



SAINT VASILIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners of St. Vasilios,

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This past Sunday Father Chris Foustoukos served for the last time at St. Vasilios as Proistamenos. Even though we know we will see him again, and that we will celebrate his retirement on September 13, it was still an emotional day. His leadership and love have guided St. Vasilios and our parishioners for close to twenty years. He, Presvytera Claire and their son, Peter, have been woven into the fabric of our lives and our parish family. It is our heartfelt hope that Father Chris and Presvytera Claire will enjoy many blessed years in retirement.

At the same, for the past seven years, we have been blessed to become family with Father Ioannis Michaelidis, Presvytera Marina and their beautiful children, Eleni, Stella, Lazaros. The news that he has been assigned to lead the Dormition Parish in Somerville brings us both joy and sadness. This is a wonderful opportunity for Fr. Yanni to carry forward all that he has learned at St. Vasilios, both under the tutelage of Fr. Chris and through the support of each of us - and to continue to grow as a priest in our Metropolis. We will miss them deeply.

In selecting a new Proistamenos for our parish, His Eminence Methodios weighed many factors which extend well beyond the walls of our church. It was with great care and consideration that he appointed the Reverend Father Anthony Tandilyan, effective June 1, 2026, as the next Proistamenos of St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church. Many of us know Father Anthony well, not only from his time here as Assistant Pastor, but through his broader involvement in the Metropolis. We also know his children, Michael, Ella, and David, and we love Presvytera Kellie. They are already family to us.

One important issue remains to be resolved: the appointment an Assistant Pastor at St. Vasilios. We have been assured that in the near future, this too, will be announced.

Please join me in supporting Fr. Chris, Fr. Yanni and Fr. Anthony in their mission to lead the spiritual growth of our Orthodox faith and to proclaim the teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

With love in Christ,

John J. Maihos
Parish Council President