

HUMAN LIFE: DEFINED BY A SIMPLE DASH

I am sure that at one time or another, we have all walked through a cemetery and looked at the various tombstones and monuments there. They come in many shapes and sizes, and are of varying degree of cost. Yet they all have one thing in common: each stone will contain a name of someone who has departed this life and, in all likelihood, a date of birth and a date of death, often separated by a simple dash (1954-2025). Have you ever considered how important that small dash is? In essence, it represents the ENTIRETY OF A PERSON'S LIFE!

For many, life consists of living comfortably and enjoyably. It focuses solely on possessions and pleasures. We follow the terrible example of the rich fool in Christ's famous parable, who concerned himself with building

bigger and better barns to store his goods, so that he could continue to "eat, drink and be merry." Yet in the end, as the saying goes: "You can't take it with you." When the Lord demands our very soul - when He passes judgment on us - what will really matter is how we've spent our "dash time."

The true challenge of life is that we never know how close we are to inserting that dash between the two most significant dates of our existence. Every day should be lived as if it were to be our last. Every day should find us taking advantage of the many opportunities placed before us to live in the manner our Lord expects us to live. When your eulogy is being read, how will your "dash" be remembered?

~::~ In Memory of Fr. Michael Rosco ~::~
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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

August 31, 2025

12TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

AUGUST SCHEDULE

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.

THU SEPT 25 Hellenic Beginner Dancers 4:30 p.m.
Hellenic Intermediate Dancers 5:00 p.m.
Hellenic Training Senior Dancers 5:45 p.m.
Hellenic Senior Dancers 6:15 p.m.

**BIG SALE! LOOK FOR THE BOOKSTORE'S
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UPCOMING WEEKS.**

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ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

August 31, 2025

TEAM B



**SUNDAY SCHOOL'S
WELCOME BACK
S'MORES EVENT**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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



1ST Day of Sunday School
One-Day Bookstore Sale
Sunday, September 14th
\$1 OFF Select Bracelets.
On Display in the Lobby.

ST. HARALAMBOS PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING

Tuesday, September 2, 2025
St. Haralambos Tri-Room
Board Meeting: 5:00 p.m.
General Meeting 6:00 p.m.



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

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.*



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!

**2026 Canton Greek Fest
June 4, 5 & 6**

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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.

Τῆς Θεοτόκου

Ἦχος πλ. δ´

Θεοτόκε ἀειπάρθενε, τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἡ σκέπη, Ἐσθῆτα καὶ Ζώνην τοῦ ἀχράντου σου σώματος, κραταιὰν τῇ πόλει σου περιβολὴν ἐδώρήσω, τῷ ἀσπόρῳ τόκῳ σου ἄφθαρτα διαμείναντα· ἐπὶ σοὶ γὰρ καὶ φύσις καινοτομεῖται καὶ χρόνος· διὸ δυσωποῦμέν σε, εἰρήνην τῇ οἰκουμένῃ δωρήσασθαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν 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 εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος πλ. β´

Τὴν θεοδόχον γαστέρα σου Θεοτόκε, περιλαβοῦσα ἡ Ζώνη σου ἡ τιμία, κράτος τῇ πόλει σου ἀπροσμάχητον, καὶ θησαυρὸς ὑπάρχει, τῶν ἀγαθῶν ἀνέκλειπτος, ἡ μόνη τεκοῦσα ἀειπάρθενος.

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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.

For the Theotokos

Mode pl. 4

Ever-virgin Theotokos, the shelter of mankind, you have given to your City as a protective wall the clothing and garment that you wore on your immaculate body. By your seedless childbirth, they have remained incorrupt. For in you both nature and time are made novel. Therefore we implore you, grant peace to your commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

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 pl.2

The precious garment that you wore about your body that hosted God, O all-blessed Theotokos, truly is power unassailable for your City and a treasure whose blessings are perpetual, O only Ever-virgin who bore a child

August 31, 2025 For the Theotokos

Hebrews 9:1-7

Epistle

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren, the first tent had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the first one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people.

August 31, 2025 Prayer of the Gospel

Matthew 19:16-26

Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed from my youth; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."