



ST. HARALAMBOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
CANTON, OHIO

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BEGINNING OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR
SEPTEMBER 1

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2024

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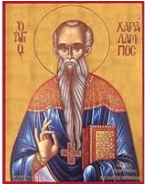
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PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATE 2025-2026

Parish Council Elections will be held for the positions of Parish Council Members
on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024** immediately following church services.

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Now is the time for any parishioner to step-up, make a commitment, and play a role in sustaining the growth of St. Haralambos Church. **There are 8 (eight) seats up for election.** We would like a good representation of males, females, youth, middle age and older members, all in good-standing, wishing to make their contribution to our church.

Please submit your Petition for Parish Council Candidate to any member of the Board of Elections Committee or the Church Office on or by **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024, 12:00 NOON** so that we may enter your name on the ballot. **No applications can be accepted after this date.**

Thank you for this consideration.

Board of Elections Chairperson,

William Skendelas

ST. HARALAMBOS PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATE PETITION FOR TERM: 2025-2026

Please enter my name on the ballot for St. Haralambos Church Parish Council Elections.

NAME: *(please print)* _____

AGE: _____ MARITAL STATUS: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

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Pastoral Message from Fr. Nick

THE BEGINNING OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Dear Brothers & Sisters In Christ,

Greetings in the Lord.

The first day of September marks the beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year. We are accustomed to think of January 1st as the beginning of the New Year. However, Holy Tradition computing the start of the New Year with fall was common in the Biblical times. The summer harvest was at an end, the crops were stored, and the people prepared for a new agricultural cycle. Thus, it became tradition to begin the new year of the Holy Church on September 1st.

Many of the hymns of the first day of the Church new year state that the coming year is God's to give and God's to bless – A Year of The Lord. The hymns take their theme from Psalm 65 (64 in the Greek Septuagint), a psalm of praise to our Creator, Who is awesome as the Holy Lord who richly sustains the earth with His abundant goodness.

The goodness of the Lord is His love, mercy, and grace. The Holy Church's prayer is that the coming year will be a year of grace and a year blessed by God. We pray that each year is a year of grace and a year blessed by God.

The prayers and hymns of the Orthodox Church not only recite the wonderful works of God in creation and history for our salvation but also frequently offer guidance about how to make each year a year of grace, a year of the Lord. For example the very first hymn of the new liturgical year, chanted at Vespers in the joyful first tone, reminds us that prayerfully daily independence on God is the basic attitude of the Christian and the Christian life. This hymn is also interesting because it refers to another key passage in the Holy Bible and addresses all of the Orthodox faithful.

The first Vespereal hymn of September 1st and the Lord's Prayer set down three great anchors, three great principles, necessary to make the coming year of the Lord, a year of grace. They are: 1.) the teachings of Christ are the source of truth for our lives, 2.) our Father in Heaven is a personal God who provides for our material and spiritual needs as we ask him in faith, and 3.) daily prayer is the way of ongoing communication and a vital relationship with God. Prayerful daily dependence on God sanctifies every moment of the day, whether we are at work, at play, at rest, or in difficulty; it fills it with the presence of God and makes it God's moment.

The worship of the Orthodox Church is rich in the Word of God. The first day of the Church New Year, there are a total of eight readings: three from the Old Testament, read during Vespers, and five from the New Testament read during the Orthros and the Divine Liturgy. Vespers are chanted on the previous evening, because according to the Holy Scriptures and Orthodox tradition, each new day begins after the setting of the sun.

The Scripture reading from the Divine Liturgy of September 1, is Luke 4: 16-22, a passage which marks the beginning of Christ's public ministry. The Book of Isaiah, proclaims through this New Testament passage, that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Christ.

The beginning of the Church New Year and the beginning of Christ's public ministry converge in Holy Scripture on September 1st, the Church New Year. In this fashion the Church has Jesus speaking to us today just as He did over 2000 years ago. Will we reject or accept Him? Christ's good news demands our faithful response of mind, heart, soul, and body. The unconditional love of God, shown to us, by the most precious gift of His Son who shed His precious blood on the Cross for our salvation. This requires a total response on our part.

Saint Symeon the Stylite, whose Feastday is observed on the first day of the Church year, is an example of unwavering devotion. St. Symeon for 40 years lived on top of a pillar, a stylos (Greek) , therefore he is called a stylite. He was sustained in prayer and the power of God and little else. His ascetic witness was not only a radical denial of all earthly things but also a provocative pointer to the kingdom of God.

His vigil for Christ had a powerful impact upon generations of Christians in the Orthodox tradition who were moved to commit their lives to the Lord. A Martyr dies once. St. Symeon was a martyr for Christ for a period of 40 years until his death in 459 AD.

And by putting before us, St. Symeon's example of extreme asceticism at the beginning of the liturgical year, the Church shows us how seriously it takes the priority of Christ and how uncompromising our faith is. The beginning of the Church New Year is a time to pause and refresh the spirit and pray on the New Year before us. It is also a suitable time for us to recommit our lives to Christ our God.

Hymn, September 1st

O Lord, Creator of all things,
Who by your authority
Have established times and seasons,
Bless the beginning of our Church year with
Your goodness; preserve your people in peace,
And through the intercessions
Of the Theotokos, save us. Amen.

My prayers are with all of you for safety, good health, and well being.

In Christ's Love,



+ Father Nicholas V. Gamvas



ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

REV. PROTOPRESBYTER NICHOLAS V. GAMVAS, D.MIN., PH.D., IERATIKOS PROISTAMENOS

September/October 2024

Dear St. Haralambos Parishioners,

I hope this letter finds everyone having enjoyed a wonderful summer and looking forward to fall and the start of the ecclesiastical year!

As always, this summer has been a busy one for everyone at St. Haralambos. The summer started off with our 40th annual Canton Greek Fest, which we were blessed with fantastic weather and tremendous support from our community. While money is still being counted and bills are being paid, I can easily say that this year's festival has been another record-breaking event. I would like to thank everyone that had a hand in the planning and execution of one of the best festivals that NE Ohio has to offer.

Our 4th annual Panigiri Picnic will be held on Sunday September 8, 2024, after church services. The Panigiri is a great way to wind down the summer and look forward to the fall and start of the ecclesiastical year while spending time with your friends, family and fellow parishioners. There will be plenty of food, drinks, games and fun for the whole family! Everyone in the St. Haralambos community is welcome to attend! We hope to see you all there.

Looking ahead to the fall, we have a lot of upcoming events. Sunday school classes return on September 15, 2024. If you have not registered your children, please do so. We are also having our 2nd annual St. Haralambos Job Fair on September 22 as well. This is a unique event as this is for the parishioners of St. Haralambos to take some time and learn about all the different groups and organizations in the church and potentially signup to volunteer as all of our organizations are always looking for volunteers to share their time and talents.

Lastly, the St. Haralambos Hellenic Dancers will be hosting their annual God parents Sunday breakfast on Sunday October 27, 2024. Please join the dance group after worshipping with your godparents and family in church for a nice breakfast and fellowship! Please contact Georgia Paxos for ticket information.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at St. Haralambos this fall!

Sincerely,

Mike Paxos
2024 Parish Council President



ST. HARALAMBOS CHURCH

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER



SEPTEMBER

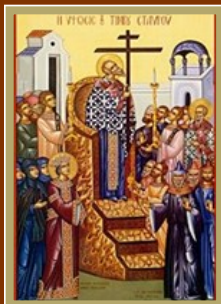
SEPTEMBER 1	SUNDAY	ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
SEPTEMBER 8	SUNDAY	THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
SEPTEMBER 14	SATURDAY	THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 9:00 am - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy
SEPTEMBER 15	SUNDAY	SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
SEPTEMBER 22	SUNDAY	1ST SUNDAY OF LUKE 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
SEPTEMBER 29	SUNDAY	2ND SUNDAY OF LUKE 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 6	SUNDAY	3RD SUNDAY OF LUKE 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
OCTOBER 13	SUNDAY	SUNDAY OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
OCTOBER 20	SUNDAY	6TH SUNDAY OF LUKE 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy YOUTH SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26	SATURDAY	ST. DEMETRIOS 9:00 am - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy
OCTOBER 27	SUNDAY	7TH SUNDAY OF LUKE 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy GODPARENT SUNDAY
OCTOBER 28	MONDAY	HOLY SKEPI, OXI DAY 9:00 am - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SEPTEMBER 2024 WELCOME BACK TO A NEW ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR!						
1 9:00 †Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year	2 Labor Day <i>Office Closed</i>	3 5:00 Philoptochos Brd Mtg. 6:00 Philoptochos Mtg.	4	5	6	7
8 9:00 †Nativity of the Theotokos Panyri Family Picnic Sunday School Registration	9 6:00 Savvas Bournelis' Class	10	11 6:00 Sr. Choir Rehearsal Parish Council Meeting	12 6:00 Sunday School Staff Meeting	13	14 9:00 †The Elevation of the Holy Cross
15 9:00 †Sunday After the Holy Cross Choir Returns Sunday School Begins Jr. GOYA Frappe Event Sunday School Kona Ice Event	16 6:00 Savvas Bournelis' Class	17 11:30 Silver Liners 3:30 Fr. Nick's Bible Study	18	19	20	21 Metropolis Clergy-Laity Philoptochos Assembly
22 9:00 †1st Sunday of Luke Hellenic Dancers Registration & Mtg.	23 6:00 Savvas Bournelis' Class	24 5:00 Greek School Classes Begin	25 6:00 Sr. Choir Rehearsal	26 4:30 Dance Practice Begins	27 7:00 Catered Event	28 Metropolis Clergy-Laity Educators & Youth Workers Assembly
29 9:00 †2nd Sunday of Luke GOYA Meeting	30 6:00 Savvas Bournelis' Class					

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OCTOBER PLEASE REFER TO YOUR SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR THE MOST CURRENT CALENDAR.						
		1 5:00 Greek School	2	3 4:30 Dance Practice	4	5
6 9:00 †3rd Sunday of Luke †Choir Appreciation Sunday JOY Pumpkin Patch JR GOYA Trunk or Treat	7 5:30 Philop. Bd Mtg 6:00 Philop. Mtg. 6:00 Savvas Bournelis' Class	8 5:00 Greek School	9 6:00 Sr. Choir Rehearsal	10 11:00 Catered Event 4:30 Dance Practice	11	12
13 9:00 †7th Ecumenical Council Jr. GOYA Frappe Event GOYA Breakfast	14 6:00 Savvas Bournelis' Class	15 11:30 Silver Liners 3:30 Fr. Nick's Bible Study 5:00 Greek School	16	17 4:30 Dance Practice	18 7:00 Catered Event	19
20 9:00 †6th Sunday of Luke Dancers' Installation of Officers GOYA Meeting Youth Sunday	21 6:00 Savvas Bournelis' Class	22 5:00 Greek School 7:00 GreekFest Committee Mtg.	23 6:00 Sr. Choir Rehearsal Silver Liners' Classic Rail, Classic Cars, Classic Dining Outing	24 4:30 Dance Practice 7:00 Dance Mtg.	25	26 9:00 †St. Demetrios 1:30 Catered Event
27 9:00 †7th Sunday of Luke Godparent Sunday & Godparent Brunch	28 9:00 †Holy Protection of the Theotokos - OXI Day 6:00 Savvas Bournelis' Class	29 5:00 Greek School	30	31 4:30 Dance Practice		



THE FEASTDAY OF THE EXHALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14

+Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas

The Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is a blessed day and celebration of the tremendous power of the Cross of our Lord and is celebrated each year on September 14. Through the Cross, the power and wisdom of God have been revealed. By the Cross, we are reconciled to Christ, and we can find true and enduring peace. It is the Cross that directs us to Christ and to the way of salvation and eternal life.

The Feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine.

In the twentieth year of his reign (326), Emperor Constantine sent his mother Saint Helen to Jerusalem to venerate the holy places and to find the site of the Holy Sepulchre and of the Cross. Relying upon the oral tradition of the faithful, Saint Helen found the precious Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves crucified with our Lord. However, Helen had no way of determining which was the Cross of Christ.

With the healing of a dying woman who touched one of the crosses, Patriarch Macarius of Jerusalem identified the True Cross of Christ. Saint Helen and her court venerated the Precious and Life-Giving Cross along with many others who came to see this great instrument of Redemption.

The Patriarch mounted the ambo (pulpit) and lifted the Cross with both hands so that all of the people gathered could see it. The crowd responded with "Lord have mercy".

This became the occasion of the institution in all of the Churches of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross, not only in memory of the event of the finding of the Cross but also to celebrate how an instrument of shame was used to overcome death and bring salvation and eternal life.

On the day of the Feast at the conclusion of the Matins or of the Divine Liturgy, a special service is held. The Cross is placed on a tray surrounded by branches of basil and is taken in solemn procession through the church to the chanting of the Hymn of the Feast. The tray is placed on a table, and the priest takes the Cross and offers petitions from each side of the table, the four directions of the compass. This represents the universal nature of the offering of Christ upon the Cross. As the people respond by chanting "Lord have mercy", the priest raises and lowers the cross, a commemoration of its finding and exaltation. At the conclusion of the service, the people come and venerate the cross and receive the basil from the priest. The basil is used and offered, as it was the fragrant flower growing where the Cross was found.

