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CANDLE COUNTER (Παγκάρι) SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, November 27

Steven Anezis
Michael Ambeliotis
Ruth Morfis
Victor Fanikos

SUNDAY, December 4

John Rogers
John Pnevmatikos
Pam Katsiris
Costa Partaledis

DATES TO REMEMBER

BIBLE CLASS

EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 10 AM & 7PM

PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

ST. VASILIOS PTA

ANNUAL FAMILY

CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

ST. VASILIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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13TH SUNDAY OF LUKE



GREATMARTYR JAMES THE PERSIAN

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Greatmartyr James the Persian

The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian (the Sawn-Asunder) was born in the fourth century into a pious Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian, and the couple raised their children in piety, inspiring in them a love for prayer and the Holy Scriptures. James occupied a high position at the court of the Persian emperor Izdegerd (399-420) and his successor Barakhranes (420-438). But on one of the military campaigns James, seduced by the emperor's beneficence, was afraid to acknowledge himself a Christian, and so he offered sacrifice to idols with the emperor.

Learning of this, James' mother and wife wrote him a letter, in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness.

His fellow-soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the emperor. Under interrogation, St James bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the emperor could make him renounce Christ. The emperor then ordered the saint to be put to death.

They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture St James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, Who had granted him the possibility of redemption from his sins by enduring these terrible torments. Finally, the martyr was beheaded. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE ST. VASILIOS "ATHENA"
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 2016
HAWTHORNE HOTEL
11:30 TO 3:00
\$ 45.00 PER PERSON

ENTRÉE CHOICES:
BAKED HADDOCK
GRILLED SALMON
VEGETARIAN DISH

*PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY ACCOMMODATIONS

PLEASE USE THE TEAR-OFF SHEET BELOW TO RSVP TO:
BONNIE ANTONIOU, 68 FRANKLIN STREET, PEABODY, MA 01960
BY **NOVEMBER 26TH**. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
CALL BONNIE @ 617-335-0869.
PLEASE LIST NAMES AND ENTRÉE CHOICE BELOW.

NAME: _____ ENTRÉE CHOICE: _____
TELEPHONE# _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____



St Vasilios PTA

Annual Family Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10, 2016

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Rev. Andrew J. Demotses Educational Center

\$10 per family

Please join us for an evening of fun for the whole family!

Dinner, Dessert and Refreshments

DJ and Dancing - Visit from Santa

Tickets on Sale during Coffee Hour

Or by contacting Constance Spack 978-979-6813

Or emailing stvalspta@gmail.com

Please bring an unwrapped new toy to benefit Toys for Tots



Sunday, November 27, 2016
Hymns Following the Gospel (Small Entrance)

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Mode

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Apolytikion

Your loyal martyr, Lord, while contending for you, the crown of incorruption he earned for himself, from you the God of all of us; for armed with your might, he defeated the tyrants, and crushed all the demons and their powerless presumption. Through his intercessions, O Christ our God, we pray to you to save our souls.

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.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Third Mode

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

Απολυτίκιον (Ηχος β΄)

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι. .

Απολυτίκιον (Ηχος δ΄)

Ὁ Μάρτυς σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτοῦ, τὸ στέφος εκομίσατο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν ἔχων γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλεν ἔθραυσε καὶ δαιμόνων τα ἀνίσχυρα θράση αὐτοῦ τὰς κεσίαις Χριστέ, ὁ Θεός, σωσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Απολυτίκιον του Αγίου Βασιλείου (Ηχος α΄)

Εἰς πάσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου Δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἔδοξ' μάτιας Τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτρένωσας Τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησας Βασίλειον ἱεράτευμα. Πάτερ ὅσιε Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν κέτευε δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον (Ηχος γ΄)

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν Προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασσον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰῶνων Θεόν.

EPISTLE READINGS-St.

St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2. Psalm 27.9,1

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

BRETHREN, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους 2:4-10

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ β'. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 27.9,1

Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.

Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι ὁ Θεός μου.

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεός, πλούσιος ὢν ἐν ἐλέει, διὰ τὴν πολλὴν ἀγάπην αὐτοῦ ἦν ἡγάπησεν ἡμᾶς, καὶ ὄντας ἡμᾶς νεκροὺς τοῖς παραπτώμασιν συνεζωοποίησεν τῷ Χριστῷ - χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι - καὶ συνήγειρεν, καὶ συνεκάθισεν ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· ἵνα ἐνδείξηται ἐν τοῖς αἰῶσιν τοῖς ἐπερχομένοις τὸν ὑπερβάλλοντα πλοῦτον τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ ἐν χρηστότητι ἐφ' ἡμᾶς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· τῇ γὰρ χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι διὰ τῆς πίστεως, καὶ τοῦτο οὐκ ἐξ ὑμῶν· θεοῦ τὸ δῶρον· οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων, ἵνα μὴ τις καυχῆσται. Αὐτοῦ γὰρ ἐσμεν ποίημα, κτισθέντες ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ ἐπὶ ἔργοις ἀγαθοῖς, οἷς προητοίμασεν ὁ θεός, ἵνα ἐν αὐτοῖς περιπατήσωμεν.

BLESSING BAGS

Helping those less fortunate in our community

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed."

Proverb 19:17

The Church School students are asking for donations to help them fill Blessing Bags. These bags are distributed to the homeless in our area on a monthly basis. We are especially in need of cold weather items.

Winter socks
Hats
Gloves (Men's sizes L & XL)
Scarves
Hand & feet warmers

Flashlight & batteries
First Aid kits
Vitamin C lozenges
Chapstick
Antibacterial wipes or gel
Tissues (individual packets)

Food items:

Granola, Protein & Breakfast bars
Peanut butter crackers
Nuts/Trail mix

\$5.00 Gift cards

Dunkin Donuts
McDonalds
CVS/Walgreens

Please return any donations to boxes set up in the Educational Center foyer or to the Church School office or any classroom. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. VASILIOS ICON BOOK

St.Vasilios Icon Book

\$ 15.00. Great Christmas gift.

Read about the icons that adorn the walls of our church. It's a great gift for family and friends, and a great learning tool for our children. A sample copy is available in the narthex of the church.

To order a copy contact Sophia Grevelis at SKGrevelis@comcast.net or call the church office. Please make checks payable to St.Vasilios Church.

GOYA EVENTS

December

17 Blanket Making 6-8pm

St Vasilios Church

30 Snow Tubing 1-7pm

12 S Hunt Rd, Amesbury, MA 01913

40\$

January

14 Semi Dance 7pm-11pm

St Vasilios Church 5\$ entry

21 3v3 Basketball Tourney 2-6pm

Each team has own theme and 5\$ per player

February

4 Haven from Hunger 3-6pm

71 Wallis St, Peabody, MA 01960

For all events that we have to travel to we would like to meet
30 minutes before the event and meet at the church

7 Paleologos St, Peabody, 01960

GOYA BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Week of 12/4/16

6:00 pm Worcester Girls vs Peabody Girls

7:00 pm Peabody vs Arlington

Week of 12/11/16

3:00 pm Watertown vs Peabody

4:00 pm Peabody Girls vs Roslindale Girls

Week of 12/18/16

5:00 pm Peabody vs Roslindale

6:00 pm Weston Girls vs Peabody Girls

GOSPEL READING— The Gospel according to Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:18-27

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄρχων λέγων· διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. τὰς ἐντολάς οἶδας· μὴ μοιχεύσης, μὴ φονεύσης, μὴ κλέψης, μὴ ψευδομαρτυρήσης, τίμα τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα σου. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· ταῦτα πάντα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου. ἀκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἔτι ἓν σοι λείπει πάντα ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἕξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα περίλυπος ἐγένετο· ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος σφόδρα. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς περίλυπον γενόμενον εἶπε· πῶς δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ χρήματα ἔχοντες εἰσελεύσονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ! εὐκοπώτερον γὰρ ἐστὶ κάμηλον διὰ τρυμαλιᾶς ῥαφίδος εἰσελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. εἶπον δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες· καὶ τίς δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· τὰ ἀδύνατα παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐστίν.

