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Have you ever heard the story of the man who walked along the banks of the Jordan River when a lion came along, limping, and in great pain? The man approached the animal, found a sharp splinter in the paw, extracted it and nursed the limb. It is said that the lion thereafter never left the side of his benefactor.

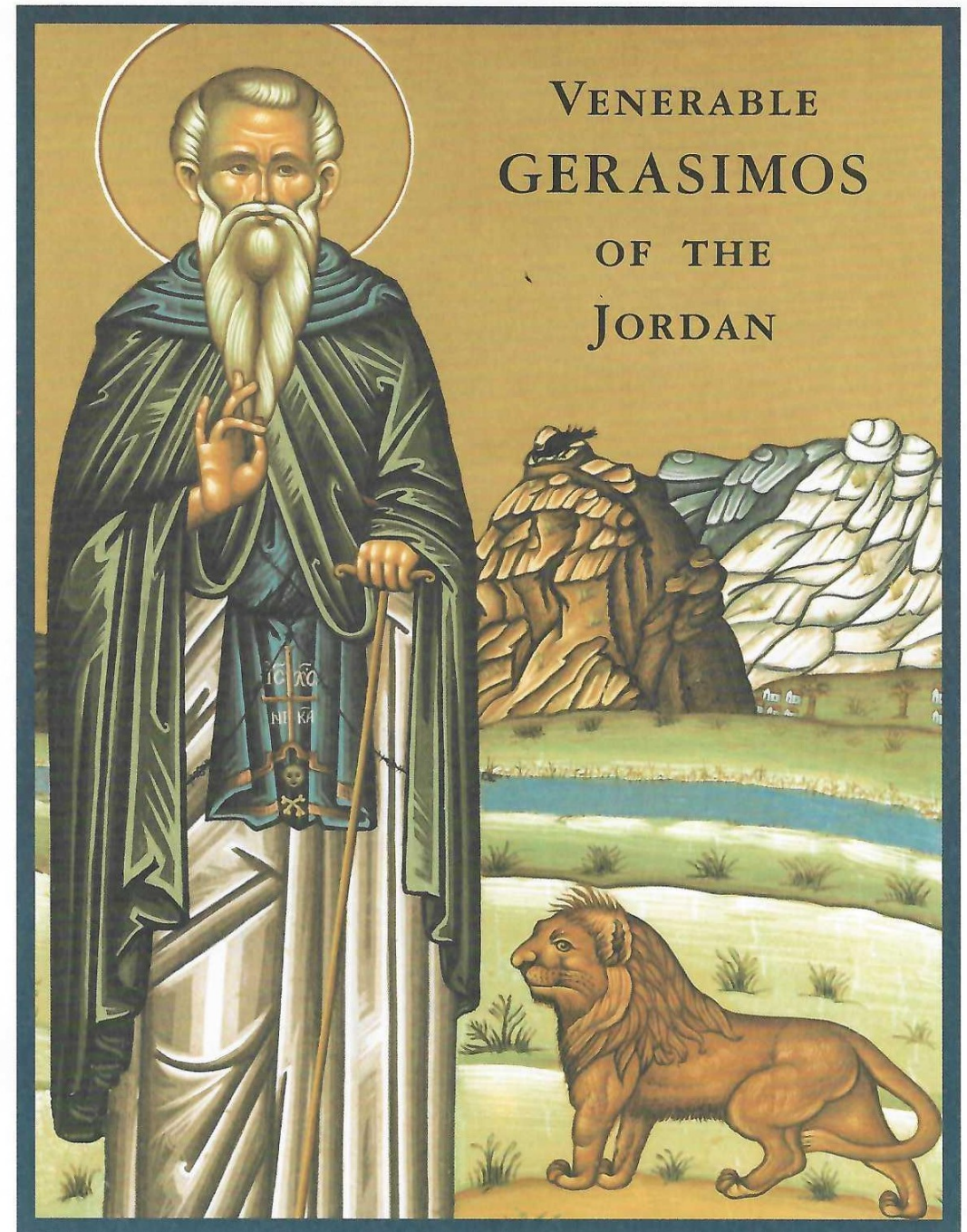
St. Gerasimos of the Jordan is that man. He was a great ascetic of the Church, and is said to have gone through the Great Fast taking no food except the Eucharist at the Liturgy.

