HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN A SUCCESSFUL ONE?

The years of life seem to follow a similar pattern for all of us. Our youth is spent planning, dreaming and charting a course for the journey that will find us striving to achieve our goals and ambitions. Our "golden years" are often spent reflecting upon all that we originally set out to do. The successes and failures that come our way are found in that period in between.

We all want our lives to be successful; we want to be remembered as being a person who made the world a better place. Unfortunately, many of us use the wrong criteria to gauge our personal accomplishments. Our true motivation must be living a life that is pleasing to God. He does not measure "success" in terms of financial and material gain. No, "fame and fortune" mean little to our Heavenly Father. Many of the Church's saints had very little, and many whose good works and deeds were known only to God heard the blessed words of the Lord -- **"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"** -- when they passed on to their eternal reward.

God does not expect great things from us, but He looks to us to do small things in a great way. In the Parable of the Last Judgment, those who had done all of the charitable acts of mercy were genuinely surprised that the Lord put so much emphasis on such simple gestures of compassion. Still, these are the things that are deemed important in God's eyes.

Has your life been a successful one? Have you dedicated your life to doing God's will? If you have, rest assured that a place in God's Kingdom awaits you. There could be no greater testimony to the ultimate success of your life!

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Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.



HOW DO YOU DEFINE SUCCESS?

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8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
II Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel
Luke 18:10-14

Attendance
2/2/25
145

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Given by the Harsh & Kaplanis Families
In Loving Memory of Esther Kaplanis

Upcoming Memorials

February 23, 2025
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Helen Dimos
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - George Dimos

March 16, 2025
Koraes Memorial & Coffee Hour

Condolences

Steve Konstantinou, age 71, fell asleep in the Lord on February 1, 2025.

Socrates Sakolevidis, age 53, fell asleep in the Lord on January 29, 2025.

May their memory be eternal!

SOMETHING NEW This Sunday, the first 3 rows of pews on the left side of the church will be roped off for our new Youth Sermon Dates.



SUPPORT OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!

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

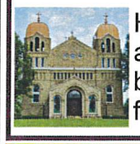
NOTICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TODAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025 after Liturgy

It is important for all members in good standing to attend this General Assembly meeting following liturgy TODAY!



REMINDER:



Holy Trinity will join in service next Sunday, February 16th at St. Haralambos for their Name Day Celebration. Orthros begins at 9:00 AM followed by Liturgy and the banquet will follow after services. **No services at Holy Trinity**.

HOPE GROUP VALENTINE'S DAY EXCHANGE



Kids 2nd grade and below are encouraged to participate. Please bring your own special Valentine's Day box and small valentines to give out to your friends (can include cards, candy, stickers, or any other small goodie!) Snacks provided.



Please see the bulletin board or pangari for the flyer!

Pilgrimage to Pennsylvania - February 26 and February 27, 2025



Holy Trinity is taking a Pilgrimage to Taylor, PA to see the Kardiotissa and Holy Protection Monastery of the Theotokos in White Haven, PA on February 26 and 27, 2025. There are **30 Limited spaces** available. A sign up sheet is located at the Pangari. There are still spots open! Please consider joining us on this 2-Day pilgrimage to see this miraculous icon and spend time with Christ. If you have any questions, please see Father Nick.

KORAES LADIES SOCIETY 2nd ANNUAL APOKRIATIKO (GREEK CARNIVAL) FAMILY DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 6PM - 10PM

Music by DJ Puff from Cleveland. Children and adults are encouraged to come in costume. Let's celebrate in Greek style!

COST: PRESALE $20 adults, $10 for children ages 5-12 (4 and under are free)
Appetizers included with a cash bar
(Tickets at the door are $25/$12 respectively)



For tickets, see Voula Pierce, Kathy Koufos or call the Church Office



Godparent Sunday

March 2, 2025

Please join us for Godparent Sunday! Bring your Godchild/ Godchildren to church to receive Holy Communion together!

2025 AHEPA Chapter #59 Scholarships

Apply Now Online!

Instructions and Applications are available for:
Local Canton Chapter 59 at: ahepa59.org **(April 30, Deadline)**
Buckeye District 11 at: buckeyedistrict11.org **(March 31, Deadline)**
AHEPA National at: ahepa.org **(March 31, Deadline)**
Contact: John Karipides (330) 283-0113
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Calendar for the Week

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

Sunday, February 9
1-Yr. Memorial - Esther Kaplanis
S.S. Bake Sale 11:30 AM
General Assembly 11:30 AM
Great Vespers 5:00 PM
At St. Haralambos

Monday, February 10
TRINITARIAN ITEMS DUE!!!
St. Haralambos the Martyr
Services at St. Haralambos 9:00 AM
Socrates Sakolevidis Funeral
Calling Hours 12:00 PM
Funeral 1:00 PM
Girls Basketball 6:00 PM

Tuesday, February 11
Senior Luncheon 12:00 PM
Lunch is $5.00 TODAY!
Sunday School Teachers 5:00 PM
Executive Board 6:00 PM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

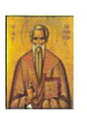
Wednesday, February 12
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Paraklesis 6:00 PM
Boys Basketball 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 13
Byzantine Chant Class 6:30 PM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, February 14
No Scheduled Events



Saturday, February 15
Baking Prosfora



Sunday, February 16
St. Haralambos Name Day
Services @ St. Haralambos
Orthros 9:00 AM
Liturgy follows
Name Day Banquet after liturgy

NO CASH? NO PROBLEM!
Scan code with smart phone to make a payment instantly!

SCAN ME

Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode pl. 4.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

Apolytikion of the Feast.
Mode 1.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

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 Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4
Psalm 75.11,1

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel According to Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ Εὔσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.
Ἦχος α΄.

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

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 Τιμόθεον β' 3:10-15

Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. δ'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 75.11,1
Εὔξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.
Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 3:10-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῇ ἀγωγῇ, τῇ προθέσει, τῇ πίστει, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἷά μοι ἐγένετο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἵους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεγκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται. Πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστώθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσαι εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:10-14 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τήν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωποι δύο ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ ἱερὸν προσεύξασθαι, ὁ εἷς Φαρισαῖος καὶ ὁ ἕτερος τελώνης. ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ταῦτα προσηύχετο· ὁ Θεός, εὐχαριστῶ σοι ὅτι οὐκ εἰμὶ ὥσπερ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἅρπαγες, ἄδικοι, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὗτος ὁ τελώνης· νηστεύω δὶς τοῦ σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτῶμαι. καὶ ὁ τελώνης μακρόθεν ἑστὼς οὐκ ἤθελεν οὐδὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπᾶραι, ἀλλ᾽ ἔτυπτεν εἰς τὸ στῆθος αὐτοῦ λέγων· ὁ Θεός, ἱλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ. λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὗτος δεδικαιωμένος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ ἢ γὰρ ἐκεῖνος· ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὑψῶν ἑαυτὸν ταπεινωθήσεται, ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν ἑαυτὸν ὑψωθήσεται.