

Humility is the Mark of a Sinner

In the case of that Pharisee who was praying, the things he said were true. Since he was saying them out of pride and the tax collector was telling his sins with humility, the confession of sins of the last was more pleasing to God than the acknowledgment of the almsgiving of the first. It is more difficult to confess one's sins than one's righteousness. God looks on the one who carries a heavy burden. The tax collector therefore appeared to Him to have had more to bear than the Pharisee had. He went down more justified than the Pharisee did, only because of the fact he was humble. If this Pharisee had been sinful, his prayer would have added iniquity to iniquity, but the Lord purified the tax collector of his iniquity. If just by praying, the Pharisee's prayer provoked God's wrath, then as a result of that provocation, the prayer of the tax collector proved all the more potent.

St. Ephrem the Syrian

The stern Pharisee, who in his self pride not

only boasted of himself but also discredited the tax collector in the presence of God, made his justice void by being guilty of pride. Instead of the Pharisee, the tax collector went down justified, because he had given glory to God, the Holy One. He did not dare lift his eyes but sought only to plead for mercy. He accused himself by his posture, by striking his breast, and by entertaining no other motive except propitiation. Be on your guard, therefore, and bear in mind this example of severe loss sustained through arrogance. The one guilty of insolent behavior suffered the loss of his justice and forfeited his reward by his bold self-reliance. He was judged inferior to a humble man and a sinner because in his self-exaltation he did not await the judgment of God but pronounced it himself. Never place yourself above anyone, not even great sinners. Humility often saves a sinner who has committed many terrible transgressions.

St. Basil the Great

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE



Icon of the Publican and Pharisee (Luke 18:10-14)

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

February 1, 2026

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE

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

FEBRUARY		
SUN FEB 1	†Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee	9:00 a.m.
	Boys Basketball Practice	
MON FEB 2	†Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple	9:00 a.m.
	Philoptochos Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
TUE FEB 3	Silver Liners' Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Greek School	5:30 p.m.
WED FEB 4	Boys Basketball Practice	6:30 p.m.
THU FEB 5	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	6:15 p.m.
SUN FEB 8	†Sunday of the Prodigal Son	9:00 a.m.
	Jr. GOYA Meeting	
	GOYA Meeting	
	Boys Basketball Practice	
MON FEB 9	†Great Vespers of St. Haralambos	6:30 p.m.
TUE FEB 10	†Feastday of St. Haralambos	9:00 a.m.
	Philoptochos Luncheon	
	Orthodox Book Study	4:00 p.m.
	Greek School	5:30 p.m.
WED FEB 11	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
	Boys Basketball Practice	6:30 p.m.
THU FEB 12	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	6:15 p.m.
	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
TUE FEB 14	†1st Saturday of Souls	9:00 a.m.
SUN FEB 15	†Judgement Sunday - Meatfare Sunday	9:00 a.m.
	St. Haralambos Name Day Celebration	
	Boys Basketball Practice	
TUE FEB 17	Father Nick's Bible Study	3:30 p.m.
	Greek School	5:30 p.m.
WED FEB 18	Boys Basketball Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Greek Fest Committee Mtg.	7:00 p.m.
THU FEB 19	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	6:15 p.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

February 1, 2026

TEAM D



UPCOMING MEMORIALS FEBRUARY 8, 2026

40-Day Memorial ~ Lisa Ferencz
1yr Memorial ~ Catherine Demos
3yr Memorial ~ Gust Contos
3yr Memorial ~ Rev. Fr. Constantine Shiepis
3yr Memorial ~ Eleni Manos
5yr Memorial ~ Presbyteria Panayiota Shiepis
5yr Memorial ~ Kali C. Stamaton
7yr Memorial ~ John Bahas
8yr Memorial ~ George Bahas
17yr Memorial ~ Katherin e Bahas
23yr Memorial ~ Evdokia Kakoules
25yr Memorial ~ William D. Stamaton
33yr Memorial ~ Eleni Shiepis
35yr Memorial ~ Haritine Christu
37yr Memorial ~ Kyriakos Christu
37yr Memorial ~ Georgios Shiepis
63yr Memorial ~ Peter Kakoules
72yr Memorial ~ Michael Kakoules
73yr Memorial ~ Asimina Kakoules

THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH FAMILY MINISTRY COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

LENTEN RETREAT
"Living in Community"

Saturday, March 21, 2026 ~ 10:00a.m. -
2:00p.m.

ST. NICHOLAS GOC
220 N. Walnut St., Youngstown, OH 44503

To register, Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/>

SAVE THE DATE!

113th ST. HARALAMBOS
NAME DAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

After Divine Liturgy
Krassas Event Center

Purchase your tickets today!
Lamb Shank - \$25
Shrimp Skewers - \$25
Chicken Tenders (Child) - \$15

SAVE THE DATES!

2025-26 Canton Greek Fish Fry

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.



ORTHODOX BOOK STUDY GROUP

Join us for a spiritual book study
and fellowship.

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday
in the Tri-Room
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Discussion will be from "The St. John
Climacus, The Ladder of Divine Ascent"
and "Thirty Steps to Heaven".

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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



SAVE THE DATE!
CANTON GREEK FEST
JUNE 4, 5, 6, 2026



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.

February 1, 2026: Proeortia of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple; Triodhion begins, The Publican (Tax Collector) and the Pharisee; Tryphon, Martyr (+251); Perpetua, Felicitas, Satyrus, and those martyred with them at Megara (+202-203); Basil of Athens, Confessor, Archbishop of Thessalonica (+950); Neomartyr Anastasios of Nauplion; Righteous David and Symeon.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος α΄
Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Προεόρτιον Ἦχος α΄
Οὐράνιος χορός, οὐρανίων ἀψίδων, προκύψας ἐπὶ γῆς, καὶ φερόμενον βλέπων, ὡς βρέφος ὑπομάζιον, πρὸς ναὸν τὸν πρωτότοκον, πάσης κτίσεως, ὑπὸ Μητρὸς ἀπειράνδρου, προεόρτιον, νῦν σὺν ἡμῖν μελωδοῦσι, φρικτῶς ἐξιστάμενοι.

Τοῦ Μάρτυρος Ἦχος δ΄
Ὁ Μάρτυς σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτοῦ, τὸ στέφος ἐκομίσατο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· ἔχων γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλεν· ἔθραυσε καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτοῦ ταῖς ἱκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς 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 εἰδῶλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον Ἦχος δ΄
Ὡς ἀγκάλας σήμερον, πιστοὶ καρδίας, ἐφαπλοῦντες δέξασθε, καθαρωτάτῳ λογισμῷ, ἐπιδημοῦντα τὸν Κύριον, προεορτίους αἰνέσεις προσάδοντες.

Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode 1
The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your eternal rule! Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

For the Forefeast Mode 1
The choir of heaven’s hosts, from the vaults of the heavens, bends forward to the earth and beholds as an infant the first-born of all creation being carried in the embrace of His holy virgin Mother unto the Temple. And with us they sign today a fore-festal anthem, in awe and astonishment.

For the Martyr Mode 4
Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons’ powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, save our souls.

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
With our hearts instead of arms today, believers, with most pure and righteous thoughts let us receive in our embrace the Lord and Master who comes to us, and let us offer our fore-festal hymns of praise.

February 1, 2026 For the Martyr
Romans 8:28-39

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Epistle

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

Brethren, we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

February 1, 2026 Prayer of the Gospel
Luke 18:10-14

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Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Lord said this parable, “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”