Today as we venerate the Holy Cross of our Lord, and Orthodox Christians around the world raise the symbol of the sacred and precious wood, we proclaim the Cross to be an invincible shield, a divine scepter, and the boast of the faithful. We exalt it by affirming that the Cross sanctifies to the ends of the world. We hail the life-giving Cross as the "unconquerable trophy of godliness, door to Paradise, and succor of the faithful." Through the Cross our enemies are vanquished, freedom from corruption and mortality is established, and salvation is offered universally.

As the Cross is lifted up, we marvel at how an instrument meant for torture and shame leads us to abundant and eternal life. We contemplate how an object that inflicted suffering and death reveals the glory and power of God. We offer praise and thanksgiving, for instead of hate and inhumanity, the Cross has become love and freedom. Instead of suffering, we find healing and hope. The Cross leads us from death and life, and through the Cross, we know that all things are possible to those who believe in Christ.



SAINT DEMETRIOS THE GREAT MARTYR

OCTOBER 26

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Saint Demetrios was from Thessaloniki, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 290, he raised the Saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bath-house. While the games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Demetrios', came to the Saint in the bath-house and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Demetrios, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrios was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bath-house, As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword.

Apolytikion of Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer in the Third Tone

The world has found in you a great champion in time of peril, as you emerged the victor in routing the barbarians. For as you brought to naught the boasts of Lyaaios, imparting courage to Nestor in the stadium, in like manner, holy one, great Martyr Demetrios, invoke Christ God for us, that He may grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer in the Second Tone

God, who gave you invincible power and with care kept your city invulnerable, royally clothed the Church in purple with the streams of your blood, for you are her strength, O Demetrios.

Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

Your voice resounded throughout the world that received your word by which, in godly manner, you taught dogma, clarified the nature of beings, and set in order the character of people. Venerable father, Royal Priesthood, intercede to Christ God to grant us great mercy.

Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

For the Church art thou in truth a firm foundation, granting an inviolate lordship unto all mortal men and sealing it with what thou hast taught, O righteous Basil, revealer of heavenly things.

THE HOLY PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD ~ OCT. 28

+Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas

The **Protection of the Mother of God (Η Αγία Σκεπη)** is one of the most beloved feast days on the Orthodox calendar. The feast is celebrated on October 28 in the Greek Orthodox Church.



The Greek Skepi (Σκέπη), has a complex meaning. First of all, it refers to a cloak or shroud, but it also means protection or intercession. For this reason, the name of the feast is variously translated as the Veil of Our Lady, the Protecting Veil of the Theotokos, the Protection of the Theotokos.

The feast day celebrates the appearance of the Mother of God at Blachernae (Vlaherna) in the tenth century. At the end of St. Andrei (Andrew of Constantinople) Yurodivyi's life, he, with his disciple St. Epiphanius, and a group of people, saw the Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, and several other saints and angels during a vigil in the Church of Blachernae, nearby the city gates. The Blachernae Palace church was where several of her relics were kept. The relics were her robe, veil, and part of her belt that had been transferred from Palestine during the fifth century.

The Theotokos approached the center of the church, knelt down and remained in prayer for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears. Then she took her veil (cerement) off and spread it over the people as a sign of protection. During the time, the people in the city were threatened by a barbarian invasion. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering.

In recent years, the Feast of the Protection has become associated with thanksgiving for the deliverance of the Greek nation from the Italian invasion of 1940. These events are commemorated in Greece in a national holiday known as "Ochi Day" referring to the response of the Greek leader Metaxas to Mussolini's ultimatum.

In recognition of this, and because of the many miracles of the Holy Virgin which were reported by Greek soldiers during the Greco-Italian War of 1940-1941, the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece elected in 1952 to transfer the Feast from October 1 to October 28.

Two different events that took place four hundred years apart are combined in this one icon. Both events took place in the former Church of Blachernae in Constantinople.

The icon of the feast, Protection of the Mother of God, shows the Theotokos standing above the faithful with her arms outstretched in prayer and draped with a veil. On both sides of her are angels. On the lower right of most icons of this feast, are saints Andrew and his disciple Epiphanius who saw this vision of the Mother of God, with the twelve apostles, bishops, holy women, monks and martyrs, spreading her veil in protection over the congregation. St. Epiphanius is wearing a tunic under his cloak and gestures in astonishment at the miraculous appearance, while St. Andrew, Fool-for-Christ, is dressed only in a cloak.

Below the Theotokos, in the center of the icon, stands a young man with a halo, he is clothed in a deacon's sticharion. In his left hand, he is holding an open scroll with the text of the Kontakion for Nativity in honor of the Mother of God. This is St. Romanos the Melodos, the famous hymnographer whose feast is also celebrated on the same day, October 1. He is with his choir attended by the Emperor Leo the Wise together with the Empress and the Patriarch of Constantinople.

Oxi Day In Greece: What We Celebrate And Why

One of the most important days of the year, for Greeks all around the world.

The 28th of October is a National Holiday in Greece, that is often referred to simply as “OXI” Day. This is one of the most important Bank Holidays in Greece and all Greeks celebrate it proudly. During this day, the schools, the stores, and public services are closed and the whole country is in a festive mood. In this post, we will explore why and how we celebrate this special day.

What History Says

We are going back to 1940 and World War II-era. The Italians sent an ultimatum to the Prime Minister of Greece, Ioannis Metaxas, to capitulate or they will invade the country. Ioannis Metaxas responded with the word “Oxi”, declining to give up. Oxi in Greek means no. That was the day when Greece officially entered the War and coordinated attacks from the Italian Axis powers began.

The Greek army fought bravely against the enemy in the mountains of Pindos. *Many people lost their lives in these battles but they managed to keep the enemy away from Greek territory. The Italian troops found it hard to conquer the Greek territory as the Greek army continued to bravely push back.*

The expansive policy of Adolf Hitler into the Balkans aggravated the Greek position on the war. Despite the brave efforts, Germans crossed the borders of Greece in April 1941. The German invasion and occupation that followed, was a horrible period of Greek history. Many people died of famine, the inflation destroyed the country’s economy, and the entire Greek Jewish community was taken away to concentration camps.

Despite the humiliating everyday life of Greeks, the resistance efforts never dwindled. Finally, in autumn 1944, after more than 4 years of long battles, the Germans withdrew from Greece and the country was free again.

How We Celebrate Nowadays

In honor of the soldiers who fought for the freedom of this country, we celebrate “OXI” day every 28th of October. All around the globe, Greeks celebrate and honor the deceased, as they would have if they were in the homeland. A week before Oxi day, people decorate their homes and cities by hanging Greek flags from their balconies, in the streets and the squares.

