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in Him we are one family



Jesus must have shocked the people listening to him the day members of his family stood outside his door waiting to speak with Him. “Who are my mother and my brothers?” He asked the people around him. “Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister and mother” (Mark3:33,35).

Jesus had made it perfectly clear: in Him we are one family. We are as close to Him and one another as blood relatives, and He want us to treat each other as we would treat our own family members. He also wants us to truly be united in Him. So how can we become agents of unity in whatever family or community we find ourselves?

I want to talk about some very practical ways to work out our differences, avoid division, and love one another. To do these things, we need a heart of mercy and compassion and a deep desire for unity. But the more we practice, the better we become in preserving this precious unity that God has given us in Jesus

Christ.

LISTEN Truly listening, with our hearts and not just with our ears, is difficult. But it’s the first step in understanding where another person is coming from and why they believe or act in a certain way. Especially when we have differences, we should ask the Lord to help us listen first to the other person and their side of the story. That requires that we withhold judgment while the other person is talking, and not try to formulate a response even before they have finished.

ASSUME THE BEST When someone acts in a way we don’t expect, or that we even disapprove of, it’s easy to assign some fault on their part. But what if we tried instead to look for a reason that put someone in the best possible light instead of the worst? How differently we would react to such situations if we tried to assume the best...even if that didn’t turn out to be the case.

DON’T GOSSIP Gossip is destructive, not only to relationships, but to an entire community. And yet it can be so tempting to engage in it. That is why we need to guard our tongues at all times.

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CHURCH SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNERALS

The following members of St. Vasilios has fallen asleep into the hands of our Lord over the past months.

Esther (Booras) Koutzoukis
Steve “Spyridon” G. Horemiotis
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Patricia C. Manos
Margaret R. (Xipolittaki) Zantos
May their memory be eternal



WEEKDAY SERVICES/ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

Paraklesis
 Friday, August 1 @ 7 pm

Paraklesis
 Monday, August 4 @ 7 pm

Wednesday, August, 6
Transfiguration
 8 am Orthros
 9 am Divine Liturgy

Paraklesis
 Friday, August 8 @ 7 pm

Paraklesis
 Monday, August 11 @ 7 pm

Paraklesis
 Wednesday, August 13 @ 7 pm

Friday, August 15
Dormition of The Theotokos
 8 am Orthros
 9 am Divine Liturgy

Παρακλησις
 Παρασκευή, 1^η Αυγούστου 7μμ

Παρακλησις
 Δευτέρα, 4^η Αυγούστου 7μμ

Τετάρτη, 6 Αυγούστου
Η Μεταμόρφωσις του Κυρίου

8 πμ Ορθρος
 9 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία

Παρακλησις
 Παρασκευή 8^η Αυγούστου 7μμ

Παρακλησις
 Δευτέρα. 11^η Αυγούστου 7μμ

Παρακλησις
 Τετάρτη. 13^η Αυγούστου 7μμ

Παρασκευή 15^η Αυγούστου
Κοιμησις της Υπεραγίας
Θεοτοκου

8 πμ Ορθρος
 9 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS

As we enter our 7th year of our college care package outreach ministry, I'd like to announce a big change. If you are interested in receiving mailings from your St. Vasilios family throughout the school year, we ask that you email me at Geosop@gmail.com to be added to our list. Please include your first and last name and your campus mailing address. If you are commuting, please provide your home address. Only those who sign up will be included this year. I'm asking that you contact me no later than September 1st to be included in the Fall Semester mailing. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. I hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer.

In Christ,

Andrea O'Donnell



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USE UPBUILDING SPEECH Negative humor is not the only way our speech can bring others down. Constant complaining is another way to poison an atmosphere. So is constant criticism. While we all have reasons to be angry or annoyed, whether at a situation or at a person, the way we express our feelings is critical. We need to remember that anger or irritation is contagious and can infect someone else, creating a general negative environment that can lead to discontent, rancor, and division. That doesn't mean we can't be honest and share how we feel or how we are dealing with a situation. But we can leave our listeners built up by staying hopeful or sharing how God is working in a situation.

AVOID FORMING FACTIONS It is tempting in situations for people to band together to try to push through their agenda. It takes faith and patience to wait on God to see what his solution to a problem might be. But it often leads to a better solution and avoids the need to take sides, which always risks lasting damage to a community.

