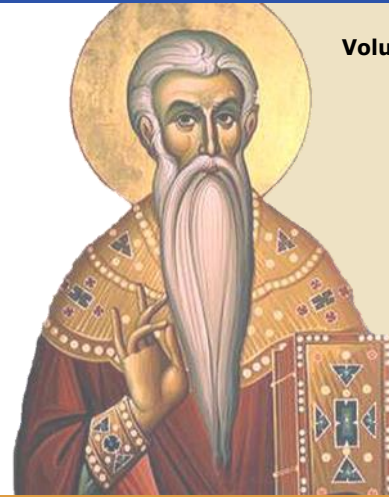


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**Narrative Divine Liturgy**  
Sunday, January 28



*Lord, You know that men are flesh and blood; forgive them their sins and pour out Your blessing on all. — St. Haralambos*

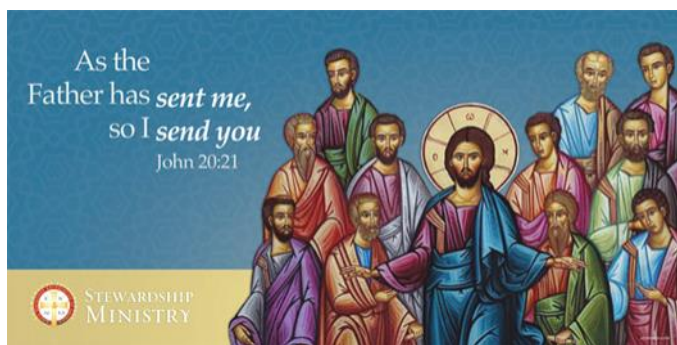
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## Stewardship

The goal for 2018 is to have all parish families become Good Stewards of Saint Haralambos Church. This means carefully completing the 2018 Stewardship brochure, making sure your family information is correct, making a financial pledge for the year, and becoming involved in parish ministries.

When we recognize that everything we have: health, wealth, time and talents, are all gifts from God, there should be no hesitation in using those gifts to build up His Church and to glorify His name. To exercise good stewardship is to use God's gifts in ways that glorify Him and build up His Church. This means using our gifts for the benefit of others, giving a portion of our time and treasure for the strengthening of the Church. When a person realizes his dependency on God's blessings, sharing them with others and through His Church is a very natural and joyful response.

If needed, new/blank Stewardship brochures are available on Sundays.



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## Epiphany Services

On the 12th Day of Christmas in the Orthodox Tradition, we celebrate the feastday of Theophany or Epiphany, which commemorates not just the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ, but the revelation of the Holy Trinity.



A look at the icon of the feast, reminds us of this by showing John the Baptist next to Jesus, the dove appearing over Jesus' head representing the Holy Spirit, and the words of God the Father declaring Jesus as His Beloved Son. In the Orthodox tradition, the Church sanctifies holy water following the Divine Liturgy on the eve of the feast as well as on the feastday itself, Jan. 6. See the calendar for service times, and be sure to bring a small container with you if you'd like to take some of the holy water with you.



## Christmas Food Drive and Angel Tree

Thank you to all who donated food during last month's food drive and gifts for the Angel tree! Everything was packed and boxed in time to be picked up by the City of Peoria Community Action Agency, and delivered to needy families.



## Narrative Divine Liturgy

Sunday services differ from church to church: the Orthodox Liturgy, the Catholic Mass, Morning Prayers, and many forms of contemporary Praise and Worship services. If you have family members from different Christian traditions, or out of curiosity, you've likely been to some of these services. All of them have a history and tradition behind them, including the Divine Liturgy.

If you've seen televised worship services or have been to Sunday services in other Christian churches, you know that the liturgy is really quite different. Most noticeable, perhaps, is that in place of an altar there is a stage. Why? Because every liturgy is a commemoration of The Sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, and throughout the Old Testament, religious sacrifices took place at an altar. If there is no commemoration of Jesus' sacrifice, there is no need for an altar. Although important, the presence of the altar is just the tip of the iceberg when talking about the meaning of the liturgy.

Why is there just one Divine Liturgy on Sundays? What is the meaning of the many symbols, processions and rituals? Has the liturgy changed over time?

To help answer these and other questions, a special Narrative Divine Liturgy will be offered on Sunday, Jan. 28, beginning at 10 am. The liturgy will be stopped at various times with commentary on the history and meaning of Christianity's oldest continuous form of worship.

When Orthodox Christianity first came to this country, the Sunday morning services were the same as they are today here at Saint Haralambos Church, and at Orthodox parishes throughout the country. There hasn't been a revolutionary movement to change, to update or to improve upon what our Church has handed down to us from generations passed.


So let's do a little digging below the surface, and listen to some explanations to help us understand why the liturgy is the way it is, and why the Orthodox continue to celebrate only the Divine Liturgy every Sunday of the year.

Friends are welcome! There will be time for Question and Answers afterwards.

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**Sunday Worship**

Matins: 8:45 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.

