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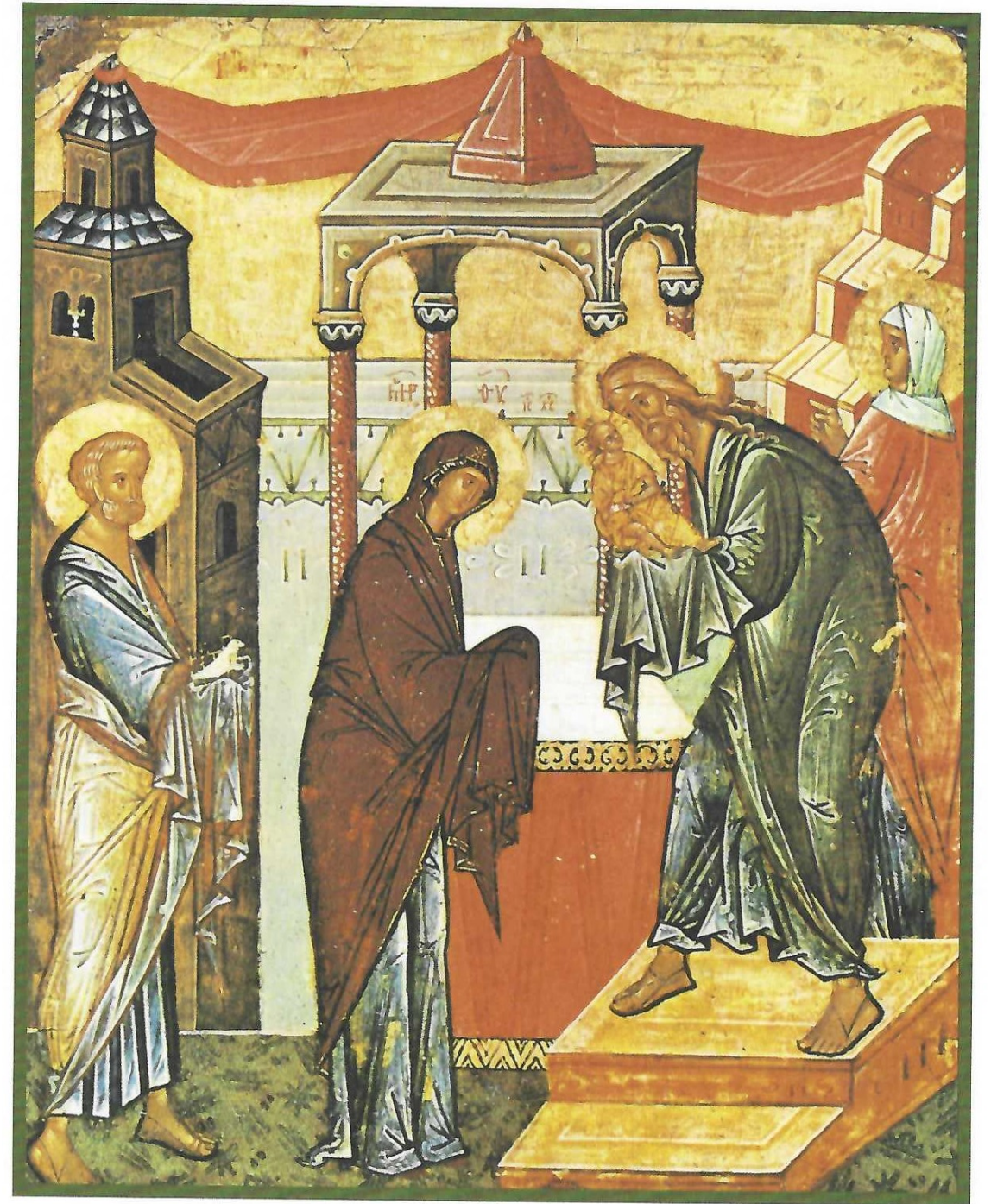
According to the law of Moses, all Hebrew parents were required to bring their first-born son to the Temple on the 40th day after his birth. This was done in remembrance of the Hebrew exodus from Egypt and their freedom from slavery -- when their first-born sons were protected from the "angel of death," -- who slew the young male children of the Egyptians. It was customary to bring a sacrifice to the Temple that day in thanksgiving to God.

Obedient to the precepts of their people, Joseph and Mary brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem 40 days after His birth. As their sacrifice, they brought two young doves with them. While there, they encountered the Righteous Simeon -- a pious man who was advanced in years. God promised him that he would not die until he saw the coming of the Messiah. When Simeon came upon Christ and His parents, he knew that this was the One for Whom the world had waited: the Light Who would enlighten the Gentiles. Indeed, Simeon knew that he could now "depart in peace." Simeon blessed them and proclaimed that: "this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel." (Luke 2:34)

Before returning home, Mary, Joseph and Jesus also met Anna, a prophetess who had lived in the Temple some 84 years as a widow. She, too, recognized the true identity and mission of the young Child.

