



ST. HARALAMBOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
CANTON, OHIO

KOINONIA



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2024

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NOVEMBER & DECEMBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ST HARALAMBOS CHURCH



NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 1	FRIDAY	STS. COSMAS AND DAMIANOS 9:00 am - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy
NOVEMBER 3	SUNDAY	5TH SUNDAY OF LUKE 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
NOVEMBER 8	FRIDAY	THE SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGELS MICHAEL & GABRIEL 9:00 am - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy
NOVEMBER 9	SATURDAY	ST. NEKTARIOS 9:00 am - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy
NOVEMBER 10	SUNDAY	8TH SUNDAY OF LUKE 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
NOVEMBER 17	SUNDAY	9TH SUNDAY OF LUKE 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
NOVEMBER 21	THURSDAY	THE PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS 9:00 a.m. - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy
NOVEMBER 24	SUNDAY	13TH SUNDAY OF LUKE 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
NOVEMBER 25	MONDAY	ST. KATHRINE 9:00 am - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy
NOVEMBER 30	SATURDAY	FEASTDAY OF SAINT ANDREW 9:00 am—Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 1	SUNDAY	14TH SUNDAY OF LUKE 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
DECEMBER 6	FRIDAY	ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER 9:00 am - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy
DECEMBER 8	SUNDAY	10TH SUNDAY OF LUKE 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
DECEMBER 12	THURSDAY	ST. SPYRIDON THE WONDERWORKER 9:00 am - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy
DECEMBER 15	SUNDAY	11TH SUNDAY OF LUKE 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
DECEMBER 22	SUNDAY	SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
DECEMBER 24	TUESDAY	CHRISTMAS EVE 6:00pm - Royal Hours, Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great
DECEMBER 25	WEDNESDAY	CHRISTMAS DAY - HOLY NATIVITY OF OUR LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
DECEMBER 27	FRIDAY	ST. STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR 9:00 a.m. - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy.
DECEMBER 29	SUNDAY	SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

ST. HARALAMBOS CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 9:00 a.m. †Cosmas & Damianos Fish Fry	2
3 9:00 a.m. †5th of Luke JOY Meeting Girls BB Practice 4:00 p.m. Boys BB	4 5:30 p.m. Philop. Bd Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Philop. Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Savvas Bournelis' Class	5 5:15p.m. Greek School 5:30 p.m. Girls BB	6 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Boys BB	7 4:30 p.m. Dance Practice	8 9:00 a.m. †Synaxis of Archangels Michael & Gabriel	9 9:00 a.m. †St. Nektarios Outside Event
10 9:00 a.m. †8th of Luke Girls BB Practice 4:00 p.m. Boys BB	11 6:00 p.m. Savvas Bournelis' Class	12 5:15 p.m. Greek School 5:30 p.m. Girls BB Outside Event	13 6:30 p.m. Boys BB 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Mtg.	14 10:00 a.m. Outside Event 4:30 p.m. Dance Practice	15	16
17 9:00 a.m. †9th of Luke GOYA Meeting JR GOYA Frappe Girls BB Practice 4:00 p.m. Boys BB	18 6:00 p.m. Savvas Bournelis' Class	19 11:30 a.m. Silver Liners 3:30 p.m. Bible Study 5:15 p.m. Greek School 5:30 p.m. Girls BB 7:00 p.m. Greekfest Committee Mtg.	20 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Boys BB	21 9:00 a.m. †The Presentation of the Theotokos 4:30 p.m. Dance Practice 7:00 p.m. Dance Mtg. Outside Event	22 Outside Event	23
24 9:00 a.m. 13th of Luke JOY Christmas Shoppe Girls BB Practice 4:00 p.m. Boys BB Outside Event	25 9:00 a.m. †St. Katherine 6:00 p.m. Savvas Bournelis' Class	26 5:15 p.m. Greek School 5:30 p.m. Girls BB	27 6:30 p.m. Boys BB	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 9:00 a.m. †Feastday of St. Andrew †Sacrament

ST. HARALAMBOS CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 a.m. †14th Sunday of Luke JOY Christmas Shoppe Girls BB Practice 4:00 p.m. Boys BB	2 6:00 p.m. Savvas Bournelis' Class	3 5:15 p.m. Greek School 5:30 p.m. Girls BB	4 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Boys BB	5 5:30 p.m. Dancers' Christmas Party	6 9:00 a.m. †St. Nicholas Fish Fry	7
8 9:00 a.m. †10th of Luke St. Nicholas Gifts Stewardship Sun. Parish Council Elec. General Assembly Dancers Bake Sale Girls BB Practice 4:00 p.m. Boys BB	9 6:00 p.m. Savvas Bournelis' Class	10 5:15 p.m. Greek School 5:30 p.m. Girls BB	11 6:30 p.m. Boys BB	12 9:00 a.m. †St. Spyridon 10:00 a.m. Outside Event	13	14
15 9:00 a.m. †11th of Luke GOYA Meeting JOY Christmas Party Girls BB Practice 4:00 p.m. Boys BB	16 6:00 p.m. Savvas Bournelis' Class	17 3:30 p.m. Bible Study 5:15 p.m. Greek School 5:30 p.m. Girls BB	18 6:30 p.m. Boys BB	19	20	21
22 9:00 a.m. †Sunday Before the Nativity SS Coffee Hour with Santa Girls BB Practice 4:00 p.m. Boys BB Outside Event	23	24 6:00 p.m. †Royal Hours, Vespereal Liturgy	25 9:00 a.m. †Holy Nativity	26	27 9:00 a.m. †St. Stephen	28 Philoptochos Christmas Party
29 9:00 a.m. †Sunday After the Nativity	30	31	MAY YOU ENJOY A VERY BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON!			





November Pastoral Message

†FR. NICHOLAS V. GAMVAS

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

**"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for His steadfast love endures forever."
(Psalm 136:1)**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have so much to be thankful for! Yes, there is so much bad news arriving daily from around the world and right here in Canton, but even in the midst of all this bad, we can give thanks to the Lord, for He is GOOD! Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights. Let us pray for our city, pray for the righteous administration of justice, pray for peace in the streets, pray for those who serve and protect both at home and abroad; but in our prayers, let us not neglect to give thanks to the God from whom all blessings flow.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

We have so much to be thankful for! It's going to be a rich time together with our families, but also let's set aside holiday preparations for just a few moments for our Saint Haralambos Church Family in prayer; so we can feel the true spirit of what Thanksgiving is all about -- Giving Thanks to the Lord!

This world may be scary at times, but God has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. He said, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

This Thanksgiving, I am thankful to God for each of you: my Saint Haralambos Church Family! It is a joy and a privilege to be your priest and brother in Christ and to serve you in Christ. "Together, may our service to the Lord - overflow in many thanksgivings to God" (2 Corinthians 9:12)!

With Richest Blessings and Prayers to all-

**In Christ's Love,
+ Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas**



ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

November/December 2024

Dear St. Haralambos Parishioners,

I hope this letter finds everyone in good health and looking forward to celebrating the upcoming holiday season.

This is the last Koinonia of 2024 and once again, it has been my honor to serve as the Parish Council President. I continue to be humbled by the responsibility of the position and will treasure this time giving back to our beloved Church. None of what we have accomplished as a Parish could have happened without the guidance of Father Nick, the dedicated members of the Parish Council, the staff and all of you. We always rise to meet the goals and challenges before us together. I am eternally grateful to all of you.

I encourage you to consider joining the Parish Council in the future to bringing your time and talents to an amazing group of individuals, who always have the best for St. Haralambos in their heart. If you have questions about what all a Parish Council member does, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next General Assembly Meeting on December 8, 2024 following the Divine Liturgy. I encourage all parishioners to attend to learn more on the status of our Parish and how we can all work together to ensure the success of St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church.

The 2025 Greek Fest will be June 5, 6 & 7. The committee has started meeting already, and we are always looking for parishioners to take the lead in different areas of the festival. This event is the Parish's largest fundraiser each year and it has helped keep us from running a deficit each year. We need everyone's support for this event through time and sponsorship. Look for more information in the coming months.

Once again, THANK YOU to everyone who helps make St. Haralambos the wonderful Parish that it is. We all work together to the common goal of making sure St. Haralambos is here for many, many future generations.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about any of the information discussed in the above letter. I can be reached at 330-327-9180 or mike@paxosplating.com.

Sincerely,

Mike Paxos

2024 Parish Council President



SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGELS MICHAEL & GABRIEL AND THE OTHER BODILESS HEAVENLY POWERS COMMEMORATED ON NOVEMBER 8TH

The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers:

Archangel Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel was established at the beginning of the 4th century at the Council (Synod) of Laodicea, which met several years before the First Ecumenical Council. The 35th holy Canon of the Council of Laodicea condemned and denounced as heretical the worship of Angels as gods and rulers of the world, but affirmed their proper veneration.

