

Journeying to Pascha

Jesus continues today his work of healing and exorcism, and that is appropriate for this time of Lent, because Lent is a time for healing and exorcism. It is a time for us to heal the wounds of our souls – self-inflicted wounds due to our complacency and laziness and self-indulgence. It is time to get rid of those demons of our own sinful habits and anything that keeps us away from God and from living that abundant life that Christ came to give us.

We start to make our way toward Jerusalem. At the end of today's Gospel already there is the prediction of the passion, the death and the resurrection of Christ, giving a little hint in the Gospel that the course of Lent is moving now towards Jerusalem. We have gone through several weeks now of spiritual preparations, Scripture texts, prayers and activities. Now our focus

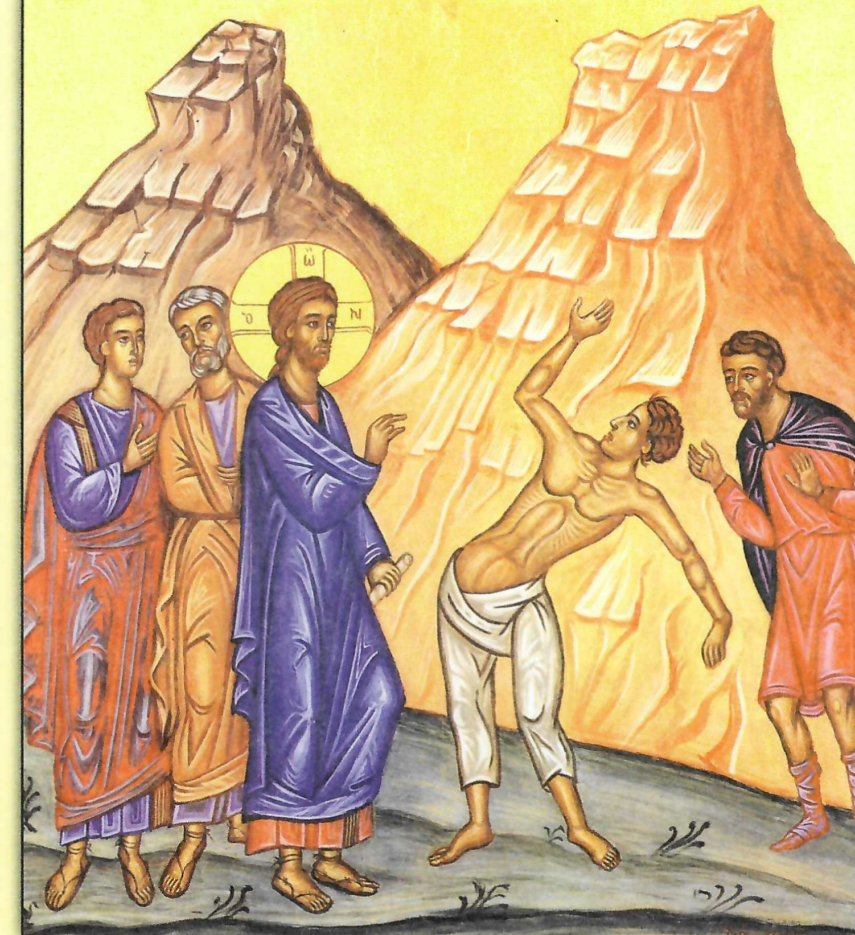
is starting to turn towards Jerusalem. That will be made more explicit in next Sunday's Gospel, but we are already getting a hint of it now.

There are only three weeks now until Easter, two weeks until Palm Sunday, when we are really liturgically accompanying Christ into the mystery of His Passion.

So it is coming soon, and we have to start turning towards Jerusalem. We have to get focused, we have to get recollected, we have to really revive our Lenten prayer and fasting so that we can make the rest of this journey and be fruitful and overcome the demons and find healing for the wounds of our souls – and go with Christ to his Passion and, through the mystery of His Cross, come to that great, transfiguring, glorious celebration of His Resurrection.

SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

Ὁ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΙΩΜΕΝΟΣ ΤὸΝ ΣΕΛΗΝΙΑΖΟΜΕΝΟΝ



Icon of Healing the Boy with a Demon

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

March 22, 2026

ST. JOHN OF CLIMACUS

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

MARCH

SUN MAR 22	†St. John of Climacus Greek School Program	9:00 a.m.
MON MAR 23	†Great Compline	6:00 p.m.
TUE MAR 24	†Great Vespers Annunciation of the Theotokos Orthodox Book Study Greek School	6:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
WED MAR 25	†Annunciation of the Theotokos Choir Rehearsal	9:00 a.m. 5:45 p.m.
THU MAR 26	Hellenic Beginner Dancers Hellenic Intermediate Dancers Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers Hellenic Senior Dancers Dancers & Parent Meeting Alumni Dance Practice	4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
FRI MAR 27	†Akathist Hymn	6:30 p.m.
SUN MAR 29	†St. Mary of Egypt	9:00 a.m.
MON MAR 30	†Great Compline	6:00 p.m.
TUE MAR 31	Philoptochos Board Meeting Philoptochos Meeting	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

APRIL

WED APR 1	†PreSanctified Liturgy @ Assumption OCA, Canton Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.
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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:

Holy Communion Prosforo & Wine - Wednesday,
Football Mums, Epitaphion,
Epitaphion Flowers, and Lilies.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE March 22, 2026 — TEAM C



UPCOMING MEMORIAL MARCH 29, 2026 40-Day Memorial: Diane Foradas



ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK SCHOOL PRESENTS GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



SUNDAY
MARCH 22

KRASSAS
EVENT CENTER
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
CHURCH SERVICES



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.

GREAT LENTEN PAN ORTHODOX CALENDAR 2026

March 25th ~ Annunciation @ each parish in the morning.

April 1st ~ Assumption OCA, Canton @ 6:30 p.m.
PreSanctified Liturgy



2026 Canton Greek Fest Meeting Dates

Join the Planning Committee for the 2026Canton Greek Fest

Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, April 22, 2026
Wednesday, May 6, 2026
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Wednesday, June 3, 2026

All Meeting begin at 7pm in the Youth Room

Questions?
Call Mike Fakelis (330-327-5317) or
Mike Paxos (330-327-9180)

BUS TRIP SILVER LINERS - JUNE 18



Enjoy your day

1285 Winery
Covered bridges
Lunch /live band
Anthony Thomas
Chocolate Factory



Tour of
"The Shoe"

\$96 payable to:
"SILVER LINERS"
with reservation.
Deadline : May 1.

Depart St. Haralambos
rear lot at 8 am

8 O'CLOCK AM DEPARTURE

GREEK FESTIVAL BAKLAVA BAKERS NEEDED

MARCH 31st @ 9:00 A.M.

We are looking for volunteers to help make the Baklava for this year's GreekFest.

If you are interested in the making of Baklava for the GreekFest, please contact Dena Apostolou at 330-705-3200.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Saint Haralambos Philoptochos Ladies Society is a Nationwide "army of women" whose collective drive, dedication, compassion, love and strength to those who need it most.

2026 Dues are \$28.00 - payable to Saint Haralambos Philoptochos by April 15, 2026.

Mail or drop off your dues to the church office.

Thank you.
Helen Apostalides, Assistant Treasurer

**DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
CHLORIS CHAPTER #40
PRESENTS:**

**THE 58TH ANNUAL
DEBUTANTES BALL**

HONORING:

Alexandria Amentas
Sophia Brown
Emily Hallaman
Paisia Kantzos
Alyssa Koehler
Cheyenne Kyriacou
Alayna Linquist
Eleni Miller
Hannah Shiepis
Panagiotia Tzouloufis
Alexia Zenallis

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026
Alex D. Krassas Event Center
Doors Open @ 7:30 p.m.
Presentation @ 8:30 p.m.**

\$25 per person

**For tickets please call:
Frances Pantelides @ 330-284-3929
Semi Formal Attire Requested
Cash Bar**

SAVE THE DATE!