HAVEN FROM HUNGER DONATIONS



Throughout the month of November, The Sisterhood of St. Makrina is collecting funds to help support the Haven from Hunger to assist them in their very important mission to provide food for the underprivileged people living in our area. No longer is the work of the food pantry based strictly on volunteerism. The costs of running such a program are on the rise. For every dollar donated, the Haven will be able to purchase approximately four times the amount of food donated by individuals since they are able to purchase food through the Greater Boston Food Bank. They will also be able to meet their many operating expenses, such as heat and electricity. Of course, we will gladly accept donations of food as well, but are hoping that you consider making a donation of any amount to help us support the wonderful work they do. A donation box will be available in the Narthex each Sunday. Thank you for your continued generosity to this important cause.

**St. Vasilios Philoptochos Athena Charitable
Contributions Fundraiser
Tiropitas – Greek Cheese Pies**



**Enjoy your holiday celebrations with delicious
homemade Tiropitas!**

\$20 for 30 triangles

They are frozen and ready for baking!

Orders will only be accepted through December 1, 2016
Pickup December 17 and 18, 2016 from 10:30am-12:30pm
in the Rev. Andrew J. Demotses Educational Center

Please contact Stacey Yavorski to place your order.

Phone 978-352-9906, Email syavo23@yahoo.com

or send order form below to

3 Belleau Woods, Georgetown, MA 01833

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Order Form

Name: _____ Phone _____

Number: _____

Email: _____

Number of Orders: _____ @ \$20 = _____ Total Due at
Pickup (Cash, Check or Charge)

Thank you for supporting Philoptochos Athena!

TIROPITA WORKSHOP

Come and learn! Join in the fun!

Looking for volunteers to assemble Tiropitas

Saturday Morning 12/10/16 9:00am - 1:00 pm

In the **Rev Andrew J. Demotses Educational Center**

Any questions, please contact **Stacey Yavorski** (508)451-9906

40 DAYS TO 4 YEARS PLAYGROUP



Come join us to form new friendships with other children of Orthodox Christian faith from the St. Vasilios community.

The playgroup generally meets in the lounge in the back of the parlor room in the lowest level of the church. All children 4 years old and under are welcome to attend with a parent,

grandparent, or other caretaker. Books and toy donations are always appreciated. For more information, please contact Kimberly Sofronas at:

kimtucci@yahoo.com. **2016 Playgroup Meeting Dates: 12/6 and 12/13 from 10:00 - 11:30am**

GIVING TREE



The Church School students and staff will be coordinating the Giving Tree in support of our Blessing Bag ministry as well as Operation Troop Support. Please take a list from the Narthex or Educational Center foyer or an ornament from the Giving Tree and return the new unused item(s) to boxes set in the Educational Center foyer by Sunday, January 8, 2017.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting both those in need in our community and those brave men & women of our armed forces.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

St. Andrew

Wednesday, November 30

Orthros 8 am

Liturgy 9 am

St. Nicholas

Tuesday, December 6

Orthros 8 am

Liturgy 9 am

St. Spyridon

Monday, December 12

Orthros 8 am

Liturgy 9 am

St. Dionysios

Saturday, December 17

Orthros 8 am

Liturgy 9 am

Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil

Thursday, December 24

Divine Liturgy 6pm

Christmas Day Liturgy

Sunday, December 25

Orthros 8 am

Liturgy 9 am

Feast of

St. Vasilios The Great

Sunday, January 1

Orthros 8 am

Liturgy 9 am

ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

Άγιος Ανδρέας

Τετάρτη, 30^η Νοεμβρίου

8:00 π.μ. Ὅρθρος

9:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία

Άγιος Νικόλαος

Τρίτη, 6^η Δεκεμβρίου

8:00 π.μ. Ὅρθρος

9:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία

Άγιος Σπυρίδων

Δευτέρα 12^η Δεκεμβρίου

8:00 π.μ. Ὅρθρος

9:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία

Άγιος Διονύσιος

Σαββάτο, 17^η Δεκεμβρίου

8:00 π.μ. Ὅρθρος

9:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία

Παραμονή Χριστουγέννων

Πέμπτη, 24^η Δεκεμβρίου

Θεία Λειτουργία 6:00 μ.μ.

Γέννησις του

Ιησού Χριστού

Κυριακή, 25^η Δεκεμβρίου

8:00 π.μ. Ὅρθρος

9:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία

Μέγας Βασίλειος

Κυριακή, 1^η Ιανουαρίου 2017

9:00 π.μ. Ὅρθρος

10:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία

USING KNEELERS IN CHURCH

Please exercise care when lowering your kneeler in Church. If you are using your foot to lower the kneeler please have your foot support the kneeler until it gently touches the floor. The multiple banging of the kneelers is a great distraction at the most solemn moment of the Divine Liturgy. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Michael, Cyndi, Alexios, Alma, Ray, Alex, Angelike, Kasey, Stephen, Nina, James, Maria, Jim, Gus, Irene, Helen, Penelope, Maria, Sophia, Vasiliki, Maria, Flora, Aphrodite, Christos, Angelo, Maria, Ethel, Stacia.

If you wish to add or remove a name from the list, please call the Church

CEMETERY VISITS

Due to the number of sacraments, 40 day blessings and memorials on Sundays it is difficult to make cemetery visits on Sundays after liturgy. **If you would like a Trisagion at the graveside during the week you are kindly asked to make an appointment by calling the church office.**

HOSPITAL VISITS

Due to HIPAA privacy rules, hospitals no longer provide a list of Orthodox patients to us. Therefore, if you or a loved one are, or will be, in the hospital, please contact the church office for a pastoral visit. Also, please notify the office if a friend or family member is in a rehab center, nursing home, assisted living facility or under hospice care.

ALTAR DONATIONS

LITURGY LIGHTS

In loving memory of Michael C. Lignos.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Everyone is welcome in the Orthodox Church and may receive the blessed bread (*antidoron*) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Sadly, the divisions in the church prompt us all to work towards reunited Christianity. The culmination of this reunion will be the ability of all Christians to receive the Eucharist together. Until that blessed day arrives, only Orthodox Christians who are in good sacramental order are permitted to receive Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church. If you have any questions or concerns please speak with Father Chris.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please note that there is no Coffee Fellowship Hour today.



2016 COAT DRIVE

St. Vasilios' 2016 Winter Coat Drive



Please help us to spread warmth and joy in our community this winter!

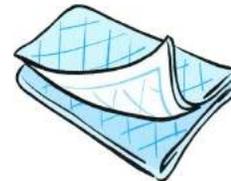
When	Where Coats Can be Dropped Off	What We are Looking For
Starts: October 2, 2016 Ends: November 20, 2016	Coats can be dropped off in the foyer of the Education Center and in all Church School classrooms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New or gently used coats in all sizes • Gloves or Mittens • Scarves • Hats • Warm Socks

We thank you for your ongoing support. In the last three years alone, through your generosity, we have been able to distribute over 300 coats to local charities!

For more information, please feel free to call (978) 406-7339 or e-mail akrezmien@suffolk.edu.

PHILOPTOCHOS BLANKET DRIVE

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THE PHILOPTOCHOS WILL BE COLLECTING NEW BLANKETS FROM NOW UNTIL DECEMBER 23, 2016. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE BY KEEPING THEM WARM THIS WINTER

IF YOU CAN HELP US, PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR NEW BLANKET AT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR IN THE HALL ENTRANCE NEXT TO THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION OF GIVING.