles -- those who were not Jews -- is commonly called the "CHOSEN VESSEL" of Christ's Church. Paul, in his own words, "labored more than any other Apostle." Through his tireless preaching, the early Church grew and expanded at a rapid rate.

It must be said, however, that BOTH of these Apostles once fell woefully short of living up to the accolades they now receive. We might even consider them to have been dismal failures in their early years! Despite his boasting, Peter's faith was weak. Remember how he tried to walk on the sea as Christ did, only to sink when his fears overcame his faith? Who could ever forget the shameful way he thrice denied that he even knew who Jesus was? In his own youth, Paul had no intention of winning souls for Christ. On the contrary, we know that he aggressively persecuted those who professed to be Christians, personally being responsible for the arrest and conviction of many believers.

Sts. Peter and Paul were both touched by the Lord and became changed men. They became totally committed to their divine commission. Nothing short of martyrdom was able to prevent them from carrying the message of the Saviour that they loved to all parts of the known world.

In one of his sermons, St. John Chrysostom calls Sts. Peter and Paul "... true pillars of the Church and the foundation and trumpets of the divine teachings of Christ." These words truly capture and define the significance these saints played in the life of the Church.

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O foremost of the Apostles and

to the world and great mercy to our souls.



teachers of the world, intercede ye with

the Master of all, that He grants peace

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

July 2, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

JULY SCHEDULE

SUN JULY 2	†4th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
SUN JULY 9	†5th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
SUN JULY 16	†Sunday of the Holy Fathers	9:00 a.m.
THU JULY 20	†Elias The Prophet	9:00 a.m.
FRI JULY 21	†Great Vespers-St. Mary Magdalene & St. Markella	6:30 p.m.
SAT JULY 22	†St. Mary Magdalene & St. Markella of Chios	9:00 a.m.
SUN JULY 23	†7th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
THU JULY 27	†St. Panteleimon	9:00 a.m.
SUN JULY 30	†8th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



The Church Office will be CLOSED on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Have a safe and happy July 4th!

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Either option will take you directly to our donation website for your donation to St. Haralambos Church.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

July 2, 2023 - TEAM A



CELEBRATE OUR EDUCATORS!

Saturday, September 9th
Sponsored by Philoptochos

This fundraiser will help area Public Schools and our Outreach Programs.

Please consider donating spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, folders, rulers, pencil boxes, tissues, and assorted school supplies.

A donation box is located in the lobby by the church office.

Monetary donations are also accepted.



PLEASE COME CELEBRATE!
PETROS GAITANOS'
90TH BIRTHDAY
AT THE JULY 9TH COFFEE HOUR!

2023 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES PREVIEW

HOSTED BY:
ST. HARALAMBOS MEN'S CLUB
&
WHBC SPORTS



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023
SOCIAL HOUR: 5:30 P.M.
BUFFET DINNER: 6:30 P.M.
COACHES PANEL: 7:30 P.M.

Prepaid Reservations requested by or before Friday, August 4, 2023.
Admission: \$20



2023-2024 GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The registration for Greek School will begin on August 14th and will end on September 12, 2023.

Classes will begin on September 19th and will run through May 7, 2024. Tuition is only \$30 for the whole year (per student) and will cover the materials.

Our Greek School teachers for this year are: Virginia Ballas, Angie Gaitanos, Sophia Kazes and Dena Apostolou (substitute).

Registration forms are available in the lobby and in your July/August Koinonia.



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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LITURGY

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SIX , The Musical
Playhouse Square, Connor Palace
Saturday, September 2, 2023
1:30 Matinee Performance

\$155 Per Person
Includes: Bus, Tips, Lunch at the Blue Canyon and show.

Reservation/Payment Deadline
July 20, 2023

Bus departs St. Haralambos rear lot @ 10:30 a.m and returns to the church at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Nashville, Tennessee
Featuring 3 Fabulous Shows
4 Days - 3 Nights
November 28 - December 1, 2023

\$775.00 Per Person - Double Occupancy
\$25 Deposit due by August 22nd
Final Payment due by September 19th

For Information and Reservations Contact:
St. Haralambos Silver Liners, Kathy Dieringer,
1498 New England Dr. SE, North Canton,
Ohio 44720 - (330)-265-3876.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος γ΄

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τῆς Θεοτόκου

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄

Θεοτόκε ἀειπάρθενε, τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἡ σκέπη, Ἐσθῆτα καὶ Ζώνην τοῦ ἀχράντου σου σώματος, κραταιὰν τῇ πόλει σου περιβολὴν ἐδωρήσω, τῷ ἀσπόρῳ τόκῳ σου ἄφθαρτα διαμείναντα· ἐπὶ σοὶ γὰρ καὶ φύσις καινοτομεῖται καὶ χρόνος· διὸ δυσωποῦμέν σε, εἰρήνην τῇ οἰκουμένῃ δωρήσασθαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 δ΄

Περιβολὴν πᾶσι πιστοῖς ἀφθαρσίας, θεοχαρίτωτε Ἀγνή ἐδωρήσω, τὴν ἱερὰν Ἐσθῆτά σου, μεθ’ ἧς τὸ ἱερόν, σῶμά σου ἐσκεπασας, σκέπη θεία ἀνθρώπων· ἧς περ τὴν κατάθεσιν, ἐορτάζομεν πόθῳ, καὶ ἐκβοῶντες κρίζομεν πιστῶς· Χαῖρε Παρθέने, Χριστιανῶν τὸ καύχημα.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Mode 3

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

For the Theotokos

Mode pl. 4

Ever-virgin Theotokos, the shelter of mankind, you have given to your City as a protective wall the clothing and garment that you wore on your immaculate body. By your seedless childbirth, they have remained incorrupt. For in you both nature and time are made novel. Therefore we implore you, grant peace to your commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

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 4

You have bestowed your sacred Garment, O Lady, to be a robe of incorruption, O pure one, for all the faithful, O divine protection of mankind; for with it you had arrayed your most pure sacred body. Now with longing we observe the feast of its bestowal, and in a loud voice we cry out with faith: Rejoice, O Virgin, the boast of Christians everywhere.

July 2, 2023 For the Theotokos

Hebrews 9:1-7



Epistle

The reading is from Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

July 2, 2023 4th Sunday of Matthew

Matthew 8:5-13



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.