CASINO NIGHT

St. Vasilios 2016 Greek Festival

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Homemade Greek Foods • Delicious Greek Pastries • Country Store • Boutiques • Kids Activities • Religious Items

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- William Tournas
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- Florence (Mavraides) Maistrellis
- Leonidas C. Vorrias

May their memory be eternal.

2. Baptisms
The child of

- Christopher & Mary Gass with Godparents
  - Connor Lowe, Hannah Lowe, & Ari Lowe
  - The child of
  - Polyvios & Alicia Christopher with Godparent
  - George Vareles
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- 40 day Persephonie Zarkades
- 40 day Tassos Varinos
- 40 day Anna Tenedios
- 40 day Poppy Kalivas
- 1 yr. Constantina Giardina
- 1 yr. Anna Varinos
- 5 yr. Nicholas Diamantopoulos

4. Trisagia

- 1 yr. Peter Sarbanis
- 6 month Antonios Stergiopoulos
- 2 yr. Mary Mallas
- 3 yr. Anthony Koutzoukis
- 3 yr. Fotini Parnassa
- 10 yr. William Mallas
- 20 yr. Georgios Moutsoulas

5. Weddings

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Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!
What do you have in common with Ben Franklin, Bach, Beethoven and Voltaire? Do you love your COFFEE and good conversation? Please join our St. Va! friends who volunteer for the sake of fellowship on Sundays! Coffee Hour volunteers needed. Signup sheet and schedule available. Contact Sofiya Leras to volunteer or to sponsor a Coffee Hour. Please email: sofya.leras@gmail.com or call: 339-927-7557

**ORGETTAS FAMILY**

In Memory of

Michael & Rena Orgettas

**MENIATES FAMILY**

In Memory of

James X. & Rena Meniates
**Donations**

$100 Dr. John Ricardos, Karen Zarkades, Andrew & Hayley in memory of Persephoni Zarkades  
$25 St. Vaif Men's Club in memory of Aristotle Vontzalides  
$25 Mark & Alexandrina Privin in memory of Persephoni Zarkades  
$14 Daytime coffee hours  
$20 Mary Emeromistis in memory of Christine Morfis  
$100 Laura & Steven Ring in memory of William Tsapatsaris  
$50 Mark Rosvalis in memory of Aristotle Vontzalides  
$50 Angie, Elliott & Andrea Efim in memory of nephew & cousin Louis Efim  
$100 Brian & Denise DeFrancesco in memory of Peter Christopher  
$25 Kyriakos & Pat Andrinopoulos in memory of William Tsapatsaris  
$3,000 Community Credit Union in honor of retired Board Member Stephen Kalivas-Endowment Fund  
$2,875 Family & Friends in memory of Poppy Kalivas  
$25 St. Vaif Men's Club in memory of Spike Vasellos  
$50 Mallas family in memory of father & grandfather William Mallas-10 yrs.  
$50 Harry Shambo in memory of father; James Shambo-45 yrs  
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$50 Charles, Pauline & Eleni Halepakis in memory of Suzanne Jones  
$50 Charles, Sue & Linda Mantasouri in honor of Mary Kaldes-90th birthday  
$25 St. Vaif Men's Club in memory of William Tournas  
$25 John & Jennie Quarterone in memory of William Tournas  
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In loving memory of Aunt Anna: Denise Martwichuck, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Martwichuck,  
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$25 Brandi Cranteau & Norman Liverside  
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**Paraklesis**  
Monday, August 1 7 pm  
Wednesday, August 3 7 pm  
**Vespers**  
Friday, August 5 7 pm  
**Holy Transfiguration**  
Saturday, August 6 8:00 am Orthros  
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**KAΣΗΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ**

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Δευτέρα, 15 Αυγούστου 7 μ.  
Εστημένος  
Τετάρτη, 31 Αυγούστου 7 μ.  
**Paraklesis**  
Paraklesis Lowell, 31 Αυγούστου 7 μ.  
**Metamorphosis tou Kyriou**  
Σάββατο, 5 Αυγούστου 8:00 pm 'Όρος  
9:00 π. Θεία Λειτουργία  
**Paraklesis**  
Δευτέρα, 9 Αυγούστου 7 μ.  
**Paraklesis**  
Τετάρτη, 10 Αυγούστου 7 μ.  
**Εστημένος**  
Paraklesis, 12 Αυγούστου 7 μ.  
**Κοιμήσεις**  
Δευτέρα, 15 Αυγούστου 8:00 pm 'Όρος  
9:00 π. Θεία Λειτουργία  
**Αγιον Φωτισμόν**  
Σάββατο, 27 Αυγούστου 8:00 pm 'Όρος  
9:00 π. Θεία Λειτουργία  
**Αποτομή Κεφαλής Προδρόμου**  
Δευτέρα, 20 Αυγούστου  
9:00 π. Θεία Λειτουργία  
**Η Τύμβου του Τιμίου Σταυρού**  
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**The Sisterhood of St. Makrina**

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“Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me ... he who is least among you all will be great.” (Luke 9:48)

The birth of a child is a miracle. Another person comes into this world to live with us in our family. Sending us a child God gives us a unique opportunity to serve in His Kingdom.

