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ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
Canton, Ohio



Official Notice of a
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

Immediately after church services

AGENDA

- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Election of Chairman
- C. Previous General Assembly Minutes Approval
- D. Priest's Report
- E. President's Report
- F. Stewardship Committee Report
- G. Finance Committee Report
- H. Endowment Committee Report
- I. Maintenance Committee Report
- J. Fundraising Committee Report
 - a. Catering & Event Center Report
 - b. Canton Greek Fest Report
 - c. Fish Fry Report
- K. Organization Reports
 - a. Silver Liners
 - b. Philoptochos
 - c. Choir
 - d. Hellenic Dancers
 - e. Sunday School
 - f. Greek School
 - g. GOYA
 - h. JR. GOYA
 - i. JOY
 - j. YAL
- L. Report of Auditing Committee
- M. Election of Board of Elections
- N. Old Business
- O. New Business
- P. Good of the Church
- Q. Closing Prayer

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ST. HARALAMBOS CHURCH

MAY & JUNE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MAY

MAY 3	SUNDAY	SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
MAY 10	SUNDAY	SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
MAY 17	SUNDAY	SUNDAY OF THE BLINDMAN 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
MAY 21	THURSDAY	ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN 9:00 am Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy
MAY 24	SUNDAY	FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
MAY 30	SATURDAY	SATURDAY OF SOULS 9:00 am - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy GREAT VESPERS @ HOLY TRINITY—TBD
MAY 31	SUNDAY	SUNDAY OF PENTECOST at <u>HOLY TRINITY</u> 8:30 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

JUNE

JUNE 7	SUNDAY	SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
JUNE 14	SUNDAY	2ND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
JUNE 21	SUNDAY	3RD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
JUNE 28	SUNDAY	4TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW 9:00 am - Orthros 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
JUNE 29	MONDAY	STS. PETER AND PAUL THE APOSTLES 9:00 am - Orthros followed by the Divine Liturgy

MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>THANK YOU SAINT HARALAMBOS VOLUNTEERS!</i>					1	2 Catering Event
3 9:00 a.m. †Sunday of the Paralytic	4 6:00 p.m. Philoptochos Mother's Day Dinner	5 10:00 a.m. Silver Liners Brd Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Greek School	6 7:00 p.m. GreekFest Committee Mtg.	7 Catering Event 4:30 p.m. Dance Practice 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Mtg 7:30 p.m. Alumni Dancers	8	9 Catering Event
10 9:00 a.m. †Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	11	12 4:00 p.m. Fr. Nick's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Greek School Party	13	14 4:30 p.m. Dance Practice 7:00 p.m. Dance Mtg. & Elections 7:30 p.m. Alumni Dancers	15	16 Catering Event
17 9:00a.m. †Sunday of the Blindman General Assembly Sunday School Celebration Jr. GOYA Mtg.	18	19 11:30 a.m. Silver Liners' Luncheon	20 7:00 p.m. GreekFest Committee Mtg.	21 9:00 a.m. †Ascension †STS. Constantine & Helen 4:30 p.m. Dance Practice 7:30 p.m. Alumni Dancers	22	23
24 9:00 a.m. †First Ecumenical Council	25 †Memorial Day Services @ the Cemeteries	26	27 4:30 p.m. Dance Practice 7:30 p.m. Alumni Dancers	28	29	30 9:00 †Saturday of Souls
31 8:30 †Holy Pentecost at Holy Trinity						

JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 4:30 p.m. Dance Practice 7:45 p.m. Alumni Dancers	2 10:00 a.m. Silver Liners Brd Mtg 4:30 p.m. Dance Practice 7:45 p.m. Alumni Dancers	3 7:00 p.m. GreekFest Committee Mtg.	4	5	6
				OPA! CANTON GREEK FEST!		
7 9:00 a.m. †All Saints	8	9	10	11 Catering Event	12	13 Catering Event
14 9:00 a.m. †2nd Sunday of Matthew	15	16 11:30 a.m. Silver Liners' Luncheon	17	18	19 Catering Event	20 Catering Event
21 9:00 a.m. †3rd Sunday of Matthew	22	23 Catering Event	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 a.m. †4th Sunday of Matthew	29 9:00 a.m. †Sts. Peter and Paul the Apostles	30				<i>WISHING EVERYONE A BLESSED HAPPY SUMMER!</i>

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. Thus we have come to the last day of Christ's physical presence on Earth. This marks the fulfillment of all things, since His Conception at the Annunciation to the Holy Virgin, His Birth and all the events of His earthly life, recorded for us in the Gospels. Christ came down from Heaven in order to destroy the power of Satan over mankind.

Christ was crucified and rose from the dead in order to destroy death. Christ ascends into the skies in order to raise up fallen human nature to the heights of Heaven. But He ascends not as He came down. He ascends taking with Himself a human body, a human soul, a human mind, a human will, all the attributes of human nature, except of course for sin, for Christ's human nature is human nature as it was first intended to be, not fallen human nature, but human nature redeemed and made all comely.

We should note, however, that all these victories of Christ over Satan, death and sin are accomplished in humility. At His Birth there was, as we would say now, no media. All happened in obscurity, lowliness and poverty, as the Savior of mankind was born in a cave by the ox and the ass.

At His Crucifixion also there was no glory: on the contrary, there was shame, thieves, reviling, mockery, bodily death, a lonely death. At His Resurrection, nobody saw anything. The women who saw the empty tomb were not even believed. Only a few dozen believers came to believe in the first few weeks after His Resurrection. So also at His Ascension the only witnesses were His Mother and the eleven disciples amid the obscure olive groves on the Mount outside the City. We see that all the great events, all the victories, of the life of Christ were accompanied by humility. This is because in the Church victory is humility. Every act of humility is a victory over the pride of Satan.

And in order to grant us the opportunity for humility, at the last event of His physical presence amongst us, Christ gives us two things: Firstly, He comforts us and the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Who will guide us into all truth, into all humility. Secondly, through His holy angels, He reminds us that as He ascends, so He will return, with angels and a cloud of glory. He reminds us that He will return in His Second and Glorious Coming to judge all the Earth.

When He ascends, He promises us the Holy Spirit. When He descends at the Second Coming, He will come in glory as the Victor over death to judge all deathly acts, that is, all sins, for as the Apostle writes, the wages of sin are death. Thus God is victorious in humility.

Therefore the Orthodox Church and faithful Orthodox Christians are also victorious, but only in humility. God is the Merciful Savior among us, granting us the Holy Spirit in order to guide us on our path to the victory of humility. As we have sung this day: 'I am with you and no-one will be against you'.

God is the Righteous Judge among us, granting us His Coming again as the Judge of the Universe, guiding us on our path to the victory of humility: 'I am with you and no-one will be against you'.



SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN

Commemorated on May 21

+ Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas

Saints Constantine and Helen are two of the greatest saints in the Orthodox Church. In fact, they have been given the title “Equal-to-the-Apostles” for their witness of faith and contribution to the life of the Church. Saint Helen was the mother of Saint Constantine. Saint Constantine was the last emperor of the Roman Empire.

Constantine converted to Christianity during a battle when he was vastly outnumbered by an enemy force. In the sky he saw the vision of a cross with the words “*en touto nika*” “In this sign, you will be victorious.” Ordering his soldier to put crosses on their shields, he won the battle and became a Christian. In 313, through the Edict of Milan, he made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire. This was a turning point for Christianity, as for the first time, churches, Christians and Christianity were not being persecuted. In 325, St. Constantine moved the capital of the world from Rome to Turkey, to a city he renamed Constantinople. Thus ended the Roman Empire and began the Byzantine Empire, which stood from 325-1453. Saint Constantine also convened the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea in 325. This Council gave to us the Canon of Scripture (The Bible) as well as the Nicene Creed, our basic statement of faith. Saint Helen, Constantine’s mother, was a big influence on him and his introduction to Christianity. A saintly person in her own right, St. Helen organized a group of soldiers to go and find the true Cross of Christ, which they found buried on Golgotha.

In the Feastday Gospel is from John 10:1-9. Taken together with verses 9-16, they speak of Christ as the Good Shepherd, those this phrase “the Good Shepherd” is in verses 9-16. Jesus speaks in words that people of the time could understand, comparing Himself to a shepherd who cares for a flock of sheep, the people. He contrasts Himself to others who came before Him, claiming to be good shepherds of the sheep (the people of Israel) but were in fact more like robbers and thieves who didn’t care for the sheep.

Jesus said that the one “*who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way. . . is a thief and a robber.*” (John 10:1) The one “*who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.*” (10:2) The sheep hear the voice of their shepherd and follow the shepherd because “*they know His voice.*” (10:4) The people are confused, we are told, in verse 6. So, Jesus erases all doubt when He says to them “*I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers but the sheep did not heed them.*” (10:7-8) Jesus concludes this passage by saying that He is the door by which we are go in and out and find pasture. He is the door by which we will find our salvation. He is the door by which we will go out to the pasture to graze. And we will ultimately graze on Christ and on His word. If we want to find pasture, if we want to be fed and protected, Jesus is THE door (the one and only door) that makes this possible.

