

Now we wouldn't be so foolish – certainly we wouldn't ignore warnings given to us – or would we? Just think for a moment about all of the times in life we have been warned about doing something, and we did it anyway. Our parents, our friends, our doctors all warned us about things and more often than not, we ignored them – and that's foolish and often dangerous. But even worse is when we ignore warnings from another "source" – that being **OUR LORD**.

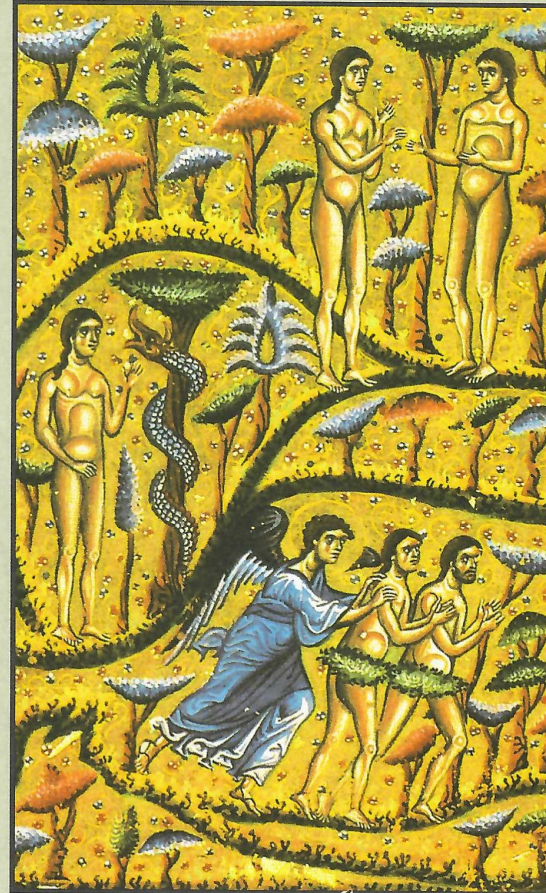
God warned Adam and Eve not to eat from a certain tree and that if they did, they would suffer dreadful consequences. They failed to heed His warning, and God's entire plan for the world was altered. He warned the people of Sodom and Gomorrah to change their sinful ways. They didn't, and their cities were destroyed. Likewise the people at the time of Noah were warned to change their wicked ways. When they refused to do so, they experienced a flood worse than any hurricane ever caused.

But how do we react to Christ's stern words? Pretty much like those asked to evacuate before a hurricane: we either refuse to believe the warnings or we feel that there is plenty of time for us before we start paying attention to them. Oh, if that were only so!

Time will, one day, run out for all of us. Let us remember the most chilling warning our Lord gave us: **"Watch, therefore, for you know not the hour when the Son of God will return."** If we don't heed **THIS** warning, no one will be able to rescue us.

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HEED THE WARNING



Most of us have either experienced a devastating storm firsthand or know of someone who has. The resulting damage can often be life altering. Luckily, because of today's technology, government officials may be able to confidently issue evacuation orders in advance.

Interestingly enough, there are still those who refuse to heed the warnings that they are given – no matter how ominous – and remain right where they are. Those who stubbornly refuse to leave their homes inevitably have to be rescued from their roof tops by emergency crews.

Have you ever wondered why people act this way? By and large, most ignore these warnings simply because they don't believe anything will ever happen to them or they believe that they can wait just a little bit longer before evacuating.

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

September 7, 2025

SUNDAY BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS

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

SEPTEMBER

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.
SUN SEPT 28	†1st Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.
TUE SEPT 30	Greek School	5:30 p.m.

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

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ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

**September 7, 2025
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TODAY'S MEMORIAL

40-Day Memorial ~ Sam Demos

Today's coffee hour is sponsored
by the family.



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 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**

September 7, 2025: FEAST: Proeortia (Preparation) for the Nativity of the Theotokos; Sunday preceding the Elevation of the Holy, Precious and Life-Giving Cross; Saint Kassiani the hymnographer; Martyr Sozon (+304); Neomartyr Athanasios; Righteous Luke of Egumen.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος δ΄
Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι,
καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον·
Ἑσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Προεόρτιον Ἦχος δ΄
Ἐκ τῆς ρίζης Ἰεσσαί, καὶ ἐξ ὀσφύος τοῦ Δαυΐδ, ἡ θεόπαις Μαριάμ, τίκτεται σήμερον ἡμῖν·
διὸ καὶ χαίρει ἡ σύμπασα καὶ καινουργεῖται· συγχαίρει τε ὁμοῦ, ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ.
Αἰνέσατε αὐτήν, αἱ πατριαὶ τῶν ἐθνῶν. Ἰωακεὶμ εὐφραίνεται, καὶ Ἄννα πανηγυρίζει
κραυγάζουσα· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει, τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς 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 γ
Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, καὶ Θεοτόκος Μαρία, ἡ παστὰς ἡ ἄλυτος, τοῦ οὐρανίου Νυμφίου,
τίκτεται, ἀπὸ τῆς στεῖρας θεοβουλήτως, ὄχημα, τοῦ Θεοῦ Λόγου εὐτρεπισθῆναι· εἰς τοῦτο
γὰρ καὶ προωρίσθη, ἡ θεία πύλη, καὶ Μήτηρ τῆς ὄντως ζωῆς.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode 4
When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the
resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the
Apostles, “Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to
the world!”

For the Forefeast Mode 4
Unto us is born today Mary the child of God, as the branch from Jesse’s root, and as the
fruit of David’s loins, and all creation is re-created and deified. O heaven and the earth,
rejoice in unison. Sing praises unto her, O all you Gentile clans. Joachim is exultant, and
Anna is keeping festival, crying out: “The barren woman bears the Theotokos, the
nourisher of our Life.”

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 3
On this day the virgin Maid, Mary the true Theotokos, the inviolate bridal room of the
heavenly Bridegroom, by the will of God is born of a barren woman, to prepare to be the
carriage of God the Logos, as for this she had been destined, to be the gateway of God
and Mother of Life.

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Galatians 6:11-18

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Epistle

The reading is from Paul’s Letter to the Galatians.

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

September 7, 2025 Prayer of the Gospel

John 3:13-17

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Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”