

### *Misplaced Expectations*

A young boy returned from his first major league baseball game very disappointed. Even though his favorite team won the game, the young boy said to his grandfather, "I'll never go to another game again!" "Why not," his grandfather asked, "your team won the game -why are you disappointed?" The boy answered, "I wanted my favorite player to hit a home run to where I was sitting and I wanted to catch the ball and I wanted to get it autographed after the game!" "I've been hoping for that all my life, too," said his grandfather with a smile.

Quite often, the disappointment that we feel towards a person or about a situation or circumstance is due to the fact that our expectations of that person or about that situation are misplaced, misguided, or misunderstood. We see an example of this in today's Gospel reading about our

Lord's entrance into Jerusalem.

Many of the same people who enthusiastically greeted Jesus when He entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday would just as passionately demand His crucifixion only a few days later. Why? It is because their expectations of Him were misplaced. That is, many people presumed that the long-awaited Messiah would be a great military leader or a political revolutionary who would lead them out of Roman subjugation and into independence. They did not consider the possibility of a Messiah who would conquer not armies, but death itself.

What do we expect from God? Like the little boy at the baseball game, are we disappointed when we don't get what we want? Let us recall that the Lord knows what we need even before we ask or are aware of it!

## THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM PALM SUNDAY



*Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem*

# ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

April 5, 2026

## PALM SUNDAY

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

|              |                                        |            |
|--------------|----------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>APRIL</b> |                                        |            |
| SUN APR 5    | †Palm Sunday                           | 8:30 a.m.  |
|              | Palm Sunday Luncheon                   |            |
|              | †Palm Sunday Evening-Bridegroom        | 7:00 p.m.  |
| MON APR 6    | †Holy Monday - Bridegroom              | 7:00 p.m.  |
| TUE APR 7    | Silver Liners' Board Meeting           | 10:00 a.m. |
|              | † Bridegroom Service                   | 7:00 p.m.  |
| WED APR 8    | † Holy Wednesday                       | 9:00 a.m.  |
|              | Presanctified Liturgy                  |            |
|              | † Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction        | 6:00 p.m.  |
| THU APR 9    | † Holy Thursday - St. Basil Liturgy    | 9:00 a.m.  |
|              | † Holy Thursday Evening-12 Gospels     | 7:00 p.m.  |
| FRI APR 10   | † Holy Friday Morning - Royal Hours    | 9:00 a.m.  |
|              | † Holy Friday Apokathelosis            | 3:00 p.m.  |
|              | † Holy Friday Lamentations             | 7:00 p.m.  |
| SAT APR 11   | † Holy Saturday Morning                | 9:00 a.m.  |
|              | St. Basil Liturgy                      |            |
|              | † Holy Saturday Evening                | 11:15 p.m. |
| SUN APR 12   | †Great and Holy Pascha Resurrection    | 12:00 a.m. |
|              | †Great and Holy Pascha                 | 12:30 a.m. |
|              | †Great and Holy Pascha                 | 1:00 a.m.  |
|              | †Great Pascha Agape Vespers            | 11:00 a.m. |
|              | Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt          |            |
| TUE APR 14   | Orthodox Bible Study                   | 4:00 p.m.  |
|              | Greek School                           | 5:30 p.m.  |
| FRI APR 17   | †Theotokos of the Life Giving Fountain | 9:00 a.m.  |
| SUN APR 19   | †Sunday of St. Thomas                  | 9:00 a.m.  |
|              | GOYA Meeting                           |            |
| TUE APR 21   | Silver Liners' Meeting                 | 11:30 a.m. |
|              | Greek School                           | 5:30 p.m.  |
| WED APR 22   | †St. George Great Vespers              | 6:30 p.m.  |
|              | @ St. George - Massillon               |            |
|              | Greek Fest Committee Meeting           | 7:00 p.m.  |
| THU APR 23   | †St. George Feast Day                  | 9:00 a.m.  |
|              | @ St. George - Massillon               |            |
|              | Hellenic Beginner Dancers              | 4:30 p.m.  |
|              | Hellenic Intermediate Dancers          | 5:00 p.m.  |
|              | Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers      | 5:45 p.m.  |
|              | Hellenic Senior Dancers                | 6:15 p.m.  |



### ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

April 5, 2026 - TEAM A



### 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.



### ATTENTION GRADUATES!

In the July/August Koinonia, we will feature our 2026 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES.

Please submit the following information to the church office by May 1st:

Student's name, parents' names, current school, future school or place of employment, field of study and a student photo which will

### PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON TODAY!

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

Alex D. Krassas Event Center  
following Divine Liturgy

**Palm Sunday - April 5th**  
**Orthos @ 8:30 a.m. followed by**  
**Hierarchical Divine Liturgy**

His Eminence Metropolitan SAVAS of Pittsburgh and Archdeacon Ryan will be with us on Palm Sunday and will be joining us for our Palm Sunday Luncheon.

### Sunday School presents



### 2026 Canton Greek Fest Planning Committee Meeting Dates

\*\*\*All Meeting begin at 7pm  
in the Youth Room\*\*\*

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

## BUS TRIP SILVER LINERS - JUNE 18



Enjoy your day

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

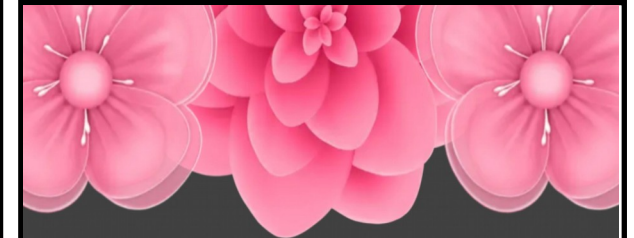


Tour of  
"The Shoe"

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

Depart St. Haralambos  
rear lot at 8 am

**8 O'CLOCK AM DEPARTURE**



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL PHILOPTOCHOS

## MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

"Pretty in Pink"

MONDAY  
MAY  
4

wear something pink  
members \$5  
guests \$10

for tickets contact  
Mary Trifelos 330-492-9353  
Stephanie Machamer  
330-704-8558

Krassas Event Center  
6:00 o'clock

April 5, 2026: Palm Sunday; Claudius. Didymos, Diodoros, Nikephoros and their associates, Martyrs; George of Ephesos, Neomartyr (+1802); Righteous Theodora of Thessalonike (+IXth c.); Presbyter Mark of Trache (+400).

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Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος α΄  
Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἡγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον,  
Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ  
Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν  
ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Ἔτερον Ἦχος δ΄  
Συνταφέντες σοὶ διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανάτου ζωῆς ἡξιώθημεν τῇ  
Ἀναστάσει σου, καὶ ἀνυμνοῦντες κράζομεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν  
ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Κοντάκιον Ἦχος πλ. β΄  
Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πάλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχούμενος Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἀγγέλων τὴν  
αἶνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοῶντων σοὶ· Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος,  
τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

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Apolytikion Mode 1  
To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from  
the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of  
victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are  
You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Another Mode 4  
We were buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by Your  
Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud,  
“Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Kontakion Mode pl. 2  
In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, You were carried, O Christ our God;  
and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried  
to You, “Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again.”

April 5, 2026 Palm Sunday  
Philippians 4:4-9



Epistle

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

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

April 5, 2026 Prayer of the Gospel  
John 12:1-18



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, “Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.” When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.