Raising a child is the work of a saint. If we raise our children with the determination and dedication of a saint, we will raise a holy generation. By undertaking this responsibility we dedicate our entire lives to serve a holy purpose, which is to provide a safe and comfortable place where our children can grow and become the best that God has intended for them. Our children are our blessings, because their presence in our lives makes us understand life from a completely different perspective. We not only raise them and teach them, but we also grow with their help and learn from them lessons of life that no one could ever give us. Family (the unity of two and later with God’s will also the birth of a child or children) is the image and the symbol of the Holy Trinity on earth.

“IT is very important to create a prayerful and healthy atmosphere within the home, because an atmosphere of prayer and spiritual health have a profound influence on children’s lives.”

- Metropolitan Hierotheos Vlachos

French pedagog (Master teacher) Jean-Jacques Rousseau has said: “If you have started your child’s education after he or she is one year old than you are one year too late.” When we start it right after the birth we have missed a lot, when we start the education during pregnancy, something essential can be done.

“I firmly believe, however, that what a child receives in the course of his/her upbringing is not the knowledge that his/her parents happen to have or the advice they give, however wise it may be, but above all what his/her parents themselves are. We do not offer children what we know; rather, we offer them what we ourselves are.”

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One of the many explanations for Muslim fanaticism is that they used to whisper in to the ear of the new born child that: “There is only one God and Muhammad is His prophet.”

We need to do everything from the earliest ages possible to develop a generation who LOVES God and Jesus Christ as God’s Only Begotten Son. In the spiritual education of children, our first concern is not to train their wills, but to attract Grace – by our life and prayer – to their environment, and to let each child’s heart become attached to Grace. Theological discussion with children is a very small portion of Christian education. Prayer that God will touch them with Grace is a permanent dimension of all our dealings with children, even when they are not with us.

~Sister Magdalen

We need to raise a generation that has personal experience with God so that nothing can misguide them, because nothing can be against them if God is with them. So then let us walk our journey together victoriously.
Philoptochos News

My beloved Sisters in Christ and friends of the Philoptochos

Philoptochos is a dynamic Ministry that reaches out to help those in need. Realizing that everyone’s schedules are quite busy, it becomes difficult to squeeze one more commitment in our lives. Remember, our Philoptochos Chapter welcomes as little and as much volunteering as you can spare. Your time and membership assures that our Ministry will continue to thrive in touching those in need of our love. Join us in our first fall meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m. Immediately following our meeting, Philoptochos is hosting Paint Night. Proceeds will benefit future charitable projects. For reservations, please contact Sandy Ruggeri at 978-697-9001. Only 50 seats are available.

We had another great turnout at our end of the year day trip to the Mansions in Newport, RI. It was a fantastic and enjoyable day. Congratulations to our raffle winners:

1st Prize $1000.00 – Angela Pangakis
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My sincere thanks to Debbie Pantazelos and Stacey Yavorski who organized the trip and were great hosts for the day.

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«Καλόν είναι να μείνουμε είδος» (Ματθ. ΙΙ, 1-9)

Αγαπητοί μου
Η χριστιανική ωρία, όπως χρώμα κοινωνίας με τον αιώνα, στις Άγια Λυσίτου, είναι μέσον του Δεκαπενταγωγού, πολλές φορές συνεχίζεται και το «Το Πάθος Του Πάθος». Καλοκαιρινά – Η Εκκλησία μας ευρίζεται την μεγάλη διαποτική εορτή της Μεταμόρφωσης του Σωτήρος. Μέ έρευνα που συνδέεται με την τελετή της Εκκλησίας, την ειδικότητα και τα ιδίωμα από την ευχάριστη ημέρα. Στο ευγενικό ανάγνωσμα της ημέρας περιγράφεται το περιστατικό της Μεταμόρφωσης με όλες τις εμπειρίες της. Σε αυτή την σχέση, στην Κυριακή της Μεταμόρφωσης, παρακάλεσε να συμμετάσχετε στην Εκκλησία της Πειραιά, το οποίο έλαβε στον ήμερα.