A Feast-Day was established in November, the ninth month after March (with which the year began in ancient times) since there Nine Ranks of Angels. The 8th day of the month was chosen for the Synaxis of **all** Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of the Dread Last Judgment is called the **eighth day** by the Holy Fathers. After the end of this age (characterized by its **seven days** of Creation) will come the **eighth day**, and then "the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and ALL Holy Angels with Him" (St. Matthew 25:31).

The Angelic ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: Highest, Middle and Lowest.

The Highest Hierarchy includes: the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones.

The Six-Winged Seraphim (Flaming, Flery) (Isaiah 6:12) stand closest of all to the Most Holy Trinity. They blaze with love for God and kindle such love in others.

The Many-Eyed Seraphim (outpouring of wisdom, enlightenment) (Genesis 3:24) stand before the Lord after the Seraphim. They are radiant with the light of knowledge of God, and knowledge of the mysteries of God. Through them wisdom is poured forth, and people's minds are enlightened so they may know God and behold His Glory.

The Thrones (Col. 1:16) stand after the Cherubim, mysteriously and incomprehensibly bearing God through the grace given them for their service. They are ministers of God's justice, giving to tribunals, kings, etc. the capacity for righteous judgment.

The Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three ranks: Dominion, Powers, and Authorities:

Dominions (Col. 1:16) hold dominion over the Angels subject to them. They instruct the earthly authorities, established by God, to rule wisely, and to govern their lands well. The Dominions teach us to subdue sinful impulses, to subject the flesh to the spirit, to master our will, and to conquer temptation.

Powers (1 Peter 3:22) fulfill the will of God without hesitation. They work great miracles and give the grace of wonderworking and clairvoyance to Saints pleasing to God. The Powers assist people in fulfilling obedience. They also encourage them to be patient, and give them spiritual strength and fortitude.

Authorities (1 Peter 3:22, Col. 1:16) have authority over the devil. They protect people from demonic temptations, and prevent demons from harming people as they would wish. They also uphold ascetics and guard them, helping people in the struggle with evil thoughts.

SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGELS MICHAEL & GABRIEL AND THE OTHER BODILESS HEAVENLY POWERS

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The Lowest Hierarchy includes the three ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels:

Principalities (Col. 1:16) have command over the lower Angels, instructing them in the fulfilling of God's commands. They watch over the world and protect lands, nations, and people. Principalities instruct people to render proper honor to those in authority, as befits their station. They teach those in authority to use their position, not for personal glory and gain, but **to honor God**, and to spread word of Him, for the benefit of those under them.

Archangels (1 Thess. 4:16) are messengers of great and wondrous tidings. They reveal prophecies and the mysteries of the faith. They enlighten people to know and understand the will of God, they spread faith in God among the people, illuminating their minds with the Light of the Holy Gospel.

Angels (1 Peter 3:22) are the lowest rank of the Heavenly Hierarchy, and closest to people. They reveal the lesser mysteries of God and His intentions, guiding people to virtuous and holy life. They support those who remain steadfast, and they raise up the fallen. They **never abandon us** and they are always **prepared to help us**, if we desire it.

All the Ranks of the Heavenly Powers are called Angels, although each has its own name and position by virtue of their service. The Lord reveals His will to the highest ranks of the Angels, and they in turn inform the others.

Over all the Nine Ranks, the Lord appointed the Holy Archangel Michael (his name in Hebrew means "who is like unto God", the faithful servitor of God, as Chief Commander. He cast down from Heaven the arrogantly proud Lucifer and the other fallen spirits when they rebelled against God. Michael summoned the ranks of Angels and cried out, "Let us attend! Let us stand aright before our Creator and do not consider doing what is displeasing unto God!"

According to the Holy Orthodox Church Tradition, and in the church divine services to the Archangel Michael, he participated in many other Old Testament events.

During the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt he went before them in the form of a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Through him the power of the Lord was made manifest, annihilating the Egyptians and Pharaoh who were in pursuit of the Israelites. The Archangel Michael defended Israel in all its misfortunes.

He appeared to Joshua Son of Navi and revealed the will of the Lord at the taking of Jericho (Josh 5:13-16). The power of the great Chief Commander of God was manifest in the annihilation of the 185,000 soldiers of the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib (4/2 Kings 19:35); also in the smiting of the impious leader Heliodorus (2 Macc. 3:24-26); and in the protection of the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias, and Misail, thrown into the fiery furnace for their refusal to worship an idol (Daniel 3:22-25)

**SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGELS
MICHAEL & GABRIEL AND THE
OTHER BODILESS HEAVENLY POWERS**

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Archangel Michael: Disputed with the devil over the body of the holy Prophet Moses (Jude 1:9). We invoke Saint Michael for protection from invasion by enemies and from civil war, and for the defeat of adversaries on the field of battle. He conquers all spiritual enemies (demons).

Gabriel: strength (power) of God, herald and servitor of Divine Omnipotence (Daniel 8:16, St. Luke 1:26). He announces the Mysteries of God.

Raphael: the healing of God, the curer of human infirmities (Tobit 3:16, 12:15).

Uriel: the fire or Light of God, enlightener (3 Ezdras 5:20). We pray for him to enlighten those with dark minds.

Selphiel: the prayer of God, impelling to prayer (3 Ezdras 5:16). He prays to God for mankind.

Jehudiel: the glorifying of God, encouraging exertion for the glory of the Lord and interceding for the reward of efforts.

Barachiel: distributor of the blessings of God for good deeds, entreats the mercy of God for people.

Jeremiel: the raising up to God (3 Ezdras 4:36).

Each person has a **Guardian Angel**, and every **nation** also receives its own Guardian Angel from God (Daniel 10:13). When a church is **consecrated**, it also receives a Guardian Angel (Palladius, Dial. Ch. 10). (Source: Orthodox Church in America)

A PRAYER TO YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

+In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Angel of Christ, Holy Guardian and Protector of my soul and body, forgive me for everything that I have done to offend you every day of my life; and protect me from all influence and temptation of the Evil One. May I never again anger God by any sin. Pray for me to the Lord, that He may make me worthy of the grace + of the All-Holy Trinity, and of the Most Blessed Theotokos, and of all the Saints. Amen.





SAINT NEKTARIOS

November 9

+Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas

St. Nektarios was born on October 1, 1846, in Selymbria in Thrace to a poor family. His given name was Anastasios Cephalas. At the age of 14 he moved to Constantinople (Istanbul) to work and further his education. In 1866 he left to the island of Chios to take a teaching post. He then became a monk at the age of thirty.

Three years after becoming a monk he was ordained a deacon, taking the name Nektarios. He graduated from the University of Athens in 1885. During his years as a student of the University of Athens he wrote many books, pamphlets, and Bible commentaries.

Following his graduation he went to Alexandria, Egypt, where he was ordained a priest and served the Church of Saint Nicholas in Cairo with great distinction. In recognition of his piety and brilliance as a preacher, as well as his administrative ability, he was consecrated Bishop/Metropolitan of Pentapolis (an ancient diocese in Cyrenaica, in what is now Libya) by the Greek Orthodox Patriarch Sophronios in 1889.

He served as a bishop in Cairo for one year, but was then unjustly removed from his post and was also anathematized. This was a result of lies made up by jealous clerics who envied his popularity with the people. Patriarch Sophronios refused to listen to St. Nektarios, who was sent away from Egypt without trial or explanation and was never given an opportunity to defend himself.

After his dismissal, he returned to Greece in 1891 and spent several years as a preacher (1891-1894). He was then appointed director of the Rizarios Ecclesiastical School for the education of priests in Athens, where his service was exemplary for fifteen years. He developed many courses of study and wrote numerous books, all while preaching widely throughout Athens.

In 1904 at the request of several nuns, he established a monastery for them on the island of Aegina. The monastery was named Holy Trinity Monastery.

In December of 1908, at the age of 62, St. Nektarios resigned from his post as school director and withdrew to the Holy Trinity Convent on Aegina, where he lived out the rest of his life as a monk. He wrote, published, preached, and heard confessions from those who came from near and far to seek out his spiritual guidance.

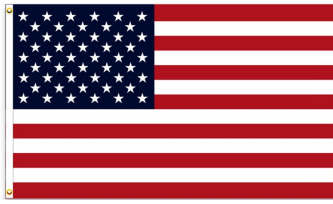
While at the monastery, he also tended the gardens, carried stones, and helped with the construction of the monastery buildings that were built with his own funds. He was also the Metropolitan of the island of Aegina.

