

"GLORY TO THEE, WHO HAS SHOWN US THE LIGHT"

A large advertising billboard once had this message: "The darkness can kill you." It was an ad for electric light bulbs, but what it said is profoundly true: **DARKNESS BRINGS DEATH.** People like the light and fear the darkness. The first thing you do when you come into a dark house is turn on the lights. Even plants seek the brightness of the sun.

One of the most profound statements that Jesus made during His years among us was this: "I am the light of the world. Whosoever comes after Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

What a name this is for our Lord! The Light of the World. Everything outside of Christ is darkness. But with Christ, there is light. It is no accident that burning lamps and candles are closely associated with the Christian faith. When a baby is brought for Baptism, the sponsors hold lighted candles to symbolize that this is now a child of the light, a child of Christ. Candles are lit for every service. And when a person dies and is brought to the church for burial, again lighted candles are placed about the body, to show that even in death there is a lighted way to go to Christ.

Jesus also referred to His followers as light . . . "You are the light of the world . . . So let your light shine, that men might see your good work and glory your Father who is in heaven . . ." Just as, for example, the moon reflects the light of the sun, so we are to reflect the light of Christ.

We are the ones who can now dispel the darkness of fear, despair, evil and sin in the world. There is an old saying that Christ now has no hands but our hands to do His work on earth, no feet but ours to carry Him to the sick, needy, poor and outcast; no tongue but our tongues to teach and comfort and do His bidding in the world. Surely there is much truth to this concept.

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

July 13, 2025

FATHERS OF THE 4TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

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

JULY SCHEDULE

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 6:30 p.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

July 13, 2025 ~ TEAM C



UPCOMING MEMORIALS

July 20, 2025

1 yr Memorial: Dan Trifelos

July 27, 2025

40-Day Memorial: Irene Gianakis

3yr Memorial: Sakes Kandis

SAVE THE DATE!

**SWEARING IN OF PHILOPTOCHOS
OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**

JULY 27, 2025



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.

SAVE THE DATE!

**ST. HARALAMBOS PANIYRI
FAMILY PICNIC**



AUGUST 17, 2025

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LITURGY

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

Carol Capocci 330-412-0022

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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH
Metropolitan Savas invites YOU to the 2nd Annual
Sat. Aug. 23rd 11am - 9pm
St. Demetrios Community Center
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Arts & Crafts

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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 13, 2025: FEAST: 630 Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon (+451); Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel; Righteous Stephan of Sabbaite (+794). (Stephan was a hymnographer and newpher of John of Damascus.)

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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.

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

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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 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 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 13, 2025
Titus 3:8-15

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Epistle

The reading is from Paul’s Letter to Titus.

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

July 13, 2025
Matthew 5:14-19

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Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The Lord said to his disciples, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”