Jesus uses the image of the shepherd with the sheep because it is something people of that time understood. They understood that sheep need a shepherd to protect them, that the only place to be safe from wild animals was in the sheep pen, with a shepherd who would guard the door and keep them safe. Unlike sheep, however, who were not intelligent by nature and needed to be prodded and poked to move to safety, Jesus knows that we are rational sheep who need to be loved by the shepherd, and He presents Himself as the shepherd who loves the sheep and who would be willing to lay His life down for them. Saints Constantine and Helen were two disciples who provided “doors” by which Christianity was able to spread throughout the Empire and beyond.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas

Do you have trouble remembering birthdays? Prayers to the Holy Spirit, can help you remember a very special one, the birthday of our Church at Pentecost!

When the Holy Spirit came to the Upper Room where the disciples and the Blessed Mother were praying on Pentecost, ten days after our Lord's Ascension into Heaven, it was with great power, in the form of a driving wind and "tongues as of fire" (Acts 2:3) descending on each of them. The Holy Spirit (also referred to in older texts and prayer books as the Holy Ghost) immediately transformed the timid disciples on Pentecost and enabled them to proclaim Christ's Word with apostolic zeal!

They now fully understood the significance of our Lord's Passion: Namely, that His death and resurrection made it possible for them, and indeed for *all of us*, to join Him in His *Heavenly* kingdom in Eternal Life, not in some *Earthly* kingdom for Israel. The disciples started speaking boldly about God in languages *that they didn't even know*, much to the amazement of those who heard them, devout Jews staying in Jerusalem "from every nation under heaven" (Acts 2:5) for the feast of Pentecost. (Pentecost was celebrated at that time as a harvest feast as well as a commemoration of Moses' having received the Jewish law on Mount Sinai.)

In addition, about 3000 people were baptized that day after hearing St. Peter's passionate message calling for repentance and conversion (Acts 2:14-41). This was coming from the man who had denied Christ three times less than two months earlier!

We may not be transformed quite as suddenly by the Holy Spirit as the disciples were. Yet, prayers to Him can help each of us listen to Christ's guidance through His Spirit! We beseech you, O Lord, let the power of the Holy Spirit be always with us; let it mercifully purify our hearts, and safeguard us from all harm. Grant this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

May the Comforter, Who proceeds from You, enlighten our minds, we beseech you, O Lord, and guide us, as Your Son has promised, into all truth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Holy Spirit, Sweet guest of My Soul, Abide In Me
and Grant That I May Ever abide in Thee.

These prayers, and others like them, are a great way to ask for God's assistance when we are facing a particular problem or trial, or need help bearing our crosses. Just as the Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to proclaim the Gospel with fervor and love, He can work similar wonders in our souls.

Although our Lord told the apostles the night before His Passion that "it is better that I go" (John 16:7) so that His Father could send them the Holy Spirit to "teach you all things, and remind you of all that I told you" (John 15:26), the Holy Spirit by no means overshadows the Son, He is *Christ's* Spirit, after all, dwelling in us! Remember that *one* God in *three* distinct persons work together seamlessly.

THE HOLY SPIRIT ~ Continued

Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas

It is important to remember here, as St. Paul said in his letter to the Corinthians, that as the Holy Spirit dwells in each of us (1 Cor 3:16), it is crucial for our salvation that we listen to Him. Our Lord indeed *wants* us to ask for His help and guidance through His Spirit. But, given our free will, He will not force Himself on us. We must *choose* to follow Christ on His path of sanctifying grace. St. Paul's words to the Galatians (Gal 5:19-26) provide a good itinerary for this journey: we must avoid immorality, jealousy, hatred, selfishness, quarrels and the like.

For the Holy Spirit to dwell within us we need to have the emotions such as love, patience, kindness, generosity and self-control, *even in difficult situations*.

Similarly, angry thoughts at others because they that got house, car, job, or promotion that *you deserved* don't come from the Holy Spirit! Prayer, scripture readings, studying the teachings of our faith, and receiving the sacraments of the Eucharist and of Penance (in Confession) can help us discern God's will for us as we listen to His Spirit.

If your journey to Heaven doesn't seem all that heavenly at times (and even when it does!), seek out the guidance and comfort of our Lord in His Holy Spirit through prayer!

WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT. As we take steps of faith, depending on Me (the Holy Spirit), I will show you how much I can do for you. If you live your life too safely, you will never know the thrill of seeing Me work through you. When I (Jesus) gave you My Holy Spirit, I empowered you to live beyond your natural ability and strength. That's why it is so wrong to measure your energy level against the challenges ahead of you. The issue is not your strength but Mine, which is limitless. By walking close to Me, you can accomplish My purposes in My strength.(2 CORINTHIANS 5:7)



The Feast of Holy Pentecost – Sunday, May 31, 2026

Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas

The Feast of Pentecost, is one of the most underemphasized and misunderstood Feasts in the Orthodox Church... as a matter of fact, Pentecost is among the most important Feasts. Pentecost is the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church, and with out the presence of the Holy Spirit, Christ's resurrection is, at best, a historical fact. Yes, Jesus rose from the dead. And then came the day of Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit descended, like tongues of flame on the disciples, and it remained upon them. The Holy Spirit turned a group of disciples into apostles. The Holy Spirit turned a Jewish faction into the Church. God's Son ascended into heaven, but His Spirit came and took up permanent residency. So through the presence of the Holy Spirit, Christ, the Risen Lord, is present everywhere, in all places, at all times. Yes, you can know Christ! Yes, you can have a meaningful and life saving relationship with Him, because you have received His Holy Spirit! Christ is now accessible to all people, regardless of where they are, who they are, what language they speak, etc, etc. The Bible tells the story in this way:

The disciples were gathered together we are told in Acts 2:1 – 11 and then, like a mighty rushing wind, tongues of fire came upon their heads and then they began to speak in different languages. They went out and taught the crowds in the streets, and everyone understood the message in their own language. Isn't that an extraordinarily strong message that God sends us? It means that God's message is for the whole world! When Jesus was walking the earth, to know Him, you had to be where He was, geographically. After the Day of Pentecost, Jesus is present wherever the Holy Spirit is present. Jesus is no longer bound to a geographic location, and He is knowable from the time of Pentecost to the present day, personally knowable through His Holy Spirit. This is the ticket to our salvation! This is so important that, St. Seraphim of Sarov, *'taught that the acquisition of the Holy Spirit was the single most important aim of the Christian Life. And of course it is, because it is only through the Holy Spirit that we can know Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.'*

As Orthodox, we sometimes are guilty of forgetting Pentecost because the strength and beauty of the Paschal season is so strong in our minds and hearts, so prominent in our culture. We have been saying 'Christos Anesti' every day and maybe we want Pascha not to come to an end. But it is crucial to our salvation, to our understanding of God, to our spiritual lives that we understand how Pentecost completes what was accomplished on Pascha. Just think, when we receive communion, the Holy Spirit changes bread and wine into the Body of Blood of Christ. It is the Holy Spirit that brings the physical presence of the living and risen Lord into the Eucharist, and in to our very bodies.

At the vespers of kneeling, we offer prayers for the Holy Spirit to come down upon us and to live in us and to lead us to do God's will. Today, as we commemorate Pentecost, we also ask God to give us a Pentecost. We ask Him to send His Holy Spirit down upon us anew, as He did with the Disciples 2,000 years ago. More accurately, we ask God to make us aware of, to attune our hearts to the reality of the presence of the Holy Spirit who is "everywhere present and filling all things."

At our baptism, we received the Holy Spirit. In Holy Communion, the Holy Spirit brings Christ into our hearts. The Holy Spirit gives life to all living things, so let us open our hearts and our minds to God's Spirit, and let the presence of the Holy Spirit be the guiding and determining factor in our lives.

Amen



ASK FATHER NICK...

Question: "Why does God allow the Enemy to attack us?" Anonymous

Answer: Satan's attacks against us come in various forms. 1) He uses the ungodly world (which he controls, [1 John 5:19](#)) to stir up fleshly lusts within us that tempt us to sin. 2) He uses the unbelieving world to attempt to deceive us with worldly "wisdom" opposed to God's truth. 3) He uses false Christians to try to mislead us into a false gospel centered on a false Jesus. 4) He sometimes physically afflicts us or our loved ones with sickness, crime, tragedy, or persecution. Knowing that God is the sovereign Ruler of the universe, we naturally ask, why does God allow Satan to attack us in these ways?

The Bible teaches that God allows Satan a certain amount of freedom (see [Job 1:12](#)), but that freedom is always limited. Satan cannot do all that he wishes. Satan chooses to attack God's children (see [1 Peter 5:8](#)), and his design is always evil; Satan is a murderer ([John 8:44](#)). In contrast, God's design in allowing certain satanic attacks is always good; God loves His children ([1 John 4:16](#)). Joseph faced many satanic attacks in his lifetime, but in the end he could speak with confidence of two opposing purposes behind the same events: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good" ([Genesis 50:20](#)).

We cannot blame God for what Satan does. Our vulnerability to satanic attack started with Adam's choice to follow Satan's lying suggestions in the garden of Eden. When Satan attacked Job through the loss of his family, wealth, and health, Job didn't blame God. Notice [Job 1:21-22](#), "And he (Job) said: Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong."

As believers experience the attacks of Satan, they can trust the truth of [Romans 8:28](#), "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God..." Therefore, the assumption is that we will experience "good" things and "bad" things, but "all" of these things can be made to contribute toward "good" ends as God works them out. So even the attacks of Satan, although evil, can and will have a "good" result, ultimately, as God uses them to conform us to Christ, His Son (see [Romans 8:29](#)). Attacks from Satan, along with all other tribulations, can cause believers to love God more, resist Satan more, practice patience, and grow stronger in our faith in many other ways. Praise God for His sovereign protection. Thank Him for His plan to make everything—even Satan's attacks—"work together for good" for us!

