

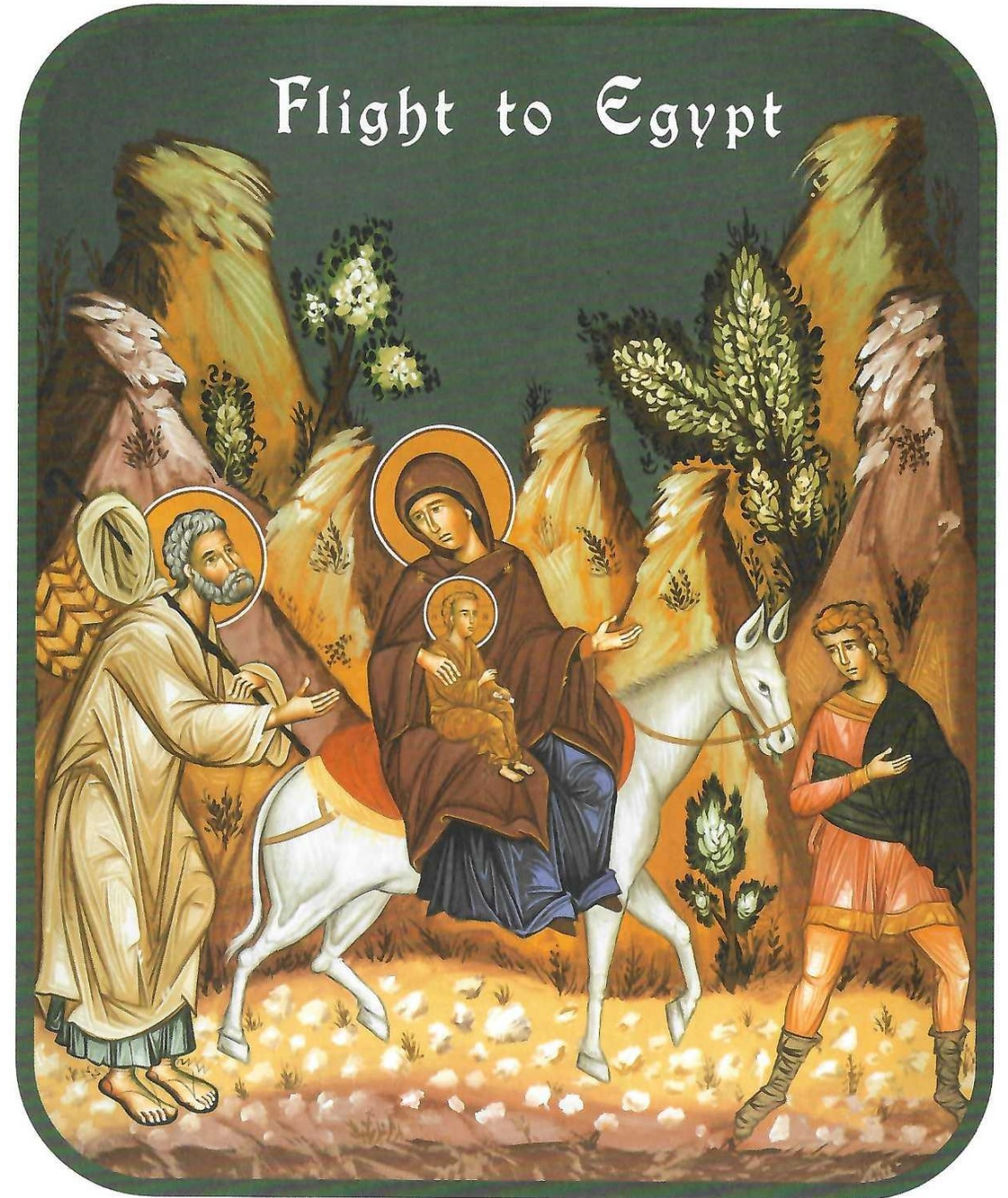
## THE ULTIMATE "PROTECTIVE PARENTS"

Being a parent can be described as a multi-faceted vocation. A father and mother are called upon to provide for every need of their child - sometimes at great expense and often with greater sacrifice. A child must be taught, nurtured, fed and disciplined. These are just a few parental responsibilities that a father and mother are obligated to meet.

Perhaps the most important duty, however, that every parent must embrace is protecting their child from harm and misfortune. Sometimes lost in the story of our Lord's Nativity is the effort made by Joseph and the Virgin Mary to protect their precious Child from King Herod. He slaughtered scores of innocent children in Bethlehem and its surrounding region in his rage-driven quest to eliminate anyone who would dare be referred to as the "King of the Jews."

The Gospel of St. Matthew gives us the account of the courageous actions of our Lord's earthly parents. An angel of the Lord warns Joseph in a dream: "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." (Matthew 2:13) In the dead of night, they fled from their home in Bethlehem and embarked upon a long and dangerous journey, traveling hundreds of miles over rugged, unfamiliar terrain. Somehow, they safely arrived in Egypt, remaining there until Joseph received another heavenly visitor saying: "Arise, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead." (Matthew 2:20) Their stay in Egypt is shrouded in mystery. What we do know is this: Joseph and Mary were the ultimate "protective parents," preserving unharmed the One Who would grow up to be the Savior of the world!

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# ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

December 29, 2024

## SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

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

### DECEMBER SCHEDULE

SUN DEC 29 †Sunday After The Nativity of Christ 9:00 a.m.  
No Coffee Hour  
Girls Basketball Practice  
Boys Basketball Practice 3:30 p.m.

### JANUARY SCHEDULE

WED JAN 1 †St. Basil the Great 9:00 a.m.  
THU JAN 2 Hellenic Beginner Dancers - GYM 4:30 p.m.  
Hellenic Intermediate Dancers 5:15 p.m.  
Hellenic Senior Dancers 6:15 p.m.  
FRI JAN 3 †Royal Hours 9:00 a.m.  
Hellenic Dancers' Greek Night 7:30 p.m.  
Epiphany Dance  
SUN JAN 5 †Eve of the Theophany 9:00 a.m.  
Vasilopita - Krassas Event Center  
Girls Basketball Practice  
Boys Basketball Practice 3:30 p.m.  
MON JAN 6 †Holy Theophany 9:00 a.m.  
TUE JAN 7 †St. John the Baptist 9:00 a.m.  
Greek School 5:15 p.m.



### ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

December 29, 2024

TEAM A

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be CLOSED  
on Tuesday, December 31st (half a day),  
Wednesday, January 1st and  
Thursday, January 2nd.



### BIBLE STUDY With Father Nick

JANUARY 21st ~ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

### CALLING ALL BREAD BAKERS!



WE NEED YOUR HELP  
TO BAKE THE WEEKLY  
PROSFORO FOR OUR  
SUNDAY SERVICES.

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE  
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE  
AT 330-454-7278



### 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

### ST. HARALAMBOS BOOK STORE

Will be closed during the week  
from December 23rd - January 2nd



### want to Sponsor a Coffee Hour?

Contact Stephanie Boka @  
330-495-8798 or sign up on  
the poster board located in  
the lobby.

The 2025 AMNOS Daily Bible Reading  
Guide for Orthodox Christians is now  
available in the Church Narthex and the  
organizer in front of the Church Office.

### 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



### 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.

### INTERACTIVE BOOK STUDY By Savvas Bournelis, M.Div

Mondays @ 6:00 p.m. ~ GOYA Room  
RSVP to Savva @ sbournelis@hchc.edu  
(330) 904-8504

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  
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!

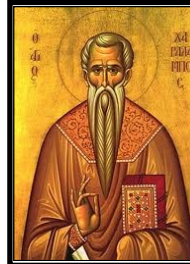
Exceptional undergraduate students of Hellenic descent from all fifty states are encouraged to apply.

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](mailto:edanielides@panhellenicsf.org) or call (312) 357-6432.

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



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

**ST. HARALAMBOS  
NAME DAY CELEBRATION**

**Pan-Orthodox  
Outdoor Blessing of the Waters**



**Monday, January 6 (Epiphany)**

**Noon**

**Stadium Park, Shelter # 5**

**Stadium Park Dr. NW**

*Nimishillen Creek*



**The Stark County Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood**

**Just a  
friendly  
reminder...**

**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.



**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**

December 29, 2024: FEAST: Post-Nativity; Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed , David the prophet, and Iakovos (James) the Brother of our Lord; The Holy Fourteen-Thousand Martyred Children killed by Herod; Righteous Markellos (+486); Bishop George.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος β΄  
Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ  
τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ  
δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς Ἦχος δ΄  
Ἡ Γέννησίς σου Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ, τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως· ἐν αὐτῇ  
γὰρ οἱ τοῖς ἄστροις λατρεύοντες, ὑπὸ ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν, τὸν Ἥλιον τῆς  
δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνατολὴν. Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τῶν Θεοπατόρων Ἦχος β΄  
Εὐαγγελίζου Ἰωσήφ, τῷ Δαυὶδ τὰ θαύματα τῷ Θεοπάτορι· Παρθένον εἶδες κυοφορήσασαν,  
μετὰ Μάγων προσεκύνησας, μετὰ Ποιμένων ἐδοξολόγησας, δι’ Ἀγγέλου χρηματισθείς.  
Ἰκέτευε Χριστὸν τὸν Θεόν, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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 Ὑπερούσιον τίκτει, καὶ ἡ γῆ τὸ Σπήλαιον, τῷ ἀπροσίτῳ  
προσάγει. Ἄγγελοι, μετὰ Ποιμένων δοξολογοῦσι. Μάγοι δέ, μετὰ ἀστέρος ὁδοιποροῦσι· δι’  
ἡμᾶς γὰρ ἐγεννήθη, Παιδίον νέον, ὁ πρὸ αἰώνων Θεός.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode 2  
When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to  
death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the  
netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, “O Christ God, Giver of life,  
glory to You!”

Apolytikion of the Feast Mode 4  
Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the  
world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You,  
the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O  
Lord.

For the Ancestors of God Mode 2  
Annunciate the miracles to David the ancestor of God, O Joseph. You saw the Virgin  
pregnant. You glorified with the shepherds. You worshipped with the Magi. And you  
were warned by an Angel. Entreat Christ God to save our souls.

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.



Epistle

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

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when God who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord’s brother.



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When the magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt have I called my son.” Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the magi, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the magi. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more.” But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”