

A "RECIPE" FOR A SUCCESSFUL PRAYER LIFE

While Great Lent is often looked upon as being a time of increased prayer, it must be pointed out that prayer is ALWAYS an essential element in our spiritual lives. What is prayer? By definition, it is "communion with God." Prayer can take several forms. There are prayers of thanksgiving, prayers of worship & prayers of petition.

The power of prayer cannot be matched by any other force. When the Apostles questioned Christ concerning why they could not cast out a demon that was possessing a young boy, the Lord responded that such things could only be accomplished through PRAYER & FASTING. On another occasion, Jesus had this to say about prayer: "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask for when you pray, believe that you will receive them, & you will have them."

There are several key ingredients to a successful prayer life. First, we must pray with FAITH. We must certainly believe that God CAN help us & answer our prayers.

Next, we must pray PERSISTENTLY. How impatient we are with our prayers! We must learn not to give up if our prayers are not answered immediately. Remember the Canaanite woman, who relentlessly pursued the Lord until He granted her request? She would not take "no" for an answer!

Finally, we must pray with HUMILITY. We must never forget that God is our FATHER & we are His CHILDREN. He is the MASTER & we are the SERVANT. Surely, Christ's own example while praying in the Garden of Gethsemane should indelibly mark this in our mind. What were His words? NOT MY WILL, BUT THINE BE DONE! Rest assured that the Lord hears all of our prayers. May this intimate conversation with God be an important part of every day for us.

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LENT IS A TIME FOR
PRAYER

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

March 30, 2025

SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

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

MARCH SCHEDULE

SUN MAR 30 †St. John of Climacus 9:00 a.m.
JOY - Easter Basket Project
Coffee Hour - Krassas Event Center

MON MAR 31 †Great Compline 6:00 p.m.

APRIL SCHEDULE

TUE APR 1 Greek School 5:15 p.m.

WED APR 2 †Presanctified Liturgy @ 6:30 p.m.

Assumption OCA, Canton

Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.

THU APR 3 Hellenic Beginner Dancers - GYM 4:30 p.m.

Hellenic Intermediate Dancers 5:00 p.m.

Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers 5:45 p.m.

Hellenic Senior Dancers 6:15 p.m.

Hellenic Dancers & Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m.

FRI APR 4 Fish Fry - Dine-In & Drive-Thru 4:00 p.m.

SUN APR 6 †St. Mary of Egypt 9:00 a.m.

MON APR 7 †Great Compline 6:00 p.m.

Philoptochos Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Philoptochos Meeting 6:45 p.m.

TUE APR 8 Father's Bible Study 3:30 p.m.

Greek School 5:15 p.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

March 30, 2025 ~ TEAM B



TODAY'S MEMORIALS:

4yr Memorial ~ Mario Gaitanos

5yr Memorial ~ Peter Gaitanos

The Prosforo and Wine have been donated
by the family.

Today's coffee hour is sponsored
by the family.

APRIL 6TH MEMORIALS & TRISAGION:

7yr Memorial ~ Christine Creekus-Wolf

1yr Trisagion ~ Tom Cazantzas

MINI LENTEN RETREAT SPONSORED BY: SUNDAY SCHOOL

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025
After Church Services in the gym

Decorating the Kouvouklion
& the making of Palm Crosses
A light lunch will be provided.



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:

Daffodils, Annunciation Wreath,
Eggs, Epitaphion Flowers and Lilies.



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!

GREAT LENTEN PAN ORTHODOX CALENDAR 2025

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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payments.

To scan QR code:

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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.

**DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
CHLORIS CHAPTER #40
PRESENTS:**

**THE 57TH ANNUAL
DEBUTANTES BALL**

HONORING:

Amelia Colón
Savannah Goss
Francesca Hatheway
Kate Kaplanis
Isabella Paxos
Sophia Pitinii
Sophia Semertsidis
Alexandria Sklavenitis
Eva Chrisanthi Stavrianou-Winn

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025
Alex D. Krassas Event Center
Doors Open @ 7:30 p.m.
Presentation @ 8:30 p.m.

\$25 per person
For tickets please call:
Melissa Shiepis @ 330-309-4786 or
JoAnna Adams @ 330-634-6945

Semi Formal Attire Requested
Cash Bar

*Interested in learning the ancient art of
Byzantine Chant?*

Instructor: Savvas Bournelis
When: Every Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.
Where: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
For details, email: sbournelis@hchc.edu

**2025 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
& UNDERGRADS**

AHEPA Canton Chapter 59 Scholarship
The Application form is online at:
www.ahepa59.org

Completed applications must be
postmarked by: April 30, 2025

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**St. Haralambos Men's Club**  
**Xen Griveas Scholarship**

Applications are now available for  
graduating seniors entering college whose  
family are members in good standing.  
**Application Deadline is: May 4, 2025**

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St. Haralambos Sunday School
Laura Anne Dieringer Memorial Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is available to all
graduating high school seniors of the
St. Haralambos Sunday School who
meet certain eligibility requirements.
Deadline: Sunday, May 4, 2025

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**2025 Michael & Dolly Sousaris**  
**Memorial Scholarship**

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be  
awarded to graduating high schools  
seniors or students presently enrolled  
in a higher education program.  
**Deadline: Saturday, May 31, 2025**

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2025 Harry Thomas
Memorial Scholarship

Two (2) \$2500 scholarships are available;
one for a graduating high school senior,
one for an undergraduate student.
Applicant's family must be members in
good standing to obtain an application.
Deadline: June 27, 2025

**Join us for the Philoptochos
Annual Mother's Day Dinner!**



Monday, May 5 at 6pm
St. Haralambos Cultural Center

Dinner Choice of Chicken Parmesan or Vegetarian
\$5 for Members in Good Standing and \$10 for Guests
MEMBERS: Please be sure your dues are current. No dues will be accepted at the door.

Please make your reservation by April 30, to one of the following:
Call or Text **Tula Pirovolos:** 330.327.5423 Call **Mary Trifelos:** 330.495.1718
Call or Text **Stephanie Machamer:** 330.704.8558

**Something's Gotta
MATCH!**

Match your color to your mother
or
Your shoes to your purse
or
Twin with a friend
Any combo will do, the choice is up to you!



ἤχος βαρύς

Τοῦ Ὁσίου

Ἰηχος πλ. δ'

Τοῦ ΝαοῦΚοντάκιον

Ἰηχος πλ. δ'

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Grave Mode

For the Devout Man

Mode pl.4

Hymn of the Church

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.



Epistle

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

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”