

OUR GREATEST "ENEMY"

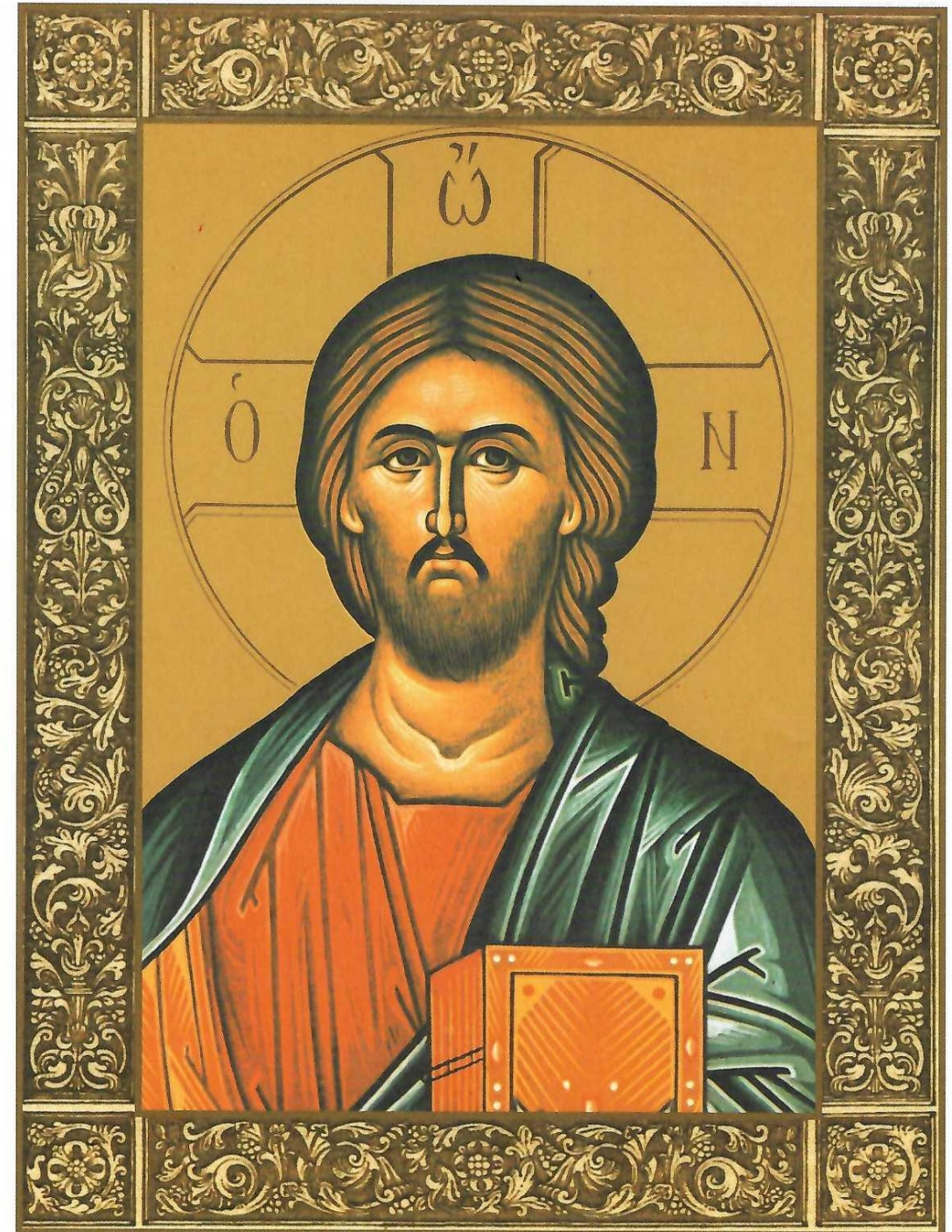
Have you ever heard the saying "Think before you speak?" Unfortunately, most of us have great difficulty in following this wise advice. How often do we find ourselves regretting the harmful and, sometimes, hateful things we say to one another. If only we could control our tongue!

If we read the Letter of St. James in the New Testament, we see that the tongue has long been mankind's greatest "enemy." Listen to the words of this saintly Apostle concerning this: *"THE TONGUE IS A SMALL PART OF THE BODY, BUT IT MAKES GREAT BOASTS. CONSIDER HOW A GREAT FOREST IS SET ON FIRE BY A SMALL SPARK. THE TONGUE IS ALSO A FIRE -- A WORLD OF EVIL AMONG THE PARTS OF THE BODY. WITH THE TONGUE WE PRAISE OUR LORD AND FATHER, AND WITH IT WE CURSE MEN, WHO HAVE BEEN MADE IN GOD'S LIKENESS. OUT OF THE SAME MOUTH COMES PRAISE AND CURSING. MY BROTHERS, THIS SHOULD NOT BE!"* (James 3:5-10)

It should be frightening for us to realize that one day we will be asked to account for every unkind word we have ever uttered. Rest assured, many of us will undoubtedly be rendered speechless on the day of judgment.

Yes, "taming our tongue" should be a priority for all of us. If we can control what we say, we will, likewise, be able to control what we do. When the Apostle Peter was emphatically denying Christ, he was told: "YOUR SPEECH BETRAYS YOU." Remember that the words we say reveal to the world exactly who we are.

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

December 1, 2024

14TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

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

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

SUN DEC 1	†14th Sunday of Luke Coffee Hour - Tri-Room JOY Christmas Shoppe - Hallway Girls Basketball Boys Basketball	9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
MON DEC 2	Savvas Bournelis Book Study-Yth Rm	6:00 p.m.
TUE DEC 3	Greek School	5:15 p.m.
WED DEC 4	Boys Basketball Parish Council Meeting	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
THU DEC 5	Hellenic Dancers' Christmas Party Girls Basketball Practice	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
FRI DEC 6	†St. Nicholas @ Holty Trinity Fish Fry	8:30 a.m.
SUN DEC 8	†10th Sunday of Luke Sunday School St. Nicholas Program Stewardship Sunday General Assembly - Krassas Event Center Parish Council Election Hellenic Dancers' Bake Sale -Hallway JOY Meeting - Youth Room Girls Basketball Practice Boys Basketball Practice	9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

December 1, 2024 - TEAM A



It's that time of
The year again!

Just a friendly reminder asking you to fulfill your 2024 Stewardship pledge to the church.

Payments must be received in the church office on or before Friday, December 27th, 12:00 noon.

We thank you for your generosity.

SCAN ME



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

Tithe.ly Online Stewardship Payment Options

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

To scan QR code:

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

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

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

2025 STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

For those parishioners using envelopes, the 2025 Stewardship Envelopes are now available for pickup in front of the Bookstore.

PLEASE NOTE: The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order by LAST NAME, not by envelope number.

Please begin using your 2025 Stewardship envelopes on January 1, 2025.



VASILOPITA SUNDAY

January 5, 2025

Please join us for our traditional Vasilopita on Sunday, January 5th in the Krassas Event Center following church services.

Sponsored by:
The St. Haralambos Ladies Philoptochos

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN DECEMBER CALENDAR

**Friday, December 6,
St. Nicholas, The Wonderworker,**
will be hosted at Holy Trinity this year (every other year Father Nicholas from Holy Trinity and Father Nicholas from St. Haralambos alternate host years and concelebrate together their Feastday)

Orthros @ 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 am

ST. HARALAMBOS CHRISTMAS EVE CHANGE OF TIME

December 24, Christmas Eve
Vespertal Liturgy from 6:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.



BIBLE STUDY WITH
FATHER NICK

DECEMBER 17TH ~ 3:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M.



**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 8, 2024**
**GENERAL ASSEMBLY &
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**



2025 PLEDGE CARDS

The 2025 Pledge Cards have been mailed out to all Parishioners ages 18 & older, including students.

Please fill the pledge card out, mail or bring it to church for the blessing on:

Sunday, December 8TH,

PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATES POSTING

The St. Haralambos Election Committee hereby posts the following candidates for the December 8, 2024 Parish Council Elections. There are 8 vacancies on the Parish Council and 8 applicants.

This will be an uncontested election and therefore a formal election will not take place.

CANDIDATES:

Steven Diamant, Jim Kellamis,
John Kellamis, Mike Morgan, Mike Paxos,
Peter Papadopoulos, Stephen Pirovolos and
Allison Humphrey-Sarris.



**2025
ST. HARALAMBOS
GOYA
BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT**

As we prepare to host our 2025 GOYA Tournament January 31st through February 2nd 2025, we are asking our church community to support the weekend and ensure the children have a safe and joyous time in fellowship.

We are raising funds for music, food, gym rentals etc.

Please contact Aristeia Tzouloufis at 330.936.9072 if you are interested in donating."

**PAN HELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP
FOUNDATION**

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

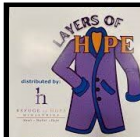
Exceptional undergraduate students of Hellenic descent from all fifty states are encouraged to apply.

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/apply>



**LAYERS OF HOPE
COAT DRIVE**

Help make someone's Christmas a little warmer by donating your gently-used coats or a new coat to the needy.

Please place your donated coats in the large, white cardboard box located in the lobby.

Thank you!



**THE GIVING TREE
SPONSORED BY
PHILOPTOCHOS**

There are several ways to donate:

- * Take an envelope off of the tree in the lobby, enclose monetary donation or gift card.
- * Drop in the box by the tree or mail it to the church office.
- * Donate NEW scarves, hats, mittens and socks.

