

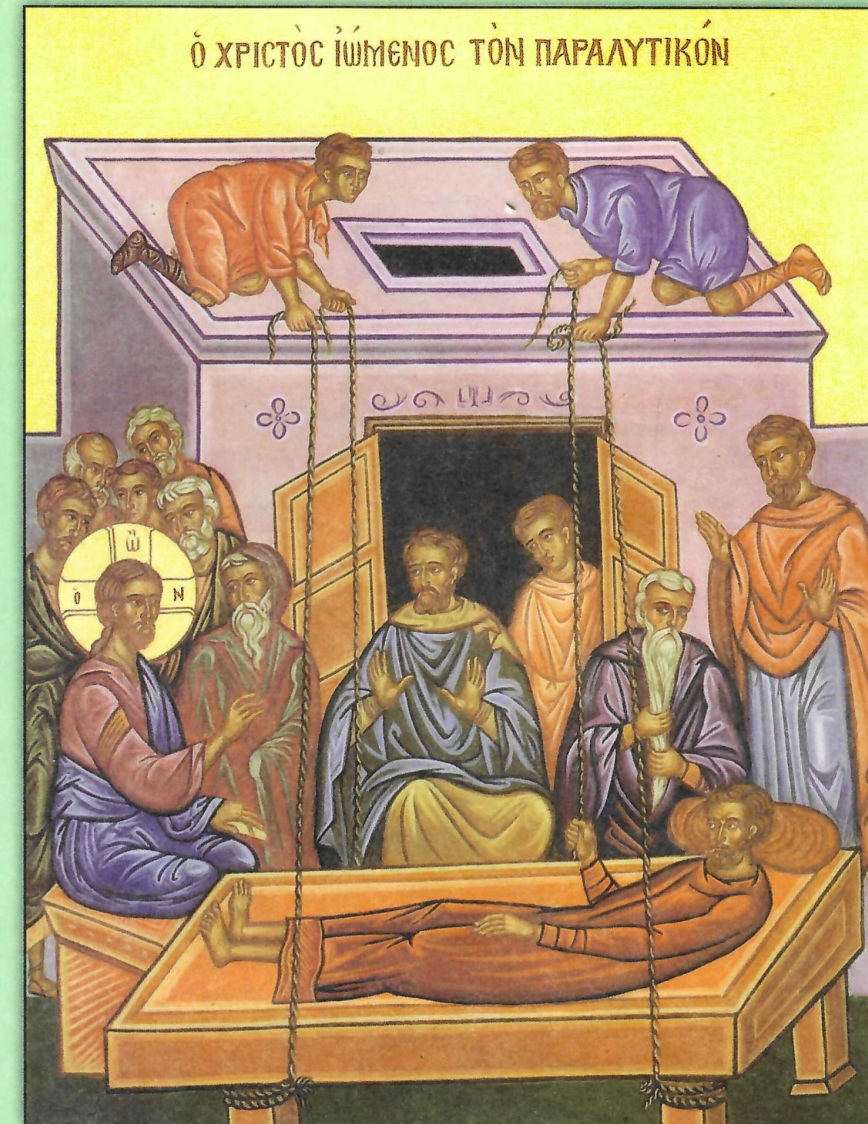
You are Forgiven and Healed

In Capernaum Jesus is surrounded by great numbers of people. As He preaches to the crowd, four friends of a paralyzed man lower him on his mat through the roof so that he can be close enough for Jesus to see him and cure him. Jesus responds to this act of faith, not by healing the man immediately, but by touching off the first of a series of controversial dialogues with the Scribes and Pharisees. When Jesus says, "Child, your sins are forgiven," He is as much as saying, "It is God whom you approach." In the Old Testament, only God is capable of forgiving sins; and it was expected that He would do so only at the end of time. It becomes clear why the Scribes murmur "he is blaspheming" and why Jesus brings it all out in the open. His claim to be able to forgive sins better reveals His identity as Son of God than do the miracles He performs.

Aware of the silent censure His forgiving word has caused in the crowd, Jesus proceeds to prove that "the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" by commanding the man to rise and walk in the sight of everyone. In concluding this miracle, Mark asks his readers to praise God for His presence in their midst as the forgiver-healer, just as the crowd did, even in the face of those who did not believe.

It is significant that Mark has chosen to present this miracle and teaching about Jesus' power to forgive sins so early in his Gospel drama. It shows that the need for the experience of God's forgiveness was as important to first-century Christians as it is today. Mark's readers praise God for saying clearly, and even today, "My sons, my daughters, I absolve you from your sins."

SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS



Icon of Healing the Paralytic

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

March 8, 2026

ST. GREGORY OF PALAMAS

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

MARCH

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.
MON MAR 16	†Great Compline	6:00 p.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.
THU MAR 19	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 20	Fish Fry (Dine-In & Drive Thru) †Fourth Salutations	4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
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	9:00 a.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

March 8, 2026

TEAM A



TODAY'S MEMORIALS MARCH 8, 2026

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

Today's coffee hour, wine and Prosforo
are sponsored by the families.

GREAT LENTEN PAN ORTHODOX CALENDAR 2026

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



BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER NICK

MARCH 17, 2026 ~ 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.
TRI- ROOM



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.



JR GOYA FRAPPE FUNDRAISER

TODAY!

MARCH 8, 2026



2026 Canton Greek Fest Meeting Dates

Join the Planning Committee for
the 2026Canton Greek Fest

Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Wednesday, April 1, 2026
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)



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 (2)
Annunciation Wreath, Bridegroom Wreaths (2),
Holy Communion Prosforo & Wine - Wednesday,
Basket of Trumpet Lilies
Incense, Candle and Prosforo - Thursday
Prosforo - Sat. Morning & Evening,
Football Mums, Epitaphion (5),
Epitaphion Flowers, and Lilies.



ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK SCHOOL PRESENTS GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



SUNDAY 22
MARCH

KRASSAS
EVENT CENTER
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
CHURCH SERVICES

**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
Panagiota 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**



*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:**



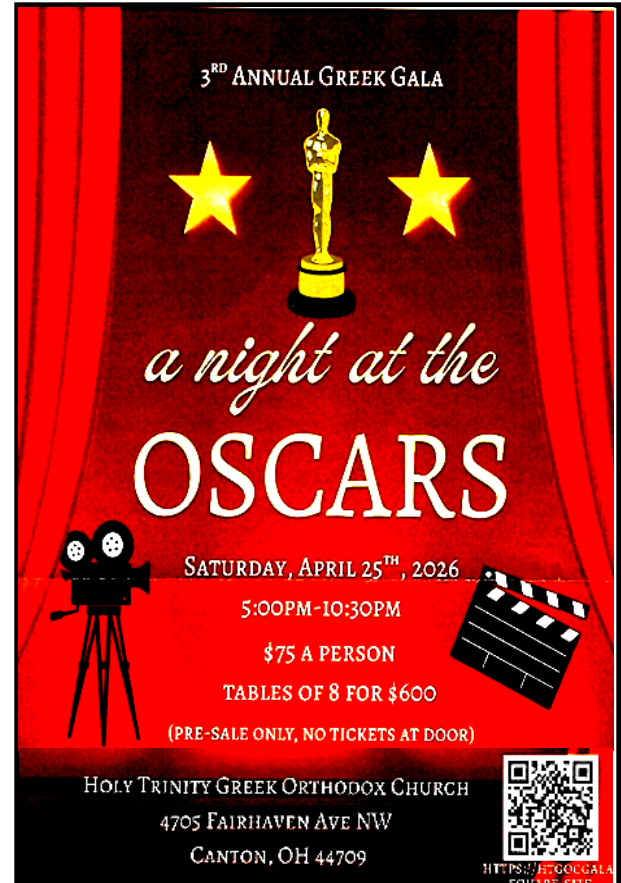
Sunday School presents



**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



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**



<https://bit.ly/gala-square-setp>

March 8, 2026: Feast: St. Basil Liturgy. Second Sunday in Lent, Commemorating St. Gregory of Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonika (+1360); Theophylaktos, Bishop of Nikomedia (+842); Hermes the Apostle (+1st c.); Paul the Confessor; Dometios the Righteous (+363).

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον ᾠχος πλ. β΄
Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνημῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἵστατο
Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς
ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ· ὑπῆντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν,
Κύριε δόξα σοι

Τοῦ Ἱεράρχου ᾠχος πλ. δ΄
Ὁρθοδοξίας ὁ φωστήρ, Ἐκκλησίας τὸ στήριγμα καὶ διδάσκαλε, τῶν μοναστῶν ἡ καλλονή,
τῶν θεολόγων ὑπέρμαχος ἀπροσμάχητος, Γρηγόριε θαυματουργέ, Θεσσαλονίκης τὸ
καύχημα, κήρυξ τῆς χάριτος, ἰκέτευε διὰ παντός, σωθῆναι 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
εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον ᾠχος 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. 2
When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and
became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your
immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the
Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

For the Hierarch Mode pl. 4
Beacon of Orthodox belief, the strong support of the Church and her teacher inspired by
God, you are the ornament of monks, the unassailable champion of theologians, O
Gregory the Wonder-worker and the boast of Thessalonica, the messenger of grace.
Forever earnestly entreat 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.

March 8, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent

Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3



Epistle

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

“In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.” But to what angel has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

March 8, 2026 Prayer of the Gospel

Mark 2:1-12



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins” — he said to the paralytic — “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”