The saint died in the year 475. When the lion found his friend gone, he searched everywhere for him. A faithful disciple, Abbot Sabbatios, tried to comfort the beast, but it seems nothing could be done. The abbot said, "Our old friend has gone away and left us orphans, and has migrated to the Lord; but here is food, take and eat." The lion would have no part of it. He kept roaming the cell, roaring with his head raised.

Finally, the lion was led to the grave of Gerasimos. The abbot, standing at the tomb, said: "Behold, here is where the old man is buried." The abbot knelt and wept at the grave of the one he loved as father. Then the lion, too, stretched himself over the grave, with his head on the sand, and moaned in sadness. There the beast stayed, refusing to be moved, until death came and released him from the bonds of this earth.

St. Gerasimos, called "the righteous," is a great teacher of spiritual life. He is an example for all to follow in this Lenten Season.

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

March 3, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

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

MARCH SCHEDULE

SUN MAR 3	†Sunday of the Prodigal Son	9:00 a.m.
MON MAR 4	Philoptochos Board Meeting	5:00 p.m.
	Philoptochos Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Savvas Bournelis Book Study	6:00 p.m.
TUE MAR 5	Silver Liners' Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Greek School	
THU MAR 7	Hellenic Beginners Dance Practice	4:30 p.m.
	Hellenic Intermediate Dance Practice	5:00 p.m.
	Hellenic Training Senior Practice	5:45 p.m.
	Hellenic Senior Practice	6:15 p.m.
FRI MAR 8	Fish Fry	4:00 p.m.
SAT MAR 9	†First Saturday of Souls	9:00 a.m.
SUN MAR 10	†Meatfare –Judgement Sunday	9:00 a.m.
	JOY's The Wonderful World of Bubbles	
	All The Meat You Can Eat Luncheon	
MON MAR 11	Savvas Bournelis Book Study	6:00 p.m.
TUE MAR 12	Greek School	5:30 p.m.
WED MAR 13	Sr. Choir Practice	6:00 p.m.
	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

March 3, 2024 - TEAM A



TODAY'S MEMORIAL

1-yr Memorial: John Fakelis

The Prosforo and Wine have been donated by the family.

Today's coffee hour is sponsored by the family.



BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER NICK

MARCH 19TH ~ 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

JOY Presents...

The Wonderful World of Bubbles
With The Bubble Lady, Sue Durante

MARCH 10TH
GYM/KRASSAS CENTER

Gym Seating @ 11:50
Show Starts @ 12:00

JOY will be providing sweets and treats for the Coffee Hour!

Also, come and enjoy "All The Meat You Can Eat," provided by our church for Meatfare Sunday!

The Entire Parish is encouraged to come to this fun & free event!

MEATFARE SUNDAY MARCH 10TH

ALL THE MEAT YOU CAN EAT
FREE LUNCHEON

KRASSAS EVENT CENTER
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
SERVICES

Donations accepted!



SAVE THESE DATES!

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

March 8 ~ March 29 ~ April 19



PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.

*General Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

*Dr. Mihail Paxos will be speaking about heart health.

Membership dues of \$28.00 are due by March 15th.

Please make checks payable to St. Haralambos Philoptochos and mail your check to the church or place in the Philoptochos box in the church office.



56th Annual Daughters of Penelope Debutante's Ball

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Doors Open 7:30 pm - Presentation 8:30 pm

Alex D. Krassas Event Center at
St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
251 25th Street, NW, Canton, Ohio 44709

This year's Debutantes are:

Erin Foradis, Hope Halkias,

Juliana Lancaster, Kenna Loukas,

Angelina Paxos, Talia Scassa,

Gia Sotiropoulos, & Zoe Yatras.

Tickets: \$25 each

Please contact Carolyn Hill @ 330-904-7848

chill0516@gmail.com to purchase your tickets in advance.

Tickets are also sold at the door the night of the event.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος πλ. β΄
Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα 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 ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν,
Κύριε 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 παρρησία Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον Ἦχος γ΄
Τῆς πατρώας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὅν μοι παρέδωκας
πλοῦτον· ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἥμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ
οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποιήσόν με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode pl. 2
When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and
became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your
immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the
Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, 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 3
I revolted senselessly out of Your fatherly glory; I have squandered sinfully all of the
riches You gave me. Hence to You, using the Prodigal’s words, I cry out, I have sinned
before You, merciful loving Father. O receive me in repentance, I pray, and treat me as
one of Your hired hands.



Epistle

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

Brethren, “all things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” – and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one flesh.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Lord said this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”