Question: Who was Saint Hyacinth? Anonymous

Answer: Saint Hyacinth (Hyakinthos) is honored as a martyr in the Eastern Orthodox Church, specifically Saint Hyacinth of Caesarea, who died around 108 AD. He was a young Christian chamberlain to Roman Emperor Trajan and is celebrated for his faith. His feast day is commonly observed on July 3 in Orthodox tradition.



Saint Hyacinth of Caesarea



Through Sadness to Victory, Risen-Mission Accomplished

By the grace of God, we have reached the most joyous time in the Orthodox Church-the Paschal Season. For just a moment, let us step back into time. If ever there was a time when the Apostles of Our Lord deserved our pity and sympathy it was during the last few days before Jesus rose from the dead. By this time, the Apostles had been with Him for several years. They found comfort in His voice. They were pleased just to look upon His face. They believed every word that He spoke to the level they were able to understand. They had confidence that Jesus was able to solve any problem or dilemma that arose. They knew that His power could meet and overcome any difficulty.

Let us not forget that they were only men just like us. They heard things and did not really understand. They saw things that their minds had a tough time comprehending. There was nothing to force them to think deeply. They all evolved spiritually at their own pace. That is why we read in the New Testament for example, that Jesus only took Peter, James & John with Him up to the Mountain when He was Transfigured, because they were the only ones that were somewhat spiritually more “mature” than the others, enough to be able to try to comprehend what took place. All the Apostles knew that His power could overcome any difficulty.

Again, they were only men. They heard things and did not really understand. They saw things and did not really think deeply enough about what they saw. There was nothing to force them to understand. They still had Jesus. They still had their Master with them. There was nothing to force them to think deeply.

Jesus tried to warn them. He told them that He was going to leave them and go back to His Father in Heaven. He told them that they would see Him suffer and die. He told them also, that He would rise again. They listened. They believed, and they put what they heard in a corner of their minds, because they could not realize that some day they would have to remember.

Then the soldiers came and took Him away. They were sure that Jesus would “give them the slip” and get away from them. They were sure of it. He had done it before.

Jesus was put on trial. He would speak for Himself and His wisdom would overpower His judges. The Apostles were sure of it. He had done it before when encountering the Pharisees and Sadducees. But this time Jesus was silent.

They took Him away to torture Him. They thought He would make the lash fall from their hands. The Apostles were sure of it. But He did not. They put Him on the road to Calvary, whipped and bleeding profusely. Surely, He would conquer them before He reached the top of the hill...surely. But He did not.



Through Sadness to Victory, Risen-Mission Accomplished ~Continued~

The Apostles scurried away and hid themselves amongst the crowd as they nailed Jesus to the cross. Only the women that were Jesus' close followers and the youngest Apostle John were with Him as He hung brutalized and naked upon the cross. Jesus died on the cross. The hearts of His closest followers were heavy with grief, their minds thick with confusion. They should have remembered the things that He told them. But they were only men. They had to pass through extreme sadness before they could understand Jesus' true victory.

Pascha is the celebration of the greatest message ever delivered: **"He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said."** (Matt. 28:6). What first appeared to be horrific defeat turned out to be the accomplishment of an amazing mission by Jesus Christ, who overcame death and lives and reigns forevermore.

Jesus came to redeem fallen mankind. Because humanity is sinful, we need a Savior. Jesus came to rescue us. "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

He came to offer His life as a sacrifice on the cross for our sins. "He bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-by whose stripes we are healed. (1 Pet. 2:24). Jesus' death provided redemption that accomplished salvation for us.

He came to give us assurance of life after death. After Lazarus died, Jesus assured Mary & Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies" (John 11:25). We have this same promise that death will not end our existence, nor that of our believing loved ones. Jesus provided eternal life for us with His death and resurrection.

Jesus had a mission to rescue humanity, and He could not be stopped. In the three short years of His ministry, He accomplished all that God (The Father) had given Him to do and prepared His people for both life and death. That is why it is proclaimed **"O Death, where is your sting? O Hell where is your victory?"** We will joyously sing many time repeatedly **"CHRIST HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, BY DEATH TRAMPLING UPON DEATH AND TO THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE!!"**

Myself, along with Diakonisa Melissa, Kerissa, Costandinos and Xenia wish everyone a healthy and joyous Paschal Season.

CHRIST IS RISEN!! TRULY HE IS RISEN!!



St. Haralambos Church Altar Boy Schedule

Thank you to all of our Altar Boys
for your dedication to our Lord!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Please be ready to start at 9:45 a.m.

TEAM A: May 24
June 28

TEAM B: May 3
June 7

TEAM C: May 10
June 14

TEAM D: May 17
June 21

TEAM A
Yianni Sotiropoulos
Aristides Kapalko
George Tzouloufis

TEAM B
Anthony Petrides
Zachary Volas
Stamatios Paxos

TEAM C
Yanni Loukas
Andrew Rocco
Leonidas Paxos

TEAM D
Luke Morgan
Yianni Fakelis
Ianni Colón
Dino Shiepis



Memorial Day Trisagions

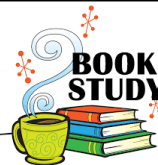
May 25, 2026

9:00 a.m. ~ Forest Hills
10:00 a.m. ~ North Lawn
11:00 a.m. ~ Sunset Hills



BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER NICK

Tuesday, May 12th @ 4:00 pm
The Ascension of Christ
Acts 1:6-11



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.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

*Just a
friendly
reminder...*

Parishioners ages 18 &
older, including students,
should fill out a pledge card
for 2026.

Please mail your signed and completed
pledge card to the church office or give it
to one of the Parish Council Members on
Sunday.



MISSED PARISHIONERS

THE CANTON REGENCY
4515 22nd Street NW,
Canton, Ohio 44708
PAULA MACRIS

ST. JOSEPH SENIOR LIVING
2308 Reno Dive
Louisville, Ohio 44641
330-875-5562
ANASTASIA ROSEMARY MYERS

THE WINDSOR
1454 East Maple St. NW
North Canton, Ohio 44720
330-499-8300
JACK USNER
BETTY TSANGEOS

THE LAURELS OF MASSILLON
2000 Sherman Cir NE
Massillon, Ohio 44646
330-830-9988
JANICE KOUTRAS



COMMUNITY NEWS



*Congratulations to all of these families!
May God bestow many blessings of good health,
much happiness, and many years to all of you!*

CHRISMATION

Andrew L. Beavers was chrismated on March 29, 2026. His sponsor was Thomas C. VanDusen.

Cynthia Lorraine Coates was chrismated on March 29, 2026. Her sponsor was Larysa Aveyrina.

BAPTISMS

Hunter Dean Roff was baptized on April 18, 2026.
He is the son of Dean Roff and Melissa Faebnrick
Name taken: Eustathios (Eustace)
His sponsor is Dawna (Panagiota) Natale

Clifford Eugene Leyba II was baptized on April 18, 2026.
He is the son of Mohammed Masood Monawar
and Carol A. Leyba
Name taken: Eugenios (Eugene)
His sponsor is Costantinos Darrah



*Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers
are with all of these families
for the loss of their loved ones.
May their loving memories be eternal!*

UPCOMING MEMORIALS:

1yr Memorial: Mary Hinkel
May 3, 2026

3yr Memorial: Christos Politis
May 3, 2026



AHEPA FAMILY MEMORIAL COFFEE HOUR MAY 24, 2026

The May 24th Coffee Hour will be sponsored by the AHEPA #59 and DOP Chloris #40.

AHEPA always welcome new members, so applications will be available in the lobby for anyone interested in joining AHEPA Chapter 59.

A big "THANK YOU"

Goes out to the following individuals who have made donations to St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church:

- ◆ Matheos Tsounias for donating Navarino Greek Kalamata Extra Virgin Olive Oil, in memory of his mother, Zografia Tsounias, to our kitchen crew.
- ◆ John Papacostas for donating the new Greek Flag that is flying on our flag pole in front of the church.



2026 Canton Greek Fest Meeting Dates

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

All Meeting begin at 7pm



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

Monday, May 25th - Memorial Day
Friday, July 3rd - Fourth of July
Monday, September 7th - Labor Day
Monday, October 12th - Columbus Day
November 26th & 27th. - Thanksgiving
December 23rd - half-day, December 24th & 25th
December 31st - half-day, January 1st



2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

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 forms are located in the organizer located outside the church office.

Application Deadline is: May 3, 2026 by Noon

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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.

The Application is an essay up to 200 words. See the KOINONIA for essay topic & details.

**Deadline: Sunday, May 3, 2026**

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2026 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.

Applications available in the church office.

Deadline: Sunday, May 31, 2026

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### 2026 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. Please call the church office for an application.

**Deadline: June 26, 2026**

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2026 Kourmolis Scholarship
Information coming from
AFGLC in Tampa, Florida



Attention All Graduates!

College & High School

Let Us Know!

In our July & August issue of the *Koinonia* we will feature our annual **HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES** section.

Please submit the following information:

- Student's name
- Parent's name
- School graduating from
- School attending in the future if any
- Future field of study
- Student picture, *headshot*

Congratulations! Let Us Know!!

Please submit all information to the church office labeled "Koinonia" or email info & picture to Lauri@stharalambos.com.

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE is May 1, 2026!

*It is time to honor our
2026 graduates!*

*Register your graduate using the following
links by May 13, 2026.*

High School:
tinyurl.com/GOMoPHS26

All College Degrees:
tinyurl.com/GOMoPCollege26





Pascha Flowers

Thank you to everyone who donated the beautiful flowers and items needed for Pascha!
May God bless all of you and your families with good health
and may the memory of your departed loved ones be eternal.

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>HOLY DAY</u>	<u>DONATION</u>	<u>BLESSING</u>
Carol Trifelos	1st Salutations	Floral Wreath	In remembrance of my husband, Danny.
Steve & Fran Armatas	2nd Salutations	Floral Wreath	For the health of the family.
James & Tina Cotopolis	3rd Salutations	Floral Wreath	For the health of the family and in memory of loved ones.
Niki & Tasos Kalantzis	Daffodils		In memory of our deceased loved ones and for the health of our family members.
James & Tina Cotopolis	4th Salutations	Floral Wreath	For the health of the family and in memory of loved ones.
Costas & Eleni Paxos	Akathist Hymn	Floral Wreath	For the health of the family.
Anna Paxos	Annunciation	Floral Wreath	In memory of Lambros M. Paxos and for the health of the family.
Michael & Helen Apostalides	Palm Sunday	Palms	For the health of the Apostalides grandchildren.
Stephanie & James Sakel	Sunday Eve	Floral Wreath	In memory of the Creekus family: Christopher, Angie and Christine.
Antonia Stergiades	Monday	Floral Wreath	For the health of the family and in memory of loved ones.
Costas & Eleni Paxos	Tuesday	Floral Wreath	In memory of our loved ones.
Anonymous	Wednesday	Oil	In memory of loved ones.
Michael & Helen Apostalides	Wednesday	Holy Unction Items	For the health of the St. Haralambos community.
John & Cynthia Loukas	Thursday	Crown of Thorns & Flowers	In memory of our parents, Philip & Irene Meshel and Nick & Angie Loukas.
Anonymous	Thursday	Prosforo, Wine & Oil	In memory of loved ones.
Katherine Mandas	Thursday	Prosforo, Wine Oil, Incense & Candles	In memory of her brothers, Michael and my parents, Athenas & Dimitriou & loved ones.
Melody Bowman	Thursday	Trumpet Lilies @ Foot of the Cross	For the health of the family.
John & Gina Koutras	Thursday	Wreath/Roses Adorning Crucifix	In memory of loved ones and for the health of our family.
Marcia Bournelis	Thursday	12 Gospel Candles	In memory of our deceased family members.
Michael & Helen Apostalides	Thursday	3 Candles on Crucifix	In memory of our deceased family members.
Katherine Mandas	Friday	Incense & Candles	In memory of her brother, Michael and her parents Athenas & Dimitriou & loved ones.



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DONOR	HOLY DAY	DONATION	BLESSING
Katherine Mandas	Friday	Prosforo, Wine for Thursday	In memory of her brother, Michael and her parents Athenas & Dimitriou & loved ones.
Marcia Bournelis	Friday	6 Altar Candles	In memory of Pete, Roneo and Sam Apostalides.
Michael & Helen Apostalides	Friday	3 Candles on Crucifix	For the health of the Bournelis & Apostalides family.
Katherine Mandas	Friday	Prosforo, Oil & Wine	In memory of her brother, Michael and her parents, Athenas & Dimitriou & loved ones.
Katherine Mandas	Friday	Candles & Incense	In memory of her brother, Michael and her parents, Athenas & Dimitriou & loved ones.
Michael & Helen Apostalides	Friday	Rose Petals & Lemon Leaves	In memory of Pete, Roneo and Sam Pete Apostalides.
Anonymous	Saturday	Prosforo, Oil & Wine	In memory of loved ones.
Angela Vagotis & Family	Saturday	Resurrection Banner	In loving memory of my parents, Esther & Jack Vagotis and my brother, George Vagotis.
Dina & George Nikolaou	Saturday	White Roses on Altar	For the health of our family.
Anonymous	Saturday	30 Doz. Eggs	God's blessing for the community.
Marcia Bournelis	Saturday	6 Altar Candles	For the health of the Bournelis and Apostalides family.
Griveas, Nastoff, and Frustaci families	Saturday	Priest's Paschal Candle	For the health of family and in memory of loved ones.
Michael & Helen Apostalides	Saturday	Resurrection Icon	Christ Has Risen, Truly He Has Risen.
Tina & Guy Bolon	Saturday	Football Mums	For the health of the family and in memory of our loved ones.
Ron & Mary Feltz	Holy Week	Case of Wine	In memory of our parents.
The Philoptochos Ladies Society	Epitaphion	Flowers	For end of hunger and for world peace.
Anonymous	Epitaphion	Flowers	.
Anonymous	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of loved ones.
Sophia Politis	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of my husband, Christos Politis.
Nick & Theodora Kouris & Family	Epitaphion	Flowers	For the health of the Kouris family.
Flora Anderson	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of John Anderson and deceased family.
Theodore Morakis	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of Mike & Mary Morakis and for the health of my son, Michael Morakis.



Pascha Flowers

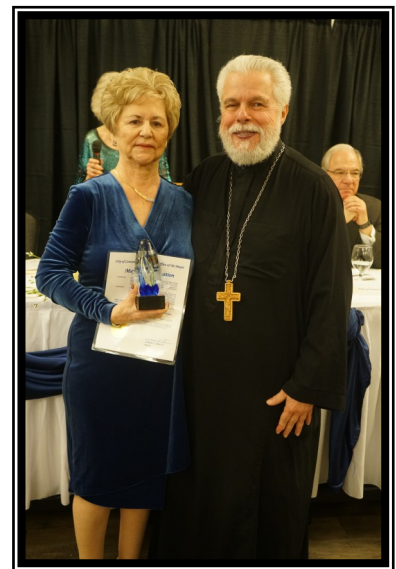
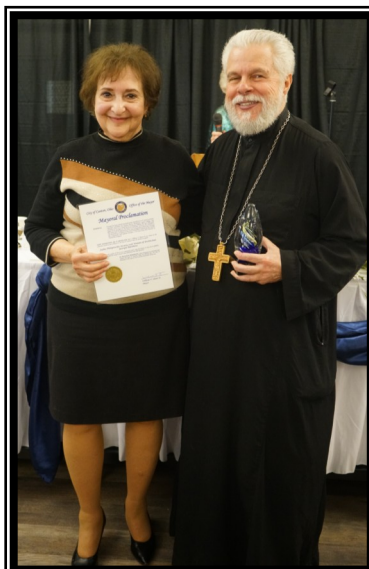
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Bill & Freda Skendelas	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of our loved ones and for the health of our family.
Francine Nichols	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of my husband, Michael Dean Nichols.
Tina & Guy Bolon	Epitaphion	Flowers	For the health of our family and In memory of our loved ones.
Georgia & Steve Bench	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of Elizabeth Conrad.
Rena Kalogeras	Epitaphion	Flowers	In loving memory of my husband and son.
Steve & Fran Armatas	Epitaphion	Flowers	For health of family.
Chris Vallos	Epitaphion	Flowers	In memory of Stella Vallos.
Voula Kandis	Pascha	Lilies	In memory of Sakes Kandis and loved ones.
Sophia Politis	Pascha	Lilies	In memory of my husband, Christos Politis.
John & GiGi Tsikles	Pascha	Lilies	For the health of our loved ones.
Tina Fasoulas-Wey	Pascha	Lilies	In memory of Niove Fasoulas.
William & Joanne Nicholas	Pascha	Lilies	For the health of our family.
Georgene Pagonis	Pascha	Lilies	In memory of Dean & Ernest and Gust & Sylvia Chuchanis & family.
Joe & Diane Foster	Pascha	Lilies	In memory of Pete & Corina Halkias.
Carolyn Varlamos	Pascha	Lilies	For the health of my family.

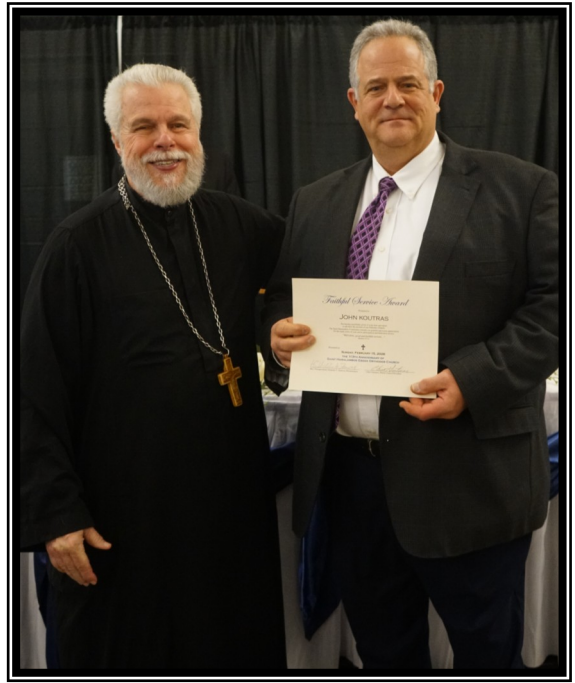


ST. HARALAMBOS NAME DAY 2026
2026 PHILOPTOCHOS WOMEN OF DISTINCTION - AXIA!

