

Christ and the Law

When Christ says to him, “if you would enter life, keep the commandments,” the man expects him to add immediately, “My commandments.” “Which ones?” he asks. He was quite deceived in his expectation. For Christ did not answer him as he expected, but simply pointed him to the law.

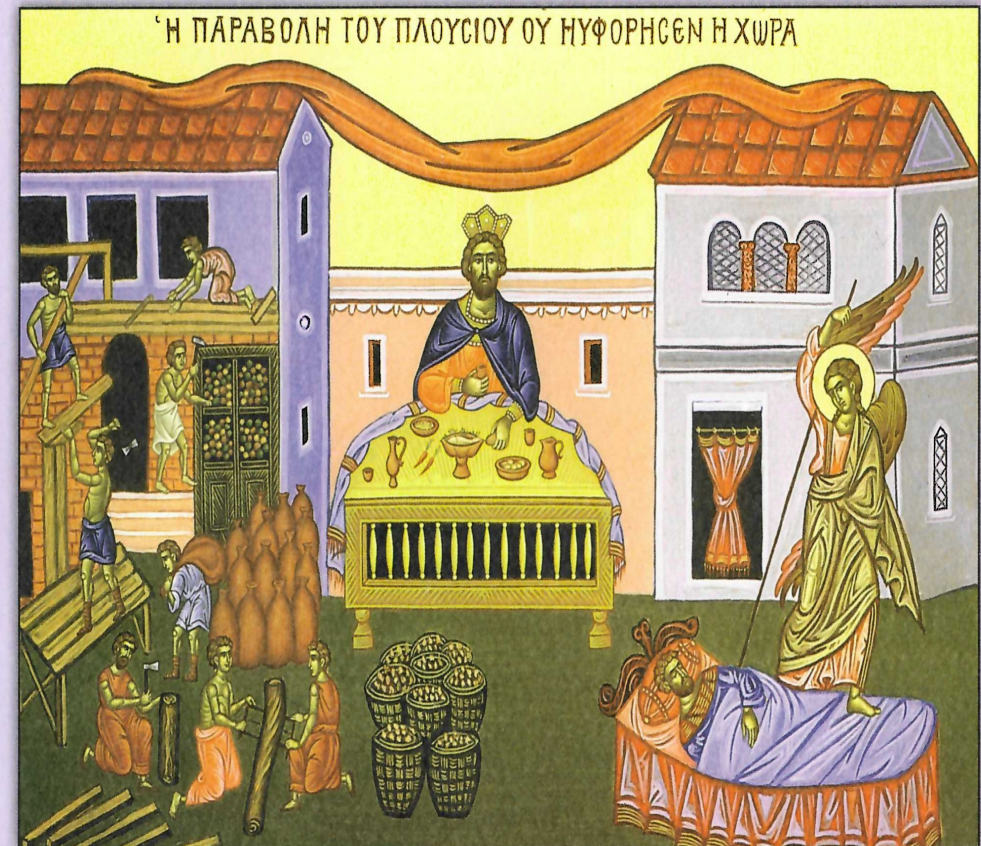
This is not because the law is perfection, for “no one is justified by the law,” as it is written, but because the life lived according to the law is a kind of introduction to the eternal life, briefly acquainting trainees to the things above. “For the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ.”

The law is the starting point for social justice. Christ is the perfection. For the beginning of good is to act justly, He says. Just action then is shown by the law, but goodness is shown by Christ. The law taught us to repay those who wish to harm us, as in “eye for eye, tooth for tooth.”

But Christ taught us to let go such balanced vengeance, with the view to the greater good, teaching that “if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well.”

St. Cyril of Alexandria

NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:16-21)

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

November 23, 2025

9TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

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

NOVEMBER

SUN NOV 23	†9th Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.
	Boys Basketball Practice	
TUE NOV 25	†St. Katherine	9:00 a.m.
WED NOV 26	Boys Basketball Practice	6:30 p.m.
SUN NOV 30	†Feast Day of St. Andrew	9:00 a.m.
	The Apostle	
	JOY Project	
	Boys Basketball Practice	

DECEMBER

TUE DEC 2	Greek School	5:30 p.m.
WED DEC 3	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
	Boys Basketball Practice	6:30 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	9:00 a.m.
	St. Nicholas Celebration	
	Hellenic Dancers' Bake Sale	
	Boys Basketball Practice	
TUE DEC 9	Greek School	5:30 p.m.
WED DEC 10	Boys Basketball Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
THU DEC 11	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.
FRI DEC 12	†St. Spyridon	9:00 a.m.
SUN DEC 14	†11th Sunday of Luke	9:00 a.m.
	General Assembly	
	JOY Christmas Party	
	JR GOYA Frappe Fundraiser	
	GOYA Meeting	
	Boys Basketball Practice	
TUE DEC 16	Father Nick's Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	Greek School	5:30 p.m.
WED DEC 17	Boys Basketball Practice	6:30 p.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

November 23, 2025

TEAM B

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**



SANTA IS COMING TO COFFEE HOUR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

SPONSORED BY: SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Fellowship ~ Music ~ Lunch
Entertainment**

After Church in the Krassas Center



**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 14, 2025**

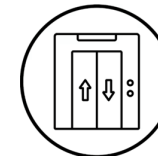
**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
&
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Council will present
Elevator/Accessibility options
at the **General Assembly** on
Sunday, Dec. 14th.

If you would like to attend,

PLEASE make sure that
you are in **good-standing**.



To attend the General Assembly, you must:

- ◆ Have fulfilled your 2024 pledge
- ◆ Have turned in a signed 2025 Pledge Card

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.**



**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

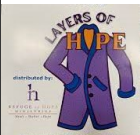
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There are several ways to donate:

- * 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.



DAVID HALLAMAN

2025 MAN OF THE YEAR

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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SCAN ME



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 τῆς Ἑορτῆς

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Resurrectional Apolytikion

Grave Mode

Apolytikion of the Feast

Mode 4

Hymn of the Church

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.



Epistle

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

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Lord said this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” As he said these things, he cried out: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”