St. Nektarios died on the evening of November 8, 1920, at the age of 74, following hospitalization for prostate cancer. The commemoration date was set at the next day, November 9, because November 8 is the feast of Synaxis of Archangel Michael. The first posthumous miracle took place when the shirt of St. Nektarios was accidentally placed on the neighboring bed: a paralyzed man who was lying there was suddenly healed. The body of St. Nektarios was taken to the Holy Trinity Convent, where he was buried by the only clergyman- his best friend and spiritual brother Saint Savas the new of Kalymnos, who later painted the first icon of St. Nektarios. The funeral of St. Nektarios was attended by multitudes of people.

Many people regarded St. Nektarios as a saint during his lifetime because of his prayerful life, his humility, his purity and other virtues, and his writings, as well as the miracles he performed. St. Nektarios also had the gift of prescience.

The relics of St. Nektarios were removed from the grave on September 2, 1953, and they gave out a beautiful fragrance. Official recognition of Nektarios as a saint by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople took place on April 20, 1961. Thousands of miracles have been attributed to his intercession, particularly cases of cancer or other serious illnesses being cured.

We Honor Our Veterans November 11



I AM THE FLAG

I am the flag of the United States of America.

My name is Old Glory.

I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.

I stand watch in America's halls of justice.

I fly majestically over institutions of learning.

I stand guard with power in the world.

Look up and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.

I stand for freedom. I am confident.

I am arrogant. I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners,

My head is a little higher,

My colors a little truer.

I bow to no one!

I am recognized all over the world.

I am worshipped - I am saluted.

I am loved - I am revered.

I am respected - I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years.

I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appamatox.

I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy.

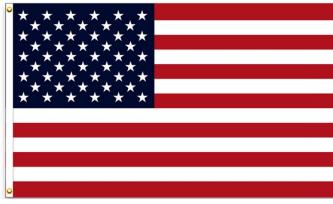
Guam, Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam know me.

I was there. I led my troops.

I was dirty, battleworn and tired,

but my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.

We Honor Our Veterans November 11



I AM THE FLAG ~ CONTINUED

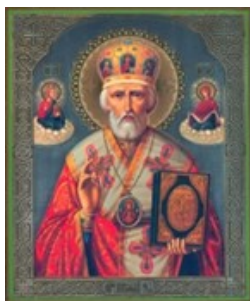
I have been burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries
I have helped set free. It does not hurt for I am invincible.
I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled in the streets of my country.
And when it's done by those whom I've served in battle - it hurts.
But I shall overcome - for I am strong.
I have slipped the bonds of earth and
stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon.
I have born silent witness to all of America's finest hours.

But my finest hours are yet to come.
When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battle field,
when I am flown at halfmast to honor my soldier,
or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter,

I am proud.
I am the flag of the United States of America.

Originally entitled, *My Name is Old Glory* by Howard Schnauber

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~ Saint Nicholas ~

+ Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas

Saint Nicholas (Greek: Άγιος Νικόλαος) (15 March 270 – 6 December 343), also called Nikolaos of Myra, was a historic 4th-century Christian saint and Greek Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor. Many miracles attributed to his intercession, he is also known as Nikolaos the Wonderworker (Νικόλαος ὁ Θαυματουργός). His reputation evolved among the faithful, as was common for early Christian saints, and his legendary habit of secret gift-giving gave rise to the traditional model of Santa Claus through Sinterklaas.

The historical Saint Nicholas is commemorated and revered among Orthodox Christians and almost all other Christians all over the world. Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, children, brewers, pawnbrokers and students in various cities and countries around Europe.

The historical Saint Nicholas, as known from strict history: He was born at Patra, Lycia in Asia Minor (now Turkey). In his youth he made a pilgrimage to Egypt and the Palestine area. Shortly after his return he became Bishop of Myra and was later cast into prison during the persecution of Diocletian. He was released after the accession of Constantine and was present at the Council of Nicaea. In 1087, Italian merchants took his body from Myra, bringing it to Bari in Italy.

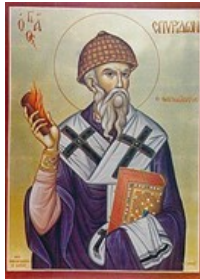
It is said that in Myra the relics of Saint Nicholas each year exuded a clear watery liquid which smells like rose water, called myrrh, which is believed by the faithful to possess miraculous powers. After the relics were brought to Bari, they continued to do so, much to the joy of the new owners. Vials of myrrh from his relics have been taken all over the world for centuries, and can still be obtained from his church in Bari. Even up to the present day, a flask of myrrh is extracted from the tomb of Saint Nicholas every year on 6, December (the Saint's feast day) by the clergy of the basilica. The myrrh is collected from a sarcophagus which is located in the basilica vault and can be obtained in the shop nearby. The liquid gradually seeps out of the tomb, but it is unclear whether it originates from the body within the tomb, or from the marble itself.

In 1993, a grave was found on the small Turkish island of Gemile, east of Rhodes, which historians believe is the original tomb of Saint Nicholas. On 28, December 2009, the Turkish government announced that it would be formally requesting the return of St. Nicholas's skeletal remains to Turkey from the Italian government. Turkish authorities have asserted that St. Nicholas himself desired to be buried at his hometown of birth. Those demands were not met.

Sailors from Bari collected just half of Nicholas' skeleton, leaving all the minor fragments in the grave. These were collected by Venetian sailors during the first crusade and brought to Venice, where a church to St. Nicholas, the patron of sailors, was built on the Lido. This tradition was confirmed in two scientific investigations of the relics in Bari and Venice, which revealed that the relics in the two cities belong to the same skeleton. Many churches in Europe, Russia and the United States claim to possess small relics, of St. Nicholas.

Saint Spyridon

+ Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas



Saint Spyridon, Bishop of Trimythous, Patron Saint of the Greek, Ionian Island of Corfu (Kerkyra in Greek) 270 – 348 A.D, Feast day 12 December, was born in the small village of Assia, Northern Cyprus.

Spyridon (Spyros), a humble shepherd, was a simple, private, man, and, being devoted to God from a young age, he became the village priest, whose parishioners he constantly put before himself, using all his worldly goods for their needs, for this, it's said, God rewarded him with the powers of healing and the ability to cast out demons.

Spyridon was married and had a daughter, and after the early death of his wife, he entered a monastery, and his daughter, Irene, entered a convent.

Spyridon was eventually ordained as Bishop of Trimythous (Today Tremetousia, Cyprus), and was present at the first Council of Nicaea, 325 A.D, where he is said to have converted a disbeliever, by proving to him, how one single body could contain three separate bodies, thus explaining, the existence of The Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

To prove the concept of The Holy Trinity, Spyridon took a potshard; some say a brick, in his hand, and said to the pagan, “This one potshard, contains three separate bodies, fire, water and earth” and, Miraculously, as Spyridon was speaking, the potshard burst into flames in his hand, water dripped to the ground and he was left holding only clay.

This is why icons of Spyridon show him holding a flaming potshard, or brick, and is why he is also the Patron Saint of potters, other symbols are his right hand raised in blessing, or holding a gospel, a sprig of basil and always, his woven straw shepherd's hat, showing that he never forgot his humble beginnings.

Owing to various miracles worked by Saint Spyridon, he was granted the title Wonderworker by the Orthodox Church; in Corfu he is also called “The Keeper of the City”, as he saved the island more than once!

It's believed that when the dreaded plague hit Corfu in 1629, starting in the villages, and quickly spreading to the town, the corfiots gathered together at the church of Saint Spyridon and prayed to him for salvation, some days before Easter many of the sick had visions of Saint Spyridon healing them, and for 3 nights strange lights were seen in the bell tower of Saint Spyridon Church, by Palm Sunday the plague had vanished.

In 1553 Corfu suffered a terrible famine, and just as everyone thought this was the end, and that they would all die of starvation, out of nowhere, a ship, filled to the gunnels with wheat dropped anchor at the island.

The captain of the ship reported he had seen Saint Spyridon calling to him in a dream, begging him to stop at Corfu as they were in fear of dying of starvation.

Another version of this miracle has Saint Spyridon whipping up a storm at sea, which forces a passing ship, with a cargo of wheat, on route to somewhere else, to find safety at the port of Corfu.



December Pastoral Message

†FR. NICHOLAS V. GAMVAS

THE HOLY NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On that first Christmas, the angels praised God, saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will.” The shepherds came and adored the newborn Savior. St. Luke wrote, “And Mary treasured all of these things and reflected on them in her heart.” (Luke 2:19)

We too need to pause and treasure the gift of Christmas in our hearts. And that gift is simply Jesus, true God who became true man, who came to perfectly reveal God’s truth and love to us, who died and rose for our salvation, and who founded a Church – a family – where His presence continues in both Word and Sacrament. Treasure and reflect on the gift of Jesus and the faith we share in Him as a member of the Orthodox Church.