Make checks payable to:
Community Christmas

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 8TH

**Fall 2024
Orthodox Spirituality Mini Series
By Savvas Bournelis, M.Div**

Mondays @ 6:00 p.m. ~ GOYA Room
Email: sbournelis@hchc.edu



Canton Greek Fish Fry

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

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, 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)

**HOLY TRINITY AMBRIDGE
NEW YEARS EVE DANCE**



**MUSIC BY:
ALPHA OMEGA
W/GIORGIO FROM THE GRECIAN KEYS**

**DRESS TO IMPRESS | FOOD INCLUDED | CASH BAR
18 & OVER \$50 | 10-17 \$25 | 5-9 \$15 | UNDER 5 - FREE**

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL: 724-266-5336

**St. Haralambos Hellenic Dancers
40th Year Anniversary Dance &
Epiphany Greek Night Celebration!**



**Friday, January 3, 2025
Krassas Event Center
7:30 - Midnight**

**Featuring DJ Puff and Performances
by St. Haralambos Hellenic Dancers**

**\$20/person
\$15/registered dancer or
under 12 years of age**

**Ticket Contact:
Georgia Paxos (330) 933-7596**

**Mezethes (Appetizers) &
Desserts included
Cash Bar**



**St. Haralambos
Hellenic Dancers**

Bake Sale

Sunday, December 8, 2024

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



**CHRISTMAS
POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to donate poinsettia
plants to decorate the Sanctuary for the
Christmas season, please contact the
church office @ 330-454-7278.

**ST. HARALAMBOS
PHILOTOCHOS MERRY
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024
AT NOON**

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

Ticket Price ~ \$25

***Your choice of entrée:
Baked Parmesan Chicken Breast or
Veggie Quiche***

***For tickets contact:
Mary Trifelos @ 330-495-1718 or
Stephanie Machamer @ 330-704-8558***

Deadline for tickets: December 15th



**Want to Sponsor
a Coffee Hour?**

**Contact Stephanie
Boka @ 330-495-8798**

or sign up on the poster board
located in the lobby.

**St. Nicholas Day
Celebration**

Sunday School is sponsoring
St. Nicholas Sunday on
December 8th.



Gifts will be placed at
the Icon of St. Nicholas
after Liturgy.

\$10 Gift cards to kid
friendly places in Stark
County are welcome from
any of our parishioners.

Thank you for your
continue support in this
wonderful project.



**JOY'S
CHRISTMAS
SHOPPE**

**TODAY, DECEMBER 1
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 is partnering
with Project Kare of
Stark County to help
bring Christmas Joy to
local children in need!

**We are collecting Stocking Stuffers for
ages 5-10:**

- * Small hand-held games
- * Cool socks or gear
- * Individually wrapped candy
- * Kid-friendly personal care products
(lip balm, body wash, bath fizzies,
etc.)
- * Small craft kits and art supplies

**Plus, New Unwrapped Toys
for ANY AGE.**

**Please look for our decorated drop-off
bin in the main hallway near the gym to
donate from Nov. 3 – Dec 8.**

Thank you!

**SANTA IS COMING
TO COFFEE HOUR**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

**SPONSORED BY:
SUNDAY SCHOOL**



**Fellowship ~ Music ~
Lunch Entertainment ~
Mrs. Claus**

**AFTER CHURCH IN THE
KRASSAS CENTER**

December 1, 2024: FEAST: Naoum (Nahum) the Prophet (VIIth c. B.C.); Righteous Philaretos the Merciful (+802); Ananias the Persian, Martyr; Theokletos, Archbishop of Lakedaimonia.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος πλ. β΄
Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἵστατο
Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς
ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν,
Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ
Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος ἀείφωτος, τῆς οἰκουμένης
σοφέ, ἐδείχθης Χαράλαμπε· ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ μαρτυρίου. ἔλυσας καὶ
εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον Ἦχος γ΄
Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως.
Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα
ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode pl. 2
When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and
became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your
immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the
Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

Hymn of the Church
As a pillar unshaken of Christ’s holy Church, and lamp ever-burning to all the world you
emerged, O wise Haralambos; in all the world you shined, with the martyrdom you
suffered, you dispelled the dark night, of the idols, O blessed; whence, with courage do
intercede, to Christ that we may be saved.

Kontakion Mode 3
On this day the Virgin Maid goes to the grotto to give birth to the pre-eternal Word in an
ineffable manner. Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. Glorify along with
Angels and with the shepherds Him who willed that He appear as a newborn Child, the
pre-eternal God.

December 1, 2024 Twenty-Third Sunday
Ephesians 2:4-10

December 1, 2024 Sunday of the Fourteenth Week of Luke
Luke 18:35-43

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Epistle

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

Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God — not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.