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Paschal Season



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christos Anesti! Christ is risen! This proclamation isn't just an event that we celebrate on Pascha (Easter). It is our Orthodox Christian battle cry!

We will for the next 40 days greet each other with the words, Christ is risen! Notice the present tense of the "is". Pascha is not an event in the past. It is an ever-present happening that fuels our living and vibrant faith! Christ is alive and working through you and me. Christ is present **right** at this moment!

The significance of the Resurrection as a historical event is simply incredible. It is the cornerstone of our spiritual substance.

Christ's resurrection galvanized His reluctant, disbelieving disciples. Out of their disillusionment emerged a recommitted group who carried Christianity to the four corners of the world.

The importance of the Resurrection as a continuing event for today, tomorrow and forever is even more profound. It is victory over death. It is the promise of new and eternal life. And it is our commitment to share this extraordinary news to which each of us should rededicate ourselves this Paschal season.

Christ is risen! Christos Anesti! Today! Tomorrow! Forever! Even unto the ages of ages! Amen!

May the triumphant light of the Resurrection brighten your homes and lives both now and always...

+Father Chris



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FR. YANNI'S REFLECTION



Great Lent is a period of loving struggle. One that is repeatedly framed in the context of a personal journey, a private one even, where we have the choice to participate as individuals and as community. It is framed as a challenge that one participates regularly for their own personal transformation. Making time for prayer. Setting aside food and goods for those in need. And entering into a struggle where we temper our own needs and consumption to be able to share with others.

What we don't hear too often is that it is not only the process of making room for Christ in our own personal or private life, but it is the process by which the community of the Church itself, the local as well as the larger one.

As a community we enter into prayer, we enter into fasting and we enter into a period of extended almsgiving. We enter into it in the form of making room in our midst for not just our own private gains, not just for the strangers, but primarily for the Catechumens and the inquirers. The Lenten period is one where we as communities are called to make sacrifices, and to pray more deeply and to make space in our community and our lives for the people seeking Christ and His Church.

It is our calling, and our mission from the day of our baptism, to preach the Gospel to all people, to live a life of righteousness in the eyes of God, and to find ways to make room in our lives, in our hearts and our communities for those seeking to join His parishes. The way to do that is to enter into the struggle of Great Lent wholeheartedly, and to experience the Feast of Feasts with our ever-growing family and community.

Kali Anastasi!



PALM SUNDAY

- PALM SUNDAY will be held, as is our custom, in the Auditorium of the Educational Center. Orthros will begin at 8:00 a.m. by Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.
- The faithful of our parish who cannot attend regular morning services to receive Holy Communion during Holy Week because of their work schedules, may receive at two early Divine Liturgies. These liturgies are on Holy Thursday at 7:00 a.m. and on Holy Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

A special envelope is enclosed for your Paschal offering



ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΪΩΝ

- Η ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΪΩΝ θα τελεστεί, κατά το έθιμο μας, στο Αμφιθέατρο του Εκπαιδευτικού Κέντρου. Ο Όρθρος θα αρχίσει στις 8:00 π.μ. με Θεία Λειτουργία στις 9:00 π.μ.
- Οι πιστοί της ενορίας μας που δεν μπορούν να παρακολουθήσουν τακτικές πρωινές ακολουθίες για να λάβουν τη Θεία Κοινωνία κατά τη διάρκεια της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας λόγω του ωραρίου εργασίας τους, μπορούν να λάβουν Θεία Κοινωνία σε δύο πρωινές Θείες Λειτουργίες. Οι λειτουργίες αυτές γίνονται τη Μεγάλη Πέμπτη στις 7:00 π.μ. και το Μεγάλο Σάββατο στις 8:00 π.μ.