Moreover, we must not let Christmas just be a passing day. Live in the spirit of Christmas each day. Reflect upon how to better treasure this gift each day by making prayer a critical part of your day, by continuing to read the Sacred Scriptures and the teachings of our Holy Church, by having a stronger devotion to the Holy Sacraments and the Divine Liturgy, by regularly making a self-examination of conscience and going to Confession and doing those good works for those entrusted to our care and for those in need. May such reflection of the gift of Christmas, move us by God’s grace to an even more intimate relationship with our Lord this coming year. May our souls be like the stable in Bethlehem where Christ first made His dwelling among us.

I treasure the gift of all of you and the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ’s love. I thank those who serve in the various ministries and organizations. I wish to thank Parish Council President Mike Paxos and Parish Council for their dedicated Leadership. And Tina Wey, Philoptochos President and the Philoptochos Society for their philanthropic works this past year. And I thank the Sunday School, Greek School, GOYA, JOY, Silver Liners, Hellenic Dancers and the AHEPA. I wish each of you a blessed and joyous Christmas and New Year! Please be assured of my prayers for your intentions and a remembrance at the Divine Liturgy. May the peace, joy, and love of the Holy Incarnate Lord be present in our lives each day of the New Year.

In Christ’s love,

Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas

Η ΓΕΝΝΗΣΗ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ



Αγαπητώ μου Εκκλησιασμα:

Μέ την Γέννηση Του, στό ταπεινό Σπήλαιο της Βηθλεέμ, ο Κύριος μας Ιησοῦς Χριστός, ἔφερε στον κόσμο την Βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ, Βασιλεία πνευματική, αἰώνια, Βασιλεία τῶν Οὐρανῶν. Αὐτή τή Βασιλεία νοσταλγοῦσαν οἱ Δίκαιοι τῆς Παλαιᾶς Διαθήκης. Γι'αὐτήν προφήτεψαν οἱ Προφῆτες. Δέν εἶναι ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου τούτου ἡ Βασιλεία αὐτή καθώς εἶπε ὁ Χριστός στον Πιλάτο, ὅταν τόν ρώτησε ἂν εἶναι βασιλεῖς. Δέν εἶναι βασιλεία πού ἀναγκάζει ὅποιονδήποτε νά τήν ἀποδεχθεῖ μέ ὅποια δήποτε μορφή κοσμικῆς ἐξουσίας καί δυνάμεως. Εἶναι Βασιλεία πνευματική πού εἰσέρχεται σ' αὐτήν ὅποιος θέλει, μέ τήν ἐλεύθερη θέληση του. Εἶναι Βασιλεία ἀγάπης καί δικαιοσύνης. Εἶναι Βασιλεία πού μεταμορφώνει τόν ἄνθρωπο καί τόν ἀλλοιώνει ἐσωτερικά. Στήν Βασιλεία τοῦ Χριστοῦ μπορεῖ νά εἰσέλθει ὅποιος πιστεύει ἀληθινά ὅτι ὁ Χριστός εἶναι ὁ Υἱός τοῦ Θεοῦ, πού ἔγινε καί υἱός τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, δηλαδή τέλειος ἄνθρωπος, γεννηθείς «ἐκ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου καί Μαρίας τῆς Παρθένου». Κάθε πιστός πού ἀγωνίζεται νά ἀπαλλαγῇ ἀπό ὅποια δήποτε σχέση μέ τόν διάβολο, τόν ἀρχηγό τοῦ σκότους καί τῆς κακίας, καί ἀπό τά πάθη του.

Τό Μυστήριό τῆς Βασιλείας τοῦ Χριστοῦ τό βιώνουμε στό Σῶμα Του, πού εἶναι ἡ ἀγία μας Ὁρθόδοξη Ἐκκλησία. Δεχόμεθα μέ εὐγνωμοσύνη τό δῶρο τῆς Βασιλείας τῶν Οὐρανῶν πού μᾶς ἐ χάρισε ὁ Κύριος μέ τήν Σάρκωσή Του. Τόν παρακαλοῦμε νά μᾶς συγχωρῇ ὅλους, ὡς ἅκις λησμονοῦμε τό δῶρο Του αὐτό καί ἀντί τῆς Οὐράνιας καί αἰώνιας Βασιλείας Του προσκολλώμεθα σέ μάταιες, ἐπίγειες καί φθαρτές καταστάσεις αὐτοῦ τοῦ κόσμου. Προσοχή νά μὴν πάθουμε ὅ,τι ἔπαθε ὁ βασιλεὺς Ἡρώδης, πού προκειμένου νά ἐξασφαλίσῃ τήν ἐπίγεια βασιλεία καί δόξα, ἔχασε τήν οὐράνια καί αἰώνια Βασιλεία. Οἱ τρεῖς Μάγοι ἤλθαν μέ πολλούς κόπους καί κινδύνους ἀπό τήν μακρινή Ἀνατολή γιά νά βροῦν «τόν ἀπάντων Κύριο καί Βασιλέα» Χριστό καί νά Του προσφέρουν τά δῶρα τους χρυσό καί λίβανο καί σμύρνα. Ἄς ἐπισκεφθοῦμε κι' ἐμεῖς νοερά τό Σπήλαιό τῆς Βηθλεέμ καί ἄς προσφέρουμε στό Θεῖο Βρέφος ἀντί ἄλλων δώρων τήν πίστη καί τήν ἀγάπη μας, τήν ἀφοσίωσή μας καί τήν θέλησή μας νά Τόν εὐχαριστήσωμε μέ μιά ἀγία ἀπόφαση γιά καινούργια ζωή, ζωή μετανοίας, διορθώσεως καί καθαρότητας.

Καλά Χριστούγεννα καί Χρόνια πολλά,
επισης και το Νεον Ετος, να ειναι ειρηνικον
και σωτηριον με πασαν πνευματικην ευφοριαν προς
δοξαν Του Αγιου Ονοματος Του. Αμην.

Εν Χριστῷ Ἀγαπη,



A Perspective on Christmas

By the grace of God, we have reached the Christmas season. Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace-good will towards men. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* Jesus our God is born to us! God the Almighty and Heavenly Father fulfilled the promise given to our first parents Adam & Eve. His only Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World was sent down to Earth. *"O mystery of divine love and humiliation,"* exclaims St. Paul.

What we really must consider is that God Eternal, the Almighty Creator comes to this Earth as a little, helpless child, and is born in a stable among animals. Just imagine this, the thought of any child being born in a dirty stable let alone God Almighty Jesus Christ. Have you heard of anything more humiliating for a human being than to be born in a place for animals? The dirty conditions, the smell, the animals themselves, what a far cry from the sterile private birthing suites of today. Finally after being born, He was placed in a manger (a long open box or trough for horses or cattle to eat from). Yet the Lord of Heaven and Earth, the King of Kings, came to us in that way. Why did he humiliate Himself so much? Why did He not come to Earth as a glorious mighty King, to be worshipped by His people & receive the glory due to His divine Majesty?

The mystery of His humiliation lies in His divine, infinite love towards the human race. If He were to have come upon this earth as a great king, then only "kings & great men of importance" would be able to approach Him and to speak to Him. The greater number of people who are among the "poor & simple" would be excluded from His presence and assistance. Who among them would dare to approach the majesty of a King, or to speak to Him of their needs and private difficulties? The Divine child realized this; therefore, He came to us as the poorest, the humblest of all who would approach Him. He became the lowest to give courage to the poorest of people. He wishes to be considered as a brother, so that no one may fear the refusal of admittance to Him.

No one can say that he cannot speak to Jesus because of his condition in life. Even the poorest babies have a decent place to be born in, but the baby Jesus chose to be born in a stable and placed in a manger. Jesus came into the world as a helpless little baby. In this way He presented Himself to us as one who needed our care & attention. The infinite God, who holds the entire universe in His almighty hands, allowed Himself to be held by his mother the Virgin Mary. He, who with one omnipotent word created the entire universe from nothing, lies helpless before us in a manger and expects help from us simple people. He came to us as a newborn child, for in this way we are drawn to Him to love Him. Think about it, who does not love an innocent baby, who so trustfully extends its arms for love and protection, a child who cannot harm anyone? The child Jesus also anticipates our attention and love. In return He promises us protection from the devil and redemption for our sins.



