

Asking Jesus to Leave

Of all the miracle stories of Jesus, the one recorded in today's Gospel reading stands out as unique. In most other occasions when Jesus healed or cured, the result was that more people came and asked to be cured. However, in the case of Jesus expelling demons from the man in the Gadarene territory, the result was that the whole village came out and asked Jesus to leave that area! (Matthew 8:34)

Ingratitude is certainly not the reaction we would expect the townsfolk to have since a member of their community restored to his right mind by the command of Jesus. Previously, he was prone to fits of madness and the source of his madness was understood to be demonic possession. Jesus commanded the demons to leave the man and restored the man to his right mind. Had this been the end

of the story, perhaps the people would have been filled with gratitude. However, Jesus sent the demons into a herd of swine, which then jumped over a cliff and drowned.

Why did Jesus send the demons into the swine? According to Jewish law, pork is considered to be an unclean product. Jews were to have no contact with pork. Because of this, the Jews of that town were breaking their own religious law.

By expelling the demons into the swine, Jesus not only healed a man, but also reestablished a forgotten value system in a town. Unfortunately, the inhabitants were not ready to receive this lesson. It is no surprise, then, why they met Jesus with such ingratitude and asked Him to leave their district.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of the Healing Gadarene Demoniacs

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

July 5, 2026

5TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

JULY

SUN JULY 5	†5th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
TUE JULY 7	Silver Liners' Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.
SUN JULY 12	†6th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
TUE JULY 14	Orthodox Bible Study	4:00 p.m.
THU JULY 16	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
SUN JULY 19	†Sunday of the Holy Fathers	9:00 a.m.
MON JULY 20	†Elias the Prophet	9:00 a.m.
TUE JULY 21	†Great Vespers St. Mary Magdalene St. Markella	6:30 p.m.
WED JULY 22	†St. Mary Magdalene St. Markella	9:00 a.m.
SUN JULY 26	†St. Paraskevi Eighth Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
MON JULY 27	†St. Panteleimon	9:00 a.m.
TUE JULY 28	Orthodox Bible Study	4:00 p.m.

AUGUST

SUN AUG 2	†9th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
MON AUG 3	†Paraklesis	6:30 p.m.
TUE AUG 4	Silver Liners' Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.
WED AUG 5	†Great Vespers Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord	6:30 p.m.
THU AUG 6	†Transfiguration of Our Lord	9:00 a.m.
FRI AUG 7	†Paraklesis	6:30 p.m.
SUN AUG 9	†10th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
MON AUG 10	†Paraklesis	6:30 p.m.
WED AUG 12	†Paraklesis Football Preview	6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
THU AUG 13	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
FRI AUG 14	†Great Vespers Dormition of The Theotokos	6:30 p.m.
SAT AUG 15	†Dormition of The Theotokos	9:00 a.m.
SUN AUG 16	†11th Sunday of Matthew Paniyri Family Picnic	9:00 a.m.
SUN AUG 23	†12th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
SUN AUG 30	†13th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

July 5, 2026

TEAM A

PLEASE
NOTE

CHURCH OFFICE VACATION DAYS

PLEASE NOTE LAURI WILL BE ON
VACATION FROM JUNE 29TH-JULY 10TH

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL ONLY BE
OPEN ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

JULY 7TH, JULY 8TH AND JULY 9TH.



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.**



BLANNERHASSET ON THE VALLEY GEM STERNWHEELER



THURSDAY AUGUST 13
MANSION & CRUISE

BREAKFAST ON THE OHIO RIVER MANSION TOUR, GIFT SHOP AND LUNCH ON THE OHIO RIVER

Join us for a riverboat ride aboard the VALLEY GEM and visit the Blennerhassett Mansion. Departing from the Marietta Dock we will enjoy a breakfast buffet on the Ohio River followed by a Mansion Tour and ending with a luncheon buffet on the river.

Limited mobility access.

Golf cart from dock but no elevator in mansion.

COST: \$ 100.00

(bus/gratuities/meals/mansion tour)

Check payable to:

St Haralambos Senior Citizens

Check due by: JULY 20, 2026

For reservations call:

Kathy Dieringer 330-265-3876

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N. Canton, OH 44720

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SAVE THE DATE!

**ST. HARALAMBOS PANIYRI
FAMILY PICNIC**



AUGUST 16, 2026

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LITURGY



**St. Haralambos Men's Club
High School Football
Coaches Preview**

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Social Hour: 5:30 p.m.

Buffet Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Coaches Panel: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$25

Includes Buffet Dinner

For Tickets, Contact:

Steve Diamant: 330-209-3138

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July 5, 2026:
Feast: Righteous Athanasios of Athos (+1003); Righteous Lampados of Eirenople (+Xth c.); Righteous Holymartyr Kyprianos (+1679); Synaxis of the 23 Martyrs of Lesbos.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος δ΄
Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι,
καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον·
Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τοῦ Ὁσίου Ἦχος γ΄
Τὴν ἐν σαρκὶ ζωὴν, σοῦ κατεπλάγησαν, Ἀγγέλων τάγματα, πῶς μετὰ σώματος, πρὸς
ἀοράτους συμπλοκάς, ἐχώρησας πανεύφημε, καὶ κατετραυμάτισας, τῶν δαιμόνων, τὰς
φάλαγγας· ὅθεν Ἀθανάσιε, ὁ Χριστὸς σε ἡμίνατο, πλουσίαις δωρεαῖς· Διὸ Πάτερ,
πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ
Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος αἰφωτος, τῆς οἰκουμένης
σοφέ, ἐδείχθης Χαράλαμπες· ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ μαρτυρίου. ἔλυσας καὶ
εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον Ἦχος β΄
Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ
παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν,
τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ
προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

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Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode 4
When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the
resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the
Apostles, “Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to
the world!”

For the Devout Man Mode 3
Angelic hosts on high were filled with wonderment, seeing your life in the flesh: how
with your body you courageously went out to wrestle with invisible foes; and to the
demonic hordes you inflicted serious wounds. Therefore, Athanasios, you received from
the Master Christ, a wealth of gifts. Holy Father, intercede on our behalf with Christ our
God, to save our souls.

Hymn of the Church
As a pillar unshaken of Christ’s holy Church, and lamp ever-burning to all the world you
emerged, O wise Haralambos; in all the world you shined, with the martyrdom you
suffered, you dispelled the dark night, of the idols, O blessed; whence, with courage do
intercede, to Christ that we may be saved.

Kontakion Mode 2
O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails,
we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore
you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession,
and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

July 5, 2026 For the Devout Man

Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2



Epistle

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

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

July 5, 2026 Prayer of the Gospel

Matthew 8:28-34;9:1



Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, “What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?” Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, “If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine.” And he said to them, “Go.” So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.