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### Giving



*For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Galatians 5:14)*

Philadelphia firefighter Fran Cheney’s unit was called to a house fire. As they rolled up, a brother was out front saying his sister was still in the house. Fran rushed in and began to search the home. He heard screaming and found Mary Jackson on the second floor.

I couldn’t see. I couldn’t breathe, nothing,” said Mary. Fran said Mary was “just smoky, heaving, trying to catch her breath. I mean it was just, you could hear it, she was in distress. I took a quick breath, ripped my helmet off, gave her the mask; it’s on positive pressure, which means it just blows smoke away from her and I just say, “Let’s go.”

Fran carried Mary down the stairs and outside to safety, risking his own life. Questioned about breaking procedure by taking his mask off, Fran responded, “If I was worried about that, I wouldn’t be here, and neither would any of these guys that I work with. That’s what we do. That’s who we are.”

And if saving a life wasn’t enough, Fran donated his overtime pay of \$500 to Mary and her family to help them get back on their feet. “I’ve realized how special they are for us, for everyone,” Mary said. “He went out of his way to save me.”

Giving, my friends, can become who you are. Whether giving of your time, talent, energy, money or even the risk of death to save – seeing, hearing, and feeling that your life changed someone else’s brings a feeling like no other. It’s the feeling of knowing why you’ve been put on this earth.

*Dear God, when I give sacrificially, I know I am showing Your Character. May I grow in giving, in every way, to become more and more like You.*

+Father Chris

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## CHURCH SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FUNERALS

The following members of St. Vasilios has fallen asleep into the hands of our Lord over the past months.

**Terens Qosja**

**Frank H. (Anastos) Anastosopoulos**

**James A. Metropolis**

**Louis Sotis**

**Fred Evans**



**May their memory be eternal**

### WEDDINGS

Roger Geary & Linda Putur  
with sponsor  
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Anthony Kritikos & Huyen Dang  
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Nickolas Belesis

### BAPTISMS

The child of  
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With Godparent Jordan Thompson

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With Godparent Wilfred Giordano III

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE****Dionisios Pissios, President****PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

Dear Parishioners,

I hope this message finds you well.

It is an honor to acknowledge Stacey Yavorski as the St. Vasilios Parishioner of the Year for the 2024 Parish Ministry Awards. We are grateful for Stacey's contributions and hard work within our Parish. Stacey's service and dedication to our Parish has been inspiring and her efforts have enriched our community.

We recently celebrated the graduation of both our Sunday School and Greek School students, as well as the recipients of our scholarships. I want to congratulate those students for their dedication in learning about our faith, culture, language, and beyond. Your accomplishments are a testament to your hard work and dedication and we are proud of your achievements. We look forward to seeing you excel in your future endeavors.

We are happy to share some exciting news. This week we have finalized our contract with ZVI, to begin our Parish Advancement Project. This is the start of a new chapter for St. Vasilios, one that promises a more welcoming environment and will provide us with much needed facility improvements.

Our goal during this project is to ensure minimal disruption to our parish activities and we have made arrangements to try and minimize any inconveniences. We understand that such a project may bring temporary challenges, however, we are confident that the benefits for our future will outweigh any short term inconveniences.

We intend to keep the Parish updated with our progress and any necessary changes to our schedule.

Thank you all for your continued support as we begin this journey to a brighter future for our Community.

Yours in Christ,

Dionisios Pissios  
Parish Council President  
St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church

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**Liturgy: 9am**

## JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Office closed	5	6
7 2nd Sunday of Matthew St. Basil's Kitchen	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Sunday of the Holy Fathers	15	16	17 St. Marina Orthos 8 am Liturgy 9 am	18	19	20 Prophet Elias Orthos 8 am Liturgy 9 am YOCAMA →
21 4th Sunday of Matthew	22	23	24	25	26	27 St. Panteleimon Orthos 8 am Liturgy 9 am →
28 5th Sunday of Matthew	29	30				

**Sunday Schedule: Orthros: 8am**  
**Liturgy: 9am**

## AUGUST 2024

				1 Dormition Fast begins	2 Paraklesis 7pm	3
4 6th Sunday of Matthew St. Basil's Kitchen	5	6 Transfiguration Liturgy 9 Blessing of the Grapes	7 Paraklesis 7pm	8	9 Paraklesis 7pm	10
11 7th Sunday of Matthew	12 Panagia's Garden 9am— 2pm Paraklesis 7pm	13	14	15 Dormition Orthos 8 am Liturgy 9 am	16	17
18 8th Sunday of Matthew	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9th Sunday of Matthew	26	27 St. Phanourios Orthos 8 am Liturgy 9 am	28	29	30	

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

## ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

Saturday, June 29  
**Holy Apostles Peter & Paul**

8 am Orthros  
9 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, July 17  
**St. Marina**  
8 am Orthros  
9 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 20  
**Prophet Elias**  
8 am Orthros  
9 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday July 27  
**St. Pantaleimon**  
8 am Orthros  
9 am Divine Liturgy

**Paraklesis**  
Friday, August 2 @ 7 pm

Tuesday, August, 6  
**Transfiguration**  
8 am Orthros  
9 am Divine Liturgy

**Paraklesis**  
Wednesday, August 7 @ 7 pm

**Paraklesis**  
Friday, August 9 @ 7 pm

**Paraklesis**  
Monday, August 11 @ 7 pm

Thursday, August 15  
**Dormition of The Theotokos**  
8 am Orthros  
9 am Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, August 27  
**St. Phanourios**  
8 am Orthros  
9 am Divine Liturgy

Σάββατο, 29 Ιουνίου  
**Αποστολοι Πετρος και Παυλος**  
8 πμ Ορθρος  
9 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία

Τετάρτη, 17 Ιουλίου  
**Αγία Μαρίνα**  
8 πμ Ορθρος  
9 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία

Σάββατο, 20 Ιουλίου  
**Προφήτης Ηλίας**  
8 πμ Ορθρος  
9 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία

Σάββατο,, 27 Ιουλίου  
**Άγιος Παντελεήμων**  
8 πμ Ορθρος  
9 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία

**Παρακλησις**  
Παρασκευή, 2<sup>η</sup> Αυγούστου 7μμ

Τρίτη, 6 Αυγούστου  
**Η Μεταμορφωσις του Κυρίου**  
8 πμ Ορθρος  
9 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία

**Παρακλησις**  
Τετάρτη. 7<sup>η</sup> Αυγούστου 7μμ

**Παρακλησις**  
Παρασκευή. 9<sup>η</sup> Αυγούστου 7μμ

**Παρακλησις**  
Δευτέρα. 11<sup>η</sup> Αυγούστου 7μμ

Πέμπτη, 15<sup>η</sup> Αυγούστου  
**Κοιμησις της Υπεραγίας Θεοτοκου**  
8 πμ Ορθρος  
9 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία

Τρίτη 27<sup>η</sup> Αυγούστου  
**Άγιος Φανουριος**  
8 πμ Ορθρος  
9 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία



# STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

## FEBRUARY 27 THROUGH APRIL 12

Mrs. Martha Alexopoulos	Mrs. Stamatia Joy	Mr. & Mrs. Stavros Pissios
Mr. & Mrs. Kyriakos Andrinopoulos	Ms Paula Karahalios	Mr. Dionisios Pissios
Mr. Elias Andrinopoulos	Mr. Mrs. Michael Karamas	Mr. Dimitrios Pissios
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## DONATIONS

\$50 Connie Geanakakis in memory of Teddy Yeannakopoulos  
 \$100 Victoria Kalivas & family in memory of: Aristos, