

OUR MEANS OF RECONCILING WITH GOD

From the time Adam and Eve exercised their free will to choose to disobey God, man has had the need for forgiveness. We all have fallen short of the high expectations that the Lord has for all of His children, allowing sin to overcome us again and again. Sin separates us from our Heavenly Father, but fortunately, He has provided us with a means of reconciling with Him through the Sacrament of Holy Confession. Since Confession is such an important part of the Lenten season, let us take a closer look at this Mystery of the Church.

Confession entails much more than merely listing and expressing some degree of sorrow for our sins. Before coming to Confession, it is necessary for us to examine our conscience – we must sincerely search our souls and determine where we have strayed from the path God has

charted for us. Our confession must be an honest attempt to admit the many ways we have transgressed God's Laws. Certainly, our All-Knowing God cannot be fooled! For the Grace of God to truly enter us through the Sacrament of Confession, however, we must experience a real feeling of REPENTANCE. Repentance literally means "to change." Confession must bring about a change in our lifestyle. Confessing our sinful ways is one thing . . . casting aside and walking away from our sinful deeds is another matter entirely!

During the Great Fast, may we all avail ourselves to the wonderful opportunity the Church gives us to "make things right" with the Lord, through the Sacrament of Holy Confession. Seek out the spiritual help this Sacrament provides.

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CONFESSION



THE SINS OF THOSE WHO
ASK FOR PARDON ARE FORGIVEN

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

February 16, 2025

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

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

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

SUN FEB 16	†Sunday of the Prodigal Son St. Haralambos Name Day Celebration	9:00 a.m.
TUE FEB 18	Father Nick's Bible Study Greek School Greek Fest Meeting	3:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
THU FEB 20	Hellenic Beginner Dancers - GYM Hellenic Intermediate Dancers Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers Hellenic Senior Dancers Girls Basketball	4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
SAT FEB 22	†1st Saturday of Souls	9:00 a.m.
SUN FEB 23	†Meat Fare Judgment Sunday Coffee Hour - Tri-Room JOY Sock Hop Event - Krassas Event Ctr.	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.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

February 16, 2025

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UPCOMING MEMORIALS:

February 23, 2025

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



BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER NICK

FEBRUARY 18TH ~ 3:30 - 4:30 PM

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 AWARD RECIPIENTS!

2024 Man of the Year
Anthony Koutras

2025 Women of Distinction:
Bonnie Eustathios
Cynthia Loukas
Stephanie Machamer
Joanne Nicholas
Rita Trikkas

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH SUNDAY

Mark your calendar to be sure to attend Church on **Sunday, February 23rd**, to watch the children of our Sunday School take over some "duties" of our church. Some include, attending to the candle stand in the Narthex, passing the collection tray, singing in the choir, and leading the congregation in the Lord's Prayer in Greek/English.



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, 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)

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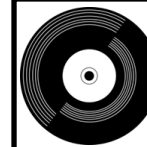
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Apple iphone- use your camera app and click on the yellow link that appears on the screen.

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.



SOCK HOP!



FEBRUARY 23RD
in the gym after church.

All JOY & Jr. GOYA Members
are invited!

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

February 16, 2025: FEAST: The Prodigal Son; Pamphilos the Martyr (+308); Flavianos, Patriarch of Constantinople (+449); Righteous Romanos, Martyr (+1694).

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ὡχος α΄

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἅχραντόν σου σώμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ὡς στῆλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος ἀείρωτος, 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

Ὡχος γ΄

Τῆς πατρῶας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κατοῖς ἐσκορπίσα, ὃν μοι παρέδωκες πλοῦτον· ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἥμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμων, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποιήσόν με, ὥς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion

Mode 1

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your eternal rule! Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

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

I revolted senselessly out of Your fatherly glory; I have squandered sinfully all of the riches You gave me. Hence to You, using the Prodigal’s words, I cry out, I have sinned before You, merciful loving Father. O receive me in repentance, I pray, and treat me as one of Your hired hands.

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Epistle

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

Brethren, “all things are permitted for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are permitted for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” — and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one flesh.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Lord said this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”