Ένας ειδικός φάκελος εσωκλείεται για την προσφορά για το Πασχα



SAINT VASILIOS (SAINT BASIL) THE GREAT GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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My very much loved St. Vasilios parish family,

This July 31, 2026 marks a major turning point for me, as I retire from the active priesthood after 37 years of parish ministry and service. On July 26, 2026 I will be celebrating my last service with you, my beloved St. Vasilios parish family. I know that His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, with much prayer and consideration, will select a new proistamenos to shepherd this beautiful and dynamic parish.

Although I leave daily parish life, I do not leave priestly life. I have been a very active priest at all levels of Church life for most of my life, and while this promises to be a major transition, my “retirement” will be not so retiring. My role as priest and chaplain will expand in some areas and diminish in others and I will be able to offer more time and attention to the ongoing work of family life and ministry. I intend to travel a bit more, spend more time with family but also to be available, with His Eminence’s blessing, to further the mission of the Church in any way possible.

Even as this door in my life closes, I am reminded of the never ending work in our faith. I will always be a priest, a servant of God. So my work in furthering the growth of the Church continues, only now with a different emphasis. I still believe that faith is essential for our communities and look forward to continuing to spread the word of the Gospel.

No matter where we are in our lives, we should look forward to our ever changing roles in God’s plan. As it is written in Galatians 6:9-10, “So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those of the family of faith.”

I ask your prayers during this transition and your help in spreading the Gospel where ever the good Lord leads us.

With much Gratitude and Love in Christ,

Fr. Father Chris

Rev. Christopher P. Foustoukos
Pastor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS****John Maihos, President**

What brings you to church today?

For me, the primary reason is to reconnect with the teachings of our church each week. It's a reset - a fresh start if you will.

I would be kidding you if I said that was the only reason I come to St. Vasilios. I truly think of the church as a home for a very extended family, yet one that is very closely connected. I look forward to the community of our church. And yes, sometimes we have disagreements, misunderstandings, we hold grudges, and we hide guilt. We are all very proud, loving, and deeply committed to each other through St. Vasilios.



I like to be with this family, and when called to offer time, talent and treasure, I do as much as I can - not more than I can - simply as much as I can, and for each person in our parish, that's all we can ask.

This week we are sending out reminder letters for those who may have forgotten to help support the church financially. We've funded our budget for almost half the year so far with everyone's promises of donations through the year. We ask those who may have forgotten, to please make your pledge now and begin a monthly donation today.

So much is happening this year. By the time you read this, we will have already enjoyed our Greek School students' celebration of Greek Independence Day, the flag raising at City Hall, the Philoptochos Luncheon, and so much more. Looking ahead, we have special events too:

Our Spring General Assembly will be MONDAY, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Planning for our Memorial Day weekend festival is in full swing. We hope you will offer your Time, Talent, and Treasure (TTT&T) for that cultural and religious "party."

We are on track for our Scholarship Brunch on Sunday, June 14. (Scholarship applications are due to the office 4/1 at 4:00 p.m. at the absolute latest.)

The Metropolis Awards Banquet will be June 14

We will see our longtime priest, Fr. Chris Foustoukos, retire from the day-to-day caring for our parish. Trust me, he will never stop caring for any of us. Before he goes, we will give him a nice retirement celebration which is set for September 13 in the center.

I would also like to shoutout to all the mothers of the youngest children of our parish. It is so wonderful to see you in church with your bundles of joy. Don't ever worry about the sounds of crying. It's a sound of life that is so much needed in the church. Your participation in our Thriving Congregations programs is also exemplary. We are blessed to have so many dedicated people to that initiative. (Thank you, Alex, too.)

HELP WANTED:

As you consider your TT&T, please think about joining our building committee, our parish council, or any of the ministries of St. Vasilios.

See you Sunday and through Holy Week.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly will be Monday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.

For the last few years, we have held our General assembly on Sunday after Divine Liturgy. This year, due to scheduling we will move to Monday evening for the spring meeting. For the fall general assembly, we have tentatively scheduled Sunday, November 8. Please mark these important dates in your calendar.



