

I AM NOT WORTHY

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST played a vital role in the story of salvation for the human race. The son of Zacharias and Elizabeth, John lived his adult life as a recluse in the Judean wilderness. It had been foretold that “. . . he would be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.” (Luke 1:15-16) It is no wonder then that many who heard him preach and came to the Jordan River to be baptized by him thought that he might be the long-awaited Messiah.

John, however, never lost sight of what his calling was. He had no “illusions of grandeur”, for he fully understood that he was to be the “Forerunner of Christ” - the one who would prepare the world for the coming of the Savior. He was the “voice of one crying in the wilderness.” Yes, John made it perfectly clear to all those who listened to his words: “There comes One after me who is mightier than I. I am not worthy to undo the strap of His sandal.” (Mark 1:7) After baptizing Jesus - something that he thought himself unworthy to do - John was content to fade into the background and allow our Lord to begin His redemptive work.

As Christ embarked upon His Divine Mission, John continued to preach the message of repentance to all who would listen. Never afraid to speak the truth, John was arrested and cast into prison for criticizing King Herod for his adulterous relationship with his brother’s wife Herodias. This eventually would lead to his execution by means of beheading.

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“Among those born of women
there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist.”

(Matthew 11:11)

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

August 24, 2025

11TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

AUGUST SCHEDULE

SUN AUG 24 †11th Sunday of Matthew 9:00 a.m.
SUN AUG 31 †12th Sunday of Matthew 9:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

TUE SEPT 2 Philoptochos Board Mtg. 5:00 p.m.
Philoptochos Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
SUN SEPT 7 †Before the Holy Cross 9:00 a.m.
MON SEPT 8 †Nativity of the Theotokos 9:00 a.m.
TUE SEPT 9 Sunday School Kick-Off Meeting 6:00 p.m.
WED SEPT 10 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.
SUN SEPT 14 †Elevation of the Holy Cross 9:00 a.m.
Choir Begins
1st. Day of Sunday School
GOYA meeting - Youth Room
Sunday School S'mores Event-Tri-Room
Jr. GOYA Meeting
TUE SEPT 16 Silver Liners' Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
Father Nick's Bible Study 3:30 p.m.
SUN SEPT 21 †After the Elevation of the Holy Cross 9:00 a.m.
Hellenic Dancers' Mtg. & Registration
TUE SEPT 23 Greek School 5:30 p.m.
WED SEPT 24 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.
Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**BIG SALE! LOOK FOR THE BOOKSTORE'S
DISPLAY OF GREETING CARDS IN THE
UPCOMING WEEKS.**

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ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

August 24, 2025 ~ TEAM A



TODAY'S MEMORIAL

40-Day Memorial: Michael Nichols

Today's coffee hour is sponsored
by the family

ST. HARALAMBOS PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING

Tuesday, September 2, 2025
St. Haralambos Tri-Room

Board Meeting: 5:00 p.m.
General Meeting 6:00 p.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL'S
WELCOME BACK
S'MORES EVENT

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

JOIN US IN MAKING S'MORES AFTER
CHURCH IN THE AGAPE COURTYARD.

JUNIOR GOYA TRUNK-OR-TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

Join the fun by decorating your
trunk and handing out goodies!

Anyone interested, contact
Marcia @ 330-309-3428



St. Haralambos Greek School

Greek School Classes will begin on
September 23, 2025.

Classes will be on Tuesdays
from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Tuition is \$40 per child for the year.

All students must be age 7+
by December 31, 2025.

This year's Greek School teachers are:
Eleni Paxos, Joanna Volas, Maria
Fakelis, Marissa Kazes & Eleni Volas.

Registration forms can be found
in the organizer located outside
the church office.

JOY Registration is Now Open!

Scan the QR Code with
your phone's camera to
access the registration link.



JOY is for children in
Kindergarten through
4th Grade.

Registration Ends
Sept. 7, 2025



Contact Stephanie Sakel with questions: 330.949.8085

**ST. HARALAMBOS
FISH FRY**
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

4:00PM - 6:30PM

October 3, 2025 Drive Thru Only
November 7, 2025 Drive Thru Only
December 5, 2025 Drive Thru Only
January 30, 2026 Drive Thru Only

February 20, 2026 Dine-in and Drive Thru
March 20, 2026 Dine-in and Drive Thru

For menus, ordering and information visit
www.CantonGreekFishFry.com

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.

Tickets for this event will be sold in the
lobby after church services.



SAVE THE DATE!

2026 Canton Greek Fest
June 4, 5 & 6

August 24, 2025: FEAST: Eutyches, Holymartyr and Student of St. John the Theologian (+IIIth c.); Neomartyr Kosmas of Aitolia, Equal of the Apostles (+1779); Dionysios, Bishop of Aegina, the Wonderworker of Zakynthos (+1624).

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος β΄
Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ
τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ
δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν 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
εἰδῶλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον Ἦχος δ΄
Ἰωακεῖμ καὶ Ἄννα ὀνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὕα, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου,
ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγίᾳ γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἐορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαὸς σου, ἐνοχῆς
τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν
τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode 2
When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to
death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the
netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, “O Christ God, Giver of life,
glory 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 4
Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility’s stigma, and Adam and Eve from their
mortality’s ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this
do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to
you, “The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life.”

August 24, 2025 Eleventh Sunday

1 Corinthians 9:2-12



Epistle

The reading is from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife as sister, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material things? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

August 24, 2025 Prayer of the Gospel

Matthew 18:23-35



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The Lord said this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”