Η χριστιανική ωρία, ενώ είναι χρώμα αγάπης και αναμνήσεως, χωρίς την χάρη των Χριστός και της Αγίας Ιεράς Εκκλησίας δεν μπορεί να δημιουργηθεί. Εν γνώριμοι το έργο χάρης της Ιεράς Εκκλησίας, το οποίο ακολουθεί η Εκκλησία αναφέρεται στην έννοια της χάρης στην Εκκλησία. Εντός έναντι διάκριση της εναλλαγής, το θέμα της Εκκλησίας αναφέρεται στην ισχύ της Εκκλησίας στον Κύριο Χριστό. Εντός έναντι της εναλλαγής, η θέματα της Εκκλησίας αναφέρεται στον Κύριο Χριστό.

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**WINTER HOURS**

Please note that winter hours for Church Services begin on Sunday, September 11, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Greek Orthros
- 9:00 a.m. 1st Divine Liturgy - English
- 10:30 a.m. 2nd Divine Liturgy - Greek & English

**ΧΕΙΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΩΡΕΣ**

Οι χειμερινές ώρες ξεκινούν την Κυριακή, 11η Σεπτεμβρίου 2016.

- Ορθός - Ελληνικά 8:00 π.μ.
- Πρώτη θεία λειτουργία/Αγγλικά 9:00 π.μ.
- Δεύτερη θεία λειτουργία Ελληνικά και Αγγλικά 10:30 π.μ.

**MBC FALL CAMP!**

Can't get enough MBC? Come to our FIRST ANNUAL Fall Camp! We are now offering a weekend GOYA Fall Camp in November, and we'd love for you to join us for our inaugural camp!

Dates: November 6th - 8th  
Tuition: $100

**ST. VAL’S HOOPS**

**HEALTHBEAT**

Sophia Grevelis R.N.

Detection of Skin Cancers
Mayo Clinic

Ninety percent of non melanoma skin cancers are associated with sun exposure, which means there is a lot we can do to stay safe.

Recognize Trouble Spots

Squamous cell carcinoma - a persistent rough scaly patch or shiny bump that won't go away could be a red flag for squamous cell or basal cell carcinoma. These skin cancers are more common than melanoma but less life threatening. That dry, flaky patch of skin that never goes away could be pre-cancerous. If you don't have it checked by a dermatologist, it's not taken off it could become cancerous and become tricky to remove.

Basal Cell Carcinoma - is the most common form of skin cancer, often shows up as a reddish patch or a smooth bump that just doesn't go away. If the spot bleeds, oozes, gets crusty, doesn't heal or lasts longer than a month, then go see your doctor. It's 95% to 100% curable when detected and treated early and has the lowest risk of spreading to other areas of the body.

What to look for: A B C D E

A. Asymmetry. Circles are ok,lopsided scaly patches are not.
B. Borders. Even in good, uneven is bad
C. Color. You want it to be uniform, not multiple shades of blue,gray,black or red.
D. Diameter. A red flag = bigger than 6 mm about the size of a pencil eraser .
E. Evolution. Look for moles that have grown,are inflamed,litch or bled.

Melanoma

Melanoma is on the rise in the U.S. especially for women under 30. If you answer yes to any of the following questions,stay on top of your skin checks. Also wear sunscreen daily and make sure you apply enough.

- Have you used a tanning bed? Even just once way back in your teens increases your risk by 20%.
- Have you had five or more sunburns? This can double your risk of melanoma.
- Have you had an abnormal mole removed? If you've had one taken off and biopsied and it was "atypical mole" you could be more likely to develop melanoma later on in life according to the Skin Cancer Foundation.
- Do you get intense bouts of sun exposure? Cumulative chronic sun exposure is more likely to lead to basal cell or squamous cell carcinoma, but short blasts of it are more likely to lead to melanoma.
- Melanoma spreads very quickly to other parts of the body, but it can be cured if it’s caught early.

Self care: Use sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 30. Wear protective clothing, a hat, and sunglasses when out in the sun. Avoid the sun during the hottest part of the day 10 to 4 p.m. Don't lay in the sun or use tanning beds. If you have signs of skin cancer, see your doctor right away.
**Koimisis of the Theotokos**

On August 15th we commemorate the Koimisis, Dormition, or the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary. Much of the Church’s Holy Tradition is given in the book called the *Horologion*. In this book we read about the falling asleep of the Theotokos. As time drew near for the Lord to call His earthly Mother, He sent an angel to announce this to her three days beforehand. The Virgin Mary then went to the Mount of Olives to pray. This was a prayer of rejoicing, the joy of return to the Savior. Ever since the Resurrection, death had a new meaning and attitude. Death no longer meant the end and despair; now it was a new beginning, a hope, a new life. Death was now, in Christian terms, sleep, which Christ would wake us up from and live forever with Him in heaven.

