1 Corinthians 15:55-57

"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Cross, Our Victory

Have you seen the wonderful victory? Have you seen the splendid deeds of the Cross? ... Who can tell the Lord's mighty deeds? By death we were made immortal: these are the glorious deeds of the Cross.

Have you understood the victory? Have you grasped how it was wrought? Learn now, how this victory was gained without any sweat or toil of ours. No weapons of ours were stained with blood; our feet did not stand in the front line of battle; we suffered no wounds; witnessed no tumults; and yet we obtained the victory.

The battle was the Lord's, the crown is ours. Since then victory is ours, let us imitate the soldiers, and with joyful voices sing the songs of victory.

Let us praise the Lord and say, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?"

The Cross did all these wonderful things for us: the Cross is a war memorial erected against the demons, a sword against sin, the sword with which Christ slew the serpent.

The Cross is the Father's will, the glory of the Only-begotten, the Spirit's exultation, the beauty of the angels, the guardian of the Church. Paul glories in the Cross; it is the rampart of the saints, it is the light of the whole world.

St. John Chrysostom

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Sunday of the Holy Cross



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Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Hebrews
4:14-16; 5:1-6

Gospel
Mark
8:34-38; 9:1

Attendance
3/8/26
176

Upcoming Memorials

March 22
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Angie Anastas
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Socrates "Soc" Sakolevidis
Koraes Memorial & Coffee Hour

March 29
6-Month Memorial - Damon Halkias

YOUNG ADULT BOWLING NIGHT – SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH



Attention all Young Adults! There will be a bowling night at Park Centre Lanes in Jackson Twp. from 8pm-10pm. All Young Adults are invited to come and enjoy a night of bowling and fellowship together.

LENTEN FLOWER ENVELOPES



Donation envelopes for flowers during Lent and Pascha are still available on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

Attention Graduating Seniors (High School & College)

Please contact Lori in the Church Office at 330-494-8770 or email her at office@htgoc.net if you are graduating this year and provide the graduate's name, date of graduation, school graduating from, and if a college graduate, please provide the major. **Name Day is May 31, 2026 where graduates will be recognized.**

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Apply Now Online!

To apply to the **Holy Trinity Scholarships**, please visit the website at https://htgoc.net/events/scholarships/htgoc-scholarship-applications to fill out the application. **All applications are due by April 30, 2026.**

Instructions and Applications are available for the AHEPA 59 Local Canton Chapter 59 at: ahepa59.org **(April 30, Deadline)**

Contact: John Karipides (330) 283-0113 or Paul Koskovich (330) 327-4079

49th GRECIAN FESTIVAL

2026 FESTIVAL DATES:

July 22, 23, 24, & 25

Festival Co-Chairs: Kosta Kalantzis
Rick Pitinii
Dino Costi

Come Celebrate Pascha at Holy Trinity

Bring the kids to church and stay for the egg hunt. There will be prizes for everyone!



Sunday, April 12th
Immediately Following Liturgy

The Sunday school will be hosting this event. To help in planning, please contact Kelly Antoniades at 330-704-4473 or kellyantoniades@gmail.com by April 5th if your children plan to attend. If you decide last minute that's ok too!

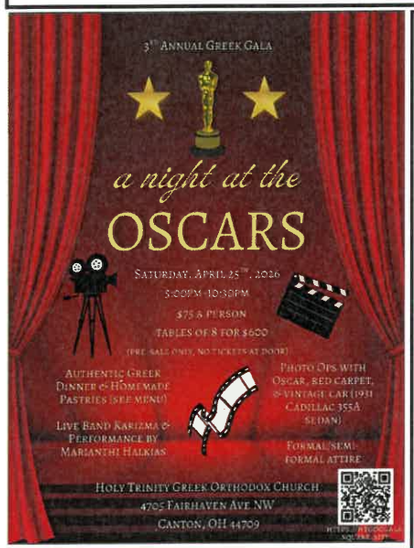
LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

THE JOURNEY OF HOLY WEEK

On the Fridays of Great Lent, following Salutations and Akathist Service, the journey through Holy Week will encourage thoughtful contemplation on Jesus Christ's atoning sacrifice, help us eagerly anticipate our resurrection celebration on Pascha, and cause us to earnestly reflect on what these events mean for how we live as followers of Jesus Christ today.

