

“As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.” (Mark 2:19)

This evening, Forgiveness Vespers begins the Great Fast. Texts from the propers of Vespers include the following:

Entering into the arena of the Holy Fast, let us make every effort to humble our flesh by abstinence; in prayer and with tears let us seek the Lord our Savior, and, that we might turn away from our evil deeds, let us say to Him: we have sinned against You, O Christ our King, save us as You saved the Ninevites of old, and in Your goodness, grant us a share in the kingdom of heaven.

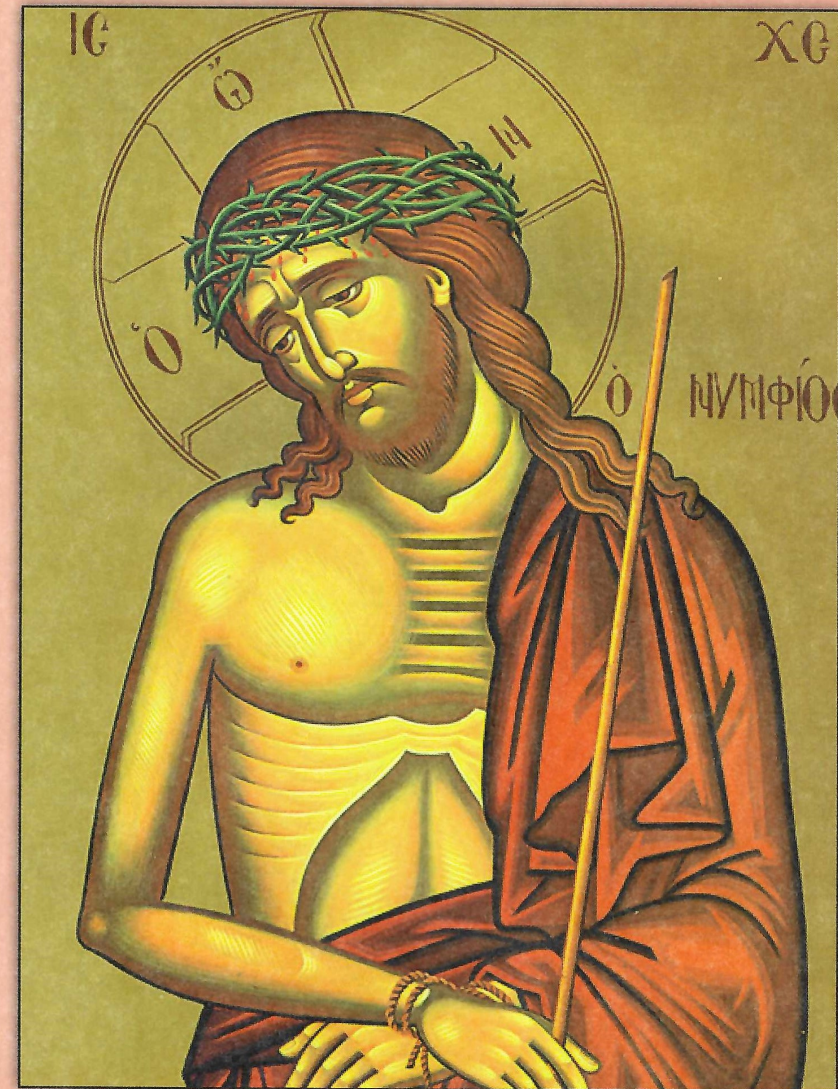
When I see my deeds that deserve such punishment, I am without hope, O Lord; for I have disobeyed Your holy commandments, and I have led a foolish

life. Therefore, I beseech You: purify me in the waters of repentance by fasting and prayer, O Savior, full of goodness; do not reject me, O Benefactor of the Universe.

Let us begin the time of this bright fast, giving ourselves over to spiritual struggle. Let us sanctify our soul and purify our flesh. Let us not fast only from food; let us also abstain from every passion and cultivate spiritual virtues. And let us faithfully preserve in this, so that we may be worthy to see the holy passion of Christ our God and the joy of His holy Resurrection.

