

We hope this note finds you well and that you and your families are staying healthy.

The future of our parish is our children, and protecting these future leaders is one of our most important tasks.

With that in mind, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has instituted a universal youth safety program through the company Praesidium. Their online program, Armatus, will screen and train all people who work with our youth at St. Vasilios.

Our youth safety coordinator, Steve Anezis, has a database of many who work with our youth but it is not complete. If you are in the database you will receive an email from Praesidium over the next couple of weeks. This email will provide you with a link to the Armatus program enabling you to complete your screening and training. Once you have completed this program, you will be issued a certificate.

No adult will be allowed to work with children in any capacity without completing this program. Even if you transport a child, other than your own, to and from any youth activity, you must enroll and complete the course. If you do not, you cannot transport any of our youth to or from any event. Our goal is to have everyone certified by **February 28, 2021**.

If you believe that you are not in the database please reach out to **Steve Anezis** and provide your full name, email and phone number. Steve can be reached via email at youthprotection@stvasilios.org or via cell/text at **978-375-4981**.

-John Maihos, Parish Council President
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