***PHILOPTOCHOS ANNUAL
MOTHER'S DAY DINNER***

***Please plan on joining us on Monday, May 4,
2026 @ 6:00 p.m., in the Krassas Event
Center for our annual Mother's Day Dinner.***

***For tickets, contact:
Mary Trifelos: 330-492-9353
Stephanie Machamer: 330-704-8558***

**2026 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
& UNDERGRADS**

AHEPA Canton Chapter 59 Scholarship
The Application form is online at:
www.ahepa59.org

**Completed applications must be
postmarked by: April 30, 2026**

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**St. Haralambos Men's Club  
Xen Griveas Scholarship**

Applications are now available for  
graduating seniors entering college whose  
family are members in good standing.  
**Application Deadline is: May 3, 2026**

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**St. Haralambos Sunday School
Laura Anne Dieringer Memorial Scholarship**

This \$500 scholarship is available to all
graduating high school seniors of the
St. Haralambos Sunday School who
meet certain eligibility requirements.
Deadline: Sunday, May 3, 2026

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**Michael & Dolly Sousaris  
Memorial Scholarship**

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be  
awarded to graduating high schools  
seniors or students presently enrolled  
in a higher education program.  
**Deadline: Sunday, May 31, 2026**

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**Harry Thomas
Memorial Scholarship**

Two (2) \$2500 scholarships are available;
one for a graduating high school senior,
one for an undergraduate student.
Applicant's family must be members in
good standing to obtain an application.
Deadline: June 26, 2026



SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTS
RISEN
HE IS...
A MINI LENTEN RETREAT
4 APRIL | AFTER LITURGY
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND
AFTER LAZARUS SATURDAY SERVICE
LIGHT LUNCH & PALM CROSS MAKING

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**Metropolis of Pittsburgh
Ladies Philoptochos Society**
Virtual Daffodil Fundraiser
March 15, 2026 ~ April 18, 2026
Proceeds to benefit:
**Metropolis Social Service Fund
&
Our Seminarians Our Future Fund**
Or by check payable to:
The Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos
c/o Paula Yakoumas
220 Littell Road
Aliquippa, PA 15001
Donations can be made
by scanning this QR code:



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Sunday School presents



**EASTER
EGG HUNT**
and a visit from the
Easter Bunny
After the Agape Service on
the front lawn weather
permitting.
Otherwise in the gym
Sunday, April 12, 2026

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3RD ANNUAL GREEK GALA



a night at the
OSCARS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2026
5:00PM-10:30PM
\$75 A PERSON
TABLES OF 8 FOR \$600
(PRE-SALE ONLY, NO TICKETS AT DOOR)

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
4705 FAIRHAVEN AVE NW
CANTON, OH 44709



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March 22, 2026: Feast: St. Basil Liturgy. Fourth Sunday in Lent, commemorating John Climacus, author of "Steps of Virtue"; Holymartyr Basil of Ancyra (+362); Kallinike, Martyr (+252); Euthymios, Neomartyr (+1814); Martyr Drosis (Daughter of Trajan) (+99).

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος πλ. δ΄
Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης
τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τοῦ Ὁσίου Ἦχος πλ. δ΄
Ταῖς τῶν δακρύων σου ῥοαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους
στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστήρ, τῇ οἰκουμένῃ
λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Ἰωάννη Πατὴρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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

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Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode pl. 4
You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a threeday burial,
to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

For the Devout Man Mode pl. 4
With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from
deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a
star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O John, our devout father. Intercede with
Christ our God, for the salvation of 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 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.



Epistle

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

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”