The event of the Dormition is very important in our Church life and it is preceded by a two week fast period. During this time we conduct the service of the Paraklesis, the Supplication to the Theotokos. During this service we ask the Virgin Mary to pray for us to her Son, to help us, to overcome our illnesses, and to assist us in times of trouble or need. We do this because the Church feels that since she is so close to God that she will assist us in our prayers to Him.

**Paraklesis Service**

All services will take place at 7 p.m.

**Monday, August 1**

Paraklesis, 1 Augustos

**Wednesday, August 3**

Paraklesis, 3 Augustos

**Friday, August 5**

Vespers at Lowell

Paraklesis, 5 Augustos

**Monday, August 8**

Paraklesis, 8 Augustos

**Wednesday, August 10**

Paraklesis, 10 Augustos

**Friday, August 12**

Paraklesis, 12 Augustos

Please write the baptismal names of those people you wish remembered and return this list to the church office.

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**Greek School News**

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

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 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:30-5:00.

We are flexible if you cannot commit to 3 days a week.

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 Ellinomathia Exam. The Ellinomathia 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 6-12 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 day of Greek School is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7th we will meet in the Greek School at 3:30 and head to the Church for Agiasmos.

We will have a brief meeting following Agiasmos and ask for parents to be in attendance.

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**Tuition for the 2016-2017 School Year**

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**Book Fee for Grades Pre-K-6th:** $30 due at registration

Please register by August 26th in order to have books in on time for the first day of classes.

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

**We look forward to working with your children this year!**

**Upcoming Performances:**

**International Festival Sunday, September 11th time TBA**

**Save the Date:**

**Centennial Parade City of Peabody, Sunday October 2nd**
Dear Parishioners,

The Stewardship Committee has distributed a booklet with information regarding membership and the various ministries of St. Vasilios Church. Annually in this issue of the Orthodox Life, we again publish an outline of our current ministries available to our parishioners. Our goal is to constantly provide our faithful with the spiritual and educational tools needed to successfully serve God. For additional information, you also may look further on our parish web site at www.stvasilios.org and view the PARISH MINISTRY book file on our main web page or come to our church office for a written copy. Below is a listing of what is included in the Parish Ministry Book. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at 978-531-0777.

An outline of our current ministries available to our parishioners

- Our History in Brief
- Who is a Parishioner?
- Stewardship
- Worship Schedule
- Priestly Ministry
- Hospital Visits

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
- The Orthodox Life Study Group
- St. Makrina Women’s Study Group
- On Becoming an Orthodox
- Church School
- Greek School
- St. Vasilios Scholarship Program

YOUTH PROGRAMS
- Junior GOYA
- Senior GOYA
- Altar Boys
- Myrofores
- Playgroup
- St. Val’s Hoops
- Metropolis of Boston Athletic Ministries
- Metropolis of Boston Cam (MBC)

ADULT FELLOWSHIP
- Parish Council
- Philoptochos Society
- FTA (Parent Teachers Association)
- St. Val’s Men’s Club
- St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Retreat Center

OUTREACH PROGRAMS
- St. Stephen’s Ministry
- Parish Nurse
- Internet Ministry
- Religious Resource Center & Bookstore
- Family Choir
- Marriage Preparation Program

PASTORAL GUIDELINES
- Fasting
- Weddings, Divorces, Baptisms, Funerals and Memorials
- The 12 Major Feast Days of the Orthodox Church
- Church Positions Regarding the Sanctity of Human Life

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΑΓΙΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΣ
ST. VASILIOS GREEK SCHOOL
Come have fun with us learning Greek!

GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2016-2017
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 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 visit the church website www.stvasilios.org to download the registration form and bring it to the office at your convenience. Greek School consists of 8 grades Introductory 3-4 year olds through 6th, open to students age 3 through 7th grade in American School.
Opportunity Knocks

Each September, opportunity knocks for every Greek Orthodox child, the opportunity of learning a second language, Greek history and the rudiments of Orthodox faith.

Our fast-moving world is demanding the knowledge of two and three languages and public education is even now initiating language courses in the elementary grades.

