

--: Holy Forefathers --:
Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

THE HOLY FOREFATHERS OF CHRIST

The Sunday before our Lord's Nativity is a unique day in the liturgical life of our Orthodox Church. We look AHEAD to the great Mystery that is about to occur: GOD BECOMING MAN. At the same time, we look BACK over the centuries, remembering the patriarchs, prophets and other devout people who eagerly awaited the coming of the Messiah. This day is commonly referred to as the SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS.

As we contemplate the hymns and readings prescribed by the Church for this day, one word is placed before us again and again: FAITH. The Epistle lesson for today is taken from St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews. In it, St. Paul skillfully traces the history of the Hebrew nation, pointing out the great faith possessed by their prominent leaders of the past. "By FAITH, ABRAHAM, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. By FAITH, ISAAC, blessed Jacob and Esau. By FAITH, JACOB, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph." Others are mentioned such as Moses, David and Samson.

The message on this day is a clear one. We are about to celebrate the culmination of centuries of anticipation. The faith of the Holy Forefathers is about to be rewarded. Soon, we will rejoice along with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as we bear witness to the Birth of Christ. We will "... run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our FAITH." (Hebrews 12:2)

The spirit of this jubilant day is captured wonderfully by today's Troparion: "Through faith, You justified the patriarchs, and through them, You made a commitment to a church with gentiles. The saints in glory rejoice, because from the seed of these forefathers has come forth the blessed fruit which gave birth to You without seed."

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

December 15, 2024

11TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

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

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

SUN DEC 15	†11th Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.
	Coffee Hour - Krassas Event Center	
	GOYA Meeting - Youth Room	
	JOY Christmas Party - Tri-Room	
	JOY Christmas Shoppe - Hallway	
	Girls Basketball Practice	
	Boys Basketball Practice	3:30 p.m.
MON DEC 16	Savvas Bournelis Book Study-Yth Rm	6:00 p.m.
TUE DEC 17	Father Nick's Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	Greek School	5:15 p.m.
WED DEC 18	Boys Basketball	6:30 p.m.
THU DEC 19	Girls Basketball Practice	7:30 p.m.
SUN DEC 22	†Sunday Before The Nativity of Christ	9:00 a.m.
	Coffee Hour with Santa - Krassas Event Center	
	Girls Basketball Practice	
	Boys Basketball Practice	3:30 p.m.
MON DEC 23	Savvas Bournelis Book Study-Yth Rm	6:00 p.m.
TUE DEC 24	†Christmas Eve Royal Hours Vespers	5:00 p.m.
WED DEC 25	†Holy Nativity of our Lord	9:00 a.m.
FRI DEC 27	†St. Stephen The First Martyr	9:00 a.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

December 15, 2024

TEAM C

GOYA MEETING TODAY!

Sunday, December 15th

Immediately after the Divine Liturgy!
Youth Room (GOYA)

PLEASE
NOTE

ST. HARALAMBOS CHRISTMAS EVE TIME CHANGE

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

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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.

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



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



JOY'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

TODAY, DECEMBER 15
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!

INTERACTIVE BOOK STUDY

By Savvas Bournelis, M.DIV

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

2025 STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

For those parishioners using envelopes, the 2025 Stewardship Envelopes are now available for pickup in the hallway leading up to the church.

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.

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



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.



**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>

**ST. HARALAMBOS
PHILOPTOCHOS 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



**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



Canton Greek Fish Fry

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

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

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος πλ. δ΄
Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης
τῶν παθῶν. Ἦ ζῶῃ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τῶν Προπατόρων Ἦχος β΄
Ἐν πίστει τοὺς Προπάτορας ἐδικαίωσας, τὴν ἐξ Ἑθνῶν δι’ αὐτῶν προμνηστευσάμενος
Ἐκκλησίαν. Καυχῶνται ἐν δόξῃ οἱ Ἅγιοι, ὅτι ἐκ σπέρματος αὐτῶν, ὑπάρχει καρπὸς
εὐκλείης, ἡ ἀσπύρος τεκοῦσά σε. Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς
ἡμῶν.

Τοῦ Ἀγίου Ἦχος πλ. α΄
Ἱερέων ποδήρει κατακοσμούμενος, καὶ αἱμάτων τοῖς ρείθροις ἐπισταζόμενος, τῷ Δεσπότη
σου Χριστῷ μάκαρ ἀνέδραμες, Ἐλευθέριε σοφέ, καθαιρέτα τοῦ Σατᾶν. Διὸ μὴ παύση
πρεσβεύων, ὑπὲρ τῶν πίστει τιμώντων, τὴν μακαρίαν σου ἄθλησιν.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ
Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος ἀείφωτος, τῆς οἰκουμένης
σοφέ, ἐδείχθης Χαράλαμπες· ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ μαρτυρίου. ἔλυσας καὶ
εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν 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. 4
You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial,
to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

For the Forefathers Mode 2
By faith You justified the Forefathers, having through them betrothed to yourself the
Church that came out of the nations. The saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious
fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave birth to You, is from their progeny. At their
entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls.

For the Saint Mode pl. 1
You were fully adorned with the sacred priestly robes. You were dripping with streams
of your own martyric blood. In this state, you ran to Christ your Master, O blessed Saint
Eleftherius, destroyer of Satan; you are wise. Therefore cease not interceding for us who
loyally honor your blessed contest of martyrdom.

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
preeternal God.

December 15, 2024 For the Saint

2 Timothy 1:8-18



Epistle

The reading is from Paul’s Second Letter to the Timothy.

Timothy, my son, do not be ashamed of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygelus and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me — may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day — and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

December 15, 2024 Sunday for the Forefathers

Luke 14:16-24



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Lord said this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.’”