

THE CROSS PROVIDES US SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

The Great Fast is a lengthy period of prayer, fasting and penance. It is a spiritual struggle that begins with great personal expectations and often ends with feelings of discouragement over that we perceive as a lack of accomplishment on our part.

The Church knows our weaknesses well. On the Third Sunday of Lent, to assist us in our attempt to travel the course of Lent in the proper manner, the Cross is placed before us as a powerful incentive for us to persevere in our quest for a fulfilling celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.

Today, our Church encourages us to venerate the Cross of our Lord in a very special way, so that we may be strengthened in spirit. It is significant for us to note that in the services prescribed for this day, almost no mention of the Cross is made as being an object of suffering and death. Instead, we speak of it today as a symbol of joy, victory and life. One of the hymns from Vespers for this Sunday proclaims: REJOICE, O LIFE-GIVING CROSS, MOST BEAUTIFUL PARADISE OF THE CHURCH, THE TREE OF IMMORTALITY WHICH GAVE US THE JOY OF EVERLASTING LIFE.

It is customary on the Third Sunday of Lent to carry out the Cross in solemn procession and place it on the tetrapod for veneration by the faithful. Join us as we sing: "COME, ALL YOU NATIONS, LET US EXTOL THE CROSS OF THE LORD WITH HYMNS OF PRAISE."

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

April 7, 2024

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

APRIL SCHEDULE

SUN APR 7	†Veneration of the Holy Cross	9:00 a.m.
MON APR 8	Philoptochos Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
	†Great Compline Service	6:00 p.m.
	Philoptochos Meeting	6:45 p.m.
	Greek Fest Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
TUE APR 9	Greek School	5:30 p.m.
WED APR 10	†PreSanctified Liturgy @ St. George Antiochian	6:30 p.m.
THU APR 11	Hellenic Beginners Dance Practice	4:30 p.m.
	Hellenic Intermediate Dance Practice	5:00 p.m.
	Hellenic Sr Dance Practice	5:45 p.m.
	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
FRI APR 12	†Fourth Salutations to the Theotokos	6:30 p.m.
SUN APR 14	†St. John Climacus	9:00 a.m.
	Maids of Athena Pasta Dinner	
MON APR 15	†Great Compline Service	6:00 p.m.
TUE APR 16	Silver Liners' Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
	Father Nick's Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	Greek School	5:30 p.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

APRIL 7, 2024 ~ TEAM A

APRIL 14TH MEMORIALS/TRISAGIONS:

MEMORIALS

40-Day Memorial ~ Eleni Esber

40-Day Memorial ~ Darlene Panagopoulos

TRISAGIONS

49yr ~ George Kalantzis

17yr ~ Georgia Kalantzis

30yr ~ Lester Eframedes

21yr ~ Christina Eframedes

SAVE THE DATE!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ~ APRIL 21ST



HOLY WEEK & PASCHA FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers for Holy Week & Pascha, please contact the church office at 330-454-7278.



GOYA LUMINARY PROJECT

GOYA is sponsoring a Luminary project, for the benefit of the youth program. The luminary display will be Friday evening, during the Good Friday evening service. The luminaries will adorn the path of the procession with the Epitaphio.

Individual luminaries can be purchased in memory of, or for the health of your loved ones, for a donation of \$5.00 each.

Luminary Project forms are located in the organizer located outside of the church office.

DOLMATHA ROLLERS NEEDED!

You are invited to be a Dolmatha Roller on Saturday, April 20th at 9:00 a.m.

We need your HELP!
To Volunteer, please call or email:

Nick Ramphos, 330-495-2311
narelmr@aol.com

or
Lauri at the church office, 330-454-7278
Lauri@stharalambos.com

PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2024 Meeting

5:30 PM - Board Meeting

6:00 PM - Attend Church

6:45 PM - General Meeting



An Ohio Light
Opera Production

JUNE 25, 2024

The acclaimed American musical *Guys and Dolls* comes to the Ohio Light Opera. Based upon the works of Damon Runyon - Sky, Sarah, Nathan, and Miss Adelaide will bring the streets of New York City to Wooster, Ohio. Songs include: "Luck be a Lady", "I've Never Been in Love Before", and "My Time of Day"



Music and Lyrics by
Frank Loesser

Lunch at THE BARN Smithville

Banquet Menu Items Include: (3) Meats, Side Dishes, Tossed Salad, Homemade Bread, Dessert and a Beverage. "No Doggie Bags are Permitted"

Bonus Stop:
Smucker's Company Store, Orrville

COST: \$116.00
PAYMENT DUE BY MAY 1, 2024

Make Checks Payable to:
St Haralambos Silver Liners

For Questions Call:
Kathy Dieringer (330) 265-3876

Depart St. Haralambos rear lot promptly at
10:00 AM - Approximate Return: 5:30 PM

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY SCHEDULE

Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30 p.m.
followed by a Lenten Dinner

April 10th ~ St. George Antiochian
April 17th ~ Assumption OCA, Canton
April 24th ~ TBA



**BIBLE STUDY
WITH FATHER NICK**
APRIL 16TH ~ 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

SCAN ME



Tithe.ly Online Stewardship Payment Options

You can now scan the QR code to your left to log into Tithe or go directly to their website (tithe.ly) to make Stewardship, Memorial or Candle payments.

To scan QR code:

Apple iphone- use your camera app and click on the yellow link that 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.

[Make a Donation \(tithe.ly\)](https://tithe.ly)

April 7, 2024: FEAST: St. Basil Liturgy. Third Sunday in Lent, Veneration of the Holy Cross; Martyr Kalliopios and Martyr Acylina (+304); Righteous George, Bishop of Mytilene (+816).

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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 Ἑορτῆς Ἦχος α΄
Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι
κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

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 πλ. δ΄
Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια,
Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ’ ὥς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ
παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

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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 Feast Mode 1
Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful
over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

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 pl. 4
O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens
of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have
power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud:
Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

April 7, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

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Epistle

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

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

April 7, 2024 Third Sunday in Lent

Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

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Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Lord said: “If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power.”