FORGIVE AND ASK FOR FORGIVENESS Forgiveness is a two-way street. We need to ask for forgiveness when we have offended someone or let them down in any way, and we need to forgive when someone comes to us and says they are sorry. We all know how hard this can be, but for unity to grow, there is nothing more important than forgiveness and reconciliation. No matter how much we try to love one another, we will fail from time to time. In every situation, we need to ask the Holy Spirit to soften our hearts so that we are ready to forgive and just as ready to ask for forgiveness. The more often we do this, especially with minor offenses, the easier it gets and the more we are able to forgive when the offense is greater.

BE A WITNESS TO UNITY We all have an obligation to make our community a place where people can trust one another and grow in their faith. We can't control the actions and reactions of other people, but we can control our own. Our efforts to create loving communities and lasting relationships with our brothers and sisters do make a difference.

So keep asking the Holy Spirit to help you preserve unity, whether that's in your family, your small group or our parish community, or even in your workplace. Together, you can be a witness to the unity that God desires, both for our community of believers and for the world at large.

+ Father Chris

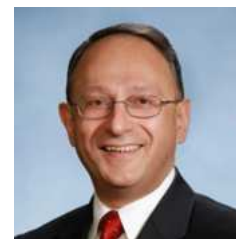


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Maihos, President

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

As a child, I remember that summer lasted forever. Today it seems like a long weekend. So much changes as we get older. For some, families are formed. All of a sudden grandchildren arrive and you find yourself loving them more than you could imagine. (I say this, not from personal experience, but by watching my friends and family members.) For others, careers take precedence and we take on new or different roles in the business world. Some reach the top of their company while others are happy to be a mentor to the newer employees.



The same is true in our church and with our faith.

As kids we see the church through our parents' eyes. As adults we have our own lenses focused by years of involvement and the regular participation in our congregation. Our growth really is a function of our engagement with other parishioners; we grow together. Many parishioners attend Divine Liturgy regularly. Some volunteer their time in the ministries. Others find a calling and join our clergy.

The physical campus of our church has recently gone through a transformation, a growth spurt if you will. Much like the change from child to adult, St. Vasilios has hit another milestone in its life. We now have a campus that is accessible by all parishioners with the completion of our elevator and other improvement. Our Parish Advancement Campaign, which hopefully included your participation will bring a new life to each of us.

Unlike you and me, our physical church will outlast us. Through our faith, and our passing down of our traditions, St. Vasilios will endure. What we have done in these last few years is a legacy change. Whether you gave \$10 or \$10,000, you are a part of the history of our church. If you haven't had the opportunity to give yet, it's not too late. In fact we need the latecomers as much as we needed the early adopters. Some people got the ball rolling, and we will count on others to be the closers. Please plan to attend our official ribbon cutting on October 19. Give to St. Vasilios if you can. Visit GiveToStVasilios.org and be a part of the history of our church.



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Let's finish what we started!

Pledge	Yearly	Monthly
\$100,000	\$33,333	\$2,778
\$ 25,000	\$ 8,333	\$ 694
\$ 10,000	\$ 3,333	\$ 278
\$ 5,000	\$ 1,667	\$ 139
\$ 2,500	\$ 833	\$ 69
\$ 1,000	\$ 333	\$ 28

The \$3 million Parish Advancement Campaign is transforming our campus by connecting the Church, the Rev. Andrew J. Demotses Educational Center, and the old Greek School Building into one seamless, accessible space. Soon, our entire community—young and old—will be able to move freely between buildings, safe and sheltered, surrounded by faith.

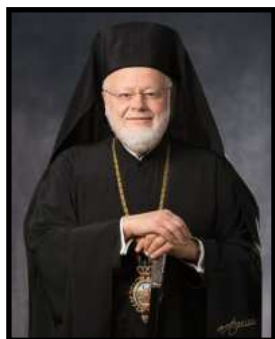
The dream is nearly realized. We are in the final phase of fundraising, with a goal of raising \$500,000. So far, 218 of our 720 parishioners have pledged \$410,000. We are just \$90,000 away from completing this vision.

This is the moment for 100% participation. If every parishioner contributes what they can—whether that's \$100, \$500, \$1,000, or more—we will reach our goal and complete this project as a fully united community. And remember - pledges may be fulfilled monthly over 3 years.

We need you now—please return your pledge card to the office today. For more information or to give online, visit givetostvasilios.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Elevator Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Reception



Our Ribbon Cutting will take place on Sunday, October 19th, following the Divine Liturgy.

We will be joined by His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios to bless our remodeled campus, and recognize all who contributed to the St. Vasilios Parish Advancement Campaign.

To RSVP for this memorable reception, please email pac@stvasilios.org

Please visit our campaign website, givetostvasilios.org for more information or reach out to our Co-Chairs, Christine Hasiotis Martins and Speros Venios at pac@stvasilios.org.

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ST. VASILIOS PARISH ADVANCEMENT CAMPAIGN

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Thank You Honor Roll of Donors!

The St. Vasilios Parish Advancement Campaign is proud to recognize the stewards and friends of our parish who have contributed to the campaign as of July 29, 2025. These generous donors will be honored on the Tree of Life mural, which will be prominently displayed in the elevator foyer of the Rev. Andrew J. Demotses Educational Center. **Be part of this lasting tribute by submitting your pledge now!**

If you have already made a pledge and your name was unintentionally omitted, or if you would like to update how your name appears, please email us at pac@stvasilios.org.

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ST. VASILIOS PHILOPTOCHOS ATHENA

August/September 2025

Dear Reverend Fathers, Sisters and Friends,

The lazy days of summer are quickly passing, and we will soon be returning to our fast-paced lives and our daily responsibilities. A special thank you to our fabulous past President, Stacey Yavorski for her tireless work and dedication to our organization.

I am humbled and honored to have been elected president. I am very certain that with the group of tireless ladies that we currently have and with the guidance and support of Stacey we will be able to continue our mission. I'd like to point out that our Philoptochos does not have a specific age requirement. As long as you are willing to come, lend us a hand and have some fun in the process we'd love to have you. We can all learn from each other regardless of our age.

The Peabody International Festival will be held in Peabody square on Sunday, September 7th. Cooking workshops and volunteer shift schedules are being planned. Please check the weekly bulletins and Philoptochos emails for more information.

Our first monthly meeting has been set for Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM. We will discuss topics for future meetings so please bring your ideas of interest so we can plan an interesting year that is inclusive for retaining members and attracting new members. Your opinions are important to me.

Lastly, a very important part of our mission is our St. Steven's Ministry. Our goal here is to visit with individuals who are no longer able to come to church. If you know of anyone who would like to have us visit, please contact me and I will make sure someone gets out to visit. Our next visitations will be the second week of August and we'd be more than happy to add your loved one to our list.

As Father Chris always says...many hands make light work. Let's all put our hands together and get the work done while having a lot of fun at the same time. I've been trying to find a list of all past presidents and was able to come up with a partial list. In the many names listed the one that jumped out to me immediately was that of an extraordinary woman, Helen Shambos who served as president from 1960-1995!! Thirty five years as president!! When I read this, I realized if Helen could serve 35 years I can certainly step in for two and we can all serve in some way big or small to help carry out our mission.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

September 7—International Festival

September 14—first meeting

Please reach out to me with any questions that you may have.

With love to all,

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17 10th Sunday of Matthew	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 11th Sunday of Matthew	25	26	27	28 Vesperal Liturgy 6pm	29 Beheading of John the Baptist	30
31 12th Sunday of Matthew St. Basil's Kitchen						



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ST. VASILLIOS GREEK SCHOOL ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΑΓΙΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΣ

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ST. VASILIOS GREEK SCHOOL

Come have fun with us learning Greek



GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2025-2026

Research demonstrates benefits of early exposure to multiple languages. Our Greek School program begins at age 3!

Even if you do not speak Greek, it is a wonderful language to introduce your child to. There are countless words in the English language that are of Greek origin. Exposure to Greek will assist your child with all content areas, especially with Math and Science as they progress through school.

Our Greek school is open to students of **other communities** as well as to those of the **greater community**. The St. Vasilios Greek School has functioned continuously since the founding of our parish. The Greek School is the oldest educational program within the church. The school offers the youth of our community knowledge of the Greek language, a love for the Orthodox Faith, and an appreciation for the culture and history of the Greek people. Our students build strong bonds with their classmates that last a lifetime. We will have an open registration this year, you can register here, or visit the church website to click on the link.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/167zTKlAWeBxrHHFEu21WNR3pq3aAVDgbeGB0xpS4jHI/edit>

Greek School consists of 8 grades Introductory 3-4 year olds through 6th, open to students age 3 through 7th grade in American School.