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Olga Carlson	Nardos Russom
Anna Kinniburgh	Solomon Woldesilassie

## Festival Baking Schedule

### JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00am Koulouria
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00am Melomakarouna Paximadia
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00am Karithopita	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:00am Tsourekia	<b>27</b> 9:00am Tsourekia
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

### Birthdays



- Christine Hollander (2)
- Sharon Magnani (3)
- Constantine Danos (4)
- Ruth Panousopoulos (5)
- Maria Dicks (7)
- Peter Stamas (11)
- Judy Farr (12)
- Antonios Papamatheakis (13)
- Philemon Russom (13)
- Elaine Giannias (14)
- Dennis Finch (16)
- Athanasius Romero (19)
- Naomi Solomon (21)
- Andrea Pagos (22)
- Art Amoroso (25)
- Maria Macrides (26)
- Ocbai Tesfay (27)
- Catherine Baxter (28)
- Frosene Bravos (31)
- Reni Milonas (31)

If you don't see your name, or those of family members, and would like to be included on the monthly birthday listing, please send the information to the church office.

### FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00am Kourabiedes
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00am Baklava	<b>6</b> 9:00am Diples	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

## St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Stella Pagos, President

St. Anna's Philoptochos, Chapter 4052, met on Monday, Dec. 4 and the following commitments were discussed and voted on:

### National

- Cancer & Other Major Illnesses \$50
- Social Services \$50

Good food and fellowship was enjoyed at our annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner. After a brief meeting, a grab-bag gift exchange and singing of Christmas carols topped off the evening.

A special Memorial Service was held at the end of Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 31 for remembering our loved ones who have fallen asleep. Thank you to all who entered their loved ones names on the Dove Tree to be remembered at the service.

Thanks to you, our Holiday Deli/Bake Sale was a huge success. Our next Deli/Bake Sale will be on Palm Sunday, April 1 during our Annual Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon.

### How You Can Help

- Become a Philoptochos member. Please see Stella or Reni for a form.
- Host a Sunday Coffee Hour. Please see Anna Kinniburgh to sign up.
- Make a free-will donation into the Coffee Hour donation basket.
- Shop at the Deli/Bake Sales.
- Join us at our annual Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon, Apr. 1
- Link your Fry's card to the Fry's Community Rewards Program. (See or call Stella Pagos, 623-975-0027, for more information on how to participate.)

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 pm.

We wish you and yours a **Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.**



## Parish Council Elections

Congratulations to the following parishioners who were elected to serve at two-year term on the Parish Council beginning this month: Vaughn Bachanos, Olga Carlson, Anna Kinniburgh and Paul McGinn. They will be joining incumbent

council members Nardos Russom and Solomon Woldesilassie. Thank you to council members Dennis Georgen and Marina Finch, who served as president and vice-president, and whose terms expired at the end of 2017.

### Name Days

Many years/*Chronia Polla* to those named after the following saints:

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Epiphany (6th)         | St. Euthymios (20th) |
| St. Gregory (10th)     | St. Timothy (22nd)   |
| St. Tatiani (12th)     | St. Xenia (24th)     |
| St. Anthony (17th)     | St. Gregory (25th)   |
| St. Athanasios (18th ) | St. Ephraim (28th)   |
| St. Mark (19th)        |                      |

# House Blessings

Start the New Year with a special family event, according to the traditions of the Holy Orthodox Church, asking God's blessings for your home and your family!

Please complete the form below to indicate your preferred date and schedule your house blessing. Mail the form to the church office, or bring it with you to church on Sunday. You will be contacted by our secretary to confirm your day and time.



## House Blessing Request Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE

**Zone 1: North of Bell Road and West of 99th Ave./Lake Pleasant Pkwy**

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday, January 8                      \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, January 13  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, January 21                      \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, January 25

**Zone 2: North of bell Road and East of 99th Ave./Lake Pleasant Pkwy**

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, January 9                      \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, January 16  
\_\_\_\_\_ Monday, January 22                      \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, January 27

**Zone 3: South of Bell Road and West of 99th Ave./Lake Pleasant Pkwy**

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, January 10                      \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, January 17  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, January 23                      \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, January 28

**Zone 4: South of Bell Road and East of 99th Ave./Lake Pleasant Pkwy**

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, January 11                      \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, January 18  
\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, January 24

# JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>St Basil the Great</b>  <b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>   7:00pm Choir	<b>5</b> 9:00am Royal Hours of Epiphany  5:00pm Divine Liturgy <b>Eve of Epiphany</b> <b>Blessing of the Waters</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Epiphany</b> (Taking down Christmas decorations after Liturgy)
<b>7</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	<b>8</b>   6:30pm Philoptochos	<b>9</b>  10:00am Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>   7:00pm Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Vasilopita Sunday</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Martin Luther King Day</b> (office closed)	<b>16</b>  10:00am Bible Study	<b>17</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>St. Anthony</b>	<b>18</b>   7:00pm Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	<b>22</b>   7:00pm Parish Council	<b>23</b>  10:00am Bible Study	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>St. Gregory the Theologian</b>  7:00pm Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Narrative Divine Liturgy	<b>29</b> Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly	<b>30</b> 10:00am Bible Study Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly Metropolis Clergy Retreat	<b>31</b> Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly			