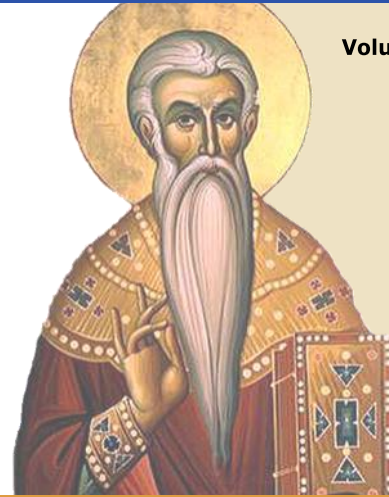


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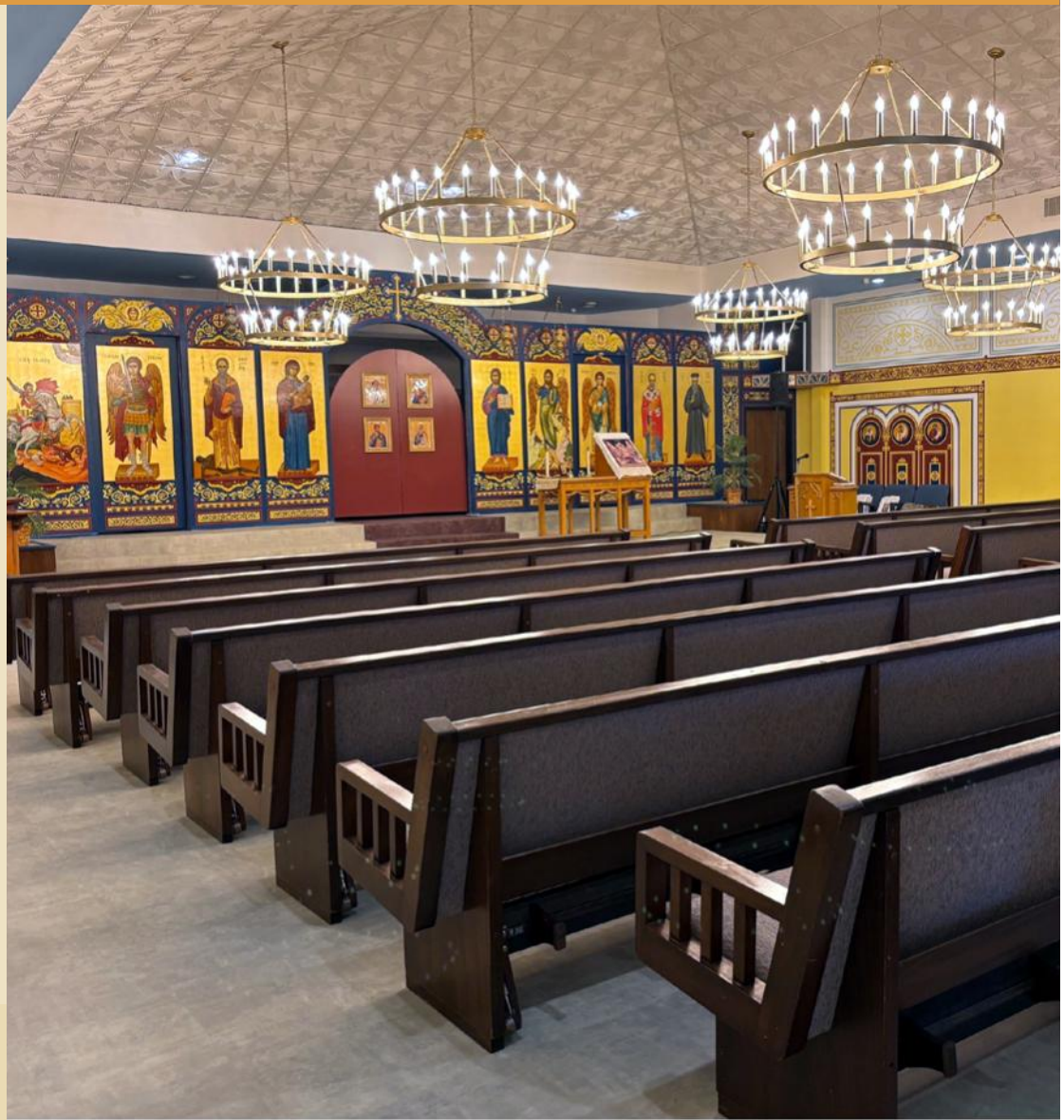


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Glory to God!