The first part of the celebration is going to church. As a religious society, Greece has connected all the major highlights of its history with religion and church. During this day the Christian Orthodox church celebrates the Holy Veil of the Virgin Mary. Originally, the day dedicated to this celebration was the 1st of October. But they decided to celebrate it the same day as OXI day because, according to Orthodox religion, Virgin Mary helped the soldiers fight the enemy and liberate the country.



God's Will in Our Lives

By God's grace we have reached the tail end of the summer season and the beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year. For everyone who has diligently read the Holy Bible (**congratulations**), we should be at the very end and ready to start again September 1st.

With the starting of the Eccl. New Year, it is our chance to renew our priorities in relation to our Liturgical life and our personal relationship with our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ & His will in our lives. Do we ask the Lord to show us His will, or do we just decide each day how we want to live and what we will choose to do? The reality is that seldom do people give God much thought when it comes to their daily lives. This might be understandable to those who do not know Him personally, but for those of us who have trusted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, seeking God's direction and provision for each day should be a priority in our thoughts and prayers.

Although we may be tempted to just downgrade God's will only in spiritual matters, if Jesus is our **true** Lord & Savior, there is no part of our lives about which He is not concerned and over which He does not have the right to rule.

God's will is the principal by which we should live every single day! To live independently without asking the Lord for his grace, guidance and protection reveals that we do not think that we need Him. Although we might readily deny this, what we truly believe is not so much demonstrated by our words but by our attitudes, conduct and habits.

If we believe what the bible says about God, then we understand that He is sovereign over every area of our lives and that submission to Him as Lord is essential. Therefore, our priority should be to continually aim to please and honor Him in every aspect of our lives by seeking His guidance.

I have said many times that Jesus Christ's life is the example to follow. He, being the Son of God lived in complete dependence and submission to His Father. When the prospect of the cross was imminent, He did not face it independently. In His time of severe distress (*"His sweat being like drops of blood.."*), Jesus asked the Father if there was any other means to accomplish the redemption of mankind-there wasn't- but His main concern was that He followed His Father's will, not His own. That is how we should think about every situation we face.

We must understand that the will of God is that which He approves and determines to bring about. It concerns His choices regarding what to do and what not to do. Since He is **omniscient**, we can trust that He knows the best path for us. God created us to find our satisfaction and fulfilment in Him **alone**. Therefore, to ignore His will and live as if He does not have a say (*"because I have free will"*) in our lives is foolish & delusional. All our attempts to govern our own lives cannot bring us the lasting peace and joy we desire because there is **no eternal satisfaction** apart from submission to the Lord.



God's Will in Our Lives Continued

Living in God's will is our protection! If we do not look to God for daily direction, we are sure to stumble and fall. We cannot know what the future holds, but the Lord does. He alone has complete understanding and wisdom to direct our path, not only in the crucial decisions, but in our daily concerns. Considering all this, using our "free will" we should make Him our priority each day.

So, what is actually God's will? First and foremost, He desires that we trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and surrender fully to Him. The Lord knew us "before He formed us in the womb..." and He knows every detail of our lives before they happen. He has given us each unique gifts, abilities, and skills that enable us to accomplish whatever He has planned for our lives on this earth, no matter how long or short our time may be. Therefore, we must avoid the danger of comparing ourselves with others and longing for what He has entrusted to another person. In His wisdom, God has provided everything we need to live as He desires and has promised to guide us into His will if we allow Him to do so.

We need the Lord in every aspect of our lives. Therefore, we should pray and read/study His word every single day, be active participants in the Liturgical life of the Church and receive the Holy Sacraments as much as possible so that we are able to discern and discover how He would have us live our lives for His glory. We need His wisdom in our marriages, with our children, on the job, and with all of life's problems that arise. No part of our life is to be lived independently of our wise and loving Creator!

Those who do not know Christ as Savior are living without God. This is why some people's lives are such a mess. They try to fill the divine void with substitutes, but the emptiness remains because there is only one person who can satisfy the deep longings of the human heart, and that is Jesus. Many people in the world will never turn to the Lord because they do not want anyone, including God, telling them how to live their lives. As a result, they miss out on the best possible life because genuine peace, joy, and fulfillment are only found in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

So at the start of the Ecclesiastical New Year, let us make a New Year's commitment to allow the Lord to direct our lives according to His will, participate more regularly in the Liturgical life of the Orthodox Church, receive the Holy Sacraments regularly & study His Holy Bible for the attainment and guidance of Wisdom. Myself, along with Diakonisa Melissa, Kerissa, Costandinos & Xenia wish everyone a blessed & safe Fall season.



ASK FATHER NICK...

Question: Will Jesus Christ return in 2024? Anonymous

Answer: I cannot really answer that. Let me explain why.

1. **Jesus said no one knows the day or time of His return except for the Father (Matthew 12:36; Mark 13:32).** In fact, Jesus warned not to follow any person who says they know when Jesus is returning (Luke 21:8).
2. **Without question, Jesus will return (Acts 1:10-11).** Be sure that there is no question regarding if He will come or not. God promised Jesus' return, and God keeps His promises (2 Peter 3:9).
3. **Jesus said to be watchful and ready (Luke 21:28-33).** We need to pay attention to the world around us. When we do, we realize that nothing left stands in the way of the return of Christ.
4. **The Apostle Paul describes it as daybreak (Rom 13:11-12).** Referring to the return of Jesus as dawn, he warns that the night is far spent and daybreak is imminent.

Question: What do the three stars on the Virgin Mary's veil mean? Bill

Answer: Upon her veil are three stars, which represent her eternal virginity: before, during, and forever.

Question: Why do we use the word omoousios in the Creed? Carol Capocci

Answer: Omoousios, in Orthodox Christianity, the key term of the doctrine formulated at the First Ecumenical Council, held at Nicaea in 325, to affirm that God the Son and God the Father are of the same substance. The First Council of Nicaea, presided over by the emperor Constantine, was convened to resolve the controversy within the church over the relationship between the persons of the Trinity. The council condemned Arianism, which taught that Christ was more than human but not fully divine. The use of omoousios (Greek: "of one substance - essence") in the Creed produced at the council was meant to put an end to the controversy, although the influence of Arianism persisted in the church for centuries. In 381 Emperor Theodosius I summoned the second ecumenical council, the First Council of Constantinople, which developed and affirmed the earlier creed. The resulting Nicene Creed also contained the word omoousios and became the definitive statement of orthodox belief.

