

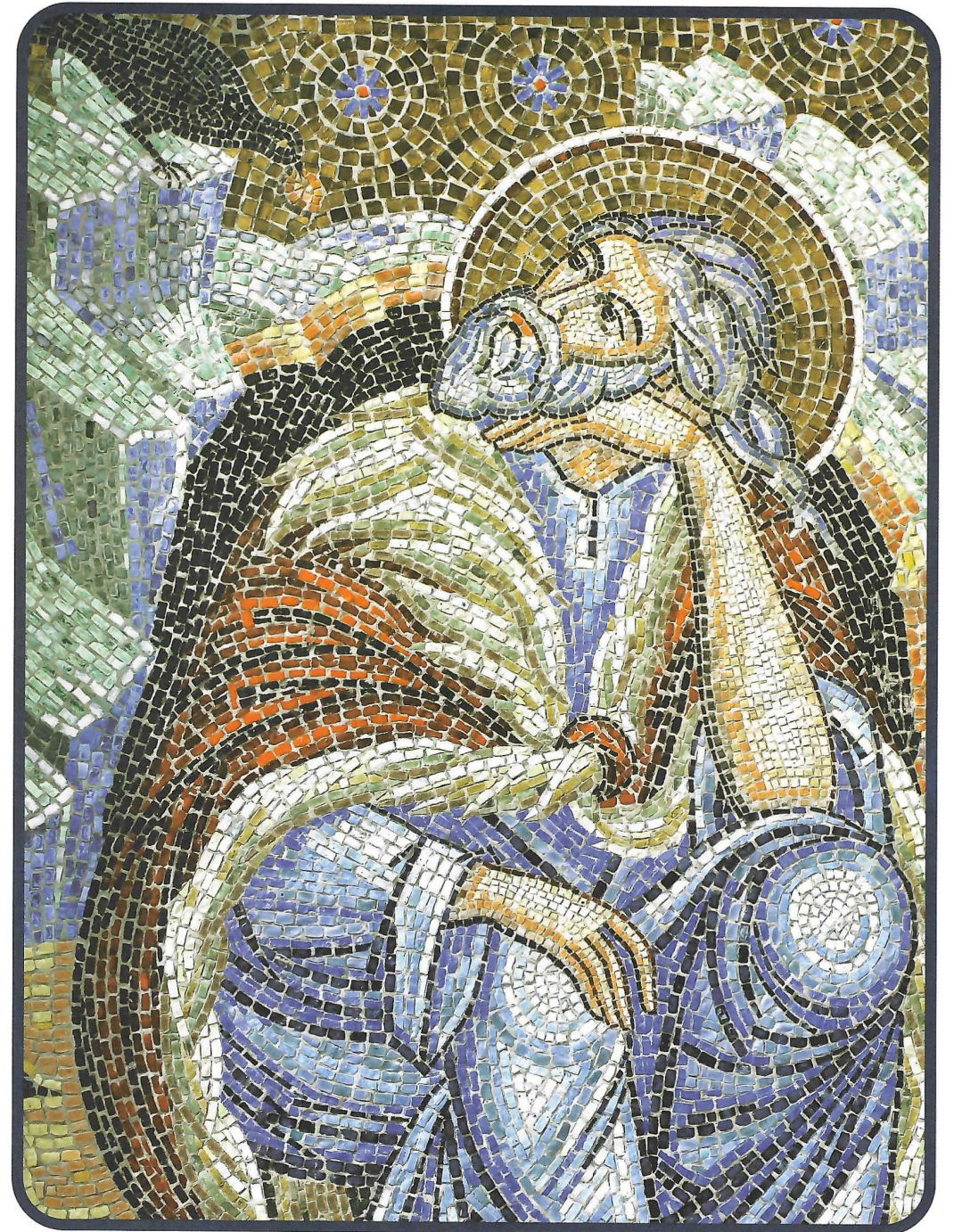
THE EBB AND FLOW OF LIFE

Because of his willingness to confront King Ahab for his unrighteous and pagan ways, the **PROPHET ELIJAH** often found himself fleeing for his life. In the First Book of Kings, we read how God sends him to the safety of the Brook Cherith, where he not only finds shelter, but food and refreshing waters. Elijah's fortunes change quickly, however, and soon that brook, which brought him much-needed relief, dries up and is utterly worthless to him. For the Prophet, joy had become despair.

How often do we see this happening in our own lives? How many times has our good fortune turned to bad almost overnight? Our once-thriving business suddenly fails . . . our high-value stocks suddenly plummet . . . the "love of our life" forsakes us. Yes, life is truly filled with "dried up brooks."

Yet we must believe that things always happen for a reason. As the old saying goes, **"When God closes a door, He always opens a window somewhere."** When the Brook Cherith dried up and the outlook for Elijah was at its bleakest point, we read in the First Book of Kings that the word of God came to him. God had not led him there so that he could die. No, He had other plans for him, setting Elijah on a path that would eventually take him back to the king so that he could show the power of the one true God of Israel. Elijah listened to the voice of God, and so must we. We must be receptive to what His new plan for us may be, just as Elijah was. When our world seems to be falling apart, this is precisely the time to put our trust in the Lord. When darkness engulfs us, we must seek the true Light to brighten our path. Yes, **"dried up brooks"** can be transformed very quickly, if we recognize the right **"Source"** needed to fill them!

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

July 20, 2025

6TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

JULY SCHEDULE

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.
Dormition of the Theotokos
FRI AUG 15 †Dormition of the Theotokos 9:00 a.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

July 20, 2025 ~ TEAM D



TODAY'S MEMORIAL

1yr Memorial: Dan Trifelos

Today's coffee hour is sponsored by the Trifelos family

July 27, 2025 MEMORIALS

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
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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

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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
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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος πλ. α΄

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

Τοῦ Προφήτου Ἦχος δ΄

Ὁ ἑνσαρκὸς ἄγγελος, τῶν Προφητῶν ἡ κρηπίς, ὁ δεῦτερος Πρόδρομος τῆς παρουσίας
Χριστοῦ, Ἡλίας ὁ ἐνδοξος, ἄνωθεν καταπέμψας, Ἐλισαίῳ τὴν χάριν, νόσους ἀποδιώκει, καὶ
λεπροὺς καθαρίζει· διὸ καὶ τοῖς τιμῶσιν αὐτὸν βρῦει ἰάματα

Τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος αἰέφωτος, 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, ἡ
προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

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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 Prophet Mode 4

The angel incarnate and the Prophets’ pedestal, the second Forerunner of the coming of
Christ, Elias the glorious, sent down to Elisha the divine grace from heaven. He drives
away diseases and he cleanses lepers. Therefore he pours out healings to those who
honor 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 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 20, 2025 For the Prophet
James 5:10-20

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Epistle

The reading is from the Universal Letter of James.

Brethren, take as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we call those happy who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath, but let your yes be yes and your no be no, that you may not fall into hypocrisy. Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elijah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

July 20, 2025 Prayer of the Gospel
Matthew 9:1-8

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Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, seeing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say ‘Rise and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins,” he then said to the paralytic — “Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.