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

All Saints Sunday

“Your Church, O Christ our God, clothed itself in the blood of Your martyrs from throughout the world, as though it were a robe of linen and purple; through them, she cries out to You, ‘Send down upon Your people compassion, grant peace to Your commonwealth, and to our souls, great mercy.’” (Festal Hymn of the Sunday of All Saints)

In the Orthodox Church calendar, the Sunday after Pentecost is known as the Sunday of All Saints, this year celebrated on Sunday, June 7. “This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood.” (source: www.goarch.org)

Many Saints throughout history are well-known, and their biographies written and maintained in the church service books. The Church also acknowledges the lives of many saints who are unknown to us, and known only to God. The Orthodox Church remembers and prays for them

Thoughts on Father’s Day

Erma Louise Bombeck was an American humorist who achieved great popularity for her newspaper column that described suburban home life from the mid-1960s until the late 1990s. In honor of Father’s Day (Sunday, June 7), here is a reprint of an article by Ms. Bombeck that shines a light on some of the good that fathers do.

What Does A Father Do?

I received a letter from a single mother who had raised a son who was about to become a dad. Since he had no recollection of his own father, her question to me was “What do I tell him a father does?”

When my dad died in my ninth year, I, too, was raised by my mother, giving rise to the same question, “What do fathers do?” As far as I could observe, they brought around the car when it rained so everyone else could stay dry.

They always took the family pictures, which is why they were never in them. They carved turkeys on Thanksgiving, kept the car gassed up, weren’t afraid to go into the basement, mowed the lawn, and tightened the clothesline to keep it from sagging.

It wasn’t until my husband and I had children that I was able to observe firsthand what a father contributed to a child’s life. What did he do to deserve his children’s respect? He rarely fed them, did anything about their sagging diapers, wiped their noses or fannies, played ball, or bonded with them under the hoods of their cars.

What did he do?

He threw them higher than his head until they were weak

as well on the Sunday of All Saints.

“In this celebration, then, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honor today, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.” (source: www.goarch.org)



from laughter. He cast the deciding vote on the puppy debate. He listened more than he talked. He let them make mistakes. He allowed them to fall from their first two-wheeler without having a heart attack. He read a newspaper while they were trying to parallel park a car for the first time in preparation for their driving test.

If I had to tell someone’s son what a father really does that is important, it would be that he shows up for the job in good times and bad times. He’s a man who is constantly being observed by his children. They learn from him how to handle adversity, anger, disappointment and success.

He won’t laugh at their dreams no matter how impossible they might seem. He will dig out at 1 a.m. when one of his children runs out of gas. He will make unpopular decisions and stand by them. When he is wrong and makes a mistake, he will admit it. He sets the tone for how family members treat one another, members of the opposite sex and people who are different than they are. By example, he can instill a desire to give something back to the community when its needs are greater than theirs.

But mostly, a good father involves himself in his kids’ lives. The more responsibility he has for a child, the harder it is to walk out of his life. A father has the potential to be a powerful force in the life of a child. Grab it! Maybe you’ll get a greeting card for your efforts. Maybe not. But it’s steady work.

Happy Father’s Day!



Christian Stewardship

Dear Parishioners,

I'm typically not at a loss for words, but the incredible work done in our church over the past month has really taken my breath away. I first thank God for His never-failing and awe-inspiring blessings, but must also thank so many of our own parishioners who have stepped forward with their time, talent and treasure – the Three T's of Christian Stewardship – in the amazing transformation of our beloved St. Haralambos Church.

The flood damage required immediate remediation from professionals, including filing the necessary insurance claim. Once that was finished, however, there developed the desire to not only restore and rebuild, but to improve! This led to the decision for new flooring and baseboards throughout the building. Beautiful; but it didn't stop there.

New ceiling tile in the Nave was installed, donated and installed by our parishioners. We contacted St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Surprise and selected 18 pews that were no longer needed during their church remodel. Parishioners rented a truck, picked up, delivered and installed the pews! Finally, the beautiful new chandeliers were purchased and installed by parishioners as well.



Those gifts of time, talent and treasure have resulted in the beautiful church interior you see in the photograph.

The classrooms have also been beautified, and we welcome back Brilliant Blessings Day Care families and staff. The final phase of unpacking and setting up the church offices, Fellowship Room and kitchen are ongoing.