A Perspective on Christmas

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Jesus came here to earth to sacrifice His life for our eternal salvation. Let us praise and worship Him in **spirit & truth** and beseech Him for His divine blessings and protection. Let us approach Him in His divine sacraments, so that His Holy Spirit dwells within us throughout our lives. He wants and expects us to approach Him with our wants and needs. He wants us to let Him into our lives to guide, guard and protect us. Let us open our hearts to Him, telling Him all that hurts or irritates us, and He will surely help. He who left the joy of heaven and came to suffer and to die for us will not refuse His assistance to us. He is especially mindful of the needs of our immortal souls. In the book of Psalms chapter 72 we read “...*I am continually with You; You hold fast my right hand; With Your counsel You guide me, and with glory You take hold of me. For what is there in heaven for me but You, and what do I desire on earth besides You?*”

We should not be deceived by the external appearance and think we have before us a mere little, helpless child. This child is the same almighty God who created us along with the whole universe. This infant child is the omnipotent, eternal God, who took on our human nature for the salvation of our souls. He wants to be the guiding force in each of our lives so that we can reach our full potential for which He created us individually for. When praying, let us have a strong faith that He not only hears us, but is truly listening and is genuinely interested. We should be excited to kindle a fire in our hearts for true love for Him who sacrificed Himself for our eternal salvation. There is nothing too difficult for Him to achieve in our lives that avails for our salvation especially if we ask with a pure heart. We will be eternally richly rewarded for our love and devotion to Him.

There is no greater gift that we can receive from our Lord and Savior than that of eternal life. With all of this in mind we can look upon this holiday season with the knowledge that the baby Jesus who was born for our salvation loves us more than we will truly ever be able to comprehend using our finite reasoning processes and that should overflow our hearts with joy and happiness.

I, along with Diakonisa Melissa, Kerissa, Costandinos and Xenia wish everyone a blessed, safe Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year.

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

ASK FATHER NICK...

Question: What do the Church Fathers say about insult and slander? Anonymous

Answer: "Don't return insult for insult. The devil tempts us to snap back when someone insults us says," St. Ambrose.

[“Or, often enough, the devil doesn’t have to do it because someone else is willing to whisper in our ears. But we will always come out on top if we keep cool and silent.

So, then, you should also guard your humility. But if you are unwilling to appear too humble, you think like this, saying to yourself:

“Am I supposed to let this man despise me and say such things to my face against me as though I could not open my mouth in front of him? Why should I not also say something to grieve him? Am I supposed to let him do me wrong as though I were not a man and as though I could not avenge myself? Is he to bring charges against me as though I could not bring together worse ones against him?”

Whoever speaks like this is not gentle and humble, nor is he without temptation.

The tempter stirs him up and himself puts such thoughts in his heart. Quite often, too, the evil spirit employs another person, and gets him to say such things to him; but you should set your foot firm on the rock. Even if a slave is abusing him, let the just man be silent, and if a weak man speaks insults, let him be silent, and if a poor man should make accusations, let him not answer.

These are the weapons of the just man, so that he may conquer by giving way as those skilled in throwing the javelin win by giving way and in flight wound their pursuers with harder blows”] St. Ambrose

Question: Is Holy Sepulcher Really The Tomb Of Jesus? Carol Cappocci

Answer: According to tradition, the site of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre occupies the site where Jesus was crucified (called Calvary or Golgotha) and the site of Jesus's empty tomb. First Built: 326 by Constantine The Great.

ASK FATHER NICK...

Question: Who Were the Sons of Korah in the Psalms? Karen Lazoran

Answer: Exodus 6:24 lists the names of three sons of Korah: Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph, who form tribes of a group of people known as the Korahites. To clarify – these were Korah’s literal children, not the authors of the Psalms. However, the successive line seems to go all the way through the prophet Samuel and beyond.

They appear to separate themselves from their father’s legacy. Either they were old enough to distance themselves when Korah joined forces with Dathan and Abiram, or too young for God to take action against them, since they were not cognizant of their father’s actions.

Descendants of the Korahites served as doorkeepers and soldiers with King David, explains this Got Questions article. Three descendants of the line of Korah go on to become great musical masters and pen the Psalms: Heman, Asaph, and Ethan.

Heman, a grandson of Samuel, penned Psalm 88, and was known for his wisdom.

Asaph, one of the leaders of David’s choir, served as a musician and seer. Other men by the name of Asaph serve men such as King Hezekiah and Nehemiah.

And Ethan (or Jeduthan), another one of David’s chief musicians, also served as a prophet like Asaph. He, Asaph, and Heman served as choral directors of the Psalms, which would have been accompanied by music.

Question: Did Jesus like to sing? Lydia

Answer: First, Matthew 26:30 and Mark 14:26 are two parallel texts picturing Jesus “singing a song of praise.”

Both passages are brief. We read that Jesus sang a hymn with the disciples at the conclusion of the Lord’s Supper. It was just before he set out to pray on the Mount of Olives. In their fellowship, Jesus lifted up his voice and sang a hymn, a customary finale to a Passover meal together. And that’s it. The biblical writers have little more to say about it.



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ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church

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October 2024

Dear Beloved Parishioner,

Jesus gave us the Parable of the Talents to teach that we are responsible to use God's gifts – to develop them, to grow them, and then to offer them back to Him. Although we all receive different gifts, we see in this parable that there is no difference in God's reward for what we accomplish with them. If you want to be a faithful servant, then take whatever you have and offer it faithfully to the Lord. It is not about how much you have, it is what you do with it.

Last May during the General Assembly, it became apparent that further clarification was needed about what constitutes being a “Parishioner” of St. Haralambos Church, as opposed to being in “Good-Standing” with St. Haralambos Church. We hope to explain the difference and encourage everyone to fully participate in supporting our ministries.

The guidelines are defined in the Current Unified Parish Regulations.¹ ARTICLE 18
PARISHIONERS Section 1:

PARISHIONERS

Every person who is baptized and chrismated according to the rites of the Orthodox Church is a parishioner. The religious, moral and social duties of a parishioner are to apply the tenets of the Orthodox Faith to his/her life and to: adhere to and live according to the tenets of the Orthodox faith; faithfully attend the Divine Liturgy and other worship services; participate regularly in the holy sacraments; respect all ecclesiastical authority and all governing bodies of the Church; be obedient in matters of the Faith, practice and ecclesiastical order; contribute towards the progress of the Church's sacred mission; and be an effective witness and example of the Orthodox Faith and Traditions to all people.

¹(<https://www.goarch.org/documents/32058/3058354/2019+Regulations+modified+Addendum+A+Dec+2022.pdf>)

IN GOOD STANDING

A parishioner in good standing practices all the religious and moral duties as described in this Section 1. At a minimum, a parishioner in good standing must: be eighteen years of age or over; be current in his or her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish, abide by all the regulations herein stated and the Parish Bylaws; and cooperate in every way towards the welfare and well being of the Parish. (Stewardship is recommended to be ten percent (10%) of one's annual income as stated in Holy Scripture to help meet the financial obligations of the Parish, the Metropolis and the Archdiocese.)

Meeting the financial obligations for St. Haralambos Church require that a parishioner:

- (1) Has a pledge card turned in for the current year.
- (2) Has fulfilled his/her pledge for the previous year.

A parishioner in good standing, and only a parishioner in good standing, has the following privileges:

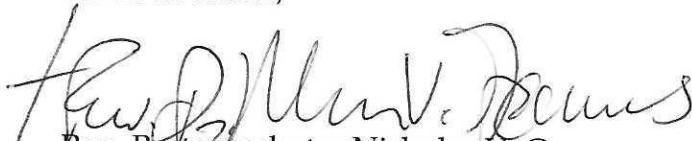
- (1) May attend and vote during General Assembly Meetings
- (2) May be a Parish Council Board Member
- (3) May be an Officer of a Parish Organization

We hope this provides more illumination on this matter. It is our hope and prayer that you will be a full steward of our church by being in good standing financially. We need your financial support, in addition to your time and talents, to enable St. Haralambos Church's ministries to grow and to allow all of us to reach our full potential as a member of the Body of Christ.

Please complete and return commitment/pledge card to the Church Office by **Sunday, December 1st**.

We offer you our thanks for your dedication to our parish and your participation in Christ's work of salvation.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Protopresbyter Nicholas V. Gamvas



Mr. Mihail Paxos
Parish Council President

ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
Canton, Ohio



Official Notice of a
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

Immediately following church services

AGENDA

- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Election of Chairman
- C. Previous General Assembly Minutes Approval
- D. Priest's Report
- E. President's Report
- F. Finance Committee Report
- G. Stewardship Committee Report
- H. Endowment Committee Report
- I. Maintenance Committee Report
- J. Preservation Fund Report
- K. Fundraising Committee Report
 - a. Catering & Event Center Report
 - b. Canton Greek Fest Report
 - c. Fish Fry Report
- L. Organization Reports
 - a. Silver Liners
 - b. Philoptochos
 - c. Men's Club
 - d. Choir
 - e. Hellenic Dancers
 - f. GOYA
 - g. Jr. GOYA
 - h. JOY
 - i. Sunday School
 - j. Greek School
- M. Election of Auditing Committee
- N. Election of Board of Elections
- O. Old Business
- P. New Business
- Q. Good of the Church
- R. Closing Prayer

†Rev. Dr. Nicholas V. Gamvas
Protopresbyter

Mike Paxos
Parish Council President



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: Nov 17
Dec 15

TEAM B: Nov 24
Dec 22

TEAM C: Nov 3
Dec 1
Dec 29

TEAM D: Nov 10
Dec 8

TEAM A

John (Kaden) Higgins
Yianni Sotiropoulos
Aristides Kapalko
George Tzouloufis

TEAM B

Fotis Vonortas
Zachary Volas
Stamatios Paxos

TEAM C

Yanni Loukas
Andrew Rocco
Leonidas Paxos

TEAM D

Luke Morgan
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.



