

**ST. VASILIOS GREEK SCHOOL'S
GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION**

Saturday, March 21st at 4:00 pm
In the Reverend Andrew J. Demotses Educational Center

Event is open to family, friends and fellow parishioners.
— Join the Greek School students as we honor —
GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY!

— ΖΗΤΩ Η ΕΛΛΑΔΑ! —

PANGARI SCHEDULE

Costa Partaledis	Victor Fanikos	John Maihos
Arthur Tsionis	Steve Anezis	Chuck Antoniou
George Papadopoulos	Brandon Simpson	Alexander Ruggeri
Christine H. Martins	Tina Manolakis	Pamela Hutchison
2/8/2026	2/15/2026	2/22/2026

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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Hymns Following the Gospel (Small Entrance)

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.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Presentation in the First Mode

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε, ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενος ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

St. Vasilios 1st 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.

Εἰς πάσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξήλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, Δι' οὐ θεοπρεπῶς εδογμάτισας, Τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας. Τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησάς, Βασιλείον ιεράτευμα Πάτερ ὅσιε Χριστόν τόν Θεόν ἰκέτευε δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τό Μέγα ἔλεος

Seasonal Kontakion in the First Mode

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλόγησας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.



PLEASE JOIN US

St. Vasilios Greek School

ANNUAL GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Peabody City Hall

24 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA

Wednesday, March 25th

4:00 PM

In honor of Greek Independence Day, Mayor Ted Bettencourt along with the students of St. Vasilios Greek School will proudly raise the Greek Flag at City Hall.

This event is open to family, friends, and fellow parishioners.

ΖΗΤΩ Η ΕΛΛΑΔΑ!

LEARN LITURGICAL MUSIC OF OUR CHURCH

St. Vasilios Music Ministry

Learn liturgical music of our church.

Live 40 min. weekly ZOOM sessions
every Tuesday at 6:30pm



Join LIVE or watch later at our stvasilios.org website

Each session will focus on choral responses, hymns, special services etc.

To join live please text me for the invite code at 508-843-2190

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EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Second Mode. Psalm 117.14,18.

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20.

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Προκείμενον. Second Mode. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 117.14,18.

Ἰσχύς μου καὶ ὕμνησις μου ὁ Κύριος.

Στίχ. Παιδεύων ἐπαίδευσέ με ὁ Κύριος.

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 6:12-20.

Ἀδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπό τινος. Τὰ βρώματα τῇ κοιλίᾳ, καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῇ πορνείᾳ, ἀλλὰ τῷ κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ τὸν κύριον ἡγείρεν καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐστί· Ἄρα οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; Μὴ γένοιτο. Οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῇ πόρνῃ ἐν σώματι ἐστιν; Ἔσονται γάρ, φησὶν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν. Ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίῳ ἐν πνεύματι ἐστιν. Φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. Πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος ἐστιν· ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἁμαρτάνει. Ἡ οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐστιν, οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ θεοῦ; Καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν, ἡγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῇ· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἃτινά ἐστιν τοῦ θεοῦ.

GOSPEL READING

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Reading is from Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING TODAY

We will be having our monthly meeting this Sunday February 8th, 11am in the Parlor room. Grab a pasty, coffee and please join us! One of the items on the agenda will be our upcoming Independence day Luncheon. We will need help, planning, setting up, serving and cleaning up.

Thank you!

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the incredible support shown to me after my accident. The prayers and visits, cards, meals, and kind words brought me so much comfort and truly made a difference in my recovery. I am so blessed to be surrounded by such a loving community.

With gratitude and love in Christ,

Pam Gruntkosky





St. Vasilios

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THE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS OF
THE MONTH

STARTS FEB 10
10-11:30AM

BEGINNERS THROUGH
ADVANCED

Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 15:11-32

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις εἶχε δύο υἱούς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρί· πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς οὐσίας. καὶ διεῖλεν αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον. καὶ μετ' οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγὼν ἅπαντα ὁ νεώτερος υἱὸς ἀπεδήμησεν εἰς χώραν μακράν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισε τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ ζῶν ἀσώτως. δαπανήσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ πάντα ἐγένετο λιμὸς ἰσχυρὸς κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αὐτὸς ἥρξατο ὑστερεῖσθαι. καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἐνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης, καὶ ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς ἀγροὺς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους. καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσει τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατίων ὧν ἤσθιον οἱ χοῖροι, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδίδου αὐτῷ. εἰς ἑαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθὼν εἶπε· πόσοι μίσθιοι τοῦ πατρός μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ἀπόλλυμαι! ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· πάτερ, ἡμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου. οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱός σου· ποιήσόν με ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου. καὶ ἀναστὰς ἦλθε πρὸς τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ. ἔτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ δραμὼν ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτόν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ υἱός· πάτερ, ἡμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱός σου. εἶπε δὲ ὁ πατὴρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ· ἐξενέγκατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑποδήματα εἰς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν, ὅτι οὗτος ὁ υἱός μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὗρέθη. καὶ ἥρξαντο εὐφραίνεσθαι. Ἦν δὲ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἤγγισε τῇ οἰκίᾳ, ἤκουσε συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἓνα τῶν παιδῶν ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἴη ταῦτα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου ἦκει καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατὴρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα αὐτὸν ἀπέλαβεν. ὠργίσθη δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν εἰσελθεῖν. ὁ οὖν πατὴρ αὐτοῦ ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπε τῷ πατρί· ἰδοὺ τοσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι καὶ οὐδέποτε ἐντολήν σου παρῆλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ οὐδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον ἵνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εὐφρανθῶ· ὅτε δὲ ὁ υἱός σου οὗτος, ὁ καταφαγὼν σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν, ἦλθεν, ἔθυσας αὐτῷ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐμὰ σὰ ἐστίν· εὐφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει, ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὗτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὗρέθη.



ALTAR DONATIONS

VIGIL LIGHTS

In loving memory of James & 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:

Peter G. Sabanty 40 day Memorial
Nikolaos Solomos 3 yr Memorial

Marlene Glynos 6 month Trisagion
Nicholas Chakoutis 6 yr Trisagion
William (Vasilios) Pramas 6 yr Trisagion

KOLYVA FOR MERCY MEAL

The office has been asked many times by parishioners who would like to have Kolyva for the Mercy Meal after the funeral. If you would like to order Kolyva a parishioner has stepped forward and is willing to accommodate parishioners. If you are interested call Niki at 978-578-7292.

COFFEE HOUR

Today's coffee hour is sponsored by the Lazarides family in memory of Paul and Harry Lazarides and the Sabanty family in memory of Peter Sabanty .

COMMUNION

Communion in the Orthodox Church is for Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians in good sacramental standing.

We ask that you allow families with young children and kids to come receive before the adults enter the communion line.

Please exit into the side aisles and enter the Communion line from the central aisle at the back of the church.

ANTIDORON

Antidoron— We want to encourage parishioners to continue asking for Antidoron to take home for people who are sick or could not make it to the Divine Liturgy. We kindly ask that you wait until all those present receive their Antidoron before receiving Antidoron for those who are absent. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

PHILOPTOCHOS GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

A photograph of three dancers in traditional Greek folk costumes performing a dance. They are wearing white tunics, dark skirts, and headscarves. They are in a line, with their arms raised and legs in a dance pose. The background is a stone wall with Greek inscriptions.

St. Vasilios Philoptochos "Athena" invites you to attend the Independence Day Luncheon on Sunday, March 22, 2026 in the Rev. Andrew J. Demotses Educational Center. Lunch will be served after the liturgy. The 25th of March represents two very important holidays – The Annunciation of the Theotokos and Greek Independence Day.

The menu will be baked haddock, gigante beans, coleslaw, dessert and coffee. Children's menu will be pasta/juice.

Haddock - \$30.00

Children – \$5.00

We are happy to take reservations for both sit in as well as take out. Tables of 10 may be reserved. Any questions may be directed to Bessie Silva or Sandy Ruggeri. Please send this reservation form along with your check/cash to the Church Office in an envelope marked "Independence Day Luncheon". Please include payment with your reservation. Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vasilios Philoptochos Athena.

Bessie Silva – email: bessiesilva@gmail.com (978)771-2119

Sandy Ruggeri – email: san2352@aol.com (978)697-9001

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Tel _____

Reserve a table in the names listed below:

Enclosed is my check/cash for: \$ _____ for _____ Adults #Fish _____
\$ _____ for _____ Children #Pasta _____

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