*Text from the Lenten Triodion,
Sisters of Saint Basil, Uniontown, PA.*

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY



Icon of Christ the Bridegroom

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

February 22, 2026

FORGIVENESS (CHEESEFARE) SUNDAY

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

FEBRUARY

SUN FEB 22	†Forgiveness (Cheese fare) Sunday	9:00 a.m.
MON FEB 23	†Clean Monday Great Compline	6:00 p.m.
TUE FEB 24	Orthodox Book Study	4:00 p.m.
	Greek School	5:30 p.m.
WED FEB 25	†Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:30 p.m.
	@ St. George - Massillon	
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
THU FEB 26	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.
	Parent & Dancers' Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Alumni Dancers	7:00 p.m.
FRI FEB 27	†First Friday of The Salutations to the Theotokos	6:30 p.m.
SAT FEB 28	†3rd Saturday of Souls	9:00 a.m.

MARCH

SUN MAR 1	†Sunday of Orthodoxy	9:00 a.m.
	Maids of Athena Pasta Luncheon	
MON MAR 2	†Great Compline Service	6:00 p.m.
TUE MAR 3	Silver Liners' Board Mtg	10:00 a.m.
	Philoptochos Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
	Philoptochose Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Greek School	5:30 p.m.
WED MAR 4	†Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	6:30 p.m.
	@ St. Haralambos	
	Philoptochos Reception Meal	
THU MAR 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.
	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
FRI MAR 6	†Second Salutations	6:30 p.m.
SUN MAR 8	†St. Gregory of Palamas	9:00 a.m.
	JOY Easter Project	
	Jr GOYA Meeting	



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

February 22, 2026

TEAM C



TODAY'S MEMORIAL FEBRUARY 22, 2026

40-Day Memorial ~ George Demis

Today's coffee hour is sponsored by the family.

The Prosforo and Wine have been donated by the family.

UPCOMING MEMORIALS MARCH 8, 2026

40-Day Memorial ~ George Papacostas

40-Day Memorial ~ Eugene Volas



SAVE THE DATES!

2025-26 Canton Greek Fish Fry

March 20th - Dine In & Drive Thru

Interested in volunteering?

Contact Peter Volas @ 216-312-4255



PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

*General Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

*Deacon Keric will be speaking about the significance of clergy vestments.

Membership dues ~ \$28.00

Please enter through the Agape Courtyard.



PASTA FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by:
The Maids of Athena

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

THE KRASSAS EVENT CENTER
AFTER CHURCH

PASTA, SALAD, BREAD STICK
& DESSERT

COST: \$10

*Carry Out Available

Partial proceeds to benefit the
Children's Network



Happy Birthday to
Catherine Stamatakis,
who turned 100 years old
on February 18th.

She now lives with her
daughter Mary in
Morgantown, WV, but she
very much loves and misses
her St. Haralambos family.

If anyone would like to send a card or note,
her address is: 3145 Sylvan Circle,
Morgantown, WV 26508.



HOLY WEEK & PASCHA FLOWERS

If you would like to donate
flowers for Holy Week & Pascha,
please contact the church office
at 330-454-7278.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Salutations to the Theotokos Icon Wreaths (4)
Daffodils, Akathist Hymn Icon Wreath
Annunciation Wreath, Bridegroom Wreaths (3)
Holy Communion Prosforo & Wine - Wednesday
Crucifix Wreath, Basket of Trumpet Lilies
Incense, Candle and Prosforo - Thursday
Prosforo - Sat. Morning & Evening
Resurrection Banner
Good Friday - 2 vases of white roses
Football Mums
Epitaphion (5), Epitaphion Flowers
Case of Mavrodaphne, and Lilies.

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.

February 22, 2026: Cheese fare Sunday, Commemorating the Expulsion of Adam and Eve, the First Created, from Paradise; Finding of the Sacred Relics of the Martyrs of Eugenion (+395-408); Anthousa, martyr, Righteous Thalassios (+440); Limnaios (Vth c.) and Baradatos.

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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, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 πλ. β
Τῆς σοφίας ὁδηγέ, φρονήσεως χορηγέ, τῶν ἀφρόνων παιδευτά, καὶ πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστά,
στήριξον, συνέτισον τὴν καρδίαν μου Δέσποτα. Σὺ δίδου μοι λόγον, ὁ τοῦ Πατρὸς Λόγος·
ἰδοὺ γὰρ τὰ χεῖλή μου, οὐ μὴ κωλύσω ἐν τῷ κρᾶζειν σοι· Ἐλεῆμον, ἐλέησόν με τὸν
παραπεσόντα.

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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!”

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 pl. 2
O guide to wisdom, provider of prudence, disciplinarian of fools, and defender of the
poor, fortify and discipline my heart, O Master; You, give me a word, O Word of the
Father. For behold, I will not hinder my lips from crying to You: O merciful Lord, have
mercy on me who have fallen.



Epistle

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

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The Lord said, “If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”