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## CANDLE COUNTER (Παγκάρι) SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, February 19

Dimitri Maistrellis  
Jim Limberakis  
Martin Scrivener  
Phyllis Dragonis

### SUNDAY, February 26

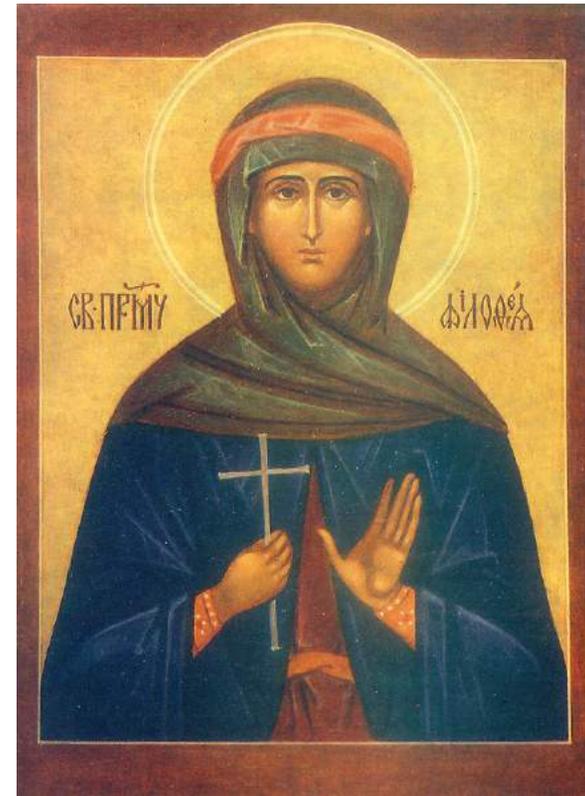
Steven Anezis  
Lane Nordquist  
Ruth Morfis  
Victor Fanikos

## JOIN DCN. MARKOS AFTER LITURGY for AGAPE CIRCLE

AGAPE means REAL LOVE. Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches that AGAPE is what life is all about and AGAPE is what GOD is all about. For 5 Sundays in a row after Liturgy starting January 29 until February 26, Deacon Markos will lead a small group called "Agape Circle" in the conference room from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. We will explore our experiences of real love and consider how we can support one another to increase AGAPE in our lives. If you are interested in being a part of AGAPE CIRCLE please contact Dcn. Markos at [617-501-1083](tel:617-501-1083) or [markanickolas@gmail.com](mailto:markanickolas@gmail.com) and meet with him after Liturgy on Sunday to find out more.

# ST. VASILIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH [WWW.STVASILIOS.ORG](http://WWW.STVASILIOS.ORG)

## JUDGEMENT SUNDAY (MEATFARE)



## MARTYR PHILOTHEA THE MONASTIC

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

## Martyr Philothea the Monastic

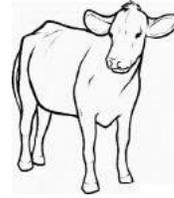
The Monastic Martyr Philothea was born in Athens in 1522. Her parents, Syriga and Angelos Benizelos, were renowned not only for being eminent and rich, but also deeply devout. Often the kind-hearted Syriga had implored the Most Holy Theotokos for a child. Her fervent prayers were heard, and a daughter was born to the couple. They named her Revoula.

The parents raised their daughter in deep piety and right belief, and when she was twelve years old they gave her away in marriage. Her husband turned out to be an impious and crude man, who often beat and tormented his wife. Revoula patiently endured the abuse and she prayed to God, that He might bring her husband to his senses.

After three years Revoula's husband died, and she began to labor in fasting, vigil and prayer. The saint founded a women's monastery in the name of the Apostle Andrew the First-Called (November 30 and June 30). When the monastery was completed, the saint was the first to accept monastic tonsure, with the name Philothea.

During this time Greece was suffering under the Turkish Yoke, and many Athenians had been turned into slaves by their Turkish conquerors. Saint Philothea utilized all her means to free her fellow countrywomen, ransoming many from servitude. Once, four women ran away from their Turkish masters, who demanded that they renounce their Christianity, and took refuge in the monastery of Saint Philothea.

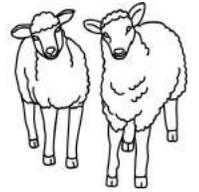
## HEIFER FARM VISIT



# SAVE THE DATE

## Heifer Farm Visit

Family Event - All are welcome!



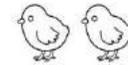
**Saturday, May 6, 2017**

All-day event (approx. 9 am to 5 pm)

The interactive/hands-on tour will cost \$10 per person.

**RSVP by February 27th**  
to Sofya Leras at [sofya.leras@gmail.com](mailto:sofya.leras@gmail.com)

Heifer International works to end world hunger and Poverty based on the "teach a man to fish" philosophy. A visit to the working farm in Rutland, MA should be fun and inspirational for all!



## Paint a Bowl for Haven from Hunger's Empty Bowl Dinner

Enjoy free, family-friendly fun at Haven from Hunger decorating bowls for the Haven's upcoming Empty Bowl Dinner. Bowl painting is free. Children are welcome. Reservations are requested.

The bowl you decorate will be one of hundreds available to the public at the Empty Bowl fundraiser on May 4. For a minimum donation of \$15 (\$10 for children under 10), each guest will select a bowl, enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread, and take the bowl home as a reminder of hunger in our communities.

Visit [www.havenfromhunger.org](http://www.havenfromhunger.org) or contact [anne@havenfromhunger.org](mailto:anne@havenfromhunger.org) to register for one the upcoming bowl painting events at Haven from Hunger, 71 Wallis Street, in Peabody.

- Wednesday, February 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday, February 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Friday, March 2, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

*Sj. Vasilios Greek School*  
**Ανοιξιάτικο Γλέντι**  
*Spring Family Dance*

**SATURDAY, MAY 13TH**

**7 PM**

**REV. ANDREW J.**

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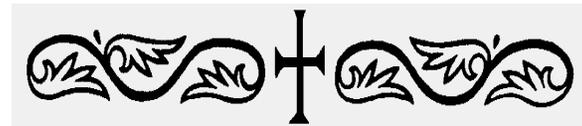
For Reservations contact  
Dina 978.902.3133 or  
[greeksschool@stvasilios.org](mailto:greeksschool@stvasilios.org)

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT GREEK SCHOOL**

The Turks, having learned where the Greek women had gone, burst into the saint's cell, and beat her. They took her to the governor, who threw the holy ascetic into prison. In the morning, a mob of Turks had gathered, and they led her out of the prison. The governor said that if she did not renounce Christ, she would be hacked to pieces.

Just when Saint Philothea was ready to accept a martyr's crown, a crowd of Christians assembled by the grace of God. They pacified the judges and freed the holy ascetic. Returning to her monastery, Saint Philothea continued with her efforts of abstinence, prayer and vigil, for which she was granted the gift of wonderworking. In Patesia, an Athens suburb, she founded a new monastery, where she struggled in asceticism with the sisters.

During the Vigil for Saint Dionysius the Areopagite (October 3), the Turks seized Saint Philothea and tortured her. Finally, they threw her down on the ground half-dead. The sisters tearfully brought the holy martyr, flowing with blood, to Kalogreza, where she died on February 19, 1589. Shortly thereafter, the relics of the holy Monastic Martyr Philothea were brought to the Athens cathedral church.



**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Mode**

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You. .

**St. Vasilios 1<sup>st</sup> Mode**

Your message was carried throughout the world . As it received your mighty word, By which you divinely made manifest And clarified the nature of existing things You set in order the customs of men, You who are royal priesthood! Holy Father, intercede with Christ our God To grant us His great mercy.

**Seasonal Kontakion in First Mode**

O God, when You come upon the earth in glory, the whole world will tremble. A river of fire will bring all before Your Judgment Seat and the books will be opened, and everything in secret will become public. At that time, deliver me from the fire which never dies, and enable me to stand by Your right hand, O Judge most just.