Question: What day did Jesus die of Crucifixion? A

Answer: Jesus therefore died on Friday, April 3, AD 33 at about 3 p.m., a few hours before the beginning of Passover day and the Sabbath. This is the date in the Julian calendar, which had been introduced in 45 BC, and follows the convention that historical dates adhere to the calendar in use at the time.



St. Haralambos Church Altar Boy Schedule

Thank you to all of our Altar Boys
for your dedication to our Lord!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Please be ready to start at 9:45 a.m.

**TEAM A: Sept 22
Oct 20**

**TEAM B: Sept 1
Sept 29
Oct 27**

**TEAM C: Sept 8
Oct 6**

**TEAM D: Sept 15
Oct 13**

TEAM A

John (Kaden) Higgins
Yianni Sotiropoulos
Aristides Kapalko
George Tzouloufis

TEAM B

Thaddeus Fakelis
Fotis Vonortas
Steven Zoumberakis
Zachary Volas
Stamatios Paxos

TEAM C

Nicholas Hallaman
Yanni Loukas
Andrew Rocco
Dimitri Bahas
Leonidas Paxos
Constantinos Paxos

TEAM D

Luke Morgan
Minas Paxos
Yianni Fakelis
Ianni Colón

Simple Church Etiquette

There are several parts of the service during which no one should be moving about.

Wherever a person happens to be at these moments, he or she should stop and stand reverently, until the proper time to proceed.

These parts of the service are:

- ◆ The Procession of the Priest and Altar Boys with the Gospel;
- ◆ The reading of the Gospel;
- ◆ The Cherubic Hymn and the Great Procession of the Priest and Altar Boys with the Holy Gifts;
- ◆ The recitation of the Nicene Creed (in which the entire congregation should participate);
- ◆ The prayers of offering "Take, eat..." and the prayers of the consecration of the Holy Gifts;
- ◆ The Sermon;
- ◆ Any special services (memorial services, processions, prayers);

One basic rule to follow is that, whenever the Priest is facing the people or outside of the altar, either with the censer or giving the blessing, everyone should stand wherever they are.

Please remember that the Parish Council members and the ushering staff are required to keep order during services, and all should follow their instructions at all times.



MISSED PARISHIONERS

THE CANTON REGENCY

4515 22nd Street NW,
Canton, Ohio 44708

**PAULA MACRIS
IRENE GIANAKIS**

THE INN AT WHITEWOOD VILLAGE

3146 Whitewood St. N.W.,
North Canton, Ohio 44720

330-933-4467
STEVE BASIAKOS

THE INN AT BELDEN VILLAGE

.3927 38th Street NW
Canton, Ohio 44718

330-493-0096
DIANE FORADAS

THE WINDSOR

1454 East Maple St. NW
North Canton, Ohio 44720

330-499-8300
JACK USNER

ROSELANE SKILLED NURSING HOME

5424 High Mill Ave. NW
Massillon, Ohio 44646

MIKE NICHOLS

BETHANY

626 34th Street NW
Canton, Ohio 44709

LISA (COTOPOLIS) FERENCZ



COMMUNITY NEWS



BIRTHS:

Kalliopi Gagianas was born on June 24, 2024. Proud parents are Dimitri and Maria Gagianas.

Giorgos K. Nikolaou was born on July 26, 2024. Proud parents are Dino & Artemis Nikolaou.

BAPTISMS:

Elowyn (Elizabeth) Benno was baptized on June 22, 2024, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Manchester, NH. She is the daughter of Van & Siobhan Benno. Her sponsors are Chris & Kim Mellen.

Thomas Benno was baptized on June 22, 2024, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Manchester, NH. He is the son of Van & Siobhan Benno. His sponsors are Chris & Kim Mellen.

CHRISMATION:

Siobhan Benno was chrismated Hermione on June 22, 2024 @ Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Manchester, NH. Her sponsors are Chris and Kim Mellen.

Michael Spicer was chrismated on August 4, 2024. His sponsor is Stephanie Machamer.

WEDDINGS:

Jonathan Machamer, son of John and Stephanie Machamer and Jenna Poeppelman, daughter of John & Amy Poeppelman, were married on July 27, 2024. Their Koumbara was Tina Fasoulas Wey.

DEATHS:

Dan D. Trifelos passed away on July 20, 2024.

UPCOMING MEMORIALS:

10yr Memorial ~ October 20, 2024 ~ Angie Creekus



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*Congratulations to this year's
scholarship recipients:*

Harry A. Thomas Scholarship

*Nicholas Hallaman - High School
Anthony Morgan - College*

Peter & Sophia Kourmolis Scholarship

*Erin Foradis
Gia Sotiropoulos*

Laura Anne Dieringer Scholarship

*Thaddeus Fakelis
Erin Foradis
Nicholas Hallaman
Kenna Loukas
Minas Paxos
Panagiota Sotiropoulos*

SAVE THE DATES!



**ST. HARALAMBOS
PANIYRI FAMILY PICNIC
September 8, 2024**

**Immediately following Liturgy
Family, Food and Fellowship
for Everyone!**

**57th Annual Debutantes Ball
Saturday, April 26, 2025**

*Class of 2025 girls interested in participating, please send an email with your contact information to debsball@gmail.com.



**Canton Greek Fest
June 5, 6 & 7, 2025**



Everyone Welcome!

BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER NICK

TUESDAYS, 3:30-4:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

OCTOBER 15, 2024



**COACHES
NEEDED!**

**YOUTH
BASKETBALL**

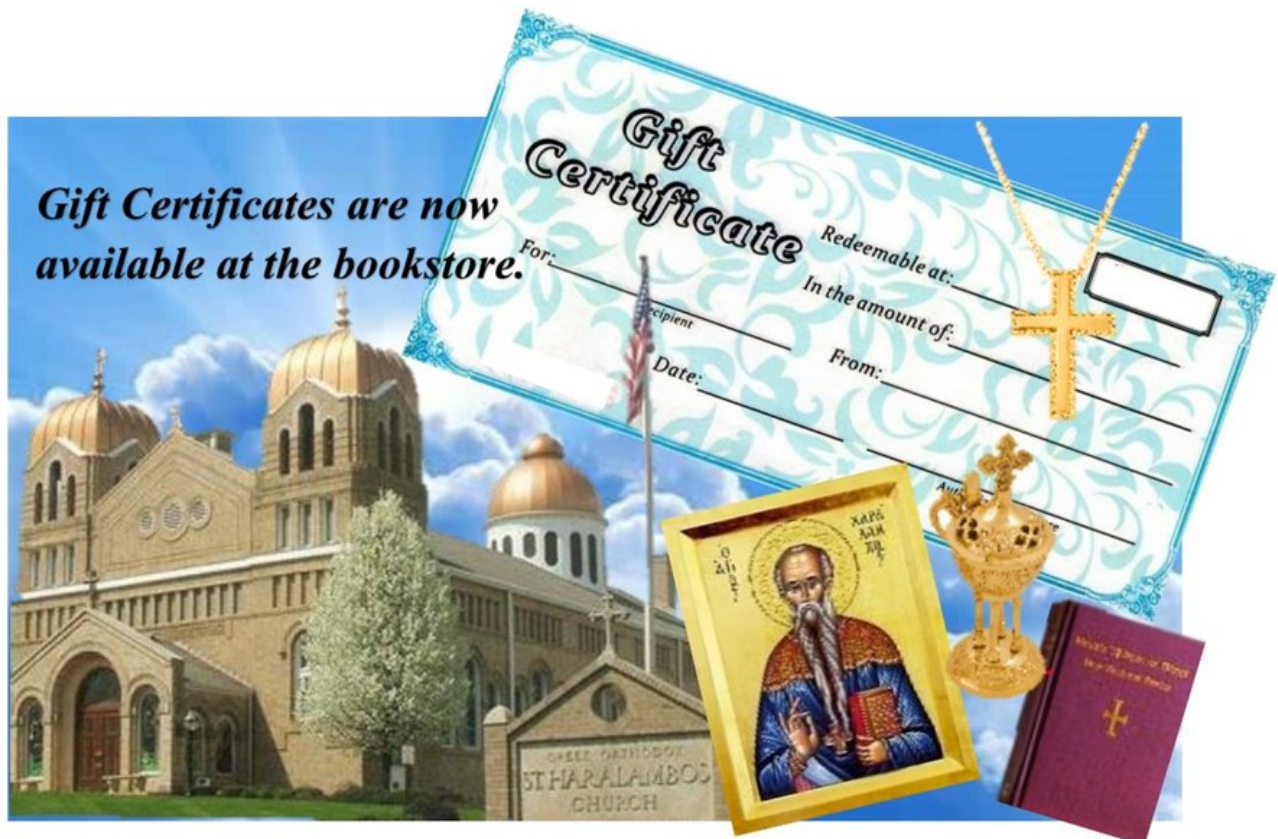
Join the fun with our
St. Haralambos Youth!

If you are interested in coaching
Boys or Girls Basketball teams, please submit
your letter of intent to the
St. Haralambos Parish Council by:

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Thank you!

***Gift Certificates are now
available at the bookstore.***





ST. HARALAMBOS CHURCH

MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2024

SPONSORED BY
THE ST. HARALAMBOS MEN'S CLUB

Any member in good standing with St. Haralambos Church
may submit a candidate for consideration.

The names of the candidates will be submitted to a committee
composed of the Priest, Men's Club President,
and past recipients of the award who will make the final decision.

MAN OF THE YEAR RECOMMENDATION 2024

I (We) recommend for consideration as a candidate for Man of the Year:

I (We) feel that this person deserves this recognition because:

Please print Petitioner Name

Signature of the Petitioner

DEADLINE FOR THIS PETITION IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024.

Please return this form IN A SEALED ENVELOPE to the Men's Club mailbox in the Church Office.
If necessary, attach any additional information. Thank you.



GREEK SCHOOL

TUESDAY EVENINGS 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM

\$40 PER REGISTERED STUDENT • AGES 6+

FIRST DAY:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

WHERE:

**St. Haralambos
Greek Orthodox Church**
251 25th St. NW, Canton, OH 44709

MORE INFORMATION

contact Eleni Paxos
330-323-3148

FILL OUT THE FORM!



1 FORM PER STUDENT

Helen Tsarwhas' Farewell Celebration



we will miss you



wishing
you 
ALL THE BEST



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

TINA WEY, PRESIDENT

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2024 EDITION



WELCOME BACK TO A NEW YEAR!

As we start a new year, we are so very grateful to our St. Haralambos Family and to Father Nick for their continued support and guidance

We have many events planned in the new year so please keep an eye out for updates in the Koinonia, weekly bulletin, email blasts and one calls. We need everyone to make these events and fundraisers a success. We want to include our entire church family and have some fun and fellowship. We miss so many of you and hope to see you all in the new year. We have and continue to donate to so many worthwhile outreach programs. Please join me in congratulating Stephanie Boka and Christine Kellamis as new board members.

THANK YOU to Helen Tsarwhas for her many, many years of service and dedication to not only Philoptochos, but our entire church community. God Bless you, Helen, as you begin your new chapter with your family in Arizona.

OFFICERS 2024-2025

President	Tina Wey
1 st Vice President	Kathy Dieringer
2 nd Vice President	Mary Griveas
Corres. Sec.	Georgia Trikkas
Recording Secretary	Paula Papadopoulos
Treasurer	Fran Armatas
Assistant Treasurer	Helen Apostalides
Advisor	Mary Trifelos

BOARD 2024-2025

Carol Capocci	Goldie Manos
Tina Bolon	Christine Kellamis
Stephanie Boka	Anna Paxos
Janet Diamant	Stephanie Withers
Rita Trikkas	Linda Paxos
Dina Fakelis	Nancy Xides
	Tula Pirovolos

I would like to invite all our Philoptochos members and any NEW members to attend our meetings. We are not able to do the things we do without you. Please see the meeting schedule below. Board Meeting at 5:30 PM and General Meeting at 6:00 PM. **Enter through the Agape Courtyard**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU AT OUR
MEETINGS. GRAB A
FRIEND TO JOIN TOO.**



Philoptochos Christmas Party,
Saturday, December 28th at Noon.
More information to follow.



**COFFEE ANYONE?
PLEASE CONSIDER HOSTING A
COFFEE HOUR WITH A FRIEND
OR YOUR ORGANIZATION.**

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Board 5:00 & General 6:00

Monday, October 7, 2024

Board & General

Monday, November 4, 2024

Board & General

Saturday, December 28, 2024

Christmas Party Luncheon

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Vasilopita After Liturgy

Monday, February 3, 2025

Board Meeting only

Monday, March 3, 2025

Board 5:30

General 6:45 (after church)

Monday, April 7, 2025

Board Meeting 5:30

General Meeting 6:45 (after church)

Monday, May 5, 2025

– Mother's Day Dinner

2024-25 OFFICERS

President, Kathy Dieringer

Vice President, Helen Apostalides

Secretary, Mary Trifelos

Treasurer, Georgia Trikkas

Asst. Treasurer, Goldie Manos



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024

Kathy Dieringer, President

Silver Liners Spotlight

Trips/Events >>>

Classic Rail, Classic Cars,
Classic Dining

Annual Fall Foliage outing

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Cost: \$85.00

(See flyer enclosed)