The dates are Friday evenings around 7pm - March 20 & 27, 2026





Attention all kids grades K-5! We are looking forward to this year's festival and need a head count of how many little dancers we will have! If interested, please call or text Nicole Israel at 330-933-0651 or Hannah Greenbaum at 330-312-3833 to let us know. If anyone has dance costumes at home, please return them too! Thank you!

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
CHLORIS CHAPTER #40
PRESENTS:
THE 58TH ANNUAL
DEBUTANTES BALL

HONORING:
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Panagiota Tzouloufis
Alexia Zenallis

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026
Alex D. Krassas Event Center
Doors open @ 7:30 p.m.
Presentation @ 8:30 p.m.

$25.00 per person
For tickets please call
Frances Pantelides @ 330-284-3929

Semi Formal Attire Requested
Cash Bar

Calendar for the Week

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

Sunday, March 15
Sunday of the Holy Cross
YMCA Catered Event 3:00 PM

Monday, March 16
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, March 17
Parish Council 6:00 PM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 18
Festival Baking 9:00 AM
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Food Pantry 1PM - 3PM
Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 PM
@ St. George Antiochian

Thursday, March 19
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, March 20
Presanctified Liturgy 9:00 AM
Akathist Service 6:00 PM
Lenten Lecture Series 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 21
Festival Baking

Sunday, March 22
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Angie Anastas
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FESTIVAL BAKING SCHEDULE:

March 18 - Kourambiethes
March 21 - Galaktoboureko
April 1 - Melomakarona



April 18 - Tsoureki
May 8 & 9 - Baklava
May 16 - Fengarakia
May 25 - Paximathia

Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Grave Mode.

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

For the Feast.
Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

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 4:14-16; 5:1-6

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 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος βαρύς.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέῳξας τῷ λῃστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.
Ἦχος α΄.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου, καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων, διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

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 4:14-16, 5:1-6

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. β'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 27.9,1
Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.
Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι ὁ Θεός μου.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 4:14-16, 5:1-6 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες οὖν ἀρχιερέα μέγαν, διεληλυθότα τοὺς οὐρανούς, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ θεοῦ, κρατῶμεν τῆς ὁμολογίας. Οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα μὴ δυνάμενον συμπαθῆσαι ταῖς ἀσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειραμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ὁμοιότητα, χωρὶς ἁμαρτίας. Προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον, καὶ χάριν εὕρωμεν εἰς εὔκαιρον βοήθειαν. Πᾶς γὰρ ἀρχιερεύς, ἐξ ἀνθρώπων λαμβανόμενος, ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρῃ δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν· μετριοπαθεῖν δυνάμενος τοῖς ἀγνοοῦσιν καὶ πλανωμένοις, ἐπεὶ καὶ αὐτὸς περίκειται ἀσθένειαν· καὶ διὰ ταύτην ὀφείλει, καθὼς περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, οὕτως καὶ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ, προσφέρειν ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ οὐχ ἑαυτῷ τις λαμβάνει τὴν τιμήν, ἀλλὰ καλούμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ Ἀαρών. Οὕτως καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτὸν ἐδόξασεν γενηθῆναι ἀρχιερέα, ἀλλ' ὁ λαλήσας πρὸς αὐτόν, Υἱός μου εἶ σύ, ἐγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε. Καθὼς καὶ ἐν ἑτέρῳ λέγει, Σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μᾶρκον 8:34-38, 9:1 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἐλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθείτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσί τινες τῶν ὧδε ἑστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσωνται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.