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Notice of Parish Assembly

The Spring General Assembly will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026 in the Educational Center at 6:30 PM. All members in good standing are invited to attend and vote. The agenda will be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Election of Chairperson of the General Assembly
4. Approval of minutes from November 16, 2025
5. President's Report
6. Priest's Report
7. Financial Report
8. Stewardship Update
9. Continuing Business
 - a. Parish Advancement Project
10. New Business
 - a. Investment Committee Update
 - i. Ratification of New Investment Committee Member
11. Adjournment

The Minutes from the last General Assembly will be available in the Church Office. All other meeting handouts will be available at the Church Office. We do not post confidential information on our church website.

QUORUM REQUIRED: A minimum number of parishioners is required to conduct business. Per *Article II, Section 4* of Parish Bylaws, "The quorum for the parish Assembly will be twenty-five (25) Parish Members in good standing. If a quorum cannot be achieved, no vote may be taken, except to adjourn. If a quorum is not present the parish Assembly shall be called a second time with 21 days."

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Hasotis Martins
Secretary

John Maihos
Parish President

Rev. Christopher P. Foustoukos
Proistamenos

WEEKDAY SERVICES/ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

Monday, March 30
7 pm Compline

Wednesday, April 1
Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6 pm

Saturday, April 4
Saturday of Lazarus
8:00 am Orthros
9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 5
Nymphios 7pm

Monday, April 6
Holy Monday
Nymphios 7pm

Tuesday, April 7
Holy Tuesday
Nymphios 7pm

Wednesday, April 8
Holy Wednesday
Unction 3 pm
Unction 7 pm

Thursday, April 9
Holy Thursday
St. Basil's Liturgy 7 am
12 Gospels 7 pm

Friday, April 10
Good Friday
Royal Hours 9am
Apokathelosis 3 pm
Lamentations 7 p

Saturday, April 11
Holy Saturday
Vespers Liturgy 8 am in Church
Panychis 11:15 pm gym

Sunday, April 12
Easter Sunday
11 am Agape Vespers

Απόδειπνον το Μέγα
Δευτέρα, 30 Μαρτίου 7:00 μ.μ

Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία
Τετάρτη, 1 Απριλίου 6 μ.μ.

Η Έγερσις του Λαζάρου
Σάββατον, 4 Απριλίου
8:00 π.μ. Ὁρθρος
9:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία

Νύμφιος
Κυριακή, 5 Απριλίου 7 μ.μ

Δευτέρα, 6 Απριλίου
Μεγάλη Δευτέρα
Νύμφιος 7 μ.μ.

Τρίτη, 7 Απριλίου
Μεγάλη Τρίτη
Νύμφιος 7 μ.μ

Τετάρτη, 8 Απριλίου
Μεγάλη Τετάρτη
Ιερόν Ευχέλαιον 3 μ.μ.
Ιερόν Ευχέλαιον 7 μ.μ.

Πέμπτη 9 Απριλίου
Μεγάλη Πέμπτη
7:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία
Ακολουθία των Παθών 7 μ.μ.

Παρασκευή, 10 Απριλίου
Μεγάλη Παρασκευή
Βασιλικές Ὁρες 9πμ
Αποκαθήλωσις 3 μ.μ.
Επιτάφιος Θρήνος 7 μ.μ.

Σάββατο, 11 Απριλίου
Μεγάλο Σάββατο
8 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία
Η Παννυχίς 11:15 μ.μ.
Ακολουθεία της Αναστάσεως Μεσάνυχτα

Κυριακή, 12 Απριλίου
Ἅγιον Πασχα
Ακολουθεία της Αγάπης 11 π.μ

CHURCH SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNERALS

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

John Varoudakis
John Paul Rousanidis
Efstathios Papaconstantinou
Catherine D. Rokas
Pauline (Bakeras) Tilas



May their memory be eternal



Happy Easter!



RED EASTER EGGS

During this Blessed and Holy Holiday season, when you color your eggs, we ask that you could include another dozen or two to be distributed during Holy Week.

