"DO NOT BE AFRAID . . ."

During his inaugural address, President Franklin D. Roosevelt tried to calm and comfort a troubled nation by assuring them that ". . . THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO FEAR IS FEAR ITSELF." Be that as it may, most of us would readily admit to being afraid of something. It may be as simple as having a phobia for insects, or as complicated as being haunted by a fear of growing old or dying. Fear may be defined as being an emotional response to perceived threats, and we certainly understand that emotions are sometimes difficult to keep in check. If controlled, fear can be an invaluable tool in building a strong character. The real danger to our well-being, however, lies in worries and anxieties that are allowed to consume us.

We must make every effort to REPLACE OUR FEARS WITH FAITH, and not permit despair to overcome us. How many times in the Gospels do we find our Lord instructing His followers not to be afraid? How often does He tell them not to worry: that their Father in heaven will take care of them? How can we ever forget His admonition: "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?" (Matthew 6:27)

Our faith can be of tremendous help in eliminating undue fear. In the Psalms, we are repeatedly told to "TRUST IN THE LORD." Throughout both Testaments, we find numerous examples of people who blindly placed their lives in God's hands, and were ultimately blessed for doing so. Those who are able to "commend their lives to Christ", as we are asked to do at every Divine Liturgy, will find themselves free from the tensions that can do irreparable damage to our souls.

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2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.



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Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel
Luke 17:12-19

Attendance
1/12/25
198

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Given by Karen Kotanides
In Loving Memory of Justin Gesquiere

Upcoming Memorials

January 26, 2025
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Aristides Amentas
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - George Macrides
5-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Soula Karaganides

February 9, 2025
1-Yr. Memorial - Esther Kaplanis



The family of George Macrides would like to thank Father Nick for all of his support he gave to Dad and our family during this difficult time. He loved your visits and we appreciate all the times you came and gave him communion and holy unction. Thanks to Deacon Michael, Savvas, and Stavros for participating in the funeral ceremony. A very special thank you to Annamarie and the lovely ladies of our Koraes for helping with the Makaria meal. Dad loved the people of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and we would like to thank everyone who visited, sent flowers, cooked meals, sent cards, called and gave us their prayers. We are so thankful we are members of this church and we appreciate you all so much!

Mark, Chris, Lisa Lambrou and all the Macrides family

57th Annual Debutantes Ball

High School Greek Female Seniors in Maids of Athena or with good standing parents in AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope are invited to join the Informational Meeting at St. Haralambos on TUESDAY, January 28 at 7:00 PM. The flyer details are posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. Please RSVP if interested in attending.

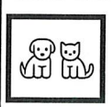


GATE NEW UPDATE

The gate entrance/exit has been fixed and the Gate will not be open all the time. Thank you for your patience and understanding!



Sunday School Collection through January 2025



Help take care of our Furry Friends this holiday season through the Stark County Humane Society. **Supplies are due NEXT SUNDAY** in the bin under the coat racks.

NEW BYZANTINE CHANT CLASS COMING



Starts January 23 at 6:00 PM

Instructor will be Savvas Bournelis. Email to join: sbournelis@hchc.edu or sign up at the pangari and see the flyer on the Bulletin Board by Church Office.

This is a notice of a General Assembly for all members in good standing. We appreciate and urge your attendance and participation.

A General Assembly will be conducted Sunday, February 9, 2025 immediately following Divine Liturgy.
The tentative agenda for this meeting is:

1. Opening prayer
2. Election of the Chairman of the Day
3. Approval of Past Minutes
4. Priest's Report
5. President's Report and Short Update on Background Checks
6. Election of 2025 General Assembly Committees
7. Donating to the New Metropolis Center
8. Financial Update
9. Stewardship Update
10. Other Business from the Floor
11. Closing Prayer

See you following Liturgy on Sunday, February 9, 2025.

SAVE THE DATE - FEBRUARY 9th



Following Liturgy on Sunday, February 9th, the Sunday School is hosting a bake sale. Stop by and buy a sweet for your sweetie!

COFFEE HOURS AT HOLY TRINITY

Coffee Hours are a great start at making our visitors and friends feel welcome. Our goal continues for having a coffee hour following each Sunday Liturgy. Individuals and families are welcome to sign up. Pastries, coffee and juice are plenty; no need for a light meal. Tables will be set up. **Open dates are February 2, February 23, March 2, & March 30.** Please call the Church Office!



PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation 2024/2025

Applications from eligible college students accepted through **January 31, 2025**. The application and qualification criteria, requirements and guidelines are available at:

https://www.panhellenicsf.org/apply

Calendar for the Week

All Services are streaming online @ *www.htgoc.net/live*

Sunday, January 19
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Justin Gesquiere 11:30 AM

Monday, January 20
Girls Basketball 6:00 PM

Tuesday, January 21
St. Maximos the Confessor
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM
Parish Council 6:00 PM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 22
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Paraklesis 6:00 PM
Boys Basketball 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 23
Byzantine Chant Class 6:00 PM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, January 24
Vigil for St. Gregory the Theologian followed by Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM
Trisagion - Peter Bournelis

Saturday, January 25
Parish Leadership Conference - Canonsburg, PA 10:00 AM

Sunday, January 26
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Aristides Amentas 11:30 AM
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - George Macrides 11:30 AM
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NO CASH?
NO PROBLEM!
Scan code with smart phone to make a payment!

SCAN ME

Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode pl. 1. *Automelon.*

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, * so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. * Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. * For our salvation He was pleased * to be crucified in the flesh, * and to undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

For the Devout Man.
Mode 1. *Automelon.*

As a citizen of the desert and an angel incarnate * and a wonder-worker you shone forth, O Makarios our God-bearing father. * Since you received the spiritual gifts * by fasting and vigilance and prayer, * you can cure those who are ailing and heal the souls * of those who run to you with faith. * Glory to Him who gave His might to you; * glory to Him who placed a crown on you; * glory to Him who operates through you, providing cures to all.

Apolytikion of Our Church.
Mode pl. 4.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God; Who did show forth the fishermen to be all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. And through them You drew the world into Your net, O Friend of man, glory to You!

Kontakion.
Mode 1.

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1
Psalm 11.7,1

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.
Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

The Gospel According to Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος πλ. α΄. *Αὐτόμελον.*

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Τοῦ Ὁσίου.

Ἦχος α΄. *Αὐτόμελον.*

Τῆς ἐρήμου πολίτης καὶ ἐν σώματι ἄγγελος καὶ θαυματουργὸς ἀνεδείχθης θεοφόρε πατὴρ ἡμῶν Μακάριε· νηστείᾳ, ἀγρυπνίᾳ, προσευχῇ, οὐράνια χαρίσματα λαβών· θεραπεύεις τοὺς νοσοῦντας καὶ τὰς ψυχὰς τῶν πίστει προστρεχόντων σοι. Δόξα τῷ δεδωκότι σοι ἰσχύν, δόξα τῷ σὲ στεφανώσαντι, δόξα τῷ ἐνεργοῦντι διὰ σοῦ πᾶσιν ἰάματα.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον.
Ἦχος α΄.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἁγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

Πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς 3:4-11

Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. α'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 11.7,1

Σὺ Κύριε, φυλάξαις ἡμᾶς καὶ διατηρήσαις ἡμᾶς.
Στίχ. Σῶσον με, Κύριε, ὅτι ἐκλέλοιπεν ὅσιος.

Πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς 3:4-11 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς φανερωθῇ, ἡ ζωὴ ἡμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακήν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ἥτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρεία, δι' ἃ ἔρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας· Ἐν οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς περιεπατήσατέ ποτε, ὅτε ἐζῆτε ἐν αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς τὰ πάντα, ὀργήν, θυμόν, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογίαν ἐκ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν νέον, τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος αὐτόν· ὅπου οὐκ ἔνι Ἕλλην καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης, δοῦλος, ἐλεύθερος· ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν Χριστός.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 17:12-19 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσερχομένου αὐτοῦ εἴς τινα κώμην ἀπήντησαν αὐτῷ δέκα λεπροὶ ἄνδρες, οἳ ἔστησαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἦραν φωνὴν λέγοντες· Ἰησοῦ ἐπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. καὶ ἰδὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· πορευθέντες ἐπιδείξατε ἑαυτοὺς τοῖς ἱερεῦσι. καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτοὺς ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἷς δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν, ἰδὼν ὅτι ἰάθη, ὑπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν, καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ εὐχαριστῶν αὐτῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν Σαμαρείτης. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· οὐχὶ οἱ δέκα ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οἱ δὲ ἐννέα ποῦ; οὐχ εὑρέθησαν ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἀλλογενὴς οὗτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε.