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CANDLE COUNTER (Παγκάρι) SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, August 7

Steven Anezis
Michael Ambeliotis
Ruth Morfis
Victor Fanikos

SUNDAY, August 14

John Rogers
John Pnevmatikos
Pam Katsiris
Costa Partaledis

ORTHODOXY ON TAP—Thursday, September 22

Orthodoxy on Tap is a way of creating a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere to learn about various aspects of our social and spiritual life from well-equipped specialists. During our monthly conversations in local restaurants, we will be discussing a wide range of topics.

For additional info please call Fr. Anthony 9785310777 or email him at franthony@stvasilios.org



ST. VASILIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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7th Sunday of Matthew



Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

AUGUST 7, 2016

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Christianity has survived many centuries of unimaginable persecutions and attempted pollution by those for whom truth is relative and non-reality. Somebody once asked me "Could you tell me what the color of the evil one is?" I was a little confused and she said quickly, "It is slightly darker shade of white." The same idea had been presented to me in a little different way: "The half truth is more dangerous than the lie."

"I am the truth," says the Lord. The evil one has tried to distort The Truth in many ways in the heads of even the highest intellectuals of the world throughout all centuries. Christianity has been blankly refused by pagans. It has fought a good fight against Gnosticism and other eclectic confusions. Christianity has triumphantly risen from its own ashes at all times. As the Psalmist says, "If the Lord is with us who can be against us?"

Our Lord is an Incarnate God and Transfigured Man who came in search of humans sitting in darkness where we can only identify things by touching them with our hands. We have perfect eyes to see everything clearly, under the daylight, but we prefer to sit in the darkness like the Galileans so that everything feels the same or close enough to be put under the same category.

Truth is relative when we are in the darkness but now we have the choice not to remain in the darkness because "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5) Saint John the evangelist tells us that the uncreated light has come to the world to cast out all shadows and all relativism by taking us with Him back to Our Father who is in Heaven.

"He led them up a high mountain by themselves. There He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun." (Matt. 17:1)

This is an event that no other religion can claim to understand or even say that they have experienced anything similar. This was an event that confused even His disciples. They saw Elijah, the representative of the prophets and Moses the receiver of the law conversing with Jesus to show that He "has not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets... but to fulfill them." (Matt. 5:17)

He wanted to show them and us that He, the Lord of Hosts who is surrounded by thousands of archangels and tens of thousands of angels, the Cherubim and Seraphim, had come down to fulfill the Father's entire plan of salvation. Filling our hearts with joy and gladness. He is the light of the world. Whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. (Cf. John 8:12)

Therefore we "are all called to be children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness." (1 Thess. 5:5)

Thank you
Fr. Anthony

ST. VASILIOS 2016 FESTIVAL

St. Vasilios 2016 Greek Festival



Friday, November 4 ~ 5.00 pm 'til 10 p.m.

DJ & Dancing 6 pm 'til 10 pm

Saturday, November 5 - Noon 'til 11 p.m.

Live Band & Dancing 7 pm 'til 11 p.m.

(Saturday night \$2 cover charge pp after 7 pm)

Sunday, November 6 - Noon 'til 5 pm

Homemade Greek Foods * Delicious Greek Pastries
* Country Store * Boutiques * Kids Activities * Religious
Items

5 Paleologos Street, Peabody, MA

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We accept VISA+ MC

EPISTLE READING St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

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.

BRETHREN, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of your Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 15:1-7

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.

Ἀδελφοί, ὀφείλομεν δὲ ἡμεῖς οἱ δυνατοὶ τὰ ἀσθενήματα τῶν ἀδυνάτων βαστάζειν, καὶ μὴ ἑαυτοῖς ἀρέσκειν. Ἐκαστος ἡμῶν τῷ πλησίον ἀρεσκέτω εἰς τὸ ἀγαθὸν πρὸς οἰκοδομήν. Καὶ γὰρ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτῷ ἤρεσεν, ἀλλὰ, καθὼς γέγραπται, Οἱ ὀνειδισμοὶ τῶν ὀνειδιζόντων σε ἐπέπεσον ἐπ' ἐμέ. Ὅσα γὰρ προεγράφη, εἰς τὴν ἡμετέραν διδασκαλίαν προεγράφη, ἵνα διὰ τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ διὰ τῆς παρακλήσεως τῶν γραφῶν τὴν ἐλπίδα ἔχωμεν. Ὁ δὲ θεὸς τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ τῆς παρακλήσεως δῶη ὑμῖν τὸ αὐτὸ φρονεῖν ἐν ἀλλήλοις κατὰ Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν· ἵνα ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐν ἐνὶ στόματι δοξάζητε τὸν θεὸν καὶ πατέρα τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ προσλαμβάνεσθε ἀλλήλους, καθὼς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς προσελάβετο ὑμᾶς, εἰς δόξαν θεοῦ.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Everyone is welcome in the Orthodox Church and may receive the blessed bread (*antidoron*) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Sadly, the divisions in the church prompt us all to work towards reunited Christianity. The culmination of this reunion will be the ability of all Christians to receive the Eucharist together. Until that blessed day arrives, only Orthodox Christians who are in good sacramental order are permitted to receive Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church. If you have any questions or concerns please speak with Father Chris.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Bible Class
Every Wednesday @ 10 am & 7pm

Greek School Begins
Wednesday, September 7
Agiasmos

Prep for International festival
Thursday, September 8

Winter Hours Begin
Sunday, September 11

Church School Begins
Sunday, September 11

International festival
Sunday, September 11

Orthodoxy on Tap
Thursday, September 22

Ministry Sunday
Sunday, September 25

Peabody 100 year parade
Sunday, October 2

Sisterhood of St. Makrina
begins Thursday, October 6

Men's Club Casino Night
Saturday, October 8

Men's Club Memorial
Founders Day Breakfast
Sunday, October 16

THE SISTERHOOD OF ST. MAKRINA

The Sisterhood of St. Makrina will begin again on Thursday, October 6th and meet for 8 weeks. The class gathers from 9:30am to 11am and is open to all women. For more information feel free to contact Pres. Claire 617-957-0175.

MBC FALL CAMP!

Can't get enough MBC? Come to our FIRST ANNUAL Fall Camp! We are now offering a weekend GOYA Fall Camp in November, and we'd love for you to join us for our inaugural camp!

Dates: November 6th - 8th

Tuition: \$100

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

St. Vasilios will be participating in the City of Peabody's annual International Festival on Sunday, September 11th. If you are interested in making a donation for this event, please contact Pam Katsiris at 978-740-2449.

We will be skewering for the International Festival on Thursday, September 8th, at 6 p.m. in the Educational Center. Please contact Steve Stephanides at 978-744-8230 to volunteer. All are welcomed to assist.

WINTER HOURS

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ΧΕΙΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΩΡΕΣ

Please note that winter hours for Church Services begin on Sunday, September 11, 2016

Οι χειμερινές ώρες θα αρχίσουν την Κυριακή, 11η Σεπτεμβρίου 2016.

Orthros - Greek

8:00 a.m.

1st Divine Liturgy - English

9:00 a.m.

2nd Divine Liturgy - Greek & English

10:30 a.m.

Ὁρθρος - Ελληνικά

8:00 π.μ.

Πρώτη Θεία Λειτουργία-Αγγλικά

9:00 π.μ.

Δεύτερη Θεία Λειτουργία

Ελληνικά και Αγγλικά

10:30 π.μ.

ANNUAL MINISTRY SUNDAY

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Our Annual Ministry Sunday will be held on Sept 25th during coffee hour. Our Parish Ministries will be available with information and any questions you have. There will also be committees that need your support. If you want to join Education, Parish Elders, Building planning to name a few, the Parish Council will be there with the information you need. Please join us for Coffee hour and learn more about our Parish.

GOSPEL READING— The Gospel according to Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 9:27-35

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παράγοντι ἐκεῖθεν τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ δύο τυφλοὶ κράζοντες καὶ λέγοντες· ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, υἱὲ Δαυῖδ. ἐλθόντι δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ τυφλοὶ, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πιστεύετε ὅτι δύναμαι τοῦτο ποιῆσαι; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· ναί, Κύριε. τότε ἤψατο τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτῶν λέγων· κατὰ τὴν πίστιν ὑμῶν γενηθήτω ὑμῖν. καὶ ἀνεώχθησαν αὐτῶν οἱ ὀφθαλμοί· καὶ ἐνεβριμήσατο αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὁράτε μηδεὶς γινωσκέτω. οἱ δὲ ἐξεληθέντες διεφήμισαν αὐτὸν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ γῆ ἐκείνῃ. Αὐτῶν δὲ ἐξερχομένων ἰδοὺ προσήνεγκαν αὐτῷ ἄνθρωπον κωφὸν δαιμονιζόμενον· καὶ ἐκβληθέντος τοῦ δαιμονίου ἐλάλησεν ὁ κωφός, καὶ ἐθαύμασαν οἱ ὄχλοι λέγοντες ὅτι οὐδέποτε ἐφάνη οὕτως ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ. οἱ δὲ Φαρισαῖοι ἔλεγον· ἐν τῷ ἄρχοντι τῶν δαιμονίων ἐκβάλλει τὰ δαιμόνια.

Καὶ περιῆγεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς πόλεις πάσας καὶ τὰς κώμας διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρῦσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Marie, Irene, Dorothy, Sofi, Jim, Gus, Maria, Christos, Penelope, Irene, Helen, Sophia, Vasiliki, Stacia, Nicholas, Stephen, Jimmy, Nina, David, James, Christopher, Denton, Christine, Steven, Ariana, Hannah, Alex If you wish to add or remove a name from the list, please call the Church Office.

CEMETERY VISITS

Due to the number of sacraments, 40 day blessings and memorials on Sundays it is difficult to make cemetery visits on Sundays after liturgy. **If you would like a Trisagion at the graveside during the week you are kindly asked to make an appointment by calling the church office.**

HOSPITAL VISITS

Due to HIPAA privacy rules, hospitals no longer provide a list of Orthodox patients to us. Therefore, if you or a loved one are, or will be, in the hospital, please contact the church office for a pastoral visit. Also, please notify the office if a friend or family member is in a rehab center, nursing home, assisted living facility or under hospice care.

ALTAR DONATIONS

LITURGY LIGHTS

In loving memory of Michael C. Lignos.
James Maravelias in memory of wife Dora maravelias.

TODAY'S MEMORIALS

We commemorate today the blessed memory of the following members of our parish who have fallen asleep in the Lord:

40 day William Tournas

24 yr. Trisagion Diane Tsouvalas

During the summer months we will alternate the Creed and the Lord's Prayer between English and Greek

This Morning :

The Creed will be recited in English.

The Lord's Prayer will be recited in Greek.

40 DAYS TO 4 YEARS PLAYGROUP

The church playgroup will resume meeting again this fall! Come join us to form new friendships with other children of Orthodox Christian faith from the St. Vasilios community. The playgroup generally meets in the lounge in the back of the parlor room in the lowest level of the church. All children 4 years old and under are welcome to attend with a parent, grandparent, or other caretaker. Books and toy donations are always appreciated. For more information, please contact Kimberly Sofronas at kimtucci@yahoo.com.

2016 Playgroup Meeting Dates:

9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/1, 11/15, 12/6 and 12/13 from 10:00 - 11:30am

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Paraklesis

Monday, August 8 7 pm

Paraklesis

Wednesday, August 10 7 pm

Paraklesis

Friday, August, 12 7 pm

Dormition

Monday, August 15
8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

St. Phanourios

Saturday, August 27
8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Beheading of John Baptist

Monday, August 29
8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

Παράκλησις

Δευτέρα, 8^η Αυγούστου 7 μμ

Παράκλησις

Τετάρτη, 10^η Αυγούστου 7 μμ

Παράκλησις

Παρασκευή, 12^η Αυγούστου 7 μμ

Κοίμησις

Δευτέρα, 15^η Αυγούστου
8:00 πμ Ὁρθρος
9:00 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία

Αγίου Φανουρίου

Σαββάτο, 27^η Αυγούστου
8:00 πμ Ὁρθρος
9:00 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία

Αποτομή Κεφαλής Προδρόμου

Δευτέρα, 29^η Αυγούστου
8:00 πμ Ὁρθρος
9:00 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία