

*Icons are to be Venerated;
God alone is to be served in Faith*

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY: A DAY OF TRIUMPH

The importance of the use and veneration of icons by the Orthodox Church is well-documented today. There was a time, however, when their use was forbidden. Those who opposed the use of icons were referred to as “**iconoclasts,**” which literally means “**image breakers.**” This controversy raged for over 100 years, and was seemingly settled at the 7th Ecumenical Council, which convened in Nicea in 787 A.D. The Church Fathers decreed that the veneration of icons was a long standing tradition of the Church, and that this practice was not, in any way, in conflict with the Second Commandment, which directs us “**not to make unto ourselves any graven image.**”

The 7th Ecumenical Council, however, did not completely settle

this issue. The conflict over icons continued until 843 A.D. when a local council, led by Patriarch Methodios of Constantinople, established the 1st Sunday of Lent as a day of celebration of the “**Triumph of Orthodoxy**” and the return of holy icons to their rightful place in churches everywhere.

The Sunday of Orthodoxy is a celebration of all of the faithful men and women who struggled for the Faith in times of persecution. On this great day, all Orthodox Christians are called upon to remember the example of these holy ones and to renew our own commitment to Christ and His Church. We proudly proclaim today that the rich Orthodox Faith that we possess is truly “**THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES . . . THE FAITH OF THE FATHERS . . . THE FAITH WHICH HAS ESTABLISHED THE UNIVERSE.**”

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

March 9, 2025

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

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

MARCH SCHEDULE

SUN MAR 9	†Sunday of Orthodoxy JOY Sponsoring Coffee Hour-Krassas Ctr.	9:00 a.m.
	†Great Vespers @ St. George Serbian	5:00 p.m.
MON MAR 10	†Great Compline	6:00 p.m.
TUE MAR 11	Greek School	5:15 p.m.
WED MAR 12	†Presanctified Liturgy Philoptochos Presanctified Reception after services - GYM	6:30 p.m.
THU MAR 13	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 14	†Second Salutations	6:30 p.m.
SUN MAR 16	†St. Gregory Palamas Greek School Program-Krassas Ctr.	9:00 a.m.
MON MAR 17	†Great Compline	6:00 p.m.
TUE MAR 18	Silver Liners' Luncheon-Krassas Ctr. Father Nick's Bible Study Greek School Greek Fest Committee Mtg.	11:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

March 9, 2025

TEAM C

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.



St. Haralambos Greek School

presents

Greek Independence Day Program

Sunday, March 16, 2025

St. Haralambos Krassas Event Center

Immediately following Church services

Lenten Luncheon will be served

Please R.S.V.P to
Eleni Paxos (330) 323-3148



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 (4),
Daffodils, Akathist Hymn Icon Wreath,
Annunciation Wreath, Bridegroom Wreaths (3)
Crown of Thorns & Flowers, Crucifix Wreath,
Basket of Trumpet Lilies, Eggs, Football Mums
2 vases of White Roses, Epitaphion Flowers
and Lilies.



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, 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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Either option will take you directly to our donation website for your
donation to St. Haralambos Church.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος δ΄
Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι,
καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον·
Ἑσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τῆς Ἑορτῆς Ἦχος β΄
Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου, προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν,
Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἡδόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὓς ἐπλάσας, ἐκ
τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαῖρας ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν,
παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τῶν Ἀγίων Ἦχος α΄
Τὰς ἀλγηδόνας τῶν Ἀγίων, ἃς ὑπὲρ σοῦ ἔπαθον, δυσωπήθητι Κύριε, καὶ πάσας ἡμῶν τὰς ὁδύνας,
ἵασαι φιλόανθρωπε δεόμεθα.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ
Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος ἀείφωτος, 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 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 4
When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the
resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the
Apostles, “Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to
the world!”

For the Feast Mode 2
We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our
offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross
in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we
cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming
to save the world.

Apolytikion For the Saints Mode 1
The holy martyrs suffered painful tortures for Your sake, O Lord; be compelled by what
they endured, and heal our every pain, we entreat You, O 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 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, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin that easily distracts, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who instead of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time at their pleasure, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”