If you would like to participate, please bring your boiled, dyed eggs to the church office on Holy Thursday between 10:00 am and 12 pm.

We thank you for your support .

Καλο Πασχα και Καλη Ανασταση.

FR. CHRIS'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

FATHER CHRISTOPHER FOUSTOUKOS RETIREMENT

Fr. Chris has made it official. He will retire this year after 19 years at St. Vasilios. Certainly his faithful service to the parishioners of our parish has been exemplary, and we would like to give him a proper send off. It should be noted that no priest stands tall without family support, and we will honor Pres. Claire as well.

While Fr. Chris will have a two-month sabbatical starting in May, we will welcome him back in August for his final official serving the Divine Liturgy.

The retirement celebration will be held on Sunday, September 13 immediately after Divine Liturgy. By then we will have a new priest assigned to the parish, and it is our hope that he and Fr. Chriss will offer a service before the celebration in the Demotses Educational Center.

Planning is already underway, and if you would like to serve on that committee, please contact the office or me directly.

NOTICE OF ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT OPPORTUNITY

2026 Saint Vasilios Endowment Fund Notice of Endowment Fund Grant Opportunity

In accordance with the Investment Policy governing the Saint Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church Endowment Fund, the Investment Committee has determined that a grant opportunity in the amount of **\$22,287** is available for disbursement to organizations and/or individuals of the Saint Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church Community. **Grant proposals of all differing money amounts are encouraged** and must be submitted in writing containing, at a minimum: i) the Name, address and contact information of the proposed grant applicant; ii) the mission statement of the grant applicant if an organization or a description of an individual's history and involvement with the church demonstrating commitment to the Saint Vasilios Community and its missions; iii) a clear and concise statement of the proposed use of the grantable amount;; iv) the amount requested for an "Endowment Fund Grant"; and v) a proposed budget for use of the proposed grant funds in accordance with the proposed stated purposes.

Interested organizations and/or individuals of the St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church Community must submit their grant proposals in writing to the Investment Committee, through the church office, **no later than April 26th, 2026**, contained in a sealed envelope marked "**Endowment Fund Grant Proposal**".

Endowment Fund proceeds may be used for any purpose consistent with the mission of the Church that is not normal, budgeted for capital, operations, and maintenance expenses of the church. Allowed purposes for which grant money may be used, for example, include, without limitation:

1. Areas of need beyond the local church, such as community services or mission projects.
2. Major improvements to space and facilities/capital improvements.
3. Unbudgeted maintenance of buildings and grounds.
4. New program initiatives for children, youth, or adult ministries.
5. Music program for special enhancements or additions.

The complete Investment Policy is available for review at the church office.

The Investment Committee will convene a meeting on April 27, 2026, and will unseal the proposals compared to and in consideration with the needs of the church. The Investment Committee may, in its discretion, recommend award of the grantable amount of the annual investment proceeds of the Endowment Fund to any grant applicant(s), which may be one or more Saint Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church Community parish organizations and/or individuals. The grant recommendation(s) will be presented to the Parish Council for acceptance and to the 2026 Spring General Assembly for ratification.

According to the Investment Policy, following each calendar year, the Investment Committee calculates the allowable grantable amount based on the formula prescribed in the Investment Policy, which consists of net earnings on Endowment Fund principal. According to the Investment Policy, **the principal of the Saint Vasilios Endowment Fund must remain inviolate and irrevocable**. As such, at each Spring General Assembly, the Investment Committee will propose and recommend its use of the grant money according to the needs of Saint Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church and in consideration of the grant proposals received, which recommended use(s) must be approved by a majority of the General Assembly. **No annual grant giving is mandatory.**

In the event there are any questions regarding the above or anyone in need of assistance with the grant proposal process, please contact:

