

NEEDLESS REPETITION OR A NEEDFUL REQUEST

Anyone who has ever attended a service in the Orthodox Church knows our most repeated prayer: LORD HAVE MERCY! It is a singular response to some petitions. At other times, it may be sung or chanted three, twelve, forty or even one hundred times. We hear these three words so much that the question is often raised: Is it really necessary to repeat this plea over and over?

To give the proper answer to this question, we must carefully examine what we are actually asking for with this humble prayer. True, we are petitioning God to overlook our faults and sinfulness and be merciful to us. Seeking forgiveness (or mercy) from our Heavenly Father must always be in our hearts and on our lips. Yet constantly praying LORD HAVE MERCY

means much more than that. Some translations of Sacred Scripture do not exclusively use the word MERCY for the Hebrew term HESED. It is also translated as: compassion, gracious, generous and, yes, LOVING. In essence, then, when we pray LORD HAVE MERCY, we are asking Him to shower us with His love and His goodness. We are requesting His care and His guidance. We are praying that He will bestow upon us all of the things that are necessary for our salvation.

A constant prayer of LORD HAVE MERCY must encompass our entire being. It is not a WASTE OF BREATH. On the contrary, it is a beautiful way of reminding ourselves of how dependent we are on our Creator, and that EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE.

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

July 6, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

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.
TUE AUG 5	†Great Vespers Transfiguration of our Lord	6:30 p.m.
WED AUG 6	†Transfiguration of our Lord	9:00 a.m.
	†Paraklesis Services	6:30 p.m.
	Football Coaches Preview	6:30 p.m.
THU AUG 7	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
FRI AUG 8	†Paraklesis Services	6:30 p.m.
SUN AUG 10	†9th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
MON AUG 11	†Paraklesis Services	6:30 p.m.
WED AUG 13	†Paraklesis Services	6:30 p.m.
THU AUG 14	†Great Vespers Dormition of the Theotokos	6:30 p.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

July 6, 2025 ~ TEAM B

SAVE THE DATE!

WINE, DINE, & DANCE GLENDI

OCTOBER 18, 2025

Hors d'oeuvres @ 5:00 p.m.

Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.

Tickets: Adult \$50 ~ Youth \$30

Call: Tina Wey 330-414-2912

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or the Church office 330-454-7278.



AFGLC/PETER & SOPHIA KOURMOLIS SCHOLARSHIP

Two scholarships will be awarded to college students (undergraduate or graduate) for the 2025 academic year.

To be considered, applicants or their parents must be Orthodox Christians and must submit their application and OFFICIAL transcript of their academic work by **July 21, 2025.**

Scholarship forms are available in the lobby.

Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School

July 14-18, 2025

Behold the Light!

The Life and Ministry of Christ



Ages 4-12 9am-12pm

(small children must be potty-trained)

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

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**ST. HARALAMBOS PANIYRI
FAMILY PICNIC**

AUGUST 17, 2025

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LITURGY

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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St. Haralambos Men's Club High School Football Coaches Preview

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Social Hour: 5:30 p.m.

Buffet Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Coaches Panel: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$20
Includes Buffet Dinner
Prepaid Rservations by: Friday, August 1st

For Tickets, Contact:
Steve Diamant: 330-209-3138
John Kellamis: 330-499-0550
Church Office: 330-454-7278

July 6, 2025: FEAST: Righteous Sisoës the Great (+429); Archippos, Philemon, and Onesimos, of the 70 Apostles; Lucia, Virginmartyr (+301); Martyrs Epimachos and Alexandrion, Martyrs; Righteous Martyr Cyril; Apollonios, Martyr.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος γ´
Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ
Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας
ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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
εἰδῶλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον Ἦχος β´
Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ
παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν,
τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἣ
προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode 3
Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown
strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead.
Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great
mercy.

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 2
O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails,
we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore
you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession,
and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

July 6, 2025 Fourth Sunday

Romans 6:18-23



Epistle

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

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

July 6, 2025 Prayer of the Gospel

Matthew 8:5-13



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress.” And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion answered him, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.” And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; be it done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.