

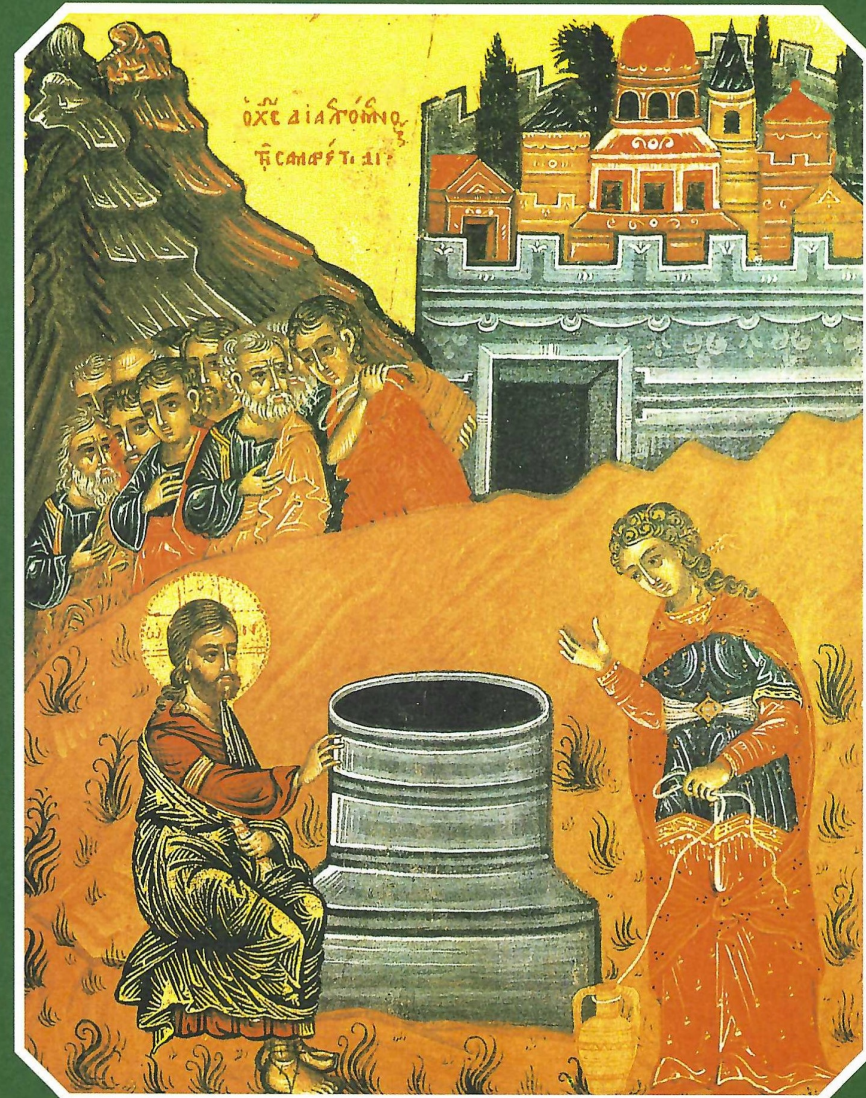
COMMITTED TO THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY

Key points about the early Church are brought out in today's reading from the Book of Acts (Acts 11:19-30). We must note that there has been a definitive shift in how Christ's followers are perceived by those who are not attracted to their teachings: they are viewed as a threat that needed to be dealt with swiftly. With the stoning of Stephen, a terrible period of persecution was launched against the Christians. Despite meeting violent opposition from the Jewish religious leaders, the Church continued to grow.

In today's reading, we also see just how committed the first Christians were to helping one another in time of need. A great famine struck the ancient world, beginning in Judea and later spreading to Greece and Italy. It was to last nearly seven years, bringing with it much hardship. In an organized manner, the church responds to this crisis by sending relief to those affected by the famine in Judea, "each according to his ability." Their donations were taken there by Barnabas and Paul, who would later do extensive missionary work together.

An important fact is also mentioned in today's reading: "THE DISCIPLES WERE FIRST CALLED CHRISTIANS IN ANTIOCH." This was not originally a positive term. Non-believers ridiculed the disciples by referring to them in this manner. Far from taking offense at this word, it was embraced by the disciples as the greatest of honors to be called something that was directly related to their Master.

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A MEETING AT THE WELL

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 18, 2025

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

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

MAY SCHEDULE

SUN MAY 18	†Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	9:00 a.m.
	General Assembly - Krassas Event Ctr.	
TUE MAY 20	Silver Liners' Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
	GreekFest Meeting	7:00 p.m.
WED MAY 21	†Sts. Constantine & Helen	9:00 a.m.
	Kourambiethas Prep & Bake	7:30 a.m.
THU MAY 22	Hellenic Beginner Dancers - gym	4:30 p.m.
	Hellenic Intermediate Dancers	5:00 p.m.
	Hellenic Senior Dancers	6:00 p.m.
SUN MAY 25	†Sunday of the Blindman	9:00 a.m.
MON MAY 26	†Memorial Day Services	
THU MAY 29	†Ascension of our Lord Jesus	9:00 a.m.
	Hellenic Beginner Dancers - gym	4:30 p.m.
	Hellenic Intermediate Dancers	5:00 p.m.
	Hellenic Senior Dancers	6:00 p.m.

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.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

May 18, 2025 ~ TEAM A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TODAY, MAY 18, 2025

KRASSAS EVENT CENTER

UPCOMING MEMORIALS

May 25, 2025

40-Day Memorial: Evelyn Eustathios

40-Day Memorial: Mary Hinkel

40-Day Memorial: Penny Ralles

1yr Memorial: Irene Chagaros

3yr Memorial: Stella Vallos

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[Make a Donation \(tithe.ly\)](https://tithe.ly)

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You can now scan the QR code to your left to log into Tithe or go directly to their website (tithe.ly) to make Stewardship, Memorial or Candle payments.

To scan QR code:

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.

YOUTH CELEBRATION SUNDAY

TODAY, MAY 18, 2025

TRI-ROOM ~ AFTER LITURGY



All Sunday School & Youth Group kids and their immediate family are welcome at this **FREE** celebration!

Sponsored by SUNDAY SCHOOL, JOY, Jr. GOYA & GOYA!



Silent Auction 2025

We are once again asking for donations or items for this year's Silent Auction.

Please consider donating a basket or get together with a friend to create one.

Thank you for your continuous Support!!!

Deadline May 28th

Contact Marcia 330-309-3428 with any questions.



2025 Canton Greek Fest Meeting Dates

Join the Planning Committee for the 2025 Canton Greek Fest

Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

All Meeting begin at 7pm in the Youth Room

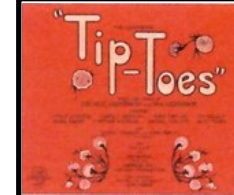
Call Mike Fakelis (330-327-5317) or Mike Paxos (330-327-9180)

ATTENTION GRADUATES!

In the July/August Koinonia, we will feature our 2025 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES.

Please submit the following information to the church office by **June 8th**:

Student's name, parents' names, current school, future school or place of employment, field of study and a student photo which will be returned to you.



Tip-Toes

An Ohio Light Opera Production
July 10, 2025

The roaring 1920's, Vaudeville, Palm Beach, and the Silver Liners in Jaol. The exuberant Gershwin musical **TIP-TOES** comes to the Ohio Light Opera, where, the ever naughty but nice Silver Liners will be there too.

Music and Lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin
Lunch at the Wooster Jaol Restaurant.

After-show Delight:
DRAGONFLY WINERY with light meal

COST: \$114 (tips included)
PAYMENT DUE: May 20th

Make Check Payable to:
St. Haralambos Silver Liners

For Questions, call Kathy Dieringer @ 330-265-3876

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.

May 18, 2025: FEAST: Fifth Sunday of the Paschal Season, the Samaritan Woman; Sunday after Mid-Pentecost; Commemoration of the Patriarchs of Constantinople; Martyrs of Athens; Peter of Lampsakos, Dionysios, Andrew, Paul, and Christina, Martyrs (+250);Heraklios, Paulinos, and Venedimos, Martyrs of Athens (+249-251); Stephan, Patriarch of Constantinople (+893).

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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.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς Ἦχος πλ. δ΄
Μεσούσης τῆς ἑορτῆς, διψῶσάν μου τὴν ψυχὴν, εὐσεβείας πότισον νάματα· ὅτι πᾶσι Σωτὴρ
ἐβόησας· Ὁ διψῶν, ἐρχέσθω πρὸς με καὶ πινέτω. Ἡ πηγὴ τῆς ζωῆς, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, δόξα
σοι.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ
Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος αἰφώτος, τῆς οἰκουμένης
σοφέ, ἐδείχθης **Χαράλαμπες**· ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ μαρτυρίου. ἔλυσας καὶ
εἰδῶλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον τοῦ Πάσχα Ἦχος πλ. δ΄
Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς
νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθελγόμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς
Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

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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!”

Apolytikion of the Feast Mode pl. 4
O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul from the living waters of
right belief. You, O Savior, proclaimed to everyone, “Let whoever is thirsty come to Me
and drink.” You are the fountain of life, O Christ our God. Glory 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 Pascha Mode pl. 4
Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the
dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out
“Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who
to the fallen grant resurrection.

Epistle

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles.

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, “What do you wish?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him food?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony. “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world.”