

“STABILITY” ON THE SHORE

The Gospels tell us that after His Resurrection, Christ was seen on numerous occasions by His followers. One of the most interesting of these appearances is described in the writings of the Evangelist John as the “. . . *third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.*” (John 21:14) Peter and several of the other Apostles had been fishing all night on the Sea of Galilee with nothing to show for it. In the morning, Jesus called out to the Apostles from the shore, instructing them to “. . . *cast the net on the right side of the boat.*” Their catch was overwhelming – 153 large fish were caught and dragged to shore by them! After joining them for breakfast, Christ has the famous exchange with Peter, where the Lord asks him three times if he loved Him, giving him the opportunity to make amends for denying Him three times. It was also during this Post-Resurrection visitation that Jesus prophesied concerning Peter’s impending martyrdom (you will stretch out your hands and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish) as well as foretelling the lengthy life of His beloved disciple John.

There is also a subtle but powerful symbolism to this appearance that we should not overlook. The Apostles were in the midst of the waters, which could be quite turbulent. Christ was standing firmly on “solid ground” on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, where there was “peace.” When the Apostles eventually joined their Master on land, they, too, found themselves in a much more stable environment. So it is for us as well. Our journey on the “sea of life” is not always “smooth sailing.” We are often faced with “waves” of confusion. Only when we cast aside the cares and temptations of this world can we ever hope to find Christ and the spiritual contentment He offers.

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**This appearance of our Risen Lord
and the miraculous catch of fish
by His disciples
symbolizes their great commission
to become
“FISHERS OF MEN”**

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 25, 2025

SUNDAY OF THE BLINDMAN

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

MAY SCHEDULE

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.
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.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

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TODAY'S 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

The Prosforo and Wine have been donated by the families.

Coffee Hour will be sponsored by the families.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Follow the link to sign up for volunteer hours

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DABAF2EA7FAC07-54554919-greekfest#/>

or call
Linda Natale @ 330-495-8427



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.

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.

GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

Metropolitan Savas invites YOU to the 2nd Annual

Sat. Aug. 23rd
11am - 9pm

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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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May 25, 2025: FEAST: Sixth Sunday of the Paschal Season, the Man Born Blind; The Third Finding of the Venerated Head of Holy and Glorified John the Baptist and Forerunner (+850); Kelestinos, Martyr; Demetrios the myrrhbearer.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος πλ. α΄

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠὺδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Τοῦ Προδρόμου Ἦχος δ΄

Ὡς θεῖον θησαύρισμα, ἐγκεκρυμμένον τῇ γῇ, Χριστὸς ἀπεκάλυψε τὴν κεφαλὴν σου ἡμῖν, Προφῆτα καὶ Πρόδρομε. Πάντες οὖν συνελθόντες, ἐν τῇ ταύτης εὐρέσει, ἄσμασι θεηγόροις, τὸν Σωτῆρα ὑμνοῦμεν, τὸν σῶζοντα ἡμᾶς ἐκ φθορᾶς ταῖς ἱκεσίαις σου.

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 τοῦ Πάσχα Ἦχος πλ. δ΄

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ὄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωροῦμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode pl. 1

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. For our salvation He was pleased to be crucified in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

For the Forerunner Mode 4

Now Christ has revealed to us your sacred head once again, a most holy treasure hidden underground for so long, O Prophet and Forerunner. Therefore we have assembled for the feast of its Finding, singing our God-inspired hymns in praise of the Savior, who saves us from destruction, by your earnest prayers to Him.

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 Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians..

Brethren, it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with the clay, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he”; others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age, ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe”; and he worshiped him.