

Exalting the Cross

Inasmuch as the cross has become as it were the altar of this fearful sacrifice – for on the cross the Son of God died for the fall of man – therefore the cross is justly revered and worshipped and depicted as the sign of the common resurrection of all men, so that those who bow down before the wood of the cross might be delivered from the curse of Adam and receive the blessing and grace of God for the doing of every virtue. For Christians the cross is magnification, glory, and power: for all our power is in the power of Christ who was crucified; all our sinfulness is mortified by the death of Christ on the cross; and all our exaltation and all our glory are in the humility of God, who humbled Himself to such an extent that He was pleased to die even between evildoers and thieves. For this very reason Christians who believe in Christ sign themselves with the sign of the cross not simply, not just as it happens, not carelessly, but with all

heedfulness, with fear and with trembling, and with extreme reverence. For the image of the cross shows the reconciliation and friendship into which man has entered with God.

Therefore the demons also fear the image of the cross, and they do not endure to see the sign of the cross depicted even in the air, but they flee from this immediately knowing that the cross is the sign of the friendship of men with God ...

Those who have understood this mystery and in very fact have known in experience the authority and power which the cross has over demons, have likewise understood that the cross gives the soul strength, power, meaning, and divine wisdom ... To the degree of the reverence which one has toward the cross, he receives corresponding power and help from God. To Him may there be glory and dominion forever. Amen.

St. Symeon the New Theologian

THE ELEVATION OF THE VENERABLE AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS



Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross -- September 14th

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

September 14, 2025

ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

SEPTEMBER

SUN SEPT 14	†Elevation of the Holy Cross 1st. Day of Sunday School Sunday School S'mores Event-Tri-Room	9:00 a.m.
TUE SEPT 16	Silver Liners' Luncheon Father Nick's Bible Study	11:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
WED SEPT 17	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
SUN SEPT 21	†After the Elevation of the Holy Cross Hellenic Dancers' Meeting & Registration	9:00 a.m.
TUE SEPT 23	Greek School	5:30 p.m.
WED SEPT 24	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
THU SEPT 25	Hellenic Beginner Dancers Hellenic Intermediate Dancers Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers Hellenic Senior Dancers	4:20 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
SUN SEPT 28	†1st. Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.
TUE SEPT 30	Greek School	5:30 p.m.



SPECIAL 2nd TRAY

The Philoptochos will pass a 2nd tray for Hellenic College/Holy Cross.



PLEASE NOTE!

**THIS WEEK'S COFFEE HOUR
WILL BE HELD IN THE GYM.**



GOYA Meeting Sunday, September 28th

Immediately after the Divine Liturgy in the Youth Room.

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



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

**September 14, 2025
TEAM D**



UPCOMING MEMORIALS

September 21, 2025

40-Day Memorial ~ John Mustakas
2yr Memorial ~ Thalia Mustakas



SUNDAY SCHOOL'S WELCOME BACK S'MORES EVENT

TODAY, 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 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.



ST. HARALAMBOS
HELLENIC DANCERS
WELCOME BACK!

**1ST. MEETING & REGISTRATION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

Immediately following church services
in the Tri-Room.

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

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**

September 14, 2025: FEAST: Universal Celebration of the Elevation of the Sacred and Life-Giving Cross; Commemoration of the VIth Ecumenical Council in Trullo (+680);
Righteous Makarios the Younger of Thessalonika, Martyr (+1527).

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Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τοῦ Σταυροῦ Ἦχος α΄
Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου, καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι
κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων, διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Κοντάκιον Ἦχος δ΄
Ὁ ὑψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἐκουσίως, τῇ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῇ πολιτείᾳ, τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου
δώρησαι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Εὐφρανὸν ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου, τοὺς πιστοὺς βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας
χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς, κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων· τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σὴν, ὄπλον εἰρήνης,
ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

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Apolytikion for the Cross Mode 1
Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful
over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

Kontakion Mode 4
You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, O Christ our God, bestow Your tender
compassions upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our
faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, granting them the victories against their
adversaries. And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, peace as their armor, the trophy
invincible.

Septembr 14, 2025 For the Feast

1 Corinthians 1:18-24



Epistle

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

Brethren, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart.” Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

September 14, 2025 Prayer of the Gospel

John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

At that time, the chief priests and the elders held counsel against Jesus, how to destroy him. And they went to Pilate, saying, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God.” When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin.” When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King!” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. Then when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished”; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.