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 Forefeast.
Mode 4. *Joseph marveled.*

Unto us is born today Mary the child of God, * as the branch from Jesse’s root, and as the fruit of David’s loins, * and all creation is re-created and deified. * O heaven and the earth, rejoice in unison. * Sing praises unto her, O all you Gentile clans. * Joachim is exultant, and Anna is keeping festival, crying out: * “The barren woman bears the Theotokos, * the nourisher of our Life.”

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 3. *On this day.*

On this day the virgin Maid, Mary the true Theotokos, * the inviolate bridal room of the heavenly Bridegroom, * by the will of God is born of a barren woman, * to prepare to be the carriage of God the Logos, * as for this she had been destined, * to be the gateway of God and Mother of Life.

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2
Psalm 27.9,1
O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

The Gospel According to John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

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.

Προεόρτιον.
Ἦχος δ΄. *Κατεπλάγη Ἰωσήφ.*

Ἐκ τῆς ῥίζης Ἰεσσαί, καὶ ἐξ ὀσφύος τοῦ Δαυΐδ, ἡ θεόπαις Μαριάμ, τίκτεται σήμερον ἡμῖν· διὸ καὶ χαίρει ἡ σύμπασα καὶ καινουργεῖται· συγχαίρει τε ὁμοῦ, ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ. Αἰνέσατε αὐτήν, αἱ πατριαὶ τῶν ἐθνῶν. Ἰωακεὶμ εὐφραίνεται, καὶ Ἄννα πανηγυρίζει κραυγάζουσα· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει, τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφόν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

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 γ΄. *Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον.*

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, καὶ Θεοτόκος Μαρία, ἡ παστὰς ἡ ἄλυτος, τοῦ οὐρανίου Νυμφίου, τίκτεται, ἀπὸ τῆς στείρας θεοβουλήτως, ὄχημα, τοῦ Θεοῦ Λόγου εὐτρεπισθῆναι· εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ προωρίσθη, ἡ θεία πύλη, καὶ Μήτηρ τῆς ὄντως ζωῆς.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 6:11-18

Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. β'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 27.9,1

Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.
Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι ὁ Θεός μου.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 6:11-18 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκοις ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρί. Ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπροσωπῆσαι ἐν σαρκί, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται. Οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετμημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ ὑμετέρᾳ σαρκὶ καυχήσωνται. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται, κἀγὼ τῷ κόσμῳ. Ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὔτε περιτομή τι ἰσχύει, οὔτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. Καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνη ἐπ' αὐτούς, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί. Ἀμήν.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 3:13-17 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· καὶ οὐδεὶς ἀναβέβηκεν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καταβάς, ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ὁ ὢν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ καθὼς Μωϋσῆς ὕψωσε τὸν ὄφιν ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, οὕτως ὑψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Οὕτω γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα κρίνῃ τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλ' ἵνα σωθῇ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ.

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

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Galatians
6:11-18

Gospel
John
3:13-17

Attendance
8/31/25
108

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by Katie Brumfield
In Loving Memory of Fred Brumfield

Upcoming Memorials

September 28
40-Day Memorial - Louisa Maria Eleftheriades Schinas

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!!

It's a boy!

Congratulations to Dan & Megan Slavik on the birth of their son, James Daniel, born on August 14, 2025, joining his sisters, Annie and Sophie!

Proud YiaYia and Papou, Ted & Sally Rath!
Great Grandmother, Joann Rath!

Many thanks to Father Nick for being there for our family following the passing of our sister, Cathy. It is greatly appreciated!

Douglas Babb & Family

thank you!

2025 Orthodox Build — Habitat for Humanity® East Central Ohio



Join the 2025 Orthodox Build through Habitat for Humanity at **314 Tyler Ave SE, Canton, OH 44707**. Scan the QR codes below for sign up dates and availability for volunteers on each date or visit the following for additional work dates for this build. **Monetary donations are also needed for this build.** https://give.habitateco.org/campaigns/39786-2025-orthodox-build-open

Ready to volunteer? Scan to sign up!



Welcome Back to Sunday School

Looking Ahead with Hope

As we step into this new Sunday School year, may we do so with open hearts and a sense of anticipation. There will be new stories to hear, new friends to meet, and new ways to discover God's love in our lives. Each Sunday is an invitation to grow – a journey of faith, friendship, and discovery that we embark on together.

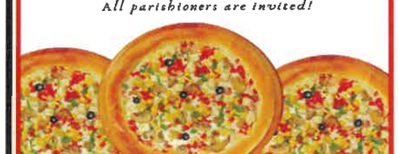
Let us welcome one another with open arms and joyful spirits, ready to learn, laugh, play, and pray together. The adventure of Sunday School awaits, and it is all the brighter because you are here.

Welcome back – Let's make this a year to remember!

Kelly Antoniades
Sunday School Administrator



GOYA
PIZZA LUNCHEON
September 28, 2025
$10.00 per person
Lunch includes pizza, salad, chips & drink
All parishioners are invited!



Koraes Ladies Society Presents

A Tribute to Legends

Featuring Melanie and Michael John & The MJB Orchestra!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

TICKETS $65.00

Call Betty (330) 705-5181
or
Annamarie (330) 209-8372

5:30 PM - Cocktail Hour
6:30 PM - Dinner
7:30 PM - Show followed by Silent Auction
Holy Trinity Cultural Center
4705 Fairhaven Avenue NW
Canton, OH 44709



JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST **JOY** MEETING

GRADES 3-6
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH (DOWNSTAIRS)

Come join us for faith, FUN, and snacks.
We do ask that you register your child for JOY, even if they have previously participated.