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North Canton, Ohio 44720

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STEVE BASIAKOS

THE INN AT BELDEN VILLAGE

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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

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Massillon, Ohio 44646

MIKE NICHOLS

BETHANY

626 34th Street NW
Canton, Ohio 44709

LISA (COTOPOLIS) FERENCZ



COMMUNITY NEWS



BIRTHS:

Amelia Ann Kantzos was born September 7, 2024 to parents, Markos and Grace Kantzos. Proud grandparents are Nick and Janelle Kantzos.



BAPTISMS:

Nicholas K. Tsenekos was baptized on October 13, 2024. He is the son of Louis K. Tsenekos and Lindsey K. Oster. His sponsor is Konstantinos G. Nikolaou.

John Richard Male, Jr. was baptized on October 13, 2024. He is the son of John R. Male, Sr. and Wilma Lee Hill. His sponsor is Elaine Christ.



Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with all of these families for the loss of their loved ones. May their loving memories be eternal!

DEATHS

Anthony Gust Pachares passed away on August 5, 2024

Peter Nicholas Fostines passed away on September 18, 2024

UPCOMING MEMORIALS:

November 17, 2024
5yr. Memorial - Niove Fasoulas

January 12, 2025
17yr. Memorial - Rosalie Forinash

April 6, 2025
7yr Memorial - Christine Creekus-Wolf



I would like to express my deepest thanks for your encouragement and support during my recent illness.

Prayers from Father Nick and you, along with beautiful cards, delicious meals, visits, gifts, and phone calls meant so much to Bill and I and were greatly appreciated!

I look forward to seeing everyone very soon!

With warmest regards,
Stephanie Withers



My heartfelt "thanks" to Philoptochos, relatives and friends for their kindness in supporting the coffee hour in memory of my parents Harry and Helen and my brother George Trifelos.

My Saint Haralambos family is special to me, and I appreciate and cherish all of you.

Love,
Mary Trifelos

YAL National Archdiocesan Board

Congratulations to:

Natalia Marie Kellamis (Axia) who with another Young Adult will represent The Metropolis of Pittsburgh on the Archdiocesan YAL Board

With the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, the National Youth and Young Adult Ministries (Y2AM) Department of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (GOA) is pleased to announce the establishment of a National Young Adult League (YAL) Board. Officially announced at the 47th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress and the 2024 National YAL Conference, this essential Board has been formed to address and assist with the rapid growth of young adult ministries across the Archdiocese.

The newly-established Board consists of 19 members, including two representatives from each District/Metropolis appointed by their respective Hierarch, as well as the Past National YAL Conference Chair. This Board will serve a two-year term and will work under the guidance of National Y2AM Director, Eva Konstantakos, along with the support of the His Grace Bishop Nektarios of Diokleia (Archdiocese Chancellor), and Mrs. Stacia Counelis (Archdiocesan Council Youth Committee Chair).

SAVE THE DATE!



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



BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER NICK

**Tuesday, November 19th
3:30 to 4:30 pm**

**Tuesday, December 17th
3:30 to 4:30 pm**

Fall 2024

Orthodox Spirituality Mini Series By Savvas Bournelis, M.Div

Mondays @ 6:00 p.m. ~ GOYA Room

Email: sbournelis@hchc.edu



PAN HELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The 2024/2025 application is now open and accepting applications!

Exceptional undergraduate students of Hellenic descent from all fifty states are encouraged to apply.

Applications should be submitted electronically by **January 31, 2025**.

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, applicants must be US Citizens or US permanent residents and of Hellenic descent. Applicants must be full-time undergraduate students at an accredited 4-year university this Fall 2024 and have a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA.

For inquiries please email:
Elizabeth Danielides,
Director of Scholarships
at edanielides@panhellenicsf.org
or call (312) 357-6432.

<https://www.panhellenicsf.org/>



ST. HARALAMBOS BOOKSTORE

No special orders from November 1, 2024
to January 31, 2025.

Get your holiday special orders in **NOW!**

Thank you for your understanding and
cooperation.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Every Christmas, we decorate our church
with beautiful poinsettia plants in honor of
the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you would like to donate one or more
of these poinsettia plants,
they are \$25 each.

To reserve yours, please call the church
office by **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024**
at 330-454-7278.



Canton Greek Fish Fry

Save the Dates for the 2024/2025 Canton
Greek Fish Fry Events!

November 1, 2024 - Drive Thru Only

December 6, 2024 - Drive Thru Only

January 10, 2025 - Drive Thru Only

February 7, 2025 - Drive Thru Only

March 7, 2025 - Dine In & Drive Thru

April 4, 2025 - Dine in & Drive Thru

Interested in volunteering?
Contact Peter Volas [216-312-4255]



2025 Canton Greek Fest Meeting Dates

Join the Planning Committee for the 2025
Canton Greek Fest

Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

***All Meeting begin at 7pm
in the Youth Room***

Questions?

Call Mike Fakelis (330-327-5317) or
Mike Paxos (330-327-9180)

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

TINA WEY, PRESIDENT

November/December 2024 EDITION



Calling all volunteers in our community to sponsor a coffee hour

Please consider hosting a coffee hour. We are looking to our community to participate in this fun fellowship gathering after church on Sundays. Just keep it simple and grab your family and friends to bring a refreshment. We will supply the paper products, and someone will help you with making the coffee. We just need a simple set up and clean up. We are also inviting any of our fellow church organizations to participate. There is a sign-up poster in the lobby, and you can also contact the church office. If you have any questions on set up, contact Stephanie Boka at 330-495-8798.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart

Christmas Party

Join us for our annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 28th at noon at the Canton Women's Club. Look for the details in the Koinonia Flyer to make reservations.



Giving Tree

Our annual Community Christmas Giving Tree project will soon be in full swing. This has been such a worthwhile and successful project for many years and we appreciate the support of our entire community. Just take an envelope from the tree and place a gift card with the amount written on the card and drop in the box or in the church office. We will also collect hats, gloves, etc.

Operation Classroom

Our national initiative is now Operation Classroom which aligns with our Sunday School Partnership of "Raising the Barr" where we are feeding many elementary kids on the weekends who otherwise would have no food. We will also be fulfilling a school wish list and providing those supplies/needs to them. Please watch for that wish list and we will be placing a box in the lobby to collect those items. Thank you for your love and caring of these kids.

Flower Room Reorganization

The ladies have been busy along with our own Jimmy Kellamis with a much needed flower room re-do. We did a complete clean out and are kindly asking folks not to bring in things and just leave them in there. We want to stay clean and organized! I sincerely thank all of those who helped get this done!!

Vasilopita Sunday

Save the date for Sunday, January 5th and thanks to our very own St. Haralambos bakers for giving of their time to bake our breads for this year.

Meetings and Dues

Please join our meetings the first Monday of the month. Board Meetings begin at 5:30 and general meeting at 6:00 unless noted otherwise. Dues are \$28 for 2024/2025 are now being collected and can be given to Helen Apostalides or Fran Armatas. Enter through the Agape Courtyard.

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

SPONSORED BY
PHILOPTOCHOS



THE GIVING TREE

COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS OF
STARK COUNTY

PLEASE PLACE
MONETARY
DONATIONS IN
THIS BOX or
DROP OFF IN
THE OFFICE.

THANK YOU
MERRY
CHRISTMAS

DEADLINE IS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024.





St. Haralambos Philoptochos

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

Join us at Noon for a

MERRY
Christmas
PARTY

**CANTON WOMAN'S CLUB
822 Market Avenue, North
Canton 44702**

**Your choice of entree
Baked Parmesan Chicken
Breast or Veggie Quiche**

For tickets please contact
Mary Trifelos at 330-495-1718
Stephanie Machamer 330-704-8558
Deadline for tickets is December 15th

Lunch, fun & fellowship
for the Holiday Season

PRICE \$25 PER PERSON

2024-25 OFFICERS

President, Kathy Dieringer

Vice President, Helen Apostalides

Secretary, Mary Trifelos

Treasurer, Georgia Trikkas

Asst. Treasurer, Goldie Manos



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024

Kathy Dieringer, President

Silver Liners Spotlight

Trips/Events >>>

Holy Trinity to host the
joint Holiday Luncheon

Tuesday, January 14, 2025
at Holy Trinity @ Noon.

\$10 refundable deposit due
with reservation.

Reservation Deadline:
December 29, 2024



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**

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 19th

Aristea Tzouloufis

Keeping Families Close

Ronald McDonald House

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!

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOT

NOV/DEC 2024

A NOTE FROM

Stephanie Machamer, Director

The new Sunday School year is off to a great start. Thank you to all students and parents. The Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays are upon us. Sunday School will continue our outreach. Any food items that cannot be used for our "Raise the Barr" feeding the children program will be used in food baskets that our Hellenic Dancers will be putting together and distributed. You may continue to donate non-perishable food items in the Sunday School office or Martha's Cupboard. Additionally, food gift cards will be distributed.

Our St. Nicholas gift card project will take place on Sunday, December 8th after Liturgy. We ask that each child bring a "kid friendly" gift card with a \$10 value to be placed in front of the icon of St. Nicholas. This outreach has been part of our Sunday School program for years. With your continued support and generosity, we will continue to help the children in the Stark County area. Any monetary donations or gift cards from our congregation is always welcome and used to supplement our outreach programs. THANK YOU ALL!!!

Sunday School will again this year sponsor Coffee Hour with Santa Claus and will be held on Sunday, December 22. The entire congregation is welcome to stop in the Krassas Event Center to enjoy some Christmas fellowship after church. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

WISHING ALL OF YOU A

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**MAY ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS WISHES
COME TRUE. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU
WITH PEACE, HOPE AND LOVE**

"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic Gods giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves."

- St. Nicholas of Myra





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

**SPONSORED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL
FELLOWSHIP * MUSIC * LUNCH * ENTERTAINMENT
MRS. CLAUS**

AFTER CHURCH KRASSAS CENTER



SUNDAY SCHOOL

ST. NICHOLAS DAY *Celebration*

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 8**

For years now we have been celebrating St. Nicholas Day by bringing gifts for the less fortunate. We will continue this tradition.

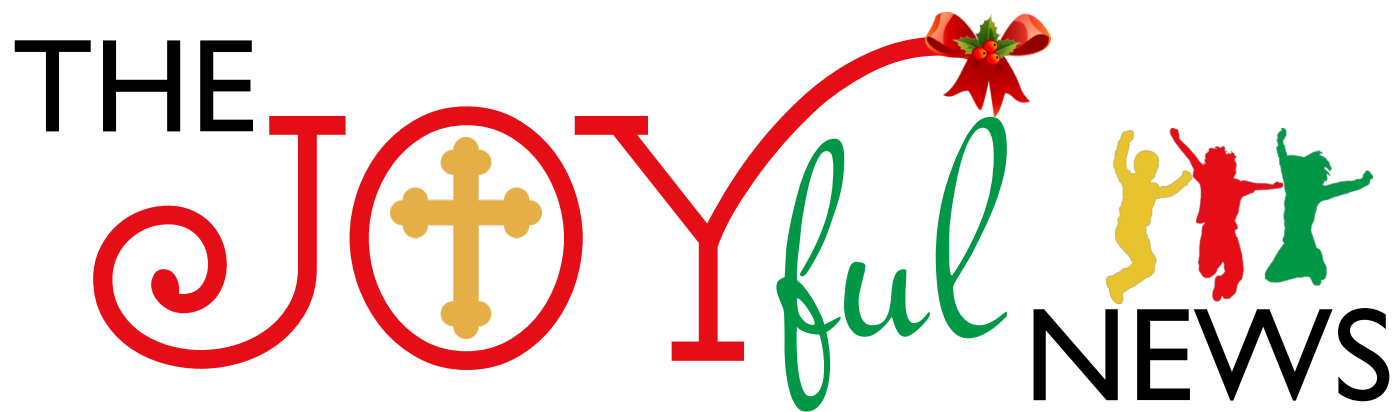


We are asking that each child purchase a \$10 gift card to a kid friendly business in the Stark County Area. The children will then have a procession and place their gift cards at the Icon of St. Nicholas.

Thank you for your continued support for this very worthwhile giving project.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE
MONETARY DONATIONS WELCOME**

THE JOYful NEWS



Our JOY Kids Are Giving To Others In Need This November & December

THANK YOU to everyone who came and supported the JOY Fall Festival & Pumpkin Patch again this year! The weather was a bit breezy, but still beautiful, and it was great to have the event outside! The addition of Jr. GOYA's Trunk-or-Treat added even more family fun to this day! Thank you for supporting our event for 2024!

We also greatly appreciate all of the donated diapers for the Heart Of Ohio Diaper Bank. The last day to donate is Nov. 3 (diapers can be left inside our box by the gym). These diapers will make an impact for local families in need, and we're looking forward to our volunteer service with Jr. GOYA, Nov. 4 at the diaper bank.

Also underway is our Christmas partnership with Project KARE of Stark County, where JOY assists with providing gift items for local children in need this season. Extra donations are always helpful to have an even bigger impact. **If you'd like to help**, we're accepting new, unwrapped toys (for any age), as well as small handheld toys, crafts/art supplies, and small body care items, all for ages 5-10. Our JOY kids will meet Dec. 15 in the Tri-Room after church for our Christmas party, and to work on this very important outreach. Project KARE helped approximately 800 kids in Stark County last Christmas, and the need is growing. JOY was able to help 50 of those children in 2023.

The Project KARE donation bin can be found in the hallway near the gym, Nov. 10 - Dec. 8.

SAVE THE DATES

November 3:

JOY Meeting in the Tri-Room after church. We'll be making items for our Christmas Shoppe, opening Nov. 24 & Dec. 1!

November 4:

Volunteer service at the Heart Of Ohio Diaper Bank from 4:30-5:45pm

RSVP ASAP

Now - Dec. 8

Collecting toys for all ages, & stocking stuffers for ages 5-10: small toys, body care items and art supplies/craft kits to benefit Project KARE of Stark Co.

December 15

JOY Christmas Party in the Tri-Room After Church. We'll be filling stocking bags for Project KARE of Stark County

RSVP By Dec. 1

Thank You For Making The Christmas Season More Joyous For Local Children In Need!

Please contact Stephanie Sakel with any questions or to RSVP: 330.949.8085

JOY'S Christmas Shoppe is Coming Soon!



November 24 & December 1
in the Krassas Hallway

**You'll find seasonal items for everyone,
crafted by our JOY kids and volunteers!**



**Your purchase supports our Project
KARE Stocking Stuffers Christmas
project, as well as other upcoming
projects in 2025. Thank you for your
support, and Merry Christmas!**

JOY's FALL FESTIVAL & PUMPKIN PATCH











Thank you to Buehler's for
generously donating the
delicious cider, apples & donuts!

Buehler's
Fresh Foods





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

NOVEMBER:

6th Wednesday
20th Wednesday

Rehearsal
Rehearsal

DECEMBER:

8th Sunday
24th Tuesday

St. Nick Sunday/Program
Christmas Eve ~ TBA

TRUNK OR TREAT!



Thank You to everyone who participated in the Trunk or Treat Event!

St Haralambos JR. GOYA



WELCOME TO GOYA



Welcome to the 2024-2025 GOYA Year! We are so excited to share this new year with each of you! Our goal is to bring our youth of St. Haralambos together to enjoy fellowship with one another and our Metropolis families!

Our theme this year is volunteerism! We are so fortunate within our own community, so we want to reach out and share our time and talents with others.

Each GOYAn should be:

- **Attending weekly Church services**
- **Serving in the altar & Singing in the choir**
- **Attending weekly Sunday School**
- **Attending and participating in monthly GOYA meetings.**
- **Volunteering at St. Haralambos events and in our community.**

GOYA Meetings for the Fall of 2024

- **September 29, 2024**
- **October 20, 2024**
- **November 17, 2024**
- **December 15, 2024**

Fall retreat: November 22-24, 2024 at Camp Nazareth. More Information:

y2am.pittsburgh.goarch.org/retreats

GOYA NEWS

2024-2025

Our year started out with a wonderful fundraiser on Sunday, October 11th. Our GOYA parents presented our parishioners with a delicious pancake breakfast, including eggs, sausage, pancakes, bagels and fresh fruit. We are so grateful to our parents and our St. Haralambos family for supporting our youth!

Thank you to Sara Brown, Phaidra Sotiropoulos, Chris Tsenekos, Shelly Loukas, Jimmy Kellamis, Justin Brown, Roula Volas, Athan Kapalko and our amazing GOYAns!

