

Invited to the Banquet

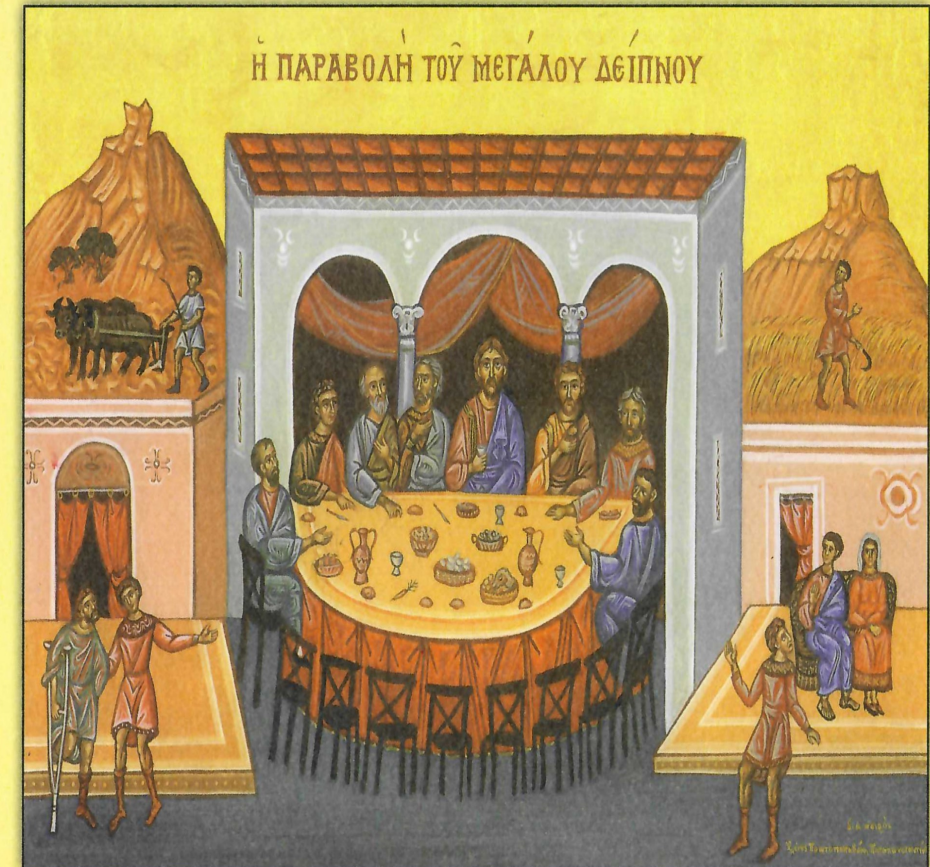
It is written in the Gospel: The Master sent out his servants to call them who wish to come, inviting them: "My banquet is ready." But those who were called began to excuse themselves, one saying: "I bought some yoke of oxen." Another: "I have married" (Luke 14:16ff). You see, he was ready who called, but the invited refused. They themselves were alone responsible in the way they answered.

Thus, so great is the dignity of Christians. Consider, the Lord has prepared for them the Kingdom and has called them to enter, but they have refused.

Concerning the gift that Christians will receive by way of their inheritance, one could rightly say that if anyone, from the time of Adam's creation to the end of the world, should battle against Satan and put up with afflictions, it would be nothing in comparison to the glory which he is to obtain. For he will reign forever together with Christ. Glory to Him who so loved such a person that He gave himself and His grace and entrusted himself to Him. Glory to His greatness!

Pseudo-Macarius

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:16-24)

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

December 14, 2025

11TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

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

DECEMBER		
SUN DEC 14	†11th Sunday of Luke General Assembly JOY Christmas Party JR GOYA Frappe Fundraiser GOYA Meeting Boys Basketball Practice	9:00 a.m.
TUE DEC 16	Father Nick's Bible Study Greek School	3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
WED DEC 17	Boys Basketball Practice	6:30 p.m.
THU DEC 18	Hellenic Beginner Dancers Hellenic Intermediate Dancers Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers Hellenic Senior Dancers Hellenic Parent & Dancers Mtg.	4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
SUN DEC 21	†Sunday Before Nativity Sunday School Christmas Coffee Hour Boys Basketball Practice	9:00 a.m.
WED DEC 24	†Royal Hours †Christmas Eve Vespers Liturgy	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
THU DEC 25	†Holy Nativity of Our Lord	9:00 a.m.
SAT DEC 27	†St. Stephan The First Martyr Philoptochos Christmas Party	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
SUN DEC 28	†Sunday After the Nativity of Our Lord	9:00 a.m.
JANUARY		
THU JAN 1	†St. Basil the Great	9:00 a.m.
SAT JAN 3	Epiphany Greek Night Celebration	7:30 p.m.
SUN JAN 4	†Sunday Before Theophany Vasilopita Sunday School Vasilopita	9:00 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on the following days:

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve @ noon
Christmas and New Year's Day
Friday, December 26th and Friday January 2nd



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

December 14, 2025

TEAM A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY TODAY!

