

The Call of Matthew

We have heard in the Gospel reading that Jesus felt compassion for Matthew as he sat at the tax-collector's place intent upon temporal concerns, and suddenly called him. He made a just man of a publican, a disciple of a tax-collector. As he progressively increased in grace, Jesus promoted him from the ordinary group of disciples to the rank of an apostle, and not only committed to him the ministry of preaching, but also that of writing a Gospel, so that he who had ceased to be an administrator of terrestrial business matters might start to be an administrator of heavenly currency. Doubtlessly the reason why heavenly providence arranged for this to happen was so that neither the enormity of one's wicked deeds nor their great number should dissuade anyone from hoping for pardon, since one could look at this man Matthew, who had been freed from such bonds of the world and made heavenly in order to become, in fact and in name, an evangelist, sharing this name with the angelic spirits.

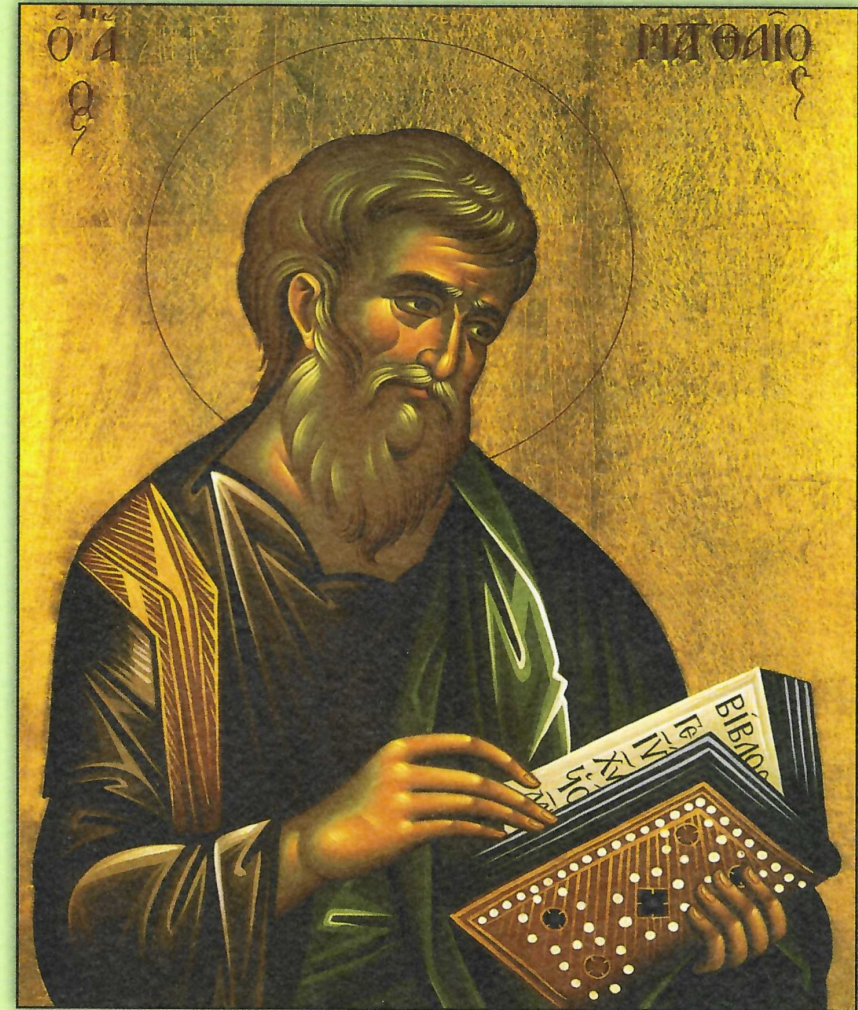
He saw him not so much by virtue of corporeal

vision as by inner compassion. By this He also deigned to turn His gaze on Peter as he was denying Him, so that he would be able to acknowledge his crime and weep over it ... Jesus saw the man, and felt compassion for him because he was devoted only to human concerns and he was not yet worthy of an angelic name.

And he arose and followed him. We should not marvel that a publican, upon first hearing the Lord's voice ordering him, left the earthly gains that he cared about. Disregarding his property, he attached himself to the band of followers of one whom he perceived to have no riches. For the Lord himself, who outwardly called him by a word, taught him inwardly with an invisible impulse so that he followed Him. He poured into his mind the light of spiritual grace, by which he could understand that the One who was calling him from temporal things on earth was capable of giving him incorruptible treasures in heaven.