What an amazing transformation, and offerings of love from so many!


We are planning for the next Peoria Greekfest in February, 2027, as we also celebrate our parish 40th anniversary. St.

Haralambos Church is growing by the grace of God, the prayers of our patron saint and the loving, welcoming presence of our Greeters and parishioners.

How fortunate that this did not occur during the heat of summer. Outdoor services would not have been so comfortable. As the summer approaches, we will be celebrating

services in a most beautiful worship space. May it be for all of us a source of continual prayer and worship in thanksgiving for our Lord's never-ending love and support of His Church!

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Sunday Worship
Matins: 8:45 a.m.
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Stewardship

One of our parish goals for 2026 is to have all parish families become Good Stewards of Saint Haralambos Church. This means carefully completing the 2026 Stewardship brochure, making sure your family information is correct, becoming involved in parish ministries, and making a financial pledge for the year.



hesitation in thanking God by 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 one is aware of their God-given

blessings, then sharing them with others and through His Church is a very natural and joyful response.

When we recognize that everything we have: health, wealth, time and talents, are all gifts from God, there should be no

[Stewardship brochures](#) are available at the Narthex candle stand.

2026 Stewardship Families

Abitt, Dimetra
 Abbott, Paula
 Anest, James & Vaso
 Asfaha, Mogos & Almaz
 Bachanos, Evangelos & Jewelene
 Basha, Genti & Elda
 Bastell Rudenio & Suad
 Bekiaris, Harry & Cynthia
 Brightwell, Avery & Brook
 Cahlamer-Hallick, Michael & Athanasia
 Chambers, Michael
 Christian, Thalia
 Conklin, Tom & Maria
 Cornetta, Alexander
 Danielek, Chrissy
 Deinhard, Kimi
 Deming, Janet
 Dent, Virginia
 Evangelinos, Paraskevas & Elpida
 Farr, Jeff & Judy
 Finch, Dennis & Marina

Foondle, Jeff and Rebecca
 Georgen, Dennis & Victoria
 Ghattas, Edward and Nada
 Giannias, Elaine
 Govis, William
 Hartsel, Barbara
 Hooper, Sophia
 Horne, Kevin & Denise
 Huth, Cynthia
 Jolly, Judith L.
 Kinniburgh, Anna
 Kondiles, Stellos & Anastasia
 Laios, Efthimios (Tim)
 Lazzelle, Estelle
 Levendi, Mary
 Mavridis, Christos
 Milonas, Nick & Jane
 Moore, Michael & Lauren
 Nathanson, Irene
 Pagos, Stella
 Pallad, Fr. Michael & Pres. Kristen
 Pappas, Irene
 Raiciof, Catilina

Russom, Bereket & Nardos
 Sambol, Patricia
 Schepers, Duane & Nadia
 Selles, Argiroula & Brianna
 Servetas, Charlotte
 Singleton, Melanie
 Surman, Dina
 Swagerty, Keith & Janet
 Tesfay, Ocbai & Genet
 Teska, Daniel & Vivian
 Thieke, James & Lucy
 Trakas, Georgia
 Tripsas, Basil & Ann
 Tucker, Eleni
 Vardalos, Peter & Lindsay
 Woldesilassie, Solomon & Lydia
 Wysmierski, Ray & Mary
 Yannakopoulos, George & Helen
 Zakas, Speros & Linda
 Zaruba, Estelle

Birthdays



Anne Bryson (4)
 Atticus Brightwell (6)
 George Theoharatos (6)
 Edna Nicely (7)
 Christopher King (15)
 Nile Solomon (15)
 Bethel Samuel (16)
 Harry Bekiaris (17)
 Ashlyn Booth (18)
 Voula Dodd (18)
 Niat Solomon (18)
 Maria Conklin (19)
 Duane Schepers (22)
 Eleni Teska (23)
 Andreanna Zafiroopoulos (25)
 Grace Pritchard (27)
 Anna Kinniburgh (29)
 Bereket Russom (29)
 Nadia Schepers (30)

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.

Name Days

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

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| St. Dorotheos (5th) | St. Jude (19th) |
| St. Cyril (9th) | St. Julian (21st) |
| St. Methodios (14th) | St. Sampson (27th) |
| St. Tychon (16th) | Sts. Peter and Paul (29th) |

JUNE 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy All Saints Day | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy | 29 Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress | 30 Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress | | | | |