



**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

Victor Fanikos	John Maihos	Ted Stephanides
Steve Anezis	Chuck Antoniou	John Kourtelides
Brandon Simpson	Alexander Ruggeri	Chris Kachinski
Tina Manolakos	Pamela Hutchison	Dionisios Pissios
2/15/2026	2/22/2026	3/1/2026

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### JUDGMENT SUNDAY (MEATFARE SUNDAY)

**FEBRUARY 15, 2026**



## Hymns Following the Gospel (Small Entrance)

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Mode

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ᾄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

### 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 λογὸν σου, Δι' οὐ θεοπρεπῶς εδογμάτισας, Τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας. Τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόμησάς, Βασιλεῖον ιεράτευμα Πάτερ ὅσις Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ Μέγα ἔλεος

### Seasonal Kontakion in the 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.

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



# PLEASE JOIN US

## St. Vasilios Greek School

### ANNUAL GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY FLAG RAISING CEREMONY



 **Peabody City Hall**  
24 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA

 **Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

 **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](http://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

Or email at: [vatousiosfamily@gmail.com](mailto:vatousiosfamily@gmail.com)

## EPISTLE READING

*Prokeimenon. Fourth Mode. Psalm 146.5;134.3.*

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

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

**The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2.**

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.

*Προκείμενον. Fourth Mode. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 146.5;134.3.*

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

*Στίχ. Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, ὅτι ἀγαθός.*

**τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 8:8-13, 9:1-2.**

Ἀδελφοί, βρῶμα 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 γάρ τις ἴδῃ σε τὸν ἔχοντα γινῶσιν ἐν εἰδωλείῳ κατακείμενον, οὐχὶ ἡ συνείδησις αὐτοῦ ἀσθενοῦς ὄντος οἰκοδομηθήσεται εἰς τὸ τὰ εἰδωλόθυτα ἐσθίειν; Καὶ ἀπολείται ὁ ἀσθενῶν ἀδελφὸς ἐπὶ τῇ σῇ γνώσει, δι' ὃν Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν; Οὕτως δὲ ἁμαρτάνοντες εἰς τοὺς ἀδελφούς, καὶ τύπτοντες αὐτῶν τὴν συνείδησιν ἀσθενοῦσαν, εἰς Χριστὸν ἁμαρτάνετε. Διόπερ εἰ βρῶμα σκανδαλίζει τὸν ἀδελφόν μου, οὐ μὴ φάγω κρέα εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, ἵνα μὴ τὸν ἀδελφόν μου σκανδαλίσω. Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος; Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἐλεύθερος; Οὐχὶ Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν ἐώρακα; Οὐ τὸ ἔργον μου ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ; Εἰ ἄλλοις οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος, ἀλλὰ γε ὑμῖν εἰμὶ· ἡ γὰρ σφραγὶς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀποστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ.



## GOSPEL READING

### Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

#### The Reading is from 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 ἐυωνύμων. τότε ἐρεῖ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῖς ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ· δεῦτε οἱ εὐλογημένοι τοῦ πατρὸς μου, κληρονομήσατε τὴν ἡτοιμασμένην ὑμῖν βασιλείαν ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου. ἐπείνασα γάρ, καὶ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἤμην, καὶ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ περιεβάλετέ με, ἡσθένησα, καὶ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με, ἐν

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Icon Procession March 1st

#### Sunday of Orthodoxy



The Sunday of Orthodoxy is the first Sunday of Great Lent. **All the children of the parish are invited to participate in the Icon Procession in Church during the Liturgy on March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Children should bring to Church an Icon of their own or we will provide an Icon for use during the procession. The first 3 pews will be reserved so children may sit with their classmates and teachers.





# St. Vasilios

## KNITTING GROUP



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THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAYS OF  
THE MONTH

**STARTS FEB 10**  
10-11:30AM

**BEGINNERS THROUGH  
ADVANCED**

φυλακῇ ἤμην, καὶ ἤλθετε πρὸς με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ οἱ δίκαιοι λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἶδομεν πεινῶντα καὶ ἐθρέψαμεν, ἢ διψῶντα καὶ ἐποτίσαμεν; πότε δέ σε εἶδομεν ξένον καὶ συνηγάγομεν, ἢ γυμνὸν καὶ περιβάλομεν; πότε δέ 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 εὐνύμων· πορεύεσθε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ οἱ κατηραμένοι εἰς τὸ πῦρ τὸ αἰώνιον τὸ ἡτοιμασμένον τῷ διαβόλῳ καὶ τοῖς ἀγγέλοις αὐτοῦ. ἐπέινασα γάρ, καὶ οὐκ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ οὐκ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἤμην, καὶ οὐ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ οὐ περιβάλετέ με, ἀσθενής 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.



## 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:

**Soumela Zamakis 3 yr Memorial**  
**Niko Gjika 1 yr Memorial**

## 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

Please join us for coffee hour.

## 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.

## GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY LUNCHEON

### PHILOPTOCHOS GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY LUNCHEON

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026**



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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

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

Reserve a table in the names listed below:

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