NANCY ARMATAS ~ MELODY BOWMAN
PAM GAITANOS ~ GEORGIA MATTHEWS ~ ANNA PAXOS



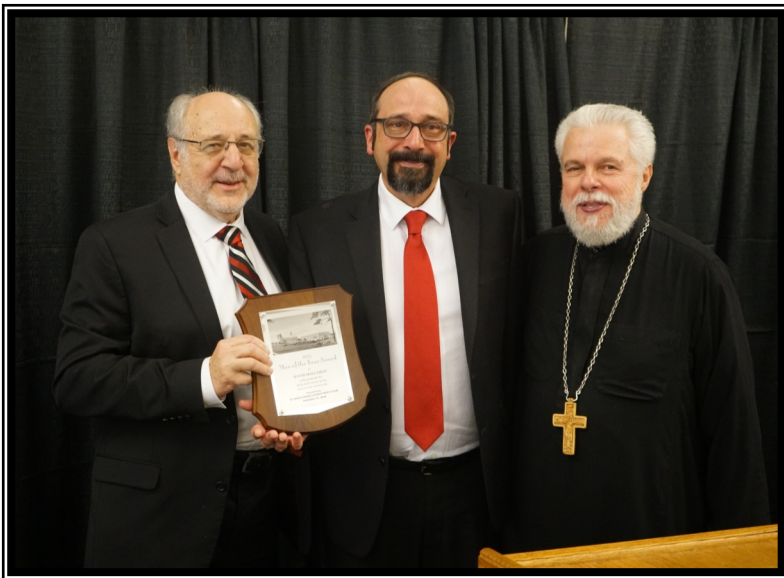
ST. HARALAMBOS NAME DAY 2026
2026 FAITHFUL SERVICE AWARD
PETER APOSTALIDES ~ JOHN KOUTRAS
VALERIE STAVRIANOU



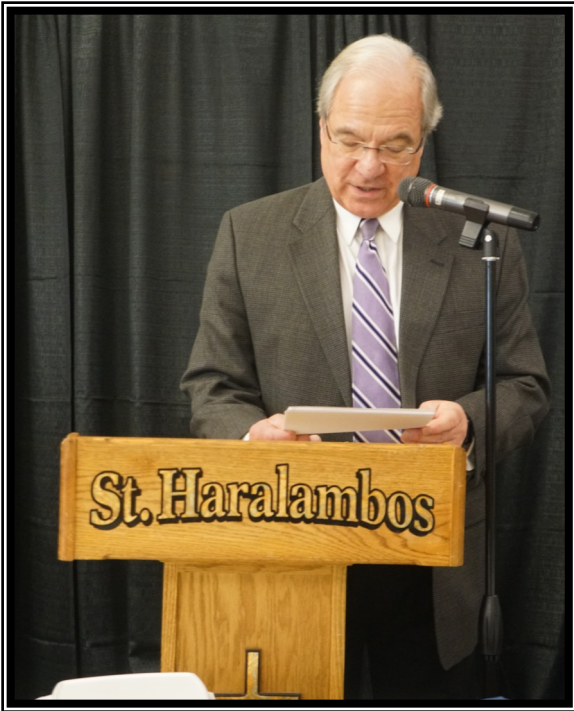
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2025 MAN OF THE YEAR

DAVID HALLAMAN



ST. HARALAMBOS NAME DAY 2026



PAST "MAN OF THE YEAR" RECIPIENTS



ST. HARALAMBOS HELLENIC DANCERS



Dance Practices & GreekFest Performances

PRACTICES:

Thursday, May 7, & May 21

Beginners: 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Intermediates: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm
Training: 5:45 pm - 6:00 pm
Seniors: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Adults/Alumni: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, May 14

Beginners: 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Intermediates: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm
Seniors: 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm
MEETING & ELECTIONS: 7:00 pm
Adults/Alumni: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, May 27

(NOTE DAY CHANGE)

Beginners: 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Intermediates: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm
Training: 5:45 pm - 6:00 pm
Seniors: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Adults/Alumni: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

GREEKFEST PRACTICE:

Monday, June 1 AND Tuesday, June 2

Beginners: 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Intermediates: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm
Seniors: 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm
Adults/Alumni: 7:45 pm - 8:45 pm

GREEKFEST SHOWS

Thursday, June 4 ~

Intermediates - 5:30 pm
Seniors - 7:00 pm & 8:30 pm

Friday, June 5 ~

Beginners - 5:00 pm
Seniors - 7:00 pm & 8:00 pm
Alumni - 9:00 pm

Saturday, June 6 ~

Beginners - 3:30 pm
Intermediates - 5:00 pm
Seniors - 7:00 pm & 8:30 pm



Free Admission*Free On-Site Parking
Kids Playground*Indoor & Outdoor Dining
Drive Thru*Church Tours*Cooking Demos

St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
251 25th Street, NW | Canton, Ohio 44709
(330) 454-7278





Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

We hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to the warm summer months and what better way to kick off the summer, than by our Canton Greek Fest! The committee has been working very hard to ensure a tremendously successful 42nd Anniversary event coming up June 4, 5 & 6, 2026 here on the grounds of our beloved St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church.

We need many, many helping hands to make this truly a community effort. Even if you have just one hour, we can use your help! Even if you have never volunteered before, we can use your help! Do your children or grandchildren need community service hours for graduation? We can use their help! Please reach out to our Canton Greek Fest Volunteer Coordinator, Linda Natale at (330) 495-8427 or via email at lindaandrewsnatale@gmail.com if you're available to help.

We wanted to include all the information pertaining to the 2026 Canton Greek Fest. In this Koinonia you will find:

- 2026 General Festival Sponsorship Information
- 2026 Placemat Ad Information
- 2026 Brochure with complete schedule and menus
- Silent Auction Basket information

We hope that you can support the Canton Greek Fest thru a personal and/or business sponsorship and/or placemat ad and attend what is looking to be our best festival yet.

We have added some additional entertainment offerings this year, an Outdoor Dance Party with DJ Vasilios on Thursday, June 4, the Hall of Fame City Greek Night returns on Friday, June 5 with the Musicians of Olympus, our own DJ Billy Manos returns Saturday, June 6 from 11am to 3pm followed by PROV Productions from 3pm to 11pm and closing out the 2026 Canton Greek Fest will be fantastic professional fireworks show at dark. We have posters and flyers available in the church office if you'd like to stop by and pick them up to post at your place of business or hand them out to your friends and co-workers. Help us spread the word about our event and our Church.

If you have any questions, please contact us at any time. Thank you for support and we look forward to seeing you June 4, 5 & 6, 2026 at the Canton Greek Fest!

Sincerely,

+ Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas

Rev. Dr. Nicholas V. Gamvas, Protopresbyter

Mike Fakelis & Mike Paxos

Mike Fakelis & Mike Paxos

2026 Canton Greek Fest Chair

251 25TH STREET, NW | CANTON, OHIO 44709 | (330) 454 – 7278
WWW.CANTONGREEKFEST.COM



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info@cantongreekfest.com

June 4, 5 & 6, 2026 2026 Event Sponsorship Contract

Parthenon \$15,000

- Overall presenting sponsor
- Your name or company logo featured on banner on the 40 ft x 100 ft outdoor tent
- Your name or company logo featured on Greek Fest website and all event signage
- Your name or company logo featured in all print and radio advertising
- Vendor table for your company at the festival
- Placemats with your name or company logo

Dionysus \$10,000

- Only two sponsors in this category
- Your name or company logo featured on a banner behind the entertainment stage
- Your name or company logo featured on Canton Greek Fest website (www.cantongreekfest.com) and all event signage
- Your name or company logo featured in all print and radio advertising
- One six-foot table for your company at the festival
- Placemats with your name or company logo

Acropolis \$5,000

- Presenting sponsor of any area (indoor dining, outdoor dining, kids play area, dessert dining, wine tasting room, cooking demonstration room)
- Your name or company logo featured on Greek Fest website and all event signage
- Your name or company logo featured in all print
- Vendor table for your company at the festival
- Placemats with your name or company logo

Aegean Sea \$2,500

- Your name or company logo featured on Greek Fest website and all event signage
- Your name or company logo featured in all print
- Placemats with your name or company logo

Athens \$1,000

- Your name or company logo featured on Greek Fest website and all event signage
- Placemats with your name or company logo

Philhellene \$500

- Your name or company logo featured on all event signage
- Placemats with your name or company logo

Your Contact Information

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please list the name that you would like listed for the sponsorship: _____

*****Email hi-resolution logo to info@cantongreekfest.com*****

Total Enclosed: \$_____

Make checks payable to: St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church or call 330-454-7278 to charge by phone

**Mail Payment and Completed Form to: St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
c/o 2026 Canton Greek Fest**

251 25th Street, NW | Canton, Ohio 44709

~donation receipt upon request~



2026 Placemat Sponsorship Form Business & Individual

Purchaser First and Last Name: _____

Purchaser Address: _____

Purchaser Phone Number: _____ Purchaser Email: _____

Please use the following information for my ad: Please type or print. – See reverse for examples – to submit logo, email logo to info@CantonGreekFest.com

Actual Full Placemat size is 14" W x 11" H -- Please select your square size:

Square Information	Width	Height	Price per Square		Qty		Total
A. Full Placemat	13 1/2"	10 1/2"	\$ 1,000	X		=	\$
B. Half Placemat	6"	5"	\$ 500	X		=	\$
C. 6 squares, center	6"	6"	\$ 300	X		=	\$
D. 5 squares, column	2-1/2"	9-3/4"	\$ 250	X		=	\$
E. 4 squares, center	6"	4"	\$ 200	X		=	\$
F. 3 squares, column	2-1/2"	6"	\$ 150	X		=	\$
G. 2 squared, column	2-1/2"	4"	\$ 100	X		=	\$
H. 2 squares side-by-side	6"	2"	\$ 100	X		=	\$
I. 1 square	2-1/2"	2"	\$ 50	X		=	\$
J. 1/2 square	2-1/2"	1"	\$ 25	X		=	\$
GRAND TOTAL							\$

PLACEMAT FORMS DUE: MAY 21, 2026

Please make checks payable to: **St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church**
c/o 2026 Canton Greek Fest Placemat Ad
251 25th Street, NW
Canton, Ohio 44709

Credit Cards Accepted:



Call our church office at (330) 454-7278 to pay by credit card.

Questions about Placemat Ads?

Contact Stephanie Fakelis (330) 327-0250 or sfakelis@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2026

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026

Drive-Thru Open	11am - 7pm
Indoor Dining	11am - 9pm
Bookstore	11am - 9pm
Silent Auction Bidding	11am - 9pm
Church Tours	11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm & 7pm
The Drink Experience	4pm - 11pm*
Kids Playground	4pm - 9pm
Outside Dining	4pm - 11pm
DJ Vasilios	4pm - 11pm
Hellenic Dancers	5:30pm, 7pm & 8:30pm
Greek Cooking Demonstration	7pm
Outdoor Dance Party with DJ Vasilios	9:15pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026

Drive-Thru Open	11am - 7pm
Indoor Dining	11am - 9pm
Bookstore	11am - 9pm
Silent Auction Bidding	11am - 9pm
Church Tours	11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm & 7pm
The Drink Experience	4pm - 11pm*
Kids Playground	4pm - 9pm
Outside Dining	4pm - 11pm
Musicians of Olympus	4pm - 11pm
Hellenic Dancers Performances	5pm, 7pm, 8pm & 9pm
Greek Cooking Demonstrations	5:30pm & 7:30pm
Greek Night with Musicians of Olympus	9:30pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

Drive-Thru Open	11am - 7pm
Indoor Dining	11am - 9pm
Bookstore	11am - 9pm
Silent Auction Bidding	11am - 9pm
Church Tours	11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm & 7pm
The Drink Experience	11am - 9pm*
Kids Playground	11am - 9pm
Outside Dining	11am - 11pm
DJ Billy Manos	11am - 3pm
DJ PROV Productions	3pm - 11pm
Hellenic Dancers Performances	3:30pm, 5pm, 7pm & 8:30pm
Greek Cooking Demonstrations	5:30pm & 7:30pm
Fireworks	After Dark

This area is for those aged 21+
Schedule Subject to Change

Celebrate Summer the Greek Way!

OUTDOOR DINING MENU

Open 4 to 11pm Thursday & Friday • 11am to 11pm Saturday
Located under the main tent
Cash, Debit and Credit Cards (3% service charge on credit cards - no service charge on cash or debit cards) accepted in all areas.
All items available for dine-in or carry-out.

TAVERNA/GREEK GRILLE

Make item below into a platter with rice, olives, peppers, tomatoes & feta for an additional \$4

#1	ONE CHICKEN SOUVLAKI (includes (1) pita bread)	\$7.00
#2	TWO CHICKEN SOUVLAKIA (includes (2) pita bread)	\$13.00
#3	ONE PORK SOUVLAKI (includes (1) pita bread)	\$7.00
#4	TWO PORK SOUVLAKIA (includes (2) pita bread)	\$13.00
#5	REGULAR GYRO (Gyro meat, onion, tomato and tzatziki wrapped in pita bread)	\$10.00
#6	CHICKEN GYRO (Chicken souvlaki pieces, onion, tomato and tzatziki wrapped in pita bread)	\$10.00
#7	LAMB CHOPS (3 chops with pita bread, rice, olives, peppers, tomatoes & feta)	\$22.00

OTHER ITEMS

#8	CHICKEN TENDERS (3 tenders with chips)	\$10.00
#9	GREEK BOWL (Choose from base item: rice or lettuce, protein: pork or chicken, veggies: cucumber, tomatoes, onions and toppings: tzatziki, oil/vinegar, crumbled feta)	\$13.00

SIDE DISHES

#10	GYRO FRIES (French Fries w/ gyro meat, tomato, onions and tzatziki)	\$12.00
#11	GREEK FRIES (French Fries w/ Crumbled Feta & Greek Seasoning)	\$7.00
#12	FRENCH FRIES EXTRA TZATSIKI	\$6.00 \$1.00

BEVERAGES

POP, ICED TEA OR BOTTLED WATER	\$2.00
FRESH SQUEEZED GREEK STYLE LEMONADE	\$5.00
FRESH SQUEEZED GREEK STYLE STRAWBERRY OR BLUEBERRY LEMONADE	\$6.00
FRAPPE (Greek Iced Coffee)	\$5.00
GREEK COFFEE	SINGLE \$3.00 \ DOUBLE \$4.00
BEER AND WINE ALSO AVAILABLE	

OUTDOOR DESSERT MENU

PASTRY SAMPLER (Includes assorted pastry items)	\$14.00
LOUKOUMADES	6 FOR \$4.00 OR 13 FOR \$8.00
LOUKOUMADA SUNDAE	\$7.00
BAKLAVA SUNDAE	\$6.00
ICE CREAM SUNDAE	\$5.00
ROOT BEER FLOAT	\$4.00
RICE PUDDING	\$4.00

INDOOR DINING MENU

Open 11am - 9pm | Inside the Alex D. Krassas Center
Cash, Debit & Credit Cards (3% service charge) accepted in all areas. All items available for dine-in or carry-out.

PLATTERS

All platters include roll & butter, and a choice of two of the following sides -- rice pilaf, potatoes, or green beans	
LAMB SHANK (Baked shank in a tomato-based broth)	\$23.00
FROSO'S PLAKI (Baked cod smothered with onions)	\$17.00
GREEK CHICKEN (1/4 Chicken baked with Greek Seasoning)	\$17.00
PASTITSIO (Layered macaroni, seasoned meat, topped with cream sauce)	\$15.00
MOUSSAKA (Layered meat, eggplant, tomatoes topped with cream sauce)	\$15.00
GYRO PLATTER (Gyro with tomato, onion & tzatziki sauce wrapped in pita bread (no roll))	\$15.00
KEFTETHES (6 Baked Meatballs in tomato sauce)	\$14.00

SAMPLER

GREEK SAMPLER (not a platter) Pastitsio or Moussaka, 3 Dolmathes, 1 Tiropita, 1 Spanakopita & 2 Kefthethes	\$21.00
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CHILDREN'S MENU

KEFTETHES (4 baked meatballs with rice pilaf, roll & butter)	\$10.00
CHICKEN TENDERS (3 tenders with rice, roll & butter)	\$10.00

A LA CARTE ITEMS

PASTITSIO OR MOUSSAKA (1 piece)	\$10.00
GYRO (Gyro meat w/onions, tomatoes and tzatziki sauce, wrapped in pita)	\$10.00
KEFTETHES (Baked Meatballs in tomato sauce)	4 for \$6.00
DOLMATHES (Ground Beef mixed with rice and wrapped in grape leaves)	4 for \$6.00
SPANAKOPITA (Layers of buttered phyllo and filled with a spinach cheese mixture)	3 for \$6.00
TIROPITA (Layers of buttered phyllo and filled with a cheese-egg mixture)	3 for \$6.00
AVGOLEMONO SOUP (Chicken, egg, lemon with orzo pasta)	\$5.00
FETA CHEESE & KALAMATA OLIVES	\$5.00
DINNER SALAD (lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers with Grecian dressing on the side)	\$5.00
GREEK STYLE GREEN BEANS	\$3.00
GREEK POTATOES	\$3.00
RICE PILAF	\$3.00
ROLL & BUTTER	\$1.00

DESSERTS

RICE PUDDING	\$4.00
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INDOOR BEVERAGES

FRESH SQUEEZED GREEK STYLE LEMONADE	\$5.00
POP, ICED TEA OR BOTTLED WATER	\$2.00
COFFEE (Regular or Decaf)	\$2.00
BEER AND WINE ALSO AVAILABLE	

DRIVE-THRU MENU

Open Thursday, Friday, Saturday 11am – 7pm Daily
Drive Thru entrance is located at 251 25th Street NW
Cash, Debit & Credit Cards (3% service charge) accepted in all areas.
Items on this menu are only available for in-car, drive-thru service.

ENTREES PLEASE ORDER BY NUMBER BELOW

All Entrees served with chips

- #1 **CHICKEN SOUVLAKI** \$8.00
(One chicken skewer wrapped in pita bread)
- #2 **PORK SOUVLAKI** \$8.00
(One pork skewer wrapped in pita bread)
- #3 **GYRO** \$11.00
(Gyro wrapped in pita bread with tomato, onion & tzatziki sauce on the side)

SAMPLER

- #4 **GREEK SAMPLER** \$21.00
(Choice of Pastitsio or Moussaka with Dolmathes, Tiropita, Spanakopita and Kefthetes)

PLATTERS

(All platters include bread & butter, and your choice of two sides - rice pilaf, potatoes, or green beans.)

