

### *Knowledge of the True God Nurtures Us to Eternal Life*

Are we saying that knowledge is eternal life? Are we saying that to know the one true and living God will suffice to give us complete security for the future without need of anything else? Then how is “faith apart from works dead?” When we speak of faith, we mean the true knowledge of God and nothing else, since knowledge comes by faith. The prophet Isaiah tells us this: “If you do not believe, neither shall you understand.” But he is not talking about a knowledge that consists in barren speculations, which is entirely worthless. For one of the holy disciples said, “You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe and shudder.” What then shall we say to this? How is it that Christ speaks the truth when He says that eternal life is the knowledge of God the Father, the one true God, and with Him of the Son? I think, indeed, we must answer that the saying of the Savior is completely true. For this knowledge is life, laboring as it were in birth of the whole meaning of the mystery and

granting to us participation in the mystery of the Eucharist, whereby we are joined to the living and life-giving Word. And for this reason, I think, Paul says that the Gentiles are made fellow members of the body and fellow partakers of Christ, inasmuch as they partake in His Blessed Body and Blood. And our members may in this sense be conceived of as being members of Christ. This knowledge, then, which also brings to us the Eucharist by the Spirit, is life. For it dwells in our hearts, reshaping those who receive it into son-ship with Him and molding them into incorruption and piety toward God through life, according to the Gospel. Our Lord Jesus Christ, then, knowing that the knowledge of the one true God brings to us and promotes our union with the blessings of which we have spoken, says that it is eternal life. It is the mother and nurse of eternal life, being in its power and nature pregnant with those things that cause life and lead to life.

*St. Cyril of Alexandria*

## SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL



*Icon of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea*

# ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 24, 2026

## FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

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

### MAY

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| SUN MAY 24 | †Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council 9:00 a.m.<br>AHEPA Memorial Coffee Hour                                                                                                                 |
| MON MAY 25 | Memorial Services @ the cemeteries<br>Forest Hill @ 9:00 a.m.<br>North Lawn @ 10:00 a.m.<br>Sunset Hills @ 11:00 a.m.                                                                          |
| TUE MAY 26 | Orthodox Book Study 4:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| WED MAY 27 | Hellenic Beginner Dancers 4:30 p.m.<br>Hellenic Intermediate Dancers 5:00 p.m.<br>Hellenic Training Seniors Dancers 5:45 p.m.<br>Hellenic Senior Dancers 6:00 p.m.<br>Alumni Dancers 7:30 p.m. |
| SAT MAY 30 | †Saturday of Souls 9:00 a.m.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| SUN MAY 31 | †Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m.<br>@ Holy Trinity                                                                                                                                               |

### JUNE

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| MON JUNE 1   | Hellenic Beginner Dancers 4:30 p.m.<br>Hellenic Intermediate Dancers 5:00 p.m.<br>Hellenic Seniors Dancers 5:45 p.m.<br>Alumni Dancers 7:45 p.m.                                            |
| TUE JUNE 2   | Silver Liners' Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.<br>Hellenic Beginner Dancers 4:30 p.m.<br>Hellenic Intermediate Dancers 5:00 p.m.<br>Hellenic Seniors Dancers 5:45 p.m.<br>Alumni Dancers 7:45 p.m. |
| WED JUNE 3   | Greek Fest Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                      |
| JUNE 4,5 & 6 | GREEK FEST                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| SUN JUNE 7   | †Sunday of all Saints 9:00 a.m.                                                                                                                                                             |
| SUN JUNE 14  | †Second Sunday of Matthew 9:00 a.m.                                                                                                                                                         |
| TUE JUNE 16  | Silver Liners' Luncheon Noon                                                                                                                                                                |
| SUN JUNE 21  | †Third Sunday of Matthew 9:00 a.m.                                                                                                                                                          |
| SUN JUNE 28  | †Fourth Sunday of Matthew 9:00 a.m.                                                                                                                                                         |
| MON JUNE 29  | †Sts. Peter & Paul the Apostles 9:00 a.m.                                                                                                                                                   |



### ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

May 24, 2026 - TEAM D

### UPCOMING MEMORIAL MAY 30, 2026

40-Day Memorial:  
Monk Agapios Panopulos



### AHEPA FAMILY MEMORIAL COFFEE HOUR TODAY, MAY 24, 2026

Today's 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.



### ORTHODOX BOOK STUDY GROUP

Join us for a spiritual book study  
and fellowship.

Tuesday, May 26th  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Tri-Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

### Silent Auction 2026



We are once again asking for  
donations or items for this  
year's Silent Auction.

Please consider donating a basket or get  
together with a friend to create one.

Thank you for your  
continuous Support!!!

Deadline May 26th

Contact Marcia 330-309-3428  
with any questions.



The Church Office  
will be closed on  
Monday, May 25, 2026  
for the Memorial Day  
National Holiday.



### 2026 Canton Greek Fest Meeting Dates

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Meeting begins at 7pm  
in the Youth Room

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\(tithe.ly\)](https://tithe.ly)

### Tithe.ly Online Stewardship Payment Options

You can now scan the QR code to your left to log into Tithe or go directly to their website (tithe.ly) to make Stewardship, Memorial or Candle payments.

To scan QR code:

**Apple iphone-** use your camera app and click on the yellow link that appears on the screen.

**Android (non-apple ) phone-** use QR code scanner if already installed or go to Google Play Store and download.

Either option will take you directly to our donation website for your donation to St. Haralambos Church.

### 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

May 24, 2026:

Seventh Sunday of the Paschal Season, commemorating the 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea (+325); Sunday Post-Ascension; Symeon the Righteous of Mt. Thavmastos (+596); Righteous Niketas (+1186); Martyr Meletios the Stratelates (+IIInd c.).

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος πλ. β´

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

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς Ἦχος δ´

Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ Λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

Τῶν Πατέρων Ἦχος πλ. δ´

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς, τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι’ αὐτῶν, πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας. Πολυεύσπλαγγνε δόξα σοι.

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

Κοντάκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς Ἦχος πλ. β´

Τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανίοις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε· Ἐγὼ εἰμι μεθ’ ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ’ ὑμῶν.

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!

Apolytikion of the Feast Mode 4

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

For the Fathers Mode pl. 4

Supremely glorified are You, O Christ our God, who established the holy Fathers on earth as beacons, and through them guided us all to the true Faith. Most compassionate Lord, glory be to You!

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 of the Feast Mode pl. 2

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united things on earth with the things in heaven, You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, going not away from any place, but continuing inseparable, and to them that love You crying out: “I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you.”



Epistle

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles.

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of the Lord and God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, ‘it is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in your name; those whom you have given me I have guarded, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”