We will be hosting the 2nd Metropolis Basketball Tournament, January 31-February 2, 2025. Hosting a tournament is an enormous task and we need your help! We would love to have every church organization involved in helping to make this event successful! Notifications will be sent through the weekly bulletin to ask for your assistance!

Volunteering is a top priority for our youth! We will be collecting new PJ's for children and adults who have been placed in foster care for the entire month of November. The donations can be placed in the container across from the Bookstore!



Our Youth Group is Having a Pajama Drive

To help children facing uncertainty have a cozy good night.



Please send in new pairs of pajamas to the church lobby by November 30th, 2024.

What to donate:

- Brand-new pajamas in all sizes, from newborn to adult
- Pajamas must be complete sets-a top and bottom or an appropriate nightgown
- Pajamas for all seasons, but especially for the winter months

The pajama drive is organized in partnership with Pajama Program, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting a comforting bedtime routine for children affected by instability in order to help them thrive. The donations you send in will remain in our community.

When children are placed in foster care often times they will arrive at their foster home without a simple thing like PJs in their size to sleep in that first night. So let's make this transition as comforting as it can possibly be!

Here's to making a difference!

We are supporting Mrs. Victor's First Grade class at North Canton Primary School!



ST. HARALAMBOS HELLENIC DANCERS

November - December 2024

NOVEMBER PRACTICES:

NOVEMBER 7, 14 & 21

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. - 7:15 P.M.

Monthly Meeting: November 21st at 7:00 p.m.
(Meeting is for ALL dancers and parents)

DECEMBER EVENTS:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th - BAKE SALE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH - DANCER & FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY



www.bakesaleflyers.com

The St. Haralambos
Hellenic Dancers
will be hosting a
BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, December 8, 2024

**Stop by after church to pick up
your treats for the holidays!**



St. Haralambos Hellenic Dancers

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



The St. Haralambos Hellenic Dancers will be collecting

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

to distribute to families in need for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Please bring items to practices

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 thru THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

BELOW IS A LIST OF ITEMS THAT WE WILL NEED:

Canned Corn
Canned Green Beans
Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes
Canned Veggies
Canned Soup
Canned Cranberry Sauce
Canned Chicken or Turkey
Mac & Cheese
Broth
Boxed Stuffing Mix
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Jarred Gravy
Cornbread Mix
Fruit Cups
Cake Mix
Cereal
Peanut Butter

Monetary Donations to go towards Fresh Hams/Turkeys and Fresh Bread for each Family

\$10 WALMART GIFT CARDS

St. Haralambos Hellenic Dancers
40TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY DANCE
& EPIPHANY GREEK NIGHT CELEBRATION!

3 *Friday*
JANUARY, 2025

Featuring :

- **DJ PUFF**
- **SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY
ST. HARALAMBOS HELLENIC DANCERS**

7:30 PM - Midnight

\$20/person

\$15/registered dancer or under 12 years of age

Mezethes (Appetizers) & Desserts included

Cash Bar



St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church

Krassas Event Center





St. John Chrysostom Annual Retreat

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Retreat Theme:
Addictions and the Passions
How Unhealthy Connections Affect Us Spiritually

Speaker: Fr. Dimitrios Moraitis



10:00 AM - Welcome & Breakfast	1:30 PM - 3rd Session - What Addition Takes Away from Us Spiritually
10:30 AM - 1st Session - Addiction and the Passions	2:30 PM - Wrap Up - Final Q & A
11:30 AM - 2nd Session - What are the Root Causes of Addiction	3:00 PM - Service of the 9th Hour
12:30 PM - Lunch	3:30 PM - Departure

Father Dimitrios Moraitis is the parish priest of the St. Nicholas Church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He received his bachelors from Hellenic college and graduated as Valedictorian in 1996. He received his Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross in 1998 and his Doctor of Ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2006. His doctoral dissertation entitled "Returning the Lost Sheep: Ministry to the Alcoholic and Addict, an Orthodox Perspective," was published in 2013 and is one of the required books of the pastoral theology class, in which he guest lectures at Holy Cross. Fr. Dimitrios is also a clinician and the Spiritual Director at the Washburn House, a rehabilitation center for alcoholics and addicts in Worcester, MA. He has done hundreds of interventions, and led dozens of retreats on the topic of addiction.

RSVP to Holy Trinity's Church Office

Sponsored by Koraes Ladies Society

330-494-8770 by November 1st

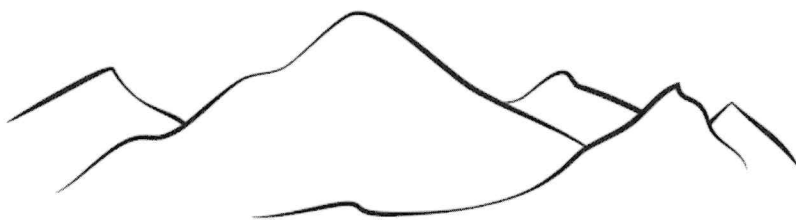


THE STARK COUNTY ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD INVITES YOU TO
A DOCUMENTARY DOUBLE FEATURE



Amphilochios

SAINT OF PATMOS



SACRED ALASKA



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2024

DOORS OPEN: 5 PM | SHOWING STARTS: 5:30 PM

ADMISSION: \$7 IN ADVANCE OR \$10 AT THE DOOR

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.CANTONPALACETHEATRE.ORG, OVER THE PHONE OR IN PERSON MONDAY TO FRIDAY 10AM TO 4PM.

(FOR ADVANCE PURCHASES IN BULK OF 10 OR MORE, THERE WOULD ALSO BE A 20% DISCOUNT IN ADDITION TO THE \$7 ADVANCE PRICE)

CANTON PALACE THEATRE

605 Market Avenue N | Canton, OH 44702

2024 High School Basketball Coaches Preview

*Hosted by the Men's Club of St. Haralambos Church
Along with WHBC Sports*



Tuesday November 12, 2024

*Alex D. Krassas Event Center
25th and Harvard N.W. Canton, Ohio*

Social Hour 5:30 p.m.
Buffet Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Coaches Panel 7:30 p.m.

Prepaid reservations requested by or before
Wednesday November 6, 2024

We will reserve tables for groups of eight
with the earliest responses receiving
preferential seating locations.

Public Welcome

Please call:

Steve Diamant 330-209-3138
John Kellamis 330-499-0550
Church Office 330-454-7278

ADMISSION \$20

Includes Buffet Dinner

Please join us for an evening with the coaches.
Looking forward to seeing you.

Peter Michalos Chairman

Chet Harper
Alliance
Matt Creamer
Central Catholic
Lucas Conley
Canton South
Ryan McGonagle
East Canton
Joe Moriarty
Fairless
Rick Hairston
GlenOak
Michael Bluey
Hoover
Tim Debevec
Jackson
Tom McBride
Lake
Greg Bryte
Lake Christian
Tom Siegfried
Louisville
Josh Hose
Massillon
Sean Weatherspoon
McKinley
Rich Hart
Minerva
Mike Lower
Northwest
Matt Voll
Perry
Scott Giammarco
St. Thomas
Nate Provance
Sandy Valley
Ryan Brotherton
Tuslaw

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

St. Haralambos Church

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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James Langos
Angie Zoumberakis

2
Joseph Dolph
Katherine Plakas Hoover

3
Lefkothea Bourlas
Morgan Cotopolis
Stephen Meyer

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Chris Kellamis

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Sara Brown
Heidi Kourouniotis
Peter Papacostas

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Alexander M. Christ
Laura Dover

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Lila Griveas
Mary Lambos
Maria Likouris
Sophocle Regas

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Maryan Bruckner
Barbara Lambrou
Arianna Likouris

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Kostadinos Fakelis
Nick Manuselis

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Freda Skendelas

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Barbara Petrides
John Regas
Bill Strohmenger

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Felix Giallourakis
Irene Gianakis
Christina Paxos
Chad Smith
Evan Volas

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Rena Cotopolis
Gregory Pope

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Paris Apostolou

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John Bahas
Bethany Vallos

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Peter Apostalides
Michael Pirovolos

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John Anderson
Joanna Karpinski
Nick Ramphos

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Andrea Burns
Ann Christ
Carter Martin
Gerald McGonnell

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Costas Paxos

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Mary Hadjian
Yianni Sotiropoulos

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Catherine Demos
Bill Withers

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Despina Vonortas

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Sophia Foradas
Heather Kreareas
Mike Paxos

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Melissa Shiepis
Eva Smith

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James Mannos
Charlotte Morris
Patricia Regas
Voula Sotiropoulos
Eva Zoumberakis

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Lula Giallourakis
Helen Meder

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Richard Meder

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Amy Halkias
Jonathan Morris
Nicholas Paxos

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Anthony DiGiacomo
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