

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

The Orthodox Church has had a long-established practice of praying for the departed. This reflects the view that the “communion of the saints” encompasses the church Militant (those on earth) and the Church Triumphant (those who have already passed on to their eternal reward). Our prayers for the departed, therefore, are a continuation of the bond of love that we form in our human relationships with family and friends: a bond that even death cannot sever.

In her infinite wisdom, the Church designates several days in the liturgical year when we are called upon to offer prayers for the departed. Every Saturday is dedicated to those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. It was on the Sabbath day that Christ lay dead in the tomb “resting from all His works and trampling down death by death.” Special Memorial Saturdays, referred to as “All Soul’s Saturdays,” are also commemorated. While differences in these commemorations may arise in various Orthodox jurisdictions, let us all focus on the importance of remembering the dead. Jesus referred to heaven as “My Father’s House.” Knowing that our loved ones are in our Father’s House should motivate us to pray for them. The Church also encourages prayers for the departed on the third, ninth and fortieth day after their death.

Orthodox prayers for our deceased loved ones are not only for them but also for Christ in Whom they died. “I am the resurrection and the life,” Jesus said, “he who believes in Me though he were dead yet shall he live, and he who lives and believes in Me shall have life everlasting.”

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

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MEATFARE JUDGMENT SUNDAY

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

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

SUN FEB 23	†Meat Fare Judgment Sunday Coffee Hour - Tri-Room JOY Sock Hop Event - GYM	9:00 a.m.
TUE FEB 25	Greek School	5:15 p.m.
WED FEB 26	Choir Practice	6:00 p.m.
THU FEB 27	Hellenic Beginner Dancers - GYM Hellenic Intermediate Dancers Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers Hellenic Senior Dancers Hellenic Dancers' Meeting	4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

MARCH SCHEDULE

SAT MAR 1	†2nd Saturday of Souls	9:00 a.m.
SUN MAR 2	†Cheesefare Sunday Maids of Athena Pasta Dinner	9:00 a.m.
MON MAR 3	Philo托chos Board Meeting Philo托chos Meeting †Clean Monday - Great Compline	5:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
TUE MAR 4	Greek School	5:15 p.m.
WED MAR 5	†Presanctified Liturgy St. George - Massillon	6:30 a.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE February 23, 2025 ~TEAM A



TODAY'S MEMORIALS:

40-Day Memorial ~ Helen V. Bozeka
10-yr Memorial ~ Steve Bozeka

Today's coffee hour is sponsored
by the family.

UPCOMING MEMORIAL:

March 2, 2025
2yr Memorial ~ John Fakelis



YOUTH SUNDAY TODAY!

Our Sunday School Children will be participating in some of the duties in our church this Sunday.

Come listen to our children's beautiful voices in the choir and listen to Alexandra Foradis give the Sermonette about Kindness.



PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
*General Meeting @ 6:45 p.m.

*Lori Noebe presents Erma Bombeck
in full costume.

Membership dues of \$28.00
Enter through the Agape Courtyard.

METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH ST. PHOTIOS 2025 AWARD

Do you know a parishioner who is deserving to receive this year's St. Photios Award?

If so, please submit your nomination by dropping it off in the Church Office by
Sunday, March 16th.

The St. Photios Award nomination forms are located in the lobby organizer in front of the church office and in the March/April Koinonia.



Canton Greek Fish Fry

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, 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)

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SOCK HOP!

TODAY!
FEBRUARY 23RD
in the gym after church.

All JOY & Jr. GOYA Members
are invited!

Come for Lunch, Learning,
Dancing & Helping the
Homeless!

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Mode 2

Mode 1

When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.

February 23, 2025 Meatfare Sunday

1 Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Epistle

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

February 23, 2025 Meatfare Sunday

Matthew 25:31-46

Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."