Questions? Contact
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CHURCH LADIES EXERCISE PROGRAM

A new session of the Ladies Exercise Class has begun on **Tuesday Evenings** from 6:00pm-7:00pm, held in the church hall with Instructor, Jennifer Kalaitsides, Personal Trainer. Sponsored by the Koraes Ladies. Cost is $5.00 per class. Please bring mat, towel, and sweatshirt!

Join us for our **first GOYA meeting of the year, Sunday, September 14th** immediately following Divine Liturgy. **GOYA** is open to all youth who are 12 years old and in 7th grade through high school. Please make plans to attend our first meeting to elect officers and plan events for the upcoming year. We look forward to seeing you!

Diana Kuty & DeeDee Amentas



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The kickoff **HOPE** meeting for 2025-2026 will be on **Sunday, September 14** following Divine Liturgy. Children in Kindergarten through 2nd Grade are welcome to join. I look forward to seeing all of you!

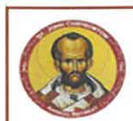
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Sunday, October 12th following liturgy
Please support Sunday school's fall bake sale during coffee hour.







ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ANNUAL RETREAT



Saturday, November 15, 2025

Retreat Theme: "Be Watchful – Be Sober: St. Paul's Wisdom for Spiritual Maturity"
Speaker: Fr. Barnabas Powell

Calendar for the Week

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

Sunday, September 7
40-Day Churching 10:00 AM
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Fred Brumfield
11 Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - George Simionides

Monday, September 8
Nativity of the Theotokos
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM

Tuesday, September 9
Senior Luncheon 12:00 PM
Executive Board 6:00 PM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 10
House Blessings Day 5
TRINITARIAN ITEMS ARE DUE!
Paraklesis 6:00 PM
Orthodoxy 101/201 Classes 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 11
House Blessings Day 6
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, September 12
House Blessings Day 7

Saturday, September 13
No Scheduled Events

Sunday, September 14
Exaltation of the Cross
First Day of Sunday School
GOYA, HOPE, & JOY meetings 11:30 AM

REMINDER: All Trinitarian items are due into the Church Office by the 10th of the month for October.

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

Now we wouldn't be so foolish – certainly we wouldn't ignore warnings given to us – or would we? Just think for a moment about all of the times in life we have been warned about doing something, and we did it anyway. Our parents, our friends, our doctors all warned us about things and more often than not, we ignored them – and that's foolish and often dangerous. But even worse is when we ignore warnings from another "source" – that being **OUR LORD**.

God warned Adam and Eve not to eat from a certain tree and that if they did, they would suffer dreadful consequences. They failed to heed His warning, and God's entire plan for the world was altered. He warned the people of Sodom and Gomorrah to change their sinful ways. They didn't, and their cities were destroyed. Likewise the people at the time of Noah were warned to change their wicked ways. When they refused to do so, they experienced a flood worse than any hurricane ever caused.

But how do we react to Christ's stern words? Pretty much like those asked to evacuate before a hurricane: we either refuse to believe the warnings or we feel that there is plenty of time for us before we start paying attention to them. Oh, if that were only so!

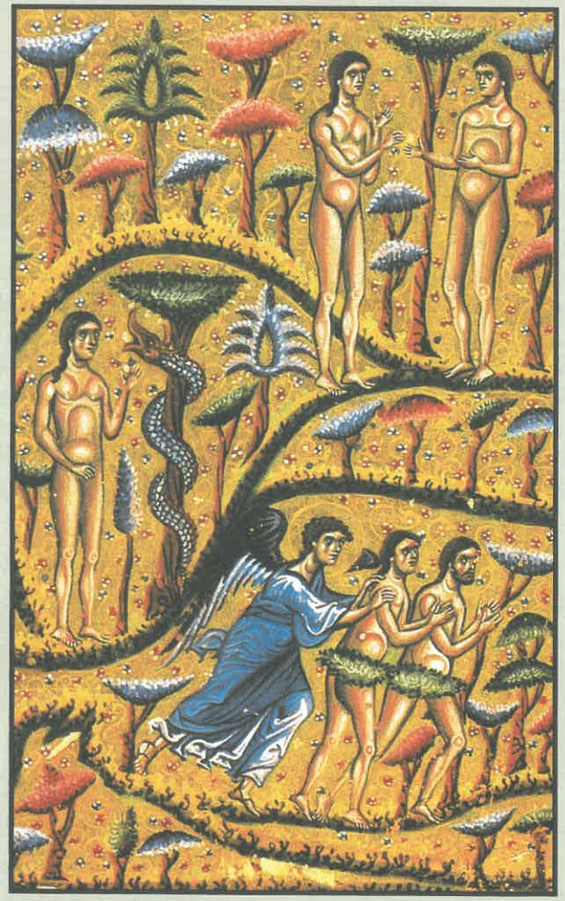
Time will, one day, run out for all of us. Let us remember the most chilling warning our Lord gave us: **"Watch, therefore, for you know not the hour when the Son of God will return."** If we don't heed **THIS** warning, no one will be able to rescue us.

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Matthew 24:44

Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

HEED THE WARNING



Most of us have either experienced a devastating storm firsthand or know of someone who has. The resulting damage can often be life altering. Luckily, because of today's technology, government officials may be able to confidently issue evacuation orders in advance.

Interestingly enough, there are still those who refuse to heed the warnings that they are given – no matter how ominous – and remain right where they are. Those who stubbornly refuse to leave their homes inevitably have to be rescued from their roof tops by emergency crews.

Have you ever wondered why people act this way? By and large, most ignore these warnings simply because they don't believe anything will ever happen to them or they believe that they can wait just a little bit longer before evacuating.