SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY: A DAY OF TRIUMPH

The importance of the use and veneration of icons by the Orthodox Church is well-documented today. There was a time, however, when their use was forbidden. Those who opposed the use of icons were referred to as **"iconoclasts,"** which literally means **"image breakers."** This controversy raged for over 100 years, and was seemingly settled at the 7th Ecumenical Council, which convened in Nicea in 787 A.D. The Church Fathers decreed that the veneration of icons was a long standing tradition of the Church, and that this practice was not, in any way, in conflict with the Second Commandment, which directs us **"not to make unto ourselves any graven image."**

The 7th Ecumenical Council, however, did not completely settle this issue. The conflict over icons continued until 843 A.D. when a local council, led by Patriarch Methodios of Constantinople, established the 1st Sunday of Lent as a day of celebration of the **"Triumph of Orthodoxy"** and the return of holy icons to their rightful place in churches everywhere.

The Sunday of Orthodoxy is a celebration of all of the faithful men and women who struggled for the Faith in times of persecution. On this great day, all Orthodox Christians are called upon to remember the example of these holy ones and to renew our own commitment to Christ and His Church. We proudly proclaim today that the rich Orthodox Faith that we possess is truly **"THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES . . . THE FAITH OF THE FATHERS . . . THE FAITH WHICH HAS ESTABLISHED THE UNIVERSE."**

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Apolytikion of Sunday of Orthodoxy
Second Tone

O Christ our God, begging forgiveness of our sins, we venerate Your Pure Image, O Good One. Of your own will you condescended to ascend upon the Cross in the flesh and deliver those You created from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, thankfully, we cry out, "When You came to save the world, Your filled all things with joy, O Our Savior."

Icons are to be Venerated; God alone is to be served in Faith



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Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(Closed noon-1pm for lunch)

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

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Hebrews
12:1-10

Gospel
John
1:43-51

Attendance
3/2/25
335

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Given by the Papadopoulos Family
In Loving Memory of Julia Papadopoulos

Bookstore Coffee Hour - March 23, 2025

Please join us for a Bookstore Coffee Hour on the Sunday of the Holy Cross, March 23. Check out our new displays and Lenten items. Hope to see you on March 23th!



THANK YOU SO MUCH!



The family of Helen Dimos would like to thank Father Nick for all of his support and kind words. Thank you to all of those who gave donations, sent cards and expressed their condolences. We would also like to thank everyone that brought pastries for the memorial and Koraes for taking care of the coffee hour. ~The Dimos Family



Many thanks to Father Nick for the funeral service he performed with Father Corbin of St. George Antiochian for our wonderful mother, Mary Kousaie. Thanks also to all our friends from Holy Trinity who supported us during our time of grief. God bless all of you and may Mary's memory be Eternal. ~Lauree and John Huntsman



The Sakolevas family would like to thank Father Nick, our Koraes Ladies and everyone that donated to Socrates 40-Day memorial lunch. Thank you for your kindness, your visits, your love and support during this difficult time. We will be forever grateful. May Soc's memory be eternal.

Thank you to all the wonderful individuals who helped, brought baked goods or food for the 40-Day memorial for Steve (Stavro) Konstantinou. My son, Niko, and I are truly grateful. ~Maria Konstantinou



LENTEN FLOWER ENVELOPES & SERVICES



Donation envelopes for flowers that decorate the church during Lent and Pascha are posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. Be sure to check the online calendar on our website and the Trinitarian for Lenten Services in the month of March and April.

2ND ANNUAL GREEK GATSBY GALA

MAY 10, 2025
5-11 PM

Beginning March 2, 2025: Tickets for Regular Tables of 8 - $600
VIP Tables - $1,080 (includes a full page ad)
Individual Tickets go on sale MARCH 16 - $75.00 per person

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

Cash Bar, Greek Dinner & Pastries, Silent Auction, Live Band, Dancing

1920s or Semi-Formal Attire Requested

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

On the Fridays of Great Lent, following Salutations and Akathist Service, we will have the opportunity to hear about how our Lord Jesus Christ has performed many miraculous events using icons of His Mother. From over a millennium ago until now, you will go on a trip and hear of these blessed stories that involve icons which produced blood, tears, myrrh, speaking and even movement.

The dates are Friday evenings around 7pm - March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4.



Don't miss this wonderful chance to see how God used and continues to use His Mother to help us see Him more clearly!

SENIOR GREEK DANCE TROUPE



Any child ages 12+ who is interested in Greek dancing, please be at practice on **Sundays starting March 30th from 6:30-7:30PM at the church.** If you have any questions or would like to register, please contact Eliana Monnot at 330-617-6238. Hope to see all our youth dancing at the festival this year - July 16-19. 2025. More information on Junior Troupe will be available soon!

Daughters of Penelope 59th Annual Debutantes Ball



Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 7:30pm
St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
Krassas Event Center

Tickets: $25 per person

Tickets will be sold at Holy Trinity on Sunday, March 30 and Sunday, April 6

This year's debutantes are: Amelia Colón, Savannah Goss, Kate Kaplanis, Francesca Hathaway, Isabella Paxos, Sophia Pitinii, Sophia Semertsidis, Alexandria Sklavenitis and Eva Chrisanthe Stavrianou-Winn

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Apply Now Online!



To apply to all the Scholarships available at Holy Trinity, please visit our website at

https://htgoc.net/events/scholarships

to fill out the applications.

All applications are due by April 30, 2025.

Calendar for the Week

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

Sunday, March 9
Daylight Saving Time Begins
Sunday of Orthodoxy
Luminary Form Sign Up Available
Catered Event 3:00 PM
Lenten Vespers 5:00 PM
@ St. George Serbian

Monday, March 10
April Trinitarian Items Due
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, March 11
Senior Luncheon 12:00 PM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM
Executive Board 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 12
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 PM
@ St. Haralambos

Thursday, March 13
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, March 14
Young Adult Spring Retreat
Presanctified Liturgy 9:00 AM
Akathist Service 6:00 PM
Lenten Lecture Series 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 15
Young Adult Spring Retreat
HOPE/JOY Retreat 10:00 AM
(Information at Pangari)

Sunday, March 16
Young Adult Spring Retreat
Koraes Memorial & Coffee Hour

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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NO CASH? NO PROBLEM!

Scan code with smart phone to make a payment instantly!

SCAN ME

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 Feast.
Mode 2.

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Apolytikion. For the Saints.
Mode 1.

The holy martyrs suffered painful tortures for Your sake, O Lord; be compelled by what they endured, and heal our every pain, we entreat You, O only benevolent God.

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 pl. 4. *Automelon.*

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-10

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 Hebrews 12:1-10

BRETHREN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father.

The Gospel According to John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος δ΄.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀποῤῥίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.
Ἦχος β΄.

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου, προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ηὐδόκησας σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὓς ἔπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαρᾶς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τῶν Ἁγίων.
Ἦχος α΄.

Τὰς ἀλγηδόνας τῶν Ἁγίων, ἃς ὑπὲρ σοῦ ἔπαθον, δυσωπήθητι Κύριε, καὶ πάσας ἡμῶν τὰς ὀδύνας, ἴασαι φιλάνθρωπε δεόμεθα.

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 πλ. δ΄. *Αὐτόμελον.*

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 12:1-10

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. α'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 11.7,1

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

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 12:1-10 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἁμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν, ὃς, ἀντὶ τῆς προκειμένης αὐτῷ χαρᾶς, ὑπέμεινεν σταυρόν, αἰσχύνης καταφρονήσας, ἐν δεξιᾷ τε τοῦ θρόνου τοῦ θεοῦ κεκάθικεν. Ἀναλογίσασθε γὰρ τὸν τοιαύτην ὑπομεμενηκότα ὑπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν εἰς αὐτὸν ἀντιλογίαν, ἵνα μὴ κάμητε ταῖς ψυχαῖς ὑμῶν ἐκλυόμενοι. Οὔπω μέχρι αἵματος ἀντικατέστητε πρὸς τὴν ἁμαρτίαν ἀνταγωνιζόμενοι· καὶ ἐκλέλησθε τῆς παρακλήσεως, ἥτις ὑμῖν ὡς υἱοῖς διαλέγεται, Υἱέ μου, μὴ ὀλιγώρει παιδείας κυρίου, μηδὲ ἐκλύου ὑπ' αὐτοῦ ἐλεγχόμενος· ὃν γὰρ ἀγαπᾷ κύριος παιδεύει· μαστιγοῖ δὲ πάντα υἱὸν ὃν παραδέχεται. Εἰς παιδείαν ὑπομένετε, ὡς υἱοῖς ὑμῖν προσφέρεται ὁ θεός· τίς γὰρ ἐστιν υἱὸς ὃν οὐ παιδεύει πατήρ; Εἰ δὲ χωρίς ἐστε παιδείας, ἧς μέτοχοι γεγόνασιν πάντες, ἄρα νόθοι ἐστε καὶ οὐχ υἱοί. Εἶτα τοὺς μὲν τῆς σαρκὸς ἡμῶν πατέρας εἴχομεν παιδευτὰς, καὶ ἐνετρεπόμεθα· οὐ πολλῷ μᾶλλον ὑποταγησόμεθα τῷ πατρὶ τῶν πνευμάτων, καὶ ζήσομεν; Οἱ μὲν γὰρ πρὸς ὀλίγας ἡμέρας κατὰ τὸ δοκοῦν αὐτοῖς ἐπαίδευον· ὁ δὲ ἐπὶ τὸ συμφέρον, εἰς τὸ μεταλαβεῖν τῆς ἁγιότητος αὐτοῦ.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 1:44-52 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠθέλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐξελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· καὶ εὑρίσκει Φίλιππον καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολούθει μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαϊδά, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὑρίσκει Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ὃν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφῆται, εὑρήκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσὴφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ· ἐκ Ναζαρὲτ δύναταί τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος· ἔρχου καὶ ἴδε. εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναὴλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ· ἴδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλίτης, ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστι. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ· πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι, ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκῆν εἶδόν σε. ἀπεκρίθη Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὅτι εἶπόν σοι, εἶδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς, πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὄψει. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπ' ἄρτι ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεῳγότα, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.