- #5 **GREEK CHICKEN** \$17.00
(1/4 Chicken baked with Greek Seasoning)
- #6 **PASTITSIO** \$15.00
(Layered macaroni, seasoned meat, topped with cream sauce)
- #7 **LAMB CHOPS** \$22.00
(3 Grilled lamb chops with Greek seasonings)
- #8 **LAMB SHANK** \$23.00
(Baked shank in a tomato-based broth)

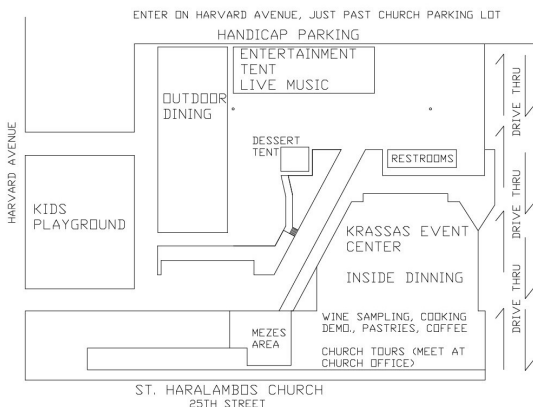
DESSERTS (No desserts sold Saturday)

- #9 **RICE PUDDING** \$4.00
- #10 **PASTRY SAMPLER** \$14.00
(Includes assorted pastry items)

BEVERAGES

- Pop or Bottled Water** \$2.00

Menu items may contain or come into contact with wheat, eggs, nuts and milk.



PASTRY MENU

Open 11am – 9pm • Located inside St. Haralambos Cultural Center
Cash, Debit, and Credit Cards (3% service charge) accepted
in all areas – All items available for dine-in or carry-out.

- BAKLAVA** \$4.00/pc.
(Filo dough filled with a nut mixture)
- KOURAMBIETHES** \$1.00 ea.
(Butter cookie covered in powdered sugar)
- GALATOBOUREKO** \$4.00/pc.
(Custard filled filo dough)
- THEEPLES** \$4.00/pc.
(Thin sheets of fried dough drizzled with honey, cinnamon and ground walnuts)
- KARITHOPETA** \$4.00/pc.
(Honey walnut cake with honey syrup)
- KOULOURIA** 3 for \$3.00 or 13 for \$12.00
(Buttered cookie twists)
- PAXIMATHIA** 3 for \$3.00 or 13 for \$12.00
(Paximathia Spiced Greek Biscotti)
- MELOMAKARONA** \$1.00 ea.
(Rich honey dipped cookie)
- TSOUREKI** (Sweet Bread) \$16/loaf
- PASTRY SAMPLER** \$14.00
(Includes assorted pastry items)

KAFENIO – COFFEE SHOP

Open 11am – 9pm • Located inside St. Haralambos Cultural Center
Cash, Debit, and Credit Cards (3% service charge)
accepted in all areas – All items available for dine-in or carry-out.

- BOTTLED WATER** \$2.00
- COFFEE REGULAR OR DECAF** \$2.00
- FRAPPE** (Greek Iced Coffee) \$5.00
- FRAPPAILY** (Frappe with Bailey's - 21+only) \$7.00
- GREEK COFFEE** Single \$3.00 • Double \$4.00
- FREDDO ESPRESSO** \$4.00
- FREDDO CAPPUCCINO** \$5.00

MEZES (APPETIZERS / SMALL PLATES)

4pm to 11:00pm Thursday & Friday • 11am to 11pm Saturday
Located in the Courtyard Adjacent to the Drink Experience Room
Cash and Credit Cards (3% service charge) accepted in all areas –
All items available for dine-in or carry-out.

- CALAMARI** \$10.00
- SAGANAKI** \$7.00
- DELMATHES** 4 for \$6.00
- KEFTETHES** (Meatballs in tomato sauce) 4 for \$6.00
- SPANAKOPITA** 3 for \$6.00
- TIROPITA** 3 for \$6.00
- MEZE SAMPLER** \$20.00
(calamari or 4 keftethes, 2 dolmathes, 2 spanakopita, 2 tiropitas)

BEVERAGES

- BEER** (Domestic, imported, IPAs) \$5.00-\$8.00
- POP/BOTTLED WATER** \$2.00

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June 4, 5 & 6, 2026



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St. Haralambos
Greek Orthodox Church

251 25th St. NW
Canton, Ohio 44709
(330) 454-7278





SILENT AUCTION 2026

We are again asking for donations and or items for this year's baskets for the 2026 Canton Greek Fest.

If you or someone you know has any services or items to donate to make a basket, please let us know! Items must be in new condition please.

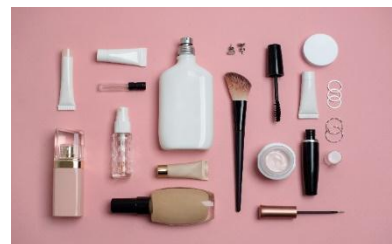
Get together with friends and families to go in on your basket donation!

Deadline to donate auction items is May 26, 2026

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| • Lottery Ticket Tree | • Specialty Coffee & Tea Items | • Gardening Basket |
| • Golf Packages and Items | • Movie Theatre Basket | • Exercise Items |
| • Salon & Spa Packages and Items | • Barbecue & Grill Items | • Sports Themes Items & Apparel |
| • Jewelry Items | • Children's Board Games | • Scarves, Pins, & other accessories |
| • Makeup Items | • Movie DVD's Basket | • Specialty Pasta & Sauce Items |
| • Kitchen Items | • Specialty Food Items | • Pet Items |
| • Gluten-Free Basket | • Children's Books | • Outdoor Lawn Games |
| • Specialty Coffee and Tea Items | • Wine & Bar Items | • Photo Frames |
| • Lotions, Soaps, Perfumes, Colognes | • Beer & Bar Items | • Camping Items |
| • Coloring pencils, crayons, books, etc. | • Olive Oil & Vinegars | • Picnic Items |
| • Computer Accessories | • Chocolate Basket | • Specialty Candles |
| • Nuts & Snacks Basket | • Popcorn Basket | • Gift Cards too! |
| | • Baby Basket | • <i>Any idea, it is limitless</i> |
| | • Baking Items Basket | |
| | • Phone Accessories | |

Questions? Please contact Auction Basket Chairperson:
Marcia Bournelis | mbourn60@gmail.com | 330-309-3428

In person bidding is available at the Canton Greek Fest Thursday, June 4, Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6 11am to 9pm in the Krassas Center Lobby



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

TINA WEY, PRESIDENT

May/June 2026 EDITION

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER



We we like to wish everyone a great and safe summer and look forward to seeing you back at our first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, September 8th

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR.

Best wishes for a successful Greek Summerfest



Watch for coffee hour sign up in September. We hope you will take the time to volunteer.

Thanks to those who attended our "Pretty in Pink" Mother's Day dinner. It's great to see so many people spending time with their St. Haralambos family and SO MUCH PINK!



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY MARY STAVRAKIS! WE LOVE YOU!

Meetings and Dues

Please join our meetings the first Monday of the month. Board Meetings begin at 5:30 and general meeting at 6:00 unless noted otherwise. Dues are \$28 and are now being collected and can be given to Helen Apostalides or Fran Armatas. Enter through the Agape Courtyard.

Monday, May 4, 2026
– Mother's Day Dinner
Next meeting is Tuesday, September 8th

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE



St Haralambos GOC Bookstore
CANTON OHIO
Open Sundays 11:00-1:00
For Appointment call
Cynthia @ 330-495-3053

CANTON GREEK FEST

Have a couple of hours to spare?
Looking for fun times working with
the public? Sign up to work with us at
the Bookstore! We need volunteers
to work 2-hour shifts between 3-9 on
Thursday, Friday, and/or Saturday.
Contact Cynthia @ 330-495-3053 or
Lauri @ church office 330-454-7278.

JUNE 4, 5 & 6, 2026

THE TRADITIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS VISIT



JR. CHOIR ON LAZARUS SATURDAY





SILVER LINERS

MAY AND JUNE 2026

This Year's Officers:

President:	Carol Capocci
Vice President:	Helen Apostolides
Secretary:	Mary Trifelos
Treasurer:	Bill Skendelas
Advisor:	Kathy Dieringer

Committees:

Calling:	Mary Feltz
Hospitality:	Anna Paxos
Meals:	Helen Apostolides
Set & Strike:	Leftothea Bourlas
Trips:	Kathy Dieringer
Christmas Card:	Mary Griveas

Another event you won't want to miss is coming up June 1-3. That is the Clergy Laity Congress that is happening in Cleveland this year.

Volunteer if you are asked and yes— you can attend as an observer if you want to see the entire country's Greek Orthodox Community at work!

(Details on the website.)

**Thanks
For The
Memories!**

I can't believe our year is almost at an end. WOW! I don't know about you, but I've been so blest to have gotten to share meals, music, seasons, and laughter with you all. Please let me know what you especially liked about this year — or even what you might want to see changed up a bit next year. It's finally SUMMER!!! Carol Capocci

* May 12th at Noon we meet at HOLY TRINITY with the seniors of YOUNG AT HEART — **reservations are a must!** The cost is: \$10

* It's time to celebrate the 42nd Annual Saint Haralambos GreekFest on June 4-6 from 11:00am to 11:00 pm! Thank you for sponsoring that big, beautiful basket that will given away. OPA!

*Our last meeting of the year will be on June 16th. It will be a \$6 lunch and we will still need your confirmed reservation. (You now know why the headcounts are important.) Wear something you might wear to a LUAU. The Transistors will make it a fun and musical day.

The June 18th road trip to Columbus is sold out but there is a waiting list. Kathy has some great ideas for the rest of the year. Your suggestions are always welcome.

*Remember that are no meetings in July or August. Stay hydrated and have a great and safe summer. See you in September!

Officially,
Carol Capocci



St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church Choir

~ Rehearsal Schedule: 6:00 PM

~Sunday Liturgy: 9:45 a.m.



May:

17th, Sunday

Final Choir Sunday

24th, Sunday

Pentecost at Holy Trinity TBA



OUR AMAZING CHOIR HAS BEEN GROWING...

WE are ALWAYS

welcoming new members young and old to join our church choir.

If you have a love for music and song, we encourage you to attend one of our scheduled rehearsals or just show up on any given Sunday!

Psalm 96:1-3. "Singing draws us nearer to God"

For information contact: Dr. Alex Christ, Music Director @ 330-284-9606



FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR :

On behalf of Father Nick, the Parish Council, and the entire church community, I would like to thank the choir members for their tremendous devotion to our choir.

Throughout the year choir members faithfully dedicated themselves to all rehearsals, Sunday Services and Holy Week services singing praises to our Lord.

May the Lord continue to Bless our members with good health! God Bless You All!

Alex Christ

Good Friday 2026

GOYA Luminary Project



St. Haralambos GOYA
Philoptochos Society

Michael & Helen Apostalides
Christina Armatas
Fran Armatas

Vince & Stephanie Arrigo

Virginia & Nick Ballas

Guy & Tina Bolon

Steve & Sandy Bozeka

Carol Capocci
Alex & Alexander Christ

Rhoda Christ

Tina Cotopolis

Kathy Dieringer

Kay Fakelis-Colón

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My Brother – Peter Bandurka
Louisa Eleftheiades
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Aunts & Uncles
Cousins, Nieces, Nephews
Children & Grandchildren
Brothers & Sisters
Our Loved Ones
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William and Helen Ballas
Father Anthony and Presbyter Anna Spirtos
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All St. Haralambos Families
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Sam Manos Jr.
William & Esther Dimetriou
Baby Lowman
The Bolon & Lowman Families
René Christ Miller
Helen Christ
Tony Christ
Helen Bozeka
Steve Bozeka
Carl Bozeka
Carol Capocci & Family
Our Loved Ones
Our Family
Nick & Margaret Trikilas
Stella Vallos
My Family
Mommy, Daddy & Chris Graf
Jimmy, Tina, Maria, Jonathan & Jacob
Christopher, Morgan, Gus, Goldie & Kit
Margaret & Family
Laura Dieringer
John Tsangeos
Anne Tsangeos
The Dieringer Family
John Fakelis
The Colón Family

Maria Fakelis

Diane Foster
Georgene Gabriele

Petros & Nancy Gaitanos

Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas
Mary Griveas

Carolyn Hill

Maria Kalaitsides

Voula Kandis

Melinda Kapalko

Michael & Sophia Kazes

Theodora Kouris

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 Ann Lucas
 Taso Lucas
 Mario & Peter
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 Everyone
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 Panagiotis, Eftichia & Steve Lemos
 The Griveas, Nastoff & Frustaci Families
 The Lemos & Paradis Families
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 Athena Hill
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 Anna Alexopoulou
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 Louis Fakelis
 Clara Fakelis
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 Lambros M. Paxos
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 Family and Loved Ones
 Loved Ones Who Are No Longer With Us
 Our Family and Loved Ones
 Christina Sklavenitis
 Our Loved Ones
 The Nikolaou & Waikem Families*

Patty Orlando
Peter Papacostas

Anna Paxos

Costas & Eleni Paxos

Mike & Georgia Paxos

Pirovolos Family
Sophia Politis

Nick Ramphos
Vicky and John Sakellariou

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 Dimitri & Maria Rizou
 John Paxos
 Chris Paxos
 Our Family & Loved Ones
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 Tula Skendelas
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 James & Barbara Lambrou
 Terry Spicer
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Antonia Stergiades	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>John</i>
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	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Ioanna</i>
	<i>For The Health of</i>	<i>Antonia</i>
Niki Strohmenger	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Our Loved Ones</i>
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Carol Trifelos	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Our Loved Ones</i>
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“Thank you for your continued support of our GOYA Luminary Project”

HAPPY SUMMER FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL



TAKE CHRIST WITH YOU ON VACATION

It was a great year!!!

The last day of Sunday School will be on May 17, 2026

Have a *peaceful* summer.

Sunday School will begin on September 13, 2026

bon voyage!

Join Us For
YOUTH CELEBRATION SUNDAY!

May 17

**ENJOY SMOOTHIES & SNACKS ON THE
TRI-ROOM DECK AS WE SAIL INTO SUMMER!**
**All Sunday School & Youth Group kids & families are
invited to this nautical good time, right after church!**



Jesus Anchors

**The
Soul**

THE JOYful NEWS

Have A Great Summer!

Christ Is Risen!

Our JOY kids made beautiful Easter baskets for our missed parishioners in March. The colored wooden Easter eggs all looked so beautiful. Thank you to Philoptochos for partnering with JOY to deliver our baskets during your Easter visits.

We also really enjoyed going to PUMP IT UP at the end of April for some inflatable fun at our JUMP FOR JOY outing! Please look for photos in the next issue of the Koinonia!

CONGRATULATIONS To Our JOY Graduates!

There are 3 JOY members moving up to Jr. GOYA in the fall. We have LOVED having their fellowship in JOY, and we know they'll continue to do amazing things as they grow within our youth group programs!



2026 JOY GRADUATES

Sophia DeAngelis

Athan Maurice

Sophia Shuey

Grads: Please see Stephanie Sakel at the Youth Celebration for your certificate



Thank you to all of our JOY kids and families for another great year!
Have a safe and fun summer!

SAVE THE DATE

May 17

Youth Celebration Sunday!

All Youth Families: Enjoy Smoothies & Snacks in the Tri-Room after church in collaboration with Sunday School!

JOY 2026/2027

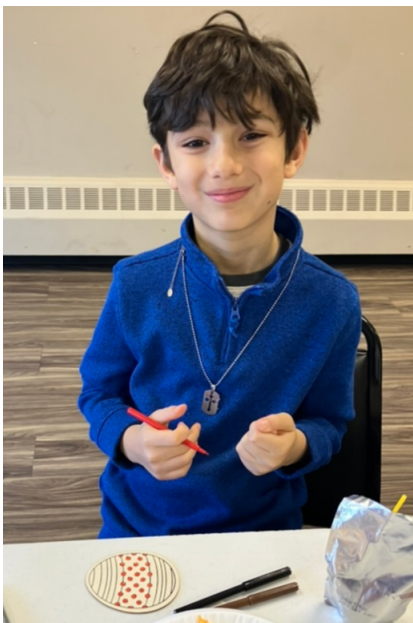
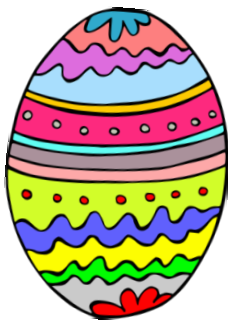
Please watch for a registration reminder in August to sign up for JOY.

JOY is for our youth in Kindergarten through 4th grade.

Please feel free to reach out this summer with questions: Stephanie.Sakel@gmail.com



Christ is Risen! JOY colored wooden eggs and assembled Easter baskets for our missed parishioners. Thank you to our Philoptochos ladies for delivering the baskets! The JOY kids had a nice time and did a wonderful job!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

ST. HARALAMBOS CHURCH

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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Schedule of Events

JUNE 4, 5 & 6, 2026

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026

Drive-Thru Open	11am - 7pm	Indoor Dining	11am - 9pm
Bookstore	11am - 9pm	Silent Auction Bidding	11am - 9pm
Church Tours	11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm & 7pm	The Drink Experience	4pm - 11pm*
Kids Playground	4pm - 9pm	Outside Dining	4pm - 11pm
DJ Vasilios	4pm - 11pm	Hellenic Dancers	5:30pm, 7pm & 8:30pm
Greek Cooking Demonstration	7pm	Outdoor Dance Party with DJ Vasilios	9:15pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026

Drive-Thru Open	11am - 7pm	Indoor Dining	11am - 9pm
Bookstore	11am - 9pm	Silent Auction Bidding	11am - 9pm
Church Tours	11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm & 7pm	The Drink Experience	4pm - 11pm*
Kids Playground	4pm - 9pm	Outside Dining	4pm - 11pm
Musicians of Olympus	4pm - 11pm	Hellenic Dancers	5pm, 7pm 8pm & 9pm
Greek Cooking Demonstrations	5:30pm & 7:30pm	Greek Night	9:30pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

Drive-Thru Open	11am - 7pm	Indoor Dining	11am - 9pm
Bookstore	11am - 9pm	Silent Auction Bidding	11am - 9pm
Church Tours	11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm & 7pm	The Drink Experience	11am - 9pm*
Kids Playground	11am - 9pm	Outside Dining	11am - 11pm
DJ Billy Manos	11am - 3pm	DJ PROV Productions	3pm - 11pm
Hellenic Dancers	3:30pm, 5pm, 7pm & 8:30pm	Greek Cooking Demonstrations	5:30pm & 7:30pm
		Fireworks	After Dark

* This area is for those aged 21+ | Schedule Subject to Change

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