How fortunate and advanced a youngster is when he has the head start that attendance at Greek School can give him. No other language offers comparable fundamental training to all tongues as does Greek. Even more important is the fact that both in high school and college knowledge of Greek will be a decided strong asset in the mastery of English vocabulary, for over 35 percent of the English language has Greek derivatives.

Unfortunately, however, we live in a world of material and superficial values that often lure us into believing that other activities are more important. Music and dancing lessons, baton twirling, TV, athletics, school clubs, etc., compete with Greek Schools for valuable time. They are all feeble excuses for non-Greek learning and when stripped of their glamour really offer very little in comparison to the lifelong contribution given to each child by the Greek School curriculum. No child need to be deprived of music lessons, athletics or after-school activities because of Greek School; only the degree of participation will be affected.

Children of today must learn to discriminate and choose wisely from the multitude of activities available to them and in making such choices for their children, parents must ask themselves the simple question: “Of all the opportunities available to my children, which ones will contribute the most to their future success and happiness?” The easiest choice is not necessarily the best choice, for nothing worthwhile comes easy and easy things are seldom worthwhile.

Moreover, it has become clear over the years that those children who are exposed to Greek School usually migrate to junior choir and to junior GOYA and subsequently into the senior groups of these organizations. Through Greek School, Greek Orthodox youth find friends of similar sympathes and aspirations. Such associations benefit Orthodoxy obviously, but the enhancing of the language is also their natural product.

No child will ever regret attending Greek School, but those who do not attend may in future years bitterly regret the choice their parents made denying them this privilege. Every Greek Orthodox home with children of Greek School age must make this important decision.

MINISTRY SUNDAY
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Our Annual Ministry Sunday will be held on Sept 25th during coffee hour. Our Parish Ministries will be available with information and any questions you have. There will also be committees that need your support. If you want to join Education, Parish Elders, Building planning to name a few, the Parish Council will be there with the information you need. Please join us for Coffee hour and learn more about our Parish.

THANK YOU!

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest thanks to all our donors and wonderful volunteers for their generosity and assistance in making our 2016 St. Vasilios Greek Family Picnic at Winter Island a huge success. Donations ranged from food and supplies, delicious pastries, lifting and toting, cooking and food prep, serving with a smile and monetary support. Every gift of time, treasure and talent, large or small made the day possible. We thank all the organizations, ministries and volunteers.
HELP NEEDED FOR OUR NOVEMBER FESTIVAL

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We need every parishioner to volunteer some time (even ONE HOUR) to make our Festival another great success!

Below is the list of volunteer opportunities. Please contact the appropriate person to GET INVOLVED!

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FOOD DONATIONS
If you would like to donate food for the festival, please contact Steve Stephanides at 978-744-8531 for a complete list of items needed.

BOOTH RENTALS
If you’re interested in showcasing your own items for sale at the Festival, please contact Pam Katsiris at 978-740-2449 on renting a table.

COUNTRY STORE
The Country Store is seeking donations of baked items and other goods to be sold at the Festival. For more information, please contact Persephone Santos at 978-531-2121.

SOUVENIR JOURNAL
The Souvenir Journal is a great way to advertise your business or send a greeting in honor or memory of a loved one. For more information on placing an ad in the journal, please contact Haritomeni Frangias at neasmirni8615@aol.com 978-532-5782. (Please see page 9).

SKEWERING
We will be skewering for the Festival on Wednesday, November 2nd at 6.00p in the Educational Center. To volunteer, please call Steve Stephanides at 978-744-8531.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

St. Vasilios Church School will begin on Sunday, September 11, 2016, at 10:30am. We are excited to have your children return this school year. It is important to start your child’s Sunday by attending the first Divine Liturgy. On this day a blessing of the students and teachers will take place in church at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Welcome letters will be mailed out in August. If your child is new to St. Vasilios or is a returning student, please come to the church school office to fill out a registration form. On Sunday, September 11th, classroom assignments will be posted in the Educational Center foyer.

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St. Vasilios students in the past four years have generously donated to both the Bell Tower Fund and to the Accessibility Fund. This year the students will continue their mission of providing much needed supplies to our community’s homeless by filling Blessing Bags. Please help the children in their ministry by donating needed items. Lists and donation bins can be found in the educational center foyer. The church school staff held a yard sale in June to raise funds for the Blessing Bag ministry. Thank you to all who donated items and to those who helped on the day of the sale. It was a huge success!

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Grads left to right: Demi Karavoussianis, Maria Bakas, Christina Brown, and Alexandra Antoniou
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