Please join us in the Krassas Event Center for the General Assembly Meeting immediately following church services.

Please remember to sign your name in the General Assembly register.

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!

Please deposit your 2026 Pledge Card in the basket located in the Narthex.

Thank you for your generous support of St. Haralambos Church.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS TODAY!

Per the Election Chairman:
This is an uncontested election, therefore, once one vote is cast for each of the six candidates, the election will be finalized.



BIBLE STUDY WITH
FATHER NICK

DECEMBER 16TH ~3:30 P.M.-4:30



SANTA IS COMING TO COFFEE HOUR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

SPONSORED BY: SUNDAY SCHOOL

Fellowship ~ Music ~ Lunch
Entertainment

After Church in the Krassas Center

2026 STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

For those parishioners using envelopes, the 2026 Stewardship Envelopes are now available for pickup in front of the Bookstore.

PLEASE NOTE: The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order by LAST NAME, not by envelope number.

Please begin using your 2026 Stewardship envelopes on January 1, 2026.



VASILOPITA SUNDAY January 4, 2026

Please join us for our traditional Vasilopita on Sunday, January 4th in the Krassas Event Center following church services.

Sponsored by their families
in loving memory of:

Sheriff George Papadopoulos - 45 years
Betty Papadopoulos - 18 years
Niove Fasoulas - 6 years
Rosalie Forinash - 18 years



Are you wanting to make
Prosforo but don't have the
Prosforo seal?

Contact the church office at
330-454-7278, to make arrangements
to borrow the Prosforo seal.



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



Are you a Stark County High School
Senior, female, single and of Greek descent
or an active member of the Maids of Athena
or is your parent(s) an active member, in good standing
of the Daughters of Penelope or the Order of AHEPA?

Join us for the
58th Annual Daughters of Penelope
Debutante's Ball
April 18, 2026

Please RSVP to Debutantes Ball Chairperson,
Marcia Bournelis at (330) 309-3428 or Protocol
Chairperson, Mary Griveas at (330) 268-9069
if interested.



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

ORTHODOX BOOK STUDY GROUP

Join us for a spiritual book study and fellowship starting in January 2026!

Every Tuesday ~ in the Tri-Room
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you would like to participate, please contact the church office @ 330-454-7278.



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

St. Haralambos Hellenic Dancers
present

Epiphany Greek Night Celebration

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

7:30PM TO MIDNIGHT

St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
Cultural Center

251 25th Street, NW | Canton, OH 44709

Featuring

- DJ Vasilios
- Performances by St. Haralambos Hellenic Dancers
- Mezethes
- Desserts
- Cash Bar

TICKETS

\$20
Per person
over 12 years old

\$15
Per registered St. Haralambos Hellenic Dancer or under 12 years old

CONTACT
GEORGIA PAXOS
330-933-7596 OR
SHELLY LOUKAS
330-322-5646
TO PURCHASE



PAN HELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The 2025/2026 application is now open and accepting applications!

Exceptional undergraduate students of Hellenic descent from all fifty states are encouraged to apply.

Applications should be submitted electronically by January 31, 2026.

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, applicants must be US Citizens or US permanent residents and of Hellenic descent.

Applicants must be full-time undergraduate students at an accredited 4-year university this Fall 2025 and have a minimum 3.6 cumulative GPA.

For inquiries please email:
scholarships@hellenicsf.org
or call (312) 357-6432.

<https://www.panhellenicsf.org>

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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.



SAVE THE DATES!

2025-26 Canton Greek Fish Fry

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

58th Annual - Daughters of Penelope Debutante's Ball

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Doors Open - 7:30 pm

Presentation - 8:30 pm

Alex D. Krassas Event Center
251 25th Street NW
Canton, OH 44709

Tickets: \$25 each

Please contact Frances Pantelides at (330) 284-3929
Ticket Chairperson or
debsball@gmail.com
to purchase your tickets.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion

Mode 2

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For the Forefathers

Mode 2

Hymn of the Church

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Kontakion

Mode 3

On this day the Virgin Maid goes to the grotto to give birth to the pre-eternal Word in an ineffable manner. Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds Him who willed that He appear as a newborn Child, the preeternal God.



Epistle

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

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Lord said this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.”