

## A Few Miracles Attributed to St. Haralambos Celebrated Today

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Saint Haralambos was a priest of Christians in Magnesia, the foremost city of Thessaly, in the diocese having the same name. He contested during the reign of Alexander Severus (222-235), when Lucian was Proconsul of Magnesia. At the time of his martyrdom the Saint was 103 years of age.

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The following miracles are told by the nuns of St. Stephen's Monastery at Meteora of Thessaly, which houses the holy skull of St. Haralambos.

### 1. Maria's Child

In 1950, Maria Nairi's four-year old daughter became paralyzed. Unable to help her, the doctors could do nothing for the child and sent her home to die. After many nights of prayer, Maria saw St. Haralambos in a dream, and borrowing an icon of him from her church, kept it in her home for forty days with a lamp lit before it. On the eve of the Feast of the Holy Apostles (June 30), the saint appeared to the child and healed her. The room was filled with an indescribable fragrance and sweet-smelling myrrh followed from the icon.

### 2. Endurance for Christ

A man with an incurable and extremely painful disease prayed to St. Haralambos frequently and fervently to heal him. Finally one night the saint appeared and told him that his sufferings were much less than those endured by Christ and that it would be better for him to bear his illness patiently than to have it cured, because it had been sent by God to help him work out his salvation.

O HOLY SAINT HARALAMBOS, INTERCEDE FOR US,  
AS WE CELEBRATE YOUR FEAST TODAY!

## To Our Visitors:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread.

*Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.*

## Ss Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Pacific



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Sunday of the Canaanite/St. Haralambos the Priest Martyr

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## Sunday of the Canaanite

Commemoration of: Haralambos the Holy Priest Martyr; Anastasios, Patriarch of Jerusalem; Porphyrios & Bapto the Monk Mart.

### Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

*To fethron* (Hymn of the Day) Tone 4  
*Having learned the joyous news of the angel of Your resurrection, the disciple women of the Lord, and having rejected the ancestral judgment to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim, death is despoiled Christ our God has risen granting to the world the great mercy.*

*O stilos aklonitos* (St. Haralambos) Tone 4  
*A pillar unshakable are you in Christ's holy Church, \* and, as your own name denotes, an ever radiant lamp, \* all-blessed Haralambos, \* shining throughout the whole world \* by your feats as a martyr, \* driving away the darkness of the worship of idols. \* With confidence, therefore, pray to Christ, \* entreating Him to save our souls. (AgesInitiatives.com)*

*Tu Stavru Su* (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8  
*Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover mankind.*

### Kontakion

*Prostasia ton Hristianon* Tone 2  
*O protection of Christians that can not be put to shame, mediation to the Creator immovable. Do not over look, the pleading voices of those in sin, but be in time as a kind one to our help, who in faith cry out to You: Hasten to intercede and be quick to beseech. You who always protect, Theotokos, those who honor You.*

### Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 2:1-10  
Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

### Activities and Announcements

#### Today

- ✘ Sunday, 2/10– Sunday of the Canaanite/St. Haralambos; 40 Day Memorial for Nicolaos Kaldis; Philoptochos Budget Meeting; House Blessings in Central Oahu

#### This Week

- ✘ Friday, 2/15– Study Byzantine Chant 1:30 p.m.
- ✘ Saturday, 2/16– Campbell Baptism 11 a.m.; Great Vespers 5:30 p.m.
- ✘ Sunday, 2/17– Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee; Triodion begins

### Announcements

- ✘ **Best Wishes for a Successful FDF**– We wish our Nisiopeda Dancers and Aloha Choir safe travels, good fellowship and success in their competitions in Ontario, California! Following services our Aloha Choir will give us a brief preview of their performances.
- ✘ **New Liturgy Books**– Recently, we received our shipment of the 2019 Edition of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom books (hardcover). They contain the 2016 translation approved by the Eparchial Synod of the Archdiocese. They are now available for use and are located in our pew pockets. They are also available for purchase at \$25 each. To purchase your own copy, please see one of our ushers.
- ✘ **2019 Stewardship Forms & Envelopes**– If you did not receive your new Stewards Packet in the mail, please let Sarah Cleopatra Kritikos know, and she will provide one. Steward Envelopes will be distributed once Cleo receives your completed forms.
- ✘ **Post Epiphany House Blessings**– Fr. Alexander is available by appointment to bless your homes and or businesses before Great Lent begins.