St. Bede the Venerable

SUNDAY OF MATTHEW THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST



Icon of Saint Matthew the Evangelist -- November 16th

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

November 16, 2025

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST

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

NOVEMBER		
SUN NOV 16	†St. Matthew the Evangelist GOYA Meeting	9:00 a.m.
MON NOV 17	Basketball Preview	5:30 p.m.
TUE NOV 18	Silver Liners' Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
	Fr. Nick's Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	Greek School	5:30 p.m.
WED NOV 19	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
THU NOV 20	Hellenic Beginner Dancers	4:30 p.m.
	Hellenic Intermediate Dancers	5:00 p.m.
	Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers	5:45 p.m.
	Hellenic Senior Dancers	6:00 p.m.
	Hellenic Dancers & Parent Mtg.	7:00 p.m.
FRI NOV 21	†Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple	9:00 a.m.
SUN NOV 23	†9th Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.
SUN NOV 30	†Feast Day of St. Andrew The Apostle JOY Project	9:00 a.m.
DECEMBER		
TUE DEC 2	Greek School	5:30 p.m.
THU DEC 4	Greek School & Hellenic Dancers' Christmas Party	4:30 p.m.
FRI DEC 5	Fish Fry	4:00 p.m.
SAT DEC 6	†St. Nicholas The Wonderworker	9:00 a.m.
SUN DEC 7	†10th Sunday of Luke St. Nicholas Celebration Hellenic Dancers' Bake Sale	9:00 a.m.
TUE DEC 9	Greek School	5:30 p.m.
WED DEC 10	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.



GOYA Meeting TODAY! November 16th

Immediately after the Divine
Liturgy in the Youth Room.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

November 16, 2025

TEAM A

PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATES POSTING

The St. Haralambos Election Committee hereby posts the following candidates for the December 14, 2025 Parish Council Elections. There are 9 vacancies on the Parish Council and 6 applicants.

This will be an uncontested election and therefore a formal election will not take place.

CANDIDATES:

Jason Colón, Chris Gaitanos,
David Hallaman, Athan Kapalko,
Shelly Loukas and Angela Vagotis.

2026 PLEDGE CARDS

The 2026 Pledge Cards have been mailed out to all Parishioners ages 18 & older, including students.

Please fill the pledge card out, mail or bring it to church for the blessing on:

**Sunday, December 14TH,
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**



BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER NICK

NOVEMBER 18TH 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.



SANTA IS COMING TO COFFEE HOUR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

SPONSORED BY: SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Fellowship ~ Music ~ Lunch
Entertainment**

After Church in the Krassas Center



A huge "Thank You" to
Pete Papacostas for
donating & installing a
beautiful mirror in the
bridal room and for
removing the hallway
drinking fountain.

SAINT HARALAMBOS CHURCH



2025 CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

Our St. Haralambos Silver Liners will once again sponsor our Church Christmas Card Project. Parishioners and friends wishing to have their names included in the Christmas Card should mail their donation to the CHURCH OFFICE.

Names will appear as previously printed, unless there is an addition or omission.

For any questions, please contact:

Mary Griveas ~ 330-268-9069

Cindi Koskovich ~ 330-265-1673

Donation - \$20 per family.

Deadline: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025



St. Haralambos Hellenic Dancers

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The St. Haralambos Hellenic Dancers will be collecting **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS & MONETARY DONATIONS** to distribute to families in need for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Canned Corn, Canned Green Broth, Beans, Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes, Canned Veggies, Mac & Cheese, Canned Soup, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Chicken or Turkey, Jarred Gravy, Boxed Stuffing Mix, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Cornbread Mix, Fruit Cups, Cake Mix, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Spices for Baking.

****Monetary Donations to go towards Fresh Hams/Turkeys and Fresh Bread for each Family**

We want to thank the entire community of St. Haralambos for being so generous in the past.

Please see Eleni Paxos or any of the dancer officers if you have questions.



St. Haralambos Hellenic Dancers

Bake Sale

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Stop by after church to pick up your
treats for the holidays!



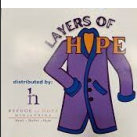
THE GIVING TREE SPONSORED BY PHILOPTOCHOS

There are several ways to donate:

- * Take an envelope off of the tree in the lobby, enclose monetary donation or gift card.
- * Drop in the box by the tree or mail it to the church office.
- * Donate NEW scarves, hats, mittens and socks.

Make checks payable to: Community Christmas
DEADLINE: DECEMBER 14TH

LAYERS OF HOPE COAT DRIVE



Help make someone's Christmas a little warmer by donating your gently-used coats or a new coat to the needy.

Please place your donated coats in the large, white cardboard box located in the lobby.

Thank you!

St. Nicholas Day Celebration

Sunday School will be sponsoring St. Nicholas Sunday on December 7th.



Gifts will be placed at the Icon of St. Nicholas after Liturgy.

\$10 Gift Cards to kid friendly places in Stark County are welcome from any of our parishioners.

Thank you for your continue support in this wonderful project.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to donate poinsettia plants to decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season, please contact the church office @ 330-454-7278.

SAVE THE DATES!



**2025-26
Canton Greek Fish Fry**

December 5th - Drive Thru Only

January 30th - Drive Thru Only

February 20th - Dine In & Drive Thru

March 20th - Dine In & Drive Thru

Interested in volunteering?

Contact Peter Volas @ 216-312-4255



*Order of AHEPA
Canton 59*

100th Anniversary Celebration

January 17, 2026

Raintree Golf and Event Center

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Cocktails

Music provided by Nikolai Rogich

Dinner, Program and Dancing to Follow

Music provided by TA FILARKIA

Join us for this wonderful milestone celebration of one of AHEPA's oldest chapters. Bring your memories and stories to share with all.

Tickets are \$75.00 per person.

For tickets contact:

John Karipides 330 283-0113

John Regas 330 409-3668

Paul Koskovich 330 327-4079

Bill Zantopoulos 330 284-9586

Gus Athans 330 412-0708



SAINT HARALAMBOS PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS PARTY/ LUNCHEON

Philoptochos and guests, please join us for a delicious luncheon and fellowship.

Tozzi's on 12th
4210 – 12th Street NW
Canton, OH 44708

Saturday, December 27, 2025 – 1:00 PM

Tickets -\$25.00 per person

Choice of entrée:
Chicken Parmesan or Vegetarian Option

Deadline: Sunday, December 21, 2025

Tickets will be sold on Sundays following church, or contact
Stephanie Machamer - 330-704-8558 or
Mary Trifelos - 330-492-9353

St. Haralambos Hellenic Dancers Epiphany Greek Night Celebration!



**Saturday, January 3, 2026
Cultural Center
7:30 - Midnight**

**Featuring DJ Vasilios and
Performances by St. Haralambos
Hellenic Dancers**

**\$20/person
\$15/registered dancer or
under 12 years of age**

**Ticket Contact:
Georgia Paxos (330) 933-7596**

**Mezethes (Appetizers) &
Desserts included
Cash Bar**



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You can now scan the QR code to your left to log into Tithe or go directly to their website (tithe.ly) to make Stewardship, Memorial or Candle payments.

To scan QR code:

Apple iphone- use your camera app and click on the yellow link that appears on the screen.

Android (non-apple) phone- use QR code scanner if already installed or go to Google Play Store and download.

Either option will take you directly to our donation website for your donation to St. Haralambos Church.

[Make a Donation \(tithe.ly\)](https://tithe.ly)

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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
ὕπ’ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν,
Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τοῦ Εὐαγγελιστοῦ

Ἦχος γ’

Ἀπόστολε Ἅγιε καὶ Εὐαγγελιστὰ Ματθαῖε, πρέσβευε τῷ ἐλεήμονι Θεῷ, ἵνα πταισμάτων
ἅφεσιν, παράσχη ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος ἀείφωτος, τῆς οἰκουμένης
σοφέ, ἐδείχθης Χαράλαμπε· ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ μαρτυρίου. ἔλυσας καὶ
εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος δ’

Ὁ καθαρώτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν
θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν
συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι Θείῳ· ἣν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ
ἐπουράνιος.

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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 Evangelist

Mode 3

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, make intercession to our merciful God, that He
grant our souls forgiveness 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

Mode 4

The Savior’s most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and
Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the
House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is
extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

November 16, 2025 For the Evangelist

Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2



Epistle

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

Brethren, the scripture says, “No one who believes in God will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. For, “every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for “Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.” Again I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, “I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry.” Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, “I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.” But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.” I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

November 16, 2025 Prayer of the Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time, as Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”