Please note children must be 3 years old by September 1st and be potty trained in order to enroll in the Introductory Class.

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Children age 3 can enroll in the Introductory class (3-4 year olds) and students entering Kindergarten can enroll in the Pre-School class. The Introductory class will meet every Wednesday. Pre-K through 6th grade will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45-5:15.

Our highly qualified and experienced teaching staff comes together to provide our community's children with knowledge of their heritage and Greek language. The staff adjusts the curriculum to the needs and abilities of our children who come from a wide variety of backgrounds. Our curriculum consists of conversational skills, culture, reading, religion, writing and dance. Our main focus is conversational skills and we spend a great amount of class time focusing on real life situations students can relate to.

We also offer preparation to students for the Ellinomatheia Exam. The Ellinomatheia is a certificate of attainment in Modern Greek and is an official certificate by the Greek Ministry of Education given to candidates who successfully complete oral and written exams in Greek. There are six levels (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2)

The A1 exam is for students ages 8-12 and we encourage all of our Greek School students to take this exam prior to completing our Greek School program.

In addition to this, students perform dance at a number of church and city events throughout the school year. The first event students are invited to perform in is the **International Festival that is scheduled for Sunday, September 7th!**

All students are invited to join us in dancing at the International Festival, we will have practice on Wednesday, September 3rd at 3:45-5:00. Costumes will be provided!

The first day of Greek School is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th. We will meet in the Greek School at 3:45 and head to the Church for Agiasmo. We will have a brief meeting following Agiasmo and ask for parents to be in attendance.

Please register by August 20th in order to have books in on time for the first day of classes.

If you have any questions regarding the Greek School program you can contact Principal Dina Kalaitzidis at greekschool@stvasilios.org.

We look forward to working with your children this year!



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CHURCH SCHOOL



Church School:

Our first day of Church School classes will be on **Sunday, September 14th**. Classes begin at 10:30am after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and end at 11:30am. Your child's Church School grade assignment should be the same as their public/private school grade. Parents/students will receive mailings by the end of August. If your child is new to St. Vasilios Church School and you do not receive a mailed notice, you will be able to register your student on the first day of classes.

Community was the practice of Jesus on earth and Church School is a wonderful way to facilitate community. It helps children build a relationship of faith with others their age, with their teachers and clergy, all while learning the Word of God. Please join us on Sunday mornings for this important ministry.



Congratulations to Janna Vounesse, our 2025 Church School High School graduate. In addition to attending Church School at St. Vasilios, Janna participated in St. Val's Hoops, Myrophores, volunteered at Church Festivals, baked cookies with the Philoptochos and cooked for our monthly luncheon guests. She was also a Church School kindergarten volunteer and a Panagia's Garden counselor. Janna was an Austin Prep graduate, where she filled leadership roles, such as school-wide president, head green key ambassador, president of best buddies and captain of the dance and lacrosse teams. She was a member of the Student Augustinian Values Institute, the Unitas Leadership Academy, and the National Honor Society. She was awarded the Dr. Joseph W. Wilkes III, award for unwavering and steadfast commitment. Janna will attend the University of Alabama this fall where she will study elementary education. We pray that our Lord's grace, forgiveness, and strength will be with Janna, wherever she goes.

ST. BASIL'S KITCHEN MINISTRY

Dear Parishioners, I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out to share an exciting opportunity for volunteering within our parish community.

As some of you may know, I have started cooking trays of chicken broccoli Alfredo for Lifebridge in Salem (Lifebridge is here to meet the urgent needs of the homeless and under-housed on the North Shore). This initiative began last Sunday and will continue until the Sunday before Palm Sunday. It has been a fulfilling experience, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve those in need.

To further support this ministry and ensure its success, I am seeking 3-4 volunteers each Sunday to assist with preparing the meals. Your help would make a significant difference and bring joy to those we serve.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about this opportunity, reach out to me directly during our regular Sunday Coffee Fellowship. Your participation and support are highly appreciated. Thank you for considering this request, and I look forward to working together to make a positive impact in our community as taught to us by our patron Saint Basil.

Yours in Christ,
Brandon Simpson
Saint Basil's Kitchen Ministry



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StValsDance@StVasilios.org

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CHILDREN’S PAGE

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