John Kourtelidis
Chairman, St. Vasilios Investment Committee

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

FEBRUARY 5 THROUGH MARCH 20

title_name	Ms. Haritomeni Iraclidis	Mrs. Argiro Psychogios
Mr. Demetrios Andrianopoulos	Mrs. Maria Kaloutas	Mr. Mitch Rivers
Ms. Sophia Andrianopoulos	Mr. Andreas Kapoglis	Mrs Stasia Roberts
Mr. & Mrs Elias & Maria Andrinopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Joanne Karalolos	Mrs. Stephanie Scanlan
Mrs. Helen Anezis	Mr. & Mrs. Apostolos Karavoussianis	Mr. & Mrs. Martin Scrivener
Mr. & Mrs. Arion S. Anezis	Mrs. Despina Kareklas	Mr. Robert F. Shay, Jr.
Dr. Paul Jon Apostolides	Mr. Thomas Katsapetses	Angeline Silva
Mr. & Mrs. Emmanouil & Dorothy Asonitis	Mr. Sotirios Korisianos	Mrs.. Deborah Siopis
Mrs. Aglaia Athanasopoulos	Mrs. Sophia Koziski	Mr. & Mrs. Kostantinos Sofronas
Mr. Tyler Demetrios Brown	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Koziski	Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Soteropoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Marek Buczkowski	Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos Leon	Mr. & Mrs. Takis & Paula Soteropoulos
Mrs. Laurie Budrow	Ms. Alexandra Lomasney	Ms. Karen Stamos
Mrs. Francine Butler	Mr. Anastasios Loris	Mr.&Mrs. Stefanos Stefanopoulos
Mrs. Effie Casteris	Mr. Nikolaos Loris	Ms. Eleni Stefanopoulos
Mrs. Elefteriya Celso	Mr. Anthony C. Maistrellis	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Syrakos
Mrs. Elyse Champigny	Mr. John A. Makros	Mrs. Anneli Tgavalekos
Mr. & Mrs. Themis Charalambous	Mrs. Athena Malekakis	Ms. Kristen Tgavalekos
Dr. Theodora Christopher	Mr. Nicholas M. Manos	Mr. Karl Tgavelekos
Mrs. Christina Crowley	Mrs. Cathy McDonnell	Mrs. Christine Theodore
Mr. & Mrs. Lucas Dean	Mr. John McDonnell	Mrs. Joan Tsapatsaris
Dr. Damon Demady	Mr. Michael McDonnell	Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Tsapatsaris
Mrs. Jennifer Entwistle	Mrs. Sophie Metropolis	Mr. Peter Tsoutsouras
Mr. & Mrs. Kosma Evangelidis	Ms. Anastasia Miragias	Ms. Eugenia Tsouvalas
Mrs. Irene Falite	Mrs. Elena Moreira	Mr. Louis Michael Tsouvalas
Mr. Vasili Frangias	Ms. Vasiliki Moutsoulas	Mr. Andrew Tsouvalas
Mrs. Ruth Galaris	Mr. & Mrs. Gary Nadeau	Mr. & Mrs. George Tzortzis
Mrs. Joan M. George	Mr. & Mrs. George Padios	Mrs. Connie Varoudakis
Mrs. Pauline Gikas	Mr. Vasilios Panousos	Mr. Thomas S. Vasilakopoulos
Miss Stephanie Grevelis	Mr. Konstantinos Panousos	Mrs. Jean Walsh
Mrs. Paula Halepakis	Dr. Frank Papacostas	Mr. & Mrs. Achilles Xerras
Mrs. Pamela Hutchison	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pappagianopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. Joakim Yeanakopoulos
Ms. Zoe Iacovino	Mrs. Leah Havelick-Penley	Mr. Steven Zachariadis
Mr. John Iacovino	Ms. Amber Penley	Mrs. Theodora Z. Zannino
Mrs. Despina Ianuzzi	Ms. Katrina Penley	Mr. John Zannino
Mrs. Mariann Illingworth	Mrs. Ellen Pramas	Mr. Anthony Zannino
	Mr. & Mrs. John Psychogios	Mr. Thoma Zoto

