

SUFFERING BRINGS GLORY

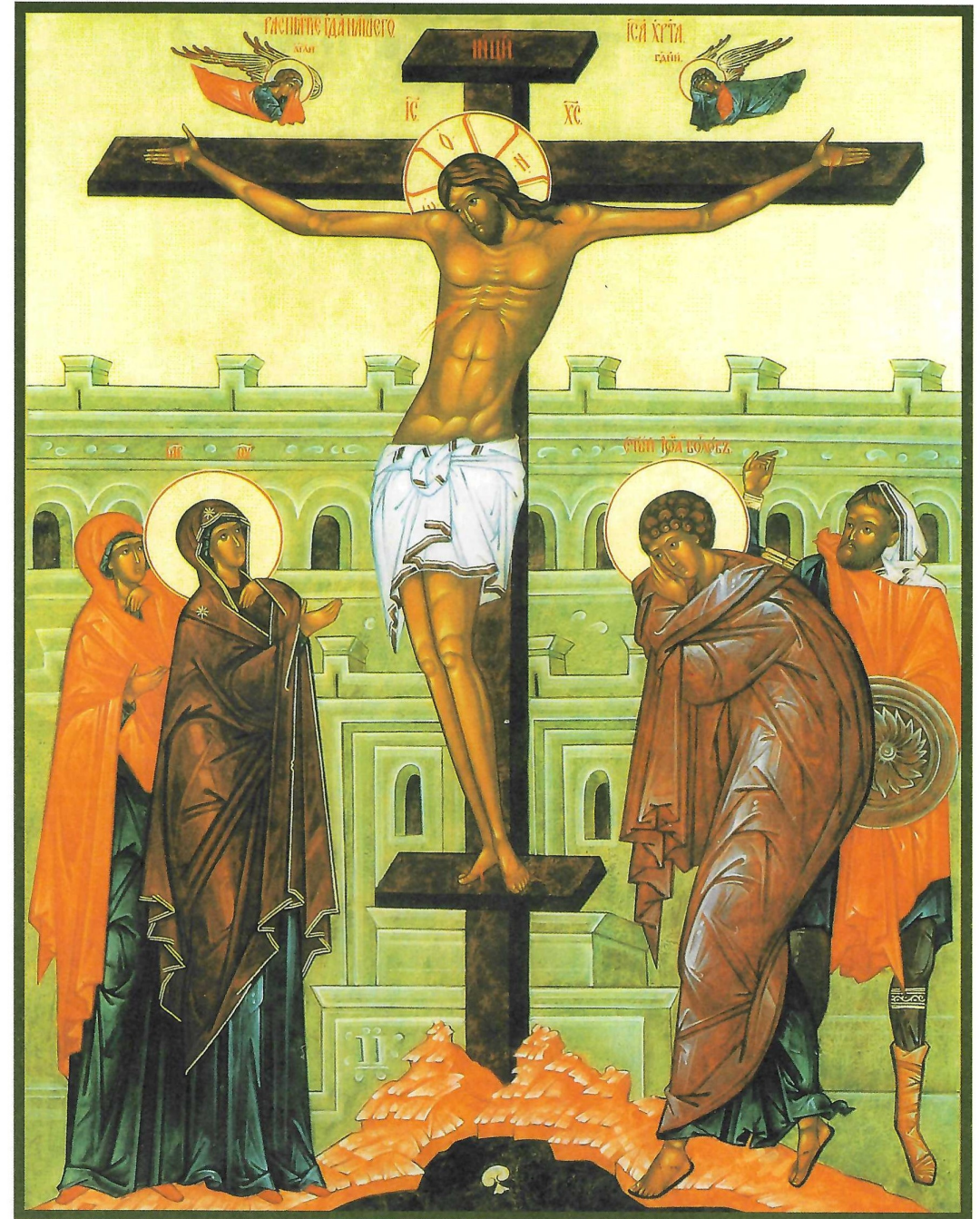
At this midpoint of Lent, which the Orthodox Church designates as CROSS VENERATION SUNDAY, the symbol of the Cross is put before us. Let these words by Matthew the Poor serve to strengthen and refresh us:

“For Christ, the mystery of the Cross is the mystery of His glory. The overwhelming suffering the Lord underwent, His psychological torment at the injustice and crookedness of His trial, the desertion of His disciples, the treachery of Judas, and the knowledge that the high priests had agreed with one of His disciples to put a value of just thirty pieces of silver on His life — all this was a path for Him to leave the world of passing trivialities and enter into the glory of the Father. We in every time and place must tread the same path. The Cross with its enormous suffering cannot be compared with the glory it brought forth. The Cross did not come by chance into the life of the Lord; He was born for it. “For this purpose I have come to this hour” (Jn. 12:27). Man is born for suffering, and suffering was born for man. But at the same time the Cross was not an irrevocable imposition on the Lord. We feel this from His words and are sure of it in view of His holiness and divinity. He made it irrevocable for Himself — “Shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given Me?” (Jn. 18:11) — in order to share with us the inevitability of the suffering.”

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

March 23, 2025

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

MARCH SCHEDULE

SUN MAR 23	†Sunday of the Holy Cross GOYA Meeting Greek Fest Kouloura Prep & Baking	9:00 a.m.
MON MAR 24	†Great Vespers Annunciation Greek Fest Kouloura Prep & Baking	6:30 p.m.
TUE MAR 25	†Annunciation of the Theotokos	9:00 a.m.
WED MAR 26	†Presanctified Liturgy @ St. George - Antiochian Greek Fest Baklava Prep & Baking Choir Practice	6:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
THU MAR 27	Hellenic Beginner Dancers - GYM Hellenic Intermediate Dancers Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers Hellenic Senior Dancers	4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m.
FRI MAR 28	†Fourth Salutations	6:30 p.m.
SUN MAR 30	†St. John of Climacus JOY - Easter Basket Project	9:00 a.m.
MON MAR 31	†Great Compline	6:00 p.m.
TUE APR 1	Greek School	5:15 p.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

March 23, 2025 ~ TEAM A

UPCOMING MEMORIALS:

March 30, 2025

4yr Memorial ~ Mario Gaitanos
5yr Memorial ~ Peter Gaitanos



PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

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

Membership dues of \$28.00
are due now!

GREEK FESTIVAL BAKLAVA BAKERS NEEDED

MARCH 26TH @ 9:30 A.M.

We are looking for volunteers to help make the Baklava for this year's GreekFest.

If you are interested in the making of Baklava for the GreekFest, please contact Dena Apostolou at 330-705-3200.



GOYA LUMINARY PROJECT

GOYA is sponsoring a Luminary project, for the benefit of the youth program. The luminary display will be Friday evening, during the Good Friday evening service. The luminaries will adorn the path of the procession with the Epitaphio.

Individual luminaries can be purchased in memory of, or for the health of your loved ones, for a donation of \$5.00 each.

Luminary Project forms are located in the organizer located outside of the church office.



HOLY WEEK & PASCHA FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers for Holy Week & Pascha, please contact the church office at 330-454-7278.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Salutations to the Theotokos Icon Wreaths,
Daffodils, Annunciation Wreath,
Bridegroom Wreaths, Football Mums,
Eggs, Epitaphion Flowers and Lilies.

GREAT LENTEN PAN ORTHODOX CALENDAR 2025

March 26th ~ St. George Antiochian @ 6:30 p.m.
PreSanctified Liturgy

April 2nd ~ Assumption OCA, Canton @ 6:30 p.m.
PreSanctified Liturgy

April 6th ~ St. Nikolai Mission Alliance 5:00 p.m.
Great Vespers

April 9th ~ St. George Romanian @ 6:30 p.m.
PreSanctified Liturgy



Canton Greek Fish Fry

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, 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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March 23, 2025: FEAST: St. Basil Liturgy. Third Sunday of Lent, Veneration of the Holy Cross; Righteous Nikon and his 199 Student Monks martyred with him (+251); Luke of Mytilene, Neomartyr (+1384).

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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 ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς
ὕπ’ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν,
Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τῆς Ἑορτῆς Ἦχος α΄
Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι
κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ
Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος αἰφωτος, 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 πλ. δ΄
Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια Ἀναγράφω
σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ’ ὥς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με
κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

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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!

For the Feast Mode 1
Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful
over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth .

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 pl.4
O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens
of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have
power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud:
Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6



Epistle

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

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

Mark 8:34-38; 9:1



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Lord said: “If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power.”