Board Members

Carol Capocci

Mary Griveas

Tony Koutras

Georgia Matthews

Helenann Meder

Betty Tsangeos

Carol Trifelos, advisor

Kitchen Crew

Helen & Michael Apostalides

Joe Foster Jim Dieringer Takis Tzouloufis

Elaine Christ, Hospitality Chairperson Anna Paxos

Lefkothea Bourlas Olga Tsenekos Volunteers

Luncheons
are held the
3rd Tuesday
of each month,
\$6 per person,
in the Krassas
Event Center at
11:30 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP FOR AGE 55 +
MEMBERSHIP DUES ONLY \$10/YEAR
JOIN TODAY

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Tuesday, September 17

John Capocci,
So you want to be in the movies

Tuesday, October 15

Robin Roseberry, singer

CLASSIC RAIL, CLASSIC CARS, CLASSIC DINING



CUYAHOGA VALLEY RAIL CANTON CLASSIC CAR MUSEUM BENDER'S TAVERN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

Ride the Cuyahoga Valley Rail line through the wilds and past the rapids of Northeastern Ohio. Return to the roaring times of Little Chicago with a 1937 Studebaker. Elegant dining in the Canton historical district, Bender's Tavern, since 1902.

Includes 2-hour scenic train ride through Fall foliage. Guided Tour of the Canton Classic Car Museum. Lunch at Bender's.

Menu Items Includes: Chicken Marsala, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Roll, Beverage, Chocolate Peanut Butter Sundae

Cost: \$85 per person – Check payable to: SILVERLINERS

REGISTRATION WITH PAYMENT DUE BY:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024

**FOR QUESTIONS CALL: KATHY DIERINGER
(330) 265-3876**

Bus limits us to 32 passengers.

**BUS DEPARTS PROMPTLY at 8:30 AM from church parking lot.
(Approx. return 5:00 PM)**

SAINT HARALAMBOS CHURCH 2024 CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT



SPONSORED BY THE "SILVER LINERS"

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

Our Saint Haralambos Silver Liners will once again sponsor our Church Christmas Card Project. Your love and stewardship have greatly assisted our Senior Citizens in our activities, and we are truly thankful for your continued support!

Parishioners and friends wishing to have their names included in the Christmas Card may do so by mailing their donation to the CHURCH OFFICE.

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

For any questions, please contact: Mary Griveas, (330) 268-9069 or
Stephanie Withers, (330) 354-3245

Please don't hesitate!

Send your donation check in today in the enclosed envelope.

Donation - \$20 per family, thank you!

PLEASE submit by the deadline: **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024 (FIRM)**

2024 St. Haralambos Church Christmas Card

Name:-----

Phone:-----Amount -----



Please make checks payable to:

ST. HARALAMBOS SENIOR CITIZENS
251 – 25th Street, N. W.
Canton, Ohio 44709

Thank you!

GOYA NEWS - September - October 2024

We are so excited to introduce our Senior/Junior Leaders for the upcoming GOYA year! They are a talented, energetic group, full of new ideas to make this year memorable for everyone!

Meet our Senior/ Junior Leaders:	Eva Stavrianou Winn, Alexandria Sklavenitis	Isabella Paxos, Foti Vonortas	Paisia Kantzos, Gia Tzouloufis
Sophia Brown			
Christian Sklavenitis			
Yianni Fakelis			

We have an exciting year planned for our Youth! Our first get together will be on Saturday, September 9th. This will include hiking & lunch. Stay tuned for additional information. Our calendar for the 2024-25 year is as follows:

- September 29 & October 20 - GOYA Meetings in the Youth Room (after church)
- Fundraiser - Breakfast, Sunday October 13th (directly after church)
- Fall Retreat - November 22-24 Camp Nazareth
- Metropolis Basketball Tournaments: St. Haralambos GOYA will be hosting the second tournament on January 31- February 2, 2025

Everyone 12 years or older is welcome to join!



Everyone Is Invited to
**JOY's Fall Festival &
Pumpkin Patch, AND
Jr. GOYA's Trunk-or-Treat!**

Sunday, October 6

Immediately Following Church

Visit
Trunks
& Collect
Treats!

Don't forget to bring your
basket, bucket or bag to
collect your goodies!

Take a Photo With
a 1963 Vintage
Tractor!
outside only

Enjoy
Refreshments &
Play Games!

Pick Your
Favorite Pumpkins
& Gourds While
They Last!

Find us on the back side
lawn & parking lot!

Event Contacts:
Stephanie Sakel for Pumpkin Patch
questions: 330.949.8085
Marcia Bournelis for Trunk-or-Treat
questions: 330.309.3428

*the event
will be in
the gym
for inclement
weather



Donations are always appreciated to help with our youth group projects. Thank you!

Let's Help Babies Together!



HEART OF OHIO
Diaper BANK



When diapers are in short supply, families and babies struggle.

JOY & Junior GOYA

are volunteering this November at the **Heart Of Ohio Diaper Bank!** We'll be helping to sort & package diapers to get them ready to be delivered to families in need.

NOW - NOVEMBER 3

WE NEED YOUR HELP, TOO!

We're kindly asking our St. Haralambos Parishioners to donate diapers and pull-ups in all sizes to our Diaper Drive! (Even partially used packs your child has outgrown are helpful)



DID YOU KNOW?

The Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank works with agency partners serving low-income families throughout Stark, Wayne, Carroll, Harrison and Medina counties, to help fill gaps in household diaper supplies each and every month. There is a lot of need in our local communities.

www.heartofohiodiaperbank.org

To Donate To Our Diaper Drive

*feminine hygiene products are also accepted if you'd like to leave these items inside the Diaper Drive box

Donations can be left inside our Diaper Drive box located in the main hallway by the gym. The last day to donate is November 3!

Thank you so much!

Please contact Stephanie Sakel with any questions:
Stephanie.Sakel@gmail.com

Newsletter for our St. Haralambos Sunday School

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOT

September/October
2024

A NOTE FROM

Stephanie Machamer, Director

Well, that summer just flew by. Hope it was fun and relaxing for all of you. I have been working on another fun-filled year of learning about our Orthodox Faith.

I want to welcome back all the teachers and staff. Thank you for your continued commitment to our youth. We are ready to go!!!