**Απολυτίκιον**

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σώμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

**Απολυτίκιον του Αγίου Βασιλείου (Ηχος α')**

Εἰς πάσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου· Δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδοῦ μάτις τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας· Τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησας· Βασιλείου ιεράτευμα. Πάτερ ὅσιε Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος·

**Κοντάκιον (Ηχος α')**

Ὅταν ἔλθῃς ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης, καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμοὶ δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἔλκη, καὶ βιβλοὶ ἀνοίγονται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτὰ δημοσιεύονται, τότε ῥῦσαί με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου, καὶ ἀξίωσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου μὲ στήναι, Κριτὰ δικαιοσύνη.



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Your benevolence has allowed us to raise over forty one thousand dollars towards this endeavor. Although we have a long way to go to fund this project, with your assistance we are determined to make this project a success. No donation is too small. Please give what you can and the Executive Board thanks you for your generosity, your time, and your consideration of this matter. Your Any questions can be brought directly to me, Bill Stephanides, the Men's Club Project Chairperson. My cell phone number is 781-854-6751.

Please make the check payable to St. Val's Men's Club (SVMC) Elevator Fund. Send donations to SVMC Elevator Fund, Attn: Bill Stephanides, 19 Birchbrook Ave., Saugus, MA 01906.

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SUNDAY RIVER SKI RESORT MAINE

MARCH 10-12 2017

JR AND SR GOYA

SKI RETREAT

ALL INCLUSIVE TRIP STAYING AT

THE SNOW CAP DORM

SKIING BOARDING LESSONS

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**ADULTS AND FAMILY  
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ACCOMMODATIONS - SUMMITT HOTEL

SPECIAL RATES FOR ST VASILIOS AND THEIR

FRIENDS

FRIDAY NIGHT WELCOME RECEPTION

SPECIAL GREEK ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY NIGHT

*SPACE IS LIMITED SO BOOK*

*EARLY AND DON'T BE LEFT !*



Liturgy on Sunday

LOTS OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR TEXT MARK METROPOLIS 781-771-4008

OR EMAIL [stvalsskitrip@gmail.com](mailto:stvalsskitrip@gmail.com)

## EPISTLE READINGS

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

*Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 146.5;134.3*

*Great is our Lord, and great is his power.*

*Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.*

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 8:8-13, 9:1-2

*Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 146.5;134.3*

*Μέγας ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν, καὶ μεγάλη ἡ ἰσχὺς αὐτοῦ.*

*Στίχ. Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, ὅτι ἀγαθός.*

Ἀδελφοί, βρωμα ἡμᾶς οὐ παρίστησιν τῷ θεῷ· οὔτε γὰρ ἐὰν φάγωμεν περισσεύομεν, οὔτε ἐὰν μὴ φάγωμεν ὑστερούμεθα. Βλέπετε δὲ μήπως ἡ ἐξουσία ὑμῶν αὕτη πρόσκομμα γένηται τοῖς ἀσθενοῦσιν. Ἐὰν γὰρ τις ἴδῃ σε τὸν ἔχοντα γνῶσιν ἐν εἰδωλείῳ κατακείμενον, οὐχὶ ἡ συνείδησις αὐτοῦ ἀσθενοῦς ὄντος οἰκοδομηθήσεται εἰς τὸ τὰ εἰδωλόθυτα ἐσθίειν; Καὶ ἀπολεῖται ὁ ἀσθενῶν ἀδελφός ἐπὶ τῇ σῇ γνώσει, δι' ὃν Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν; Οὕτως δὲ ἁμαρτάνοντες εἰς τοὺς ἀδελφούς, καὶ

τύπτοντες αὐτῶν τὴν συνείδησιν ἀσθενοῦσαν, εἰς Χριστὸν ἀμαρτάνετε. Διόπερ εἰ βρῶμα σκανδαλίζει τὸν ἀδελφόν μου, οὐ μὴ φάγω κρέα εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, ἵνα μὴ τὸν ἀδελφόν μου σκανδαλίσω. Οὐκ εἰμι ἀπόστολος; Οὐκ εἰμι ἐλεύθερος; Οὐχὶ Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν ἐώρακα; Οὐ τὸ ἔργον μου ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ; Εἰ ἄλλοις οὐκ εἰμι ἀπόστολος, ἀλλὰ γε ὑμῖν εἰμι· ἢ γὰρ σφραγίς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀποστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ.



## DONATIONS FOR LENT AND HOLY WEEK

It is our custom to decorate the icon of Theotokos for the Akathist Services on Friday evenings during Great Lent. There are five opportunities to decorate the icon of the Theotokos and the cost of each is \$75. If you wish to decorate the icon in memory of or for the good health of a loved one, please call the church office at 978-531-0777

Daffodils for the Veneration of the Cross (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent).....	\$150 each liturgy
Decorate the Lazarus icon.....	\$75
Palms for Palm Sunday.....	\$200 each liturgy
6 Palm Trees.....	\$30 each
Decorate the Palm Sunday icon.....	\$75
Decorate the Nymphios icon.....	\$100
Decorate the Crucifixion icon.....	\$75
Red rose wreath for the Cross.....	\$75
White rose wreath for the Cross.....	\$75
12 beeswax candles for the cross.....	\$10 each
12 candles for the 12 Gospels.....	\$10 each
Decorate Myrrh Bearing Women icon.....	\$75
Decorate Lavaron of the Resurrection.....	\$100
2 cases of Bay Laurel.....	\$250 each
5 clergy Paschal Candles.....	\$50 each
Incense.....	\$35 each
Charcoal.....	\$25 each
Twin sheet (flat).....	\$10
Olive oil.....	\$15 each



# ART AUCTION

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## St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church

on

Thursday Evening, March 2, 2017

(Snow Date March 9<sup>th</sup>)

at

Rev. Andrew Demotses Educational Center

5 Paleologos Street

Peabody, MA

Preview: 6:00 p.m.

Auction: 7:00 p.m.

Admission: \$10.00 per person (\$15 at the door)

Hors D'oeuvres ~ Dessert ~ Cash Bar

**For Tickets or Information Call:**

Pam Katsiris (617) 974-8175

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I cannot attend, but would like to make a donation to "St. Vasilios Church" in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY LUNCHEON

**Saturday, March 25, 2017**

St. Vasilios Philoptochos invites you to attend the Independence Day Luncheon on Saturday, March 25, 2017 immediately following the Divine Liturgy. There will be a special hour of coffee and a brunch cocktail from 10:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. followed by our Lenten lunch at 11:45 a.m. in the Rev. Andrew J. Demotses Educational Center.

The 25th of March represents two very important holidays -- the Annunciation and Greek Independence Day. The menu will be baked haddock, fava beans, cole slaw, feta & olives, rolls, wine and coffee for \$15. Children's menu will be pizza, juice and cookies for \$5.

We are happy to take reservations for both take out as well as dining in. Tables of 10 or more may be reserved. Please use the tear off sheet to make your reservation. Reservations can be made by: **Email to [tracey.franggos@perkins1.com](mailto:tracey.franggos@perkins1.com) or mail to Tracey Franggos, 41 Pearson Drive, Byfield, MA 01922. You may also leave a message on 978-463-8135 with your name and reservation information and how you will be paying for your reservation.**



**Reservation Form: Independence Day Luncheon on Saturday, March 25, 2017**

**10:30 till 11:30 a.m. Coffee Station/Cocktail Hour  
11:45 a.m. Lunch**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check/cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ adults

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ children

Please reserve a table for the names listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## GOSPEL READING—

**Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)**

**The Gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46**

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 25:31-46

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὅταν δὲ ἔλθῃ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐν τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ καὶ πάντες οἱ ἅγιοι ἄγγελοι μετ' αὐτοῦ, τότε καθίσει ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καὶ συναχθήσεται ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, καὶ ἀφοριεῖ αὐτοὺς ἀπ' ἀλλήλων ὥσπερ ὁ ποιμὴν ἀφορίζει τὰ πρόβατα ἀπὸ τῶν ἐρίφων, καὶ στήσει τὰ μὲν πρόβατα ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ, τὰ δὲ ἐρίφια ἐξ εὐωνύμων. τότε ἐρεῖ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῖς ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ· δεῦτε οἱ εὐλογημένοι τοῦ πατρὸς μου, κληρονομήσατε τὴν ἡτοιμασμένην ὑμῖν βασιλείαν ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου. ἐπέινασα γὰρ, καὶ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἦμην, καὶ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ περιεβάλετέ με, ἡσθένησα, καὶ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με, ἐν φυλακῇ ἦμην, καὶ ἤλθετε πρὸς με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ οἱ δίκαιοι λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα καὶ ἐθρέψαμεν, ἢ διψῶντα καὶ ἐποτίσαμεν; πότε δὲ σε εἶδομεν ξένον καὶ συνηγάγομεν, ἢ γυμνὸν καὶ περιεβάλομεν; πότε δὲ σε εἶδομεν ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ ἤλθομεν πρὸς σε; καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐρεῖ αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου τῶν ἐλαχίστων, ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. τότε ἐρεῖ καὶ τοῖς ἐξ εὐωνύμων· πορεύεσθε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ οἱ κατηραμένοι εἰς τὸ πῦρ τὸ αἰώνιον τὸ ἡτοιμασμένον τῷ διαβόλῳ καὶ τοῖς ἀγγέλοις αὐτοῦ. ἐπέινασα γὰρ, καὶ οὐκ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ οὐκ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἦμην, καὶ οὐ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ οὐ περιεβάλετέ με, ἀσθενῆ καὶ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐκ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ καὶ αὐτοὶ λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα ἢ διψῶντα ἢ ξένον ἢ γυμνὸν ἢ ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῇ, καὶ οὐ διηκονήσαμεν σοι; τότε ἀποκριθήσεται αὐτοῖς λέγων· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον οὐκ ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων, οὐδὲ ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. καὶ ἀπελεύσονται οὗτοι εἰς κόλασιν αἰώνιον, οἱ δὲ δίκαιοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

## BLESSING BAGS

*Helping those less fortunate in our community*

*“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed.”*

*Proverb 19:17*

The Church School students are asking for donations to help them fill Blessing Bags. These bags are distributed to the homeless in our area on a monthly basis. We are especially in need of cold weather items.

Winter socks  
Hats  
Gloves (Men's sizes L & XL)  
Scarves  
Hand & feet warmers

Flashlight & batteries  
First Aid kits  
Vitamin C lozenges  
Chapstick  
Antibacterial wipes or gel  
Tissues (individual packets)

### Food items:

Granola, Protein & Breakfast bars  
Peanut butter crackers  
Nuts/Trail mix

### \$5.00 Gift cards

Dunkin Donuts  
McDonalds  
CVS/Walgreens

Please return any donations to boxes set up in the Educational Center foyer or to the Church School office or any classroom. Thank you for your generosity.

## VOTIVE CANDLE SAFETY

Votive Candle Safety – We have noticed that increasingly the faithful have been lighting candles and placing them in front of the Iconostasis (icon screen). We have also noticed that more and more of the faithful are having their votive candles brought into the Holy Altar. Because of the number of votive candles, twice we have had wax spills on the chairs in the Altar. Furthermore, we often find that candles have been left burning in the Altar and in front of the Iconostasis and this is a fire hazard. The decision of the Parish Council, along with Father Chris, is that votive candles are to remain in the Narthex of the church where they remain in safety glass in case the plastic insert catches fire and not brought into the Altar or placed in front of the Iconostasis. We thank you for your cooperation.

## YOCAMA

The St Vasilios YOCAMA (Young Orthodox Christian American Mission Adventures) Team will be hosting an information and planning meeting during coffee hour on Sunday, February 26. We will meet in the Parlor Room. Members of the team will be sharing experiences from last year's trip to New Mexico. We will also be sharing ideas for this year trip and fundraising efforts. Bring your suggestions and questions. Everyone interested in this youth ministry is welcome.

## THE SISTERHOOD OF ST. MAKRINA

The Sisterhood of St Makrina will start up on Thursday, February 2. We will meet following Liturgy that morning around 10am. The class will gather for 8 weeks from 9:30am-11am and is open to all women. If you would like more information feel free to contact Pres. Claire 617-957-0175.

## FAMILY GAME DAY!



**FUN GAME DAY**  
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS



Family Game Day: Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!!! Bring your favorite board game, your favorite snack and your family members of all ages for an afternoon of good old fashioned fun! We will meet in the parlor room from 3-5pm on Monday, February 20th (President's Day) and conclude our time together with Vespers in Church led by Fr. Anthony. We hope to see you there!



Contact Rita Constantinou at [ritaconstantinou@yahoo.com](mailto:ritaconstantinou@yahoo.com) or Presbytera Kellie at [katandilyan@gmail.com](mailto:katandilyan@gmail.com) with any questions.

## LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

### Lenten Speaker Series starts on March 1

Please join us for Pre-Sanctified at 6.00pm followed by a light supper and then the speaker presentation. The evening will end around 8.30pm. We are blessed to have 3 outstanding speakers so please make every effort to support this ministry and the speakers (they are inspired when they see the chairs occupied!).

**March 1, 2017**

**Pres. Dr. Kyriaki Karidoyanes Fitzgerald**

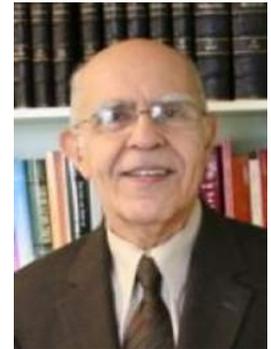
**“Seek, Love, Learn, Today:  
Discerning our Vocations with the Help of the Saints  
Our Fathers and Mothers in Christ”**  
*For those who can please bring a desert*



**March 15**

**Dr. Lewis J. Patsavos**

**“Reflections on the Recent Holy and Great Council”**  
*This is our pot luck dinner (last year's was delicious!)*



**March 29**

**His Eminence Methodios, Metropolitan of Boston**

After a short reflection, His Eminence will lead a question & answer session.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Suzanne, Stephanie, Nicholas, Stephanie, Michael, Cyndi, Alexios, Alma, Ray, Alex, Angelike, Kasey, Stephen, Nina, James, Maria, Gus, Irene, Helen, Penelope, Maria, Sophia, Vasiliki, Maria, Flora, Aphrodite, Christos, Angelo, Maria, Ethel, Stacia.

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.

## 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.

## ALTAR DONATIONS

### LITURGY LIGHTS

In loving memory of Michael C. Lignos.

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR

There is no coffee hour today due to the holiday weekend.

## TODAY'S MEMORIALS

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

### Janulla Londi

#### WEEKDAY SERVICES

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Souls  
Saturday, February 25  
8:00 am Orthros  
9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Monday, February 27  
7 pm Compline

Wednesday, March 1  
Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6 pm

Friday, March 3  
Salutations to the Theotokos 7 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Souls  
Saturday, March 4  
8:00 am Orthros  
9:00 am Divine Liturgy

#### ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

Ψυχοσάββατον  
Σάββατον, 25 Φεβρουαρίου  
8:00 π.μ. Ὁρθρος  
9:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία

Απόδειπνον το Μέγα  
Δευτέρα, 27 Φεβρουαρίου 7:00 μ.μ

Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία  
Τετάρτη, 1 Μαρτίου 6 μ.μ

Ἄ Χαιρετισμοί  
Παρασκευή, 3 Μαρτίου 7 μ.μ.

Ψυχοσάββατον  
Σάββατον, 4 Μαρτίου  
8:00 π.μ. Ὁρθρος  
9:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία

## IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ALTAR

Improvements to the Altar – Father Chris is looking to add two electrical outlets to the Altar along with some additional lighting and to replace the final counter top. The cost of the project is \$2,300 and Father is looking for donations in any amount to help complete this project. If you have any questions please call or speak with Father Chris.

