

AN "ICON" IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Just like a picture, an icon can capture the essence of a moment with greater clarity than the written word. It can teach a story instantly. Today we turn our attention to the icon of the FEAST DAY OF THE ASCENSION. If we look at the Book of Acts 1:1-12, we see that the iconic depiction of the holy day carefully follows this scriptural account. The main focus of the icon is Christ Himself, Who was taken up into heaven as His Apostles watched. He is shown in such a way that it is impossible to determine whether He is LEAVING the earth or RETURNING to it. Angels appeared soon after He ascended, saying: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus Who was taken up from you into heaven will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

The Mother of God is also shown prominently in the Ascension icon. Church Tradition tells us that she was present for this joyous event, as well as for the Feast Day of Pentecost. While the Apostles seem to be perplexed by what they have just witnessed, the Theotokos wears an expression of peace on her face, fully comprehending the deep mysteries of her Son's Birth, Death, Resurrection and Ascension. Unlike the Apostles, she is not looking upward into the sky, but rather towards us in prayerful serenity. Note also that the Apostles are depicted without halos, a further symbol of their continued lack of understanding of the moment.

The icon of the Ascension certainly expresses the concept of Christ reigning over His Church. We, His followers, must embark on His Command to "go and teach all nations."

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

June 1, 2025

FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

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

JUNE SCHEDULE

SUN JUNE 1 †Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council 9:00 a.m.
SAT JUNE 7 †Saturday of Souls 9:00 a.m.
SUN JUNE 8 †Holy Pentecost @ Holy Trinity 9:00 a.m.
SUN JUNE 15 †Sunday of All Saints 9:00 a.m.
TUE JUNE 17 Silver Liners Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
SUN JUNE 22 †2nd Sunday of Matthew 9:00 a.m.
SUN JUNE 29 †Sts. Peter & Paul The Apostles 9:00 a.m.

JULY SCHEDULE

SUN JULY 6 †4th Sunday of Matthew 9:00 a.m.
SUN JULY 13 †Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council 9:00 a.m.
WED JULY 16 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
SUN JULY 20 †6th Sunday of Matthew 9:00 a.m.
SUN JULY 27 †7th Sunday of Matthew 9:00 a.m.

AUGUST SCHEDULE

FRI AUG 1 †Paraklesis Services 6:30 p.m.
SUN AUG 3 †8th Sunday of Matthew 9:00 a.m.
MON AUG 4 †Paraklesis Services 6:30 p.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

June 1, 2025 ~ TEAM C



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

*Congratulations to this year's Xen
Griveas Scholarship recipient:*

Eva Winn

A FRIENDLY REMINDER!

Parishioners ages 18 & older, including
students, should fill out a pledge card
for 2025.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Follow the link to sign up for
volunteer hours

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go/10C0E4DABAF2EA7FAC07-
54554919-greekfest#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DABAF2EA7FAC07-54554919-greekfest#/)

or call
Linda Natale @ 330-495-8427

ST. HARALAMBOS G.O.C. BOOKSTORE

The bookstore needs cashiers, sales
receipt writers, and merch wrappers.

If you have a couple of hours to spare, join
us during the Greek Fest on Thurs-Fri-Sat
between 11:00 am-9:00.

Contact Cynthia at 330-495-3053 or leave
a message with Lauri at 330-454-7278.

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

Scholarship forms are available
in the lobby.

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

St. Haralambos Men's Club
High School Football Coaches Preview
Wednesday, August 6, 2025

GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH
Metropolitan Savas
invites YOU to
the 2nd Annual
Sat. Aug. 23rd
11am - 9pm
St. Demetrios
Community Center
3223 Atlantic St. NE
Warren, OH

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Young Adult Ministries

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Solo Acts
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Family!

2 Music
Stages

Kids
Games

Art & Craft
Exhibits

Food &
Beverages

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2025 Canton Greek Fest Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

*****7pm in the Youth Room*****

Call Mike Fakelis (330-327-5317) or
Mike Paxos (330-327-9180)

PAN ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

**ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**JULY 14 - 18, 2025 ~ 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
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June 1, 2025: FEAST: Seventh Sunday of the Paschal Season, commemorating the 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea (+325); Sunday Post-Ascension; Holy Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council; Justin, Philosopher and Martyr (+167); Pyrrhos, Chariton (+163), and Thespesios, Martyrs; Righteous Isadora.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος πλ. β´
Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἴστατο
Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς
ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν,
Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς Ἦχος δ´
Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ
ἁγίου Πνεύματος, βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ
Λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

Τῶν Πατέρων Ἦχος πλ. δ´
Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν
θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι’ αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας·
πολυεύσπλαγγε, δόξα σοι.

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 τῆς Ἑορτῆς Ἦχος πλ. β´
Τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανίοις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν
δόξῃ, Χριστε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν
τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε· Ἐγὼ εἰμι μεθ’ ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ’ ὑμῶν.

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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!

Apolytikion of the Feast Mode 4
You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by
promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith,
that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

For the Fathers Mode pl. 4
Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the
earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly
merciful One, glory be to You.

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 of the Feast Mode pl. 2
When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united things on earth with the
things in heaven, You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, going not away
from any place, but continuing inseparable, and to them that love You crying out: “I am
with you, and there is, therefore, none against you.”



Epistle

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles.

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, ‘it is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”