Toddler Class – Stephanie Sakel & Erin Foradis

Pre-School – Diane Foster & Eva Stavrianou-Winn

Kindergarten – Tina Wey & Paula Papadopoulos

Grade 1 & 2 – Stephanie Withers & April Mickey

Grades 3 & 4 – Linda Natale

Grade 5-8 – Junior High School – Demetra Pirovolos

Grade 9-12 – High School – Niki Strohmenger

Substitutes/Special Projects - Barb Lambrou, Valerie Stavrianou, Jamie Rocco, Janet Diamant, Mallory Machamer

Sunday School Youth Choir – Dr. Alex Christ, Choir Director

Sunday School Office – Stephanie Likouris & Kathy Hardesty

WE WILL CONTINUE WITH OUR “Raise the Barr”, feeding the children project for the 2024-2025 School Year. Thank you for the overwhelming response for donations of all types. Along with all of you, our Philoptochos joined us in our efforts and we were able to make an even bigger impact. We will continue to collect “kid friendly” items for our food bags for the weekends. Last school year we fed 70 children, the first weekend of each month totaling 2,240 meals. THANK YOU EVERYONE! Thank you to Jamie Rocco for her outpouring of love to this project.

**Psalm 119:103 “How
sweet are your
words to my taste,
sweeter than honey
to my mouth”**

A LOOK AHEAD

Don't miss out

September 15th – First
Day of a new “Sweet
Year”. Kona Ice Truck.

December 8 – St.
Nicholas Gift Project.

December 22 - Coffee
Hour with Santa Claus

**Welcome Back to Sunday School. First day of
Sunday School is September 15th. Registration will
take place on September 8th at the church picnic
and also on September 15th in the classrooms.**

ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Parent's Name(s) _____

Complete Address _____

Emergency Contact/Cell Number _____

Email Address(s) _____

Child's Name _____

_____ Age _____ Birthdate _____ Grade _____

Child's Address _____

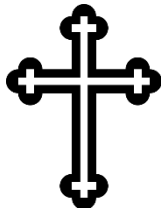
Child's Cell Number _____ Child's Email _____

Child Baptized in Orthodox Church _____yes _____no

Baptismal Name _____

Allergy Concerns _____

Additional Information _____



Welcome Back To Sunday School!



The Path to Jesus is Sweet!

For our first day of Sunday School, let's celebrate
the sweetness of living a life in Christ!

Our students & families are invited to enjoy
KONA ICE as we kick-off our very SWEET year!



Sunday, Sept. 15

In the Courtyard & Tri-Room after Church



Sunday School begins at 10am sharp!



ST. HARALAMBOS HELLENIC DANCERS

WELCOME BACK!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

1ST MEETING & REGISTRATION

***IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES
IN THE TRI-ROOM***

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024—FIRST PRACTICE FOR ALL GROUPS

BEGINNERS: 4:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

INTERMEDIATES: 5:00 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.

TRAINING SENIORS: 5:45 P.M. - 6:15 P.M.

SENIORS: 6:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

OCTOBER DANCE PRACTICES

OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

BEGINNERS: 4:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

INTERMEDIATES: 5:00 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.

TRAINING SENIORS: 5:45 P.M. - 6:15 P.M.

SENIORS: 6:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

YOUTH SUNDAY

Installation of Officers:

President~Paisia Kantzos; Vice President~Luke Morgan;

Secretary~Francesca Hatheway; Treasurer~Kostas Paxos

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024

Monthly Meeting for ALL Groups at 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

GODPARENTS' Sunday Brunch

(see flyer included in this Koinonia for details)



**The St. Haralambos Hellenic Dancers invite you to a
celebration in honor of all Godparents and Godchildren at
the annual**

Godparent Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, October 27, 2024

St. Haralambos Krassas Center

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

Table Reservations are required ~ \$10/person

To make your reservation please call:

**Georgia Paxos at (330) 933-7596 or
via email at mrspaxos@gmail.com**

**Table reservations must be made by
Thursday, October 24, 2024**



St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church Senior Choir

WE NEED AND WELCOME YOU!!!

We would like to WELCOME anyone young or old with a desire or love of singing to join our church choir family.

Please consider being part of this outstanding group!!!

Last year our choir welcomed a few new choir members and our goal this year is to continue to grow even more!

If interested, just show up in the choir loft on any Sunday or attend one of our rehearsals.

Please contact our director, Dr. Alex Christ at 330-284-9606 if you have any questions!!!

Rehearsal/Activity Schedule

REHEARSALS 6:00 PM

DIVINE LITURGY 9:45 AM

SEPTEMBER:

11th Wednesday	Welcome Rehearsal
15th Sunday	Choir Returns
25th Wednesday	Rehearsal

OCTOBER:

6th Sunday	Choir Appreciation Sunday
9th Wednesday	Rehearsal
23rd Wednesday	Rehearsal

NOVEMBER:

6th Wednesday	Rehearsal
20th Wednesday	Rehearsal

DECEMBER:

1st Sunday	St. Nick Sunday/Program
24th Tuesday	Christmas Eve ~ TBA



NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

OCTOBER 6, 2024

On this day, we will be commemorating National Church Music Sunday to honor our choir director, our choir members, and our chanters.

On behalf of Fr. Nicholas, the Parish Council, and the St. Haralambos parishioners, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the choir members who continuously give many hours of dedicated service to our church and parishioners.

2024 High School Football Coaches Preview



Special Guest Bernie Kosar surprised the attendees with his appearance.





FALL 2024 ORTHODOX SPIRITUALITY MINI SERIES

ST HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
CANTON, OH



AUG 19 - SEPT 23: THE HEART~AN ORTHODOX SPIRITUAL GUIDE

SEPT 30 - OCT 14: PURITY OF THE HEART

OCT 21 - DEC 16: NEPSIS & NOETIC PRAYER

Classes held every Monday @ 6 PM

Email sbournelis@hchc.edu to join and for further details



SEPTEMBER

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

1
Demetrios Geniatakis
Eros Ramphos

2
Acia Shaheen

3
Lorraine Manos
Nikki Rossetti

4
Artemis Withers

5
Mari Ballas
Gus Cotopolis
Catherine Mannos

6
Erin Apostalides
Chris Gaitanos
Aris Kaplanis

7
Joanna Volas

8
George Foradis
Roseann LiCause
Mary Trifelos

9
Virginia Ballas
Linda Miller
Diane Varavvas

11
Stephanie Likouris
Jonathan Machamer
Michael Nichols
Nicole Rossetti
Joe Waggoner

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Harriet Anderson
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EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14



THE ICON OF THE FEAST

The icon of the Feast of the Holy Cross illustrates the story of the finding of the Holy Cross by St. Constantine's mother, St. Helen, and of its Exaltation. Patriarch Macarius, who accompanied Saint Helen is standing in the pulpit elevating the Holy Cross for all to see and venerate.

On each side of the Patriarch are deacons holding candles. The elevated Cross is surrounded and venerated by many clergy and lay people, including Saint Helen.

Seen in the background of the icon is a domed structure. That structure represents the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. This church was one of the churches constructed and dedicated by Emperor Constantine on the holy sites of Jerusalem.