DONATIONS

- \$100 Kiki Chakoutis & family in memory of husband, father; Nicholas Chakoutis
- \$50 Kiki Chakoutis & family in memory of George Kanellis
- \$175 Family & Friends in memory of Speros P. Brown
- \$1,435 Family & Friends in memory of George Psychogios
- \$575 Family & Friends in memory of Cynthia Gikas
- \$50 Michael & Harriet Zolotas in memory of John Paul Rousanidis
- \$375 Family & Friends in memory of John Varoudakis
- \$100 In loving memory of parents; George & Martha Yokas, brother; Sotirios Yokas, uncle; Antonios Zacharakis
- \$500 Family & Friends in memory of Valerie Batsinelas
- \$300 Jean Yokas in memory of husband; Sotirios Yokas and parents; Spyridon (Spero) & Panayiota (Poppy) Kalivas
- \$40 Niki Michael in memory of husband; Demetrios Michael and mother; Lefki Hassapis
- \$100 Mr & Mrs. James McDonnell & Family in memory of parents/grandparents; John & Eva Zolotas

ST. VASILIOS GREEK FESTIVAL



FRIDAY
5 - 11 PM

SATURDAY
Noon - 11 PM

SUNDAY
Noon - 9 PM

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- ★ TRADITIONAL GREEK FOOD & PASTRIES
Vendors & Shopping • Raffles • Kids' Area
- ★ GREEK MUSIC & DANCING
- ★ PERFORMANCES BY ST. VASILIOS GREEK DANCE GROUP
 - Saturday @ 8 PM
 - Sunday @ 7 PM
- ★ LIVE GREEK MUSIC BY ORFEAS
 - Saturday 6-10 PM
 - Sunday 5-9 PM



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ST. VASILIOS GREEK FESTIVAL

GET INVOLVED & SUPPORT OUR FESTIVAL

WE NEED EVERY FAMILY TO HELP

For our festival to continue to grow and thrive, we rely on the strength of our entire community. This is your opportunity to support St. Vasilios by offering your **Time, Talent, or Treasure**.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

VOLUNTEER

Help before, during, or after the festival — planning, setup, food service, hospitality, cleanup, and more.

Volunteer Contact:

John Kourtelidis

volunteer@stvasilios.org

978-907-3187

DONATE

Your generous donations help offset the many costs involved in hosting a successful festival.

Donation Contact:

Helen Papadopoulos

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978-397-1340

ADVERTISE IN OUR FESTIVAL AD BOOK

Celebrate our community by promoting your business, sharing your well wishes, or honoring the memory of a loved one through an ad in our festival ad book, while supporting our parish.

Advertising Contact:

Steve Anezis

festivalads@stvasilios.org

978-375-4981

SPREAD THE WORD

Invite your family, friends, and coworkers. Share the festival on social media and help us make this year's celebration our best yet!

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

Great food. Live music. Joyful dancing. Strong community.

The St. Vasilios Greek Festival is a tradition you don't want to miss.

We look forward to welcoming you Memorial Day Weekend!

**Sunday Schedule: Orthros: 8am
Liturgy: 9am**

APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8am - Orthros 9am - Divine Liturgy 9:30am - St Basil's	30 7pm - Great Compline /	31 6:30pm - Men's Club	1 6pm - Pre-Sanctified 6pm - Presanctified	2	3	4 Saturday of Lazarus Saturday of Lazarus 8am - Orthros 8am - Orthros & Divine 9am - Liturgy 4:30pm - Dance Group
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Holy Week						
Orthodox Palm Sunday 8am - Orthros & Divine 7pm - Nymphios	Holy Monday 7pm - Nymphios	Holy Tuesday 7pm - Nymphios	Holy Wednesday 3pm - Sacrament of Holy 7pm - Sacrament of Holy	Holy Thursday 7am - Liturgy of St Basil 7pm - Twelve Gospels	Good Friday 9am - Royal Hours 9:30am - Good Friday 3pm - Apokathelosis 7pm - Lamentations	Holy Saturday 8am - Liturgy of St. Basil 11:15pm - Panychis-
12 Holy Week Orthodox Easter Panychis-Service before 12:15am - Liturgy of St. 11am - Great Vespers of	13 Renewal Monday - Office	14 6:30am - April Men's Club	15 Tax Day	16	17	18 4:30pm - Dance Group
19 8am - Orthros 9am - Divine Liturgy 11am - Philoptochos 7:15pm - Ministry Leaders	20	21 10am - Knitting Group	22	23	24 6:30pm - GAME NIGHT	25 4:30pm - Dance Group
26 8am - Orthros 9am - Divine Liturgy 10:30am - Loukoumades	27 7pm - St Vasilios	28 6:30pm - Men's Club	29	30	1	2 4:30pm - Dance Group

