

"BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART . . . "

The life and death of the MARTYR MARKELLA OF CHIOS is a story that, even in our modern era where very little surprises us, would be considered most shocking. Markella was born in the 16th century on this small Greek island. It was said that her physical appearance was stunning beyond description. Still, Markella's true beauty was found in the depth of her soul, for she exhibited purity and gentleness at all times. Her family was prominent and wealthy - her father was the local mayor - but Markella was much more interested in developing a spiritual relationship with the Lord than in material gain.

When her mother died, Markella totally immersed herself in service to Christ. Her father, however, was not a believer, and soon Markella found herself abused by him both verbally and physically. Finally, after thwarting his perverted, amorous advances towards her, Markella attempted to run away. As her infuriated father chased her, she attempted to hide in a thorny bush. Discovering her place of concealment, the crazed man set fire to the bush, forcing her out from her hiding place. She continued to run, but was soon felled by an arrow. Trapped now between two rocks, Markella was brutally murdered by her father - her lifeless body cut into pieces.

After her death, the villagers found a spring of water flowing from the rocks at the location where Markella had died. The waters from it were found to have miraculous powers of healing. A small chapel was erected on the site in memory of this lovely young martyr named Markella.

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

July 27, 2025

7TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

JULY SCHEDULE

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 27, 2025 ~ TEAM A



TODAY'S MEMORIAL

40-Day Memorial: Irene Gianakis

3yr Memorial: Sakes Kandis

Today's coffee hour is sponsored by the families.

The Prosforo and Wine have been donated by the families.

SWEARING IN OF PHILOPTOCHOS OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

TODAY, JULY 27, 2025

Congratulations to this year's Harry A. Thomas scholarship recipients!

*Eva Winn ~ High School
Kenna Loukas ~ College*

Scholarship checks will be presented to the recipients by John Kellamis this Sunday.

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

Barb Lambrou 330-418-1034

Stephanie Machamer 330-704-8558

or the Church office 330-454-7278.

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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
3223 Atlantic St. NE
Warren, OH

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Want to Perform or Display Art?

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frjdistefano@yahoo.com

Free Admission

AUG. 23 2025
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Bands Solo Acts Arts & Crafts

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Fun for All the Family!

2 Music Stages

Kids Games

Art & Craft Exhibits

Food & Beverages



**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

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος πλ. β΄

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήνητῃσας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμένος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τοῦ Ἁγίου

Ἦχος γ΄

Ἀθλοφόρε ἅγιε, καὶ ἱαματικὲ Παντελεῖμον, πρέσβευε τῷ ἐλεήμονι Θεῷ, ἵνα πταισμάτων ἄφεσιν, παράσχη ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν.

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 βαρὺς

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὥς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταί σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion

Mode pl. 2

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

For the Saint

Mode 3

Holy medaled Martyr and healer St. Panteleimon, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls remission of offenses.

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

Grave Mode

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father’s radiance.

July 27, 2025 For the Martyr
2 Timothy 2:1-10

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Epistle

The reading is from Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy.

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

July 27, 2025 Prayer of the Gospel
Matthew 9:27-35

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Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time, as Jesus went on, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.” And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.