

Icons Show the Human Face of God

In recent months my Sunday reflections have frequently focused on our Christian brothers and sisters of the East. Wishing as it were to embrace their rich tradition of faith in a single glance, today I would like to refer once again to the sense of mystery which is apparent in their icons. The East and the West vie with each other to put their art at the service of the faith.

But from the East, where icons had to be defended with bloodshed in the iconoclast crisis of the eighth and ninth centuries, comes a particular call jealously to preserve the religious nature of this art. It is based on the mystery of the Incarnation, in which God chose to assume a human face. In the last analysis, sacred art seeks to transmit something of the mystery of that face.

Pope John Paul II

This is why the East firmly insists on the spiritual qualities which must characterize the artist, to whom Simeon of Thessalonica, the great defender of Tradition, addresses this important exhortation: "Teach with words, write with letters, paint with colors, in conformity with Tradition; the painting is true, as is the writing of books; and the grace of God is present in them, because what is represented there is holy."

By contemplating icons in the whole context of liturgical and ecclesial life, the Christian community is called to grow in its experience of God, and to become more and more a living icon of the communion of life between the Three Divine Persons.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY



Icon of the Holy Images

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

March 1, 2026

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

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

MARCH

SUN MAR 1	†Sunday of Orthodoxy Maids of Athena Pasta Luncheon	9:00 a.m.
MON MAR 2	†Great Compline Service	6:00 p.m.
TUE MAR 3	Silver Liners' Board Mtg Philoptochos Board Meeting Philoptochose Meeting Greek School	10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
WED MAR 4	†Pre-Sanctified Liturgy @ St. Haralambos Philoptochos Reception Meal	6:30 p.m.
THU MAR 5	Hellenic Beginner Dancers Hellenic Intermediate Dancers Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers Hellenic Senior Dancers Parish Council Meeting	4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
FRI MAR 6	†Second Salutations	6:30 p.m.
SUN MAR 8	†St. Gregory of Palamas JOY Easter Project Jr GOYA Meeting	9:00 a.m.
MON MAR 9	†Great Compline	6:00 p.m.
TUE MAR 10	Orthodox Bible Study Greek School	4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
WED MAR 11	†Pre-Sanctified Liturgy @ Holy Trinity	6:30 p.m.
THU MAR 12	Hellenic Beginner Dancers Hellenic Intermediate Dancers Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers Hellenic Senior Dancers	4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m.
FRI MAR 13	†Third Salutations	6:30 p.m.
SUN MAR 15	†Veneration of the Holy Cross GOYA Meeting	9:00 a.m.
TUE MAR 17	Silver Liners' Luncheon Father Nick's Bible Study Greek School	11:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
WED MAR 18	†Pre-Sanctified Liturgy @ St. George Antiochian Choir Rehearsal Greek Fest Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

March 1, 2026

TEAM D



UPCOMING MEMORIALS MARCH 8, 2026

40-Day Memorial ~ George Papacostas
40-Day Memorial ~ Eugene Volas
40-Day Memorial ~ Mary Volas
6yrs Memorial ~ Barbara Volas

GREAT LENTEN PAN ORTHODOX CALENDAR 2026

March 1st ~ St. George Serbian @ 5:00 p.m.
Sunday of Orthodoxy
March 4th ~ St. Haralambos, Canton @ 6:30 p.m.
PreSanctified Liturgy
March 11th ~ Holy Trinity, Canton @ 6:30 p.m.
PreSanctified Liturgy
March 18th ~ St. George Antiochian @ 6:30 p.m.
PreSanctified Liturgy
March 25th ~ Annunciation @ each parish
in the morning.
April 1st ~ Assumption OCA, Canton @ 6:30 p.m.
PreSanctified Liturgy

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

TODAY! 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

GOYA LUMINARY PROJECT

GOYA is sponsoring this year's Luminary Project
for the benefit of our youth program.

The luminary display will be Friday evening,
during Good Friday evening service.

Individual luminaries may be purchased in
memory of, or for the health of loved ones,
for a donation of \$5.00 each.

The deadline for orders is April 8, 2026.

Luminary project forms are located in the
organizer in front of the church office.



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,
Football Mums, Epitaphion (5), Eggs
Epitaphion Flowers, Case of Nama, and Lilies.



ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK SCHOOL

PRESENTS

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION



SUNDAY MARCH 22

KRASSAS
EVENT CENTER
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
CHURCH SERVICES

March 1, 2026: Feast: St. Basil Liturgy. First Sunday in Lent, Sunday of Orthodoxy: Triumph of the Icons; Eudokia, Righteous martyr (+107); Domnina, Martyr; Marcellus and Antonina, Martyrs (+302); Righteous Agapios (+1265) and Eudokimos of Athos.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος πλ. α΄
Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν
ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ
Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει
αὐτοῦ.

Τῆς Ἑορτῆς Ἦχος β΄
Τὴν ἀχραντον Εἰκόνα σου προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων
ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠυδόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ
οὓς ἐπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαρᾶς ἐπλήρωσας
τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

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
εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον Ἦχος πλ. β
Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια,
Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ’ ὥς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ
παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode pl. 1
As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for
us. Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. For our salvation He was
pleased to be crucified in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to resurrect the dead, by
His glorious resurrection.

For the Feast Mode 2
We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our
offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross
in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we
cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming
to save 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. 4
O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens
of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have
power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud:
Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

March 1, 2026 First Sunday of Lent

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Epistle

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

March 1, 2026 First Sunday of Lent

John 1:43-51

Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."