**Sunday Schedule: Orthros: 8am
Liturgy: 9am**

MAY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 8am - Orthros 9am - Divine Liturgy 10:30am - Loukoumades	27 7pm - St Vasilios Investment	28 6:30pm - Men's Club Dinner	29	30	1	2 4:30pm - Dance Group
3 8am - Orthros 9am - Divine Liturgy 9:30am - St Basil's Kitchen	4 6:30pm - General Assembly	5 Cinco de Mayo 6:30pm - Men's Club Eboard	6	7	8	9 4:30pm - Dance Group 5pm - Parish Night: 5PM
10 Mother's Day 8am - Orthros 9am - Divine Liturgy 11am - Philoptochos Meeting	11	12 10am - ST VASILIOS	13	14	15	16 4:30pm - Dance Group
17 8am - Orthros 9am - Divine Liturgy 10:30am - Church School	18	19	20	21	22-23 Church Festival 4:30pm - Dance Group	
24 Church Festival 8am - Orthros 9am - Divine Liturgy	25 Memorial Day	26 6:30pm - Men's Club Dinner	27	28	29 6:30pm - Men's Club Cigar &	30
31 8am - Orthros 9am - Divine Liturgy 9:30am - St Basil's Kitchen	1 4pm - Greek School End of	2 6:30pm - Men's Club Eboard	3	4	5	6



ST. VASILIOS PHILOPTOCHOS ATHENA

Dear Reverend Fathers, Sisters and Friends,

Our journey through lent has begun and we are all working on ourselves in preparation for our Lord's Resurrection and the Great Feast of Pascha which is coming very soon.

This coming Sunday, March 22nd, our Greek Independence Day Luncheon will take place. Our team of leaders, Tracey Franggos, Sandy Ruggieri and Bessie Silva have worked tirelessly to make this dinner the success that I am certain it will be. I would like to thank them, everyone who donated, the Men's Club for cooking our meal, the decorators, the servers, the cleaners and most importantly all of you that came to enjoy this delicious dinner with us. It is a big fundraiser for us and without you all attending we would not be successful.

Our membership drive for 2026 is well under way and runs through April. If you would like to become a new member or renew your membership please let us know and we can assist you in this. We welcome any woman 18 years and older. We work hard in our fundraising efforts to support our ministry, but we also have a lot of fun.

We are beginning our preparations for our church festival which will be held on Memorial Day Weekend (5/29, 5/30, 5/31). I will soon be announcing the dates for our baking workshops. Please stay tuned as we will need a lot of help with baking and on the days of the festival for selling our goods at our pastry tables.

Due to Pascha falling on the second Sunday of the month in April our meeting will be held on the third Sunday, which is April 19, at 11:00 in the parlor room. Our May meeting is on Sunday, May 10th. Please grab a coffee and some pastry from the coffee hour and come join us.

Our Pascha visits will take place soon. If you have anyone who is confined to their home or a facility, please let me know and we would be more than happy to visit them.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Sunday-April 19 and May 10 at 11:00—Meeting in the parlor room

Sunday-March 22—Greek Independence Day Fish Luncheon

Friday, Saturday, Sunday--May, 29, 30, 31--St. Vasilios Festival

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

God Bless.

With love to all,

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2026 St. Vasilios Scholarship applications are now available on line .

Please Note: *Applications must be submitted and postmarked no later than APRIL 1, 2026.*

If applications will be hand delivered, they must be dropped off at the church office by 4pm on APRIL 1, 2026

SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH



St. Vasilios Church SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH Sunday, June 14th

For more information about the scholarship program
and its requirements, please visit:
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CALL TO ACTION: BE A HERO!

We are looking for individuals to sponsor specific contributions
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CHURCH SCHOOL

**‘For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.’
1 Corinthians 1:18**

It has been a busy time for our students. On March 1st, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the children of the parish participated in the Icon Procession in Church. On March 8th, we saw 6 of our younger students; Ella Gonsiorawski, Sophia Serodio, Debbie Pantazelos, Eva Spyropoulos, Emmanuella Duros and Anasofia Pnevmatikos and 2 of our high school students; Paul Constantinou and Sophia O’Donnell participate in the Oratorical Festival. Grade 2 held a Super Saints party where students received T-shirts adorned with their Patron Saint’s picture, and first graders made mirrors that taught them the lesson that they are made in Christ’s Image. On March 22nd, grades 1 to 8 joined together for a lesson about the importance of the Cross. Thank you to Carol Spyropoulos and Jan Terzakis for helping put this lesson and craft together. It truly takes a village.

We are closing in on the end of the 2025-26 school year. Our last class will be held on May 17th, but please know that if your child has been unable to attend class because of sports or other activities, they are always welcome to join us.

If you are a **graduating senior**, please let either HS teacher Sofya Leras (sofya.leras@gmail.com) or Pam Gruntkosky (pam.gruntkosky@gmail.com) know that you are interested in attending a graduation ceremony on May 17th. We will soon forward more information to you.

Attention young girls of the parish: One of the most beautiful ways for you to participate in the services of Holy Week is to volunteer to be a Myrrophora, or representative of the myrrh bearing women at the tomb of Christ. We welcome elementary school aged girls to participate in the Holy Friday afternoon service. If interested, you must arrive at Church by 2:15pm on April 10th and meet in the boardroom (downstairs from the church) to be fitted for a robe and receive directions. Middle & High School aged girls should meet in the boardroom by 6:15pm for the Holy Friday evening services. Any questions, please contact Nikki Kachinski at nicole.kachinski@gmail.com, or Pam Gruntkosky at pam.gruntkosky@gmail.com.

Thank you to High School student Sophia O’Donnell for coordinating the Women’s History month sanitary/hygiene drive. A large bin filled with items was delivered to the River House Women’s Shelter in Beverly, where women who reside there were incredibly grateful, so thank you to all who donated.

No Church School classes on April 5 (Palm Sunday) and April 12 (Easter). Please view the Church’s website for Holy Week services.

Wishing all a Blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

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Grade 2 – Super Saints Party



2026 Oratorical Festival participants

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GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

The past few months have been busy for our students as they prepared for our Greek Independence Day! In addition to their weekly lessons, students spent hours learning poems, songs and dances in preparation for our show. On Sunday, March 15th the Greek School hosted coffee hour and kept our tradition of offering Greek flag pins to the community!

We held our Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, March 21st. As always, our students did a fantastic job!

Our Annual Flag Raising at the City Hall in Peabody was on March 25th! Mayor Ted Bettencourt presented us with a Proclamation.

We ask that you save the date and join us in marching in the Greek Independence Day Parade, Sunday, April 26th in Boston!

In May we have students taking the Ellinomatheia Exam in Levels A2 and B2!
We wish them Good Luck!

Our End of Year Show will be held on Monday, June 1st at 4:00 in the Rev. Andrew J. Demotses Educational Center. All are welcome to attend!



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 APR 24	Game Night
APR 28	Dinner Meeting
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