This event is celebrated as the **FEAST OF THE MEETING OF THE LORD** by our Holy Orthodox Church in February each year. To further emphasize the coming of the "Light" into a darkened world, candles are blessed on this holy day.

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

February 4, 2024

15TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

SUN FEB 4	†15th Sunday of Matthew JOY Beads for Good Deeds Boutique Girls Basketball Practice Sr. Boys Basketball Practice	9:00 a.m.
MON FEB 5	Sunday School Pickleball Savvas Bournelis Book Study	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
TUE FEB 6	Girls Basketball Practice Greek School	5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
WED FEB 7	Sr. Choir Practice Sr. Boys Basketball Practice Parish Council Meeting	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
THU FEB 8	Hellenic Beginners Dance Practice Hellenic Intermediate Dance Practice Hellenic Training Senior Practice Hellenic Senior Practice	4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m.
FRI FEB 9	†St. Haralambos Great Vespers	6:00 p.m.
SAT FEB 10	†Feastday of St. Haralambos St. Haralambos Luncheon †Great Vespers	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

February 4, 2024 -TEAM D



TODAY'S MEMORIAL

1-yr Memorial: Costas "Gus" Contos

25-yr Memorial: Sophia Xides

The Prosforo and Wine have been donated
by the Contos family.

Today's coffee hour is sponsored
by the Contos family.



BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER NICK

FEBRUARY 20TH ~ 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

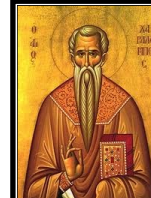
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BEADS FOR GOOD DEEDS
BOUTIQUE EVENT.

TODAY! FEBRUARY 4TH

KRASSAS EVENT CENTER LOBBY
AFTER LITURGY

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pens, keychains, bookmarks and more,
crafted by our talented JOY children
and volunteers!

Every purchase helps our mission to
do more good deeds through our
outreach projects!



SAVE THE DATE AND
JOIN US FOR:

THE 111TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ST. HARALAMBOS
NAME DAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

After Divine Liturgy ~ Krassas Event Center

2023 Man of the Year
Mike Fakelis

2024 Women of Distinction:
Dena Apostolou
Diane Foster
Hellenann Meder
Joanna Sirgo

RSVP today with Carol Capocci,
any member of the Parish Council,
or call the church office.

METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH 2024
GOYA SPRING RETREAT

MARCH 8-10, 2024

REGISTER @
Y2AM.PITTSBURGH.GOARCH.ORG/RETREAT

2024 AHEPA Scholarships

Apply Now Online!

Instructions and Applications are available for:

Local Canton Chapter 59 at:
ahepa59.org (April 30, Deadline)

Buckeye District 11 at:
buckeyedistrict11.org
(March 31, Deadline)

AHEPA National at:
ahepa.org (March 31, Deadline)

Contact: John Karipides (330) 283-0113
Paul Koskovich (330) 327-4079

A FRIENDLY REMINDER!

Parishioners ages 18 & older, including
students, should fill out a pledge card for
2024.

Please mail your signed and completed
pledge card to the church office or give it
to one of the Parish Council Members on
Sunday.



SAVE THESE DATES!

ST. HARALAMBOS FISH FRY
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

February 16 ~ March 8
March 29 ~ April 19

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You can now scan the QR code to your left to log into Tithe or go directly
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appears on the screen.

Android (non-apple) phone- use QR code scanner if already installed or
go to Google Play Store and download.

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

February 4, 2024: FEAST: Post-Presentation; Righteous Isidore of Pelusium (+470); Righteous Nicholas, Confessor (+868); Neomartyr Joseph (+1686); Righteous Abramios, Bishop of Arbela, Persia (+347); The Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmeleia (Basil), Nona (Gregory), and Anthousa (Chrysostom).

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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.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς Ἦχος α΄
Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης,
Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε,
δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν
Ἀνάστασιν.

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
εἰδῶλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον Ἦχος α΄
Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὥς ἔπρεπε,
προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ’ εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ
πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode 2
When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to
death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the
netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life,
glory to You!"

Apolytikion of the Feast Mode 1
Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of
righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous
Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and
bestows on us the Resurrection.

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 1
You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You
blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God.
Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail
in all, O only benevolent Lord.

February 4, 2024 15th Sunday
2 Corinthians 4:6-15



Epistle

The reading is from Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

February 4, 2024 15th Sunday of Matthew
Matthew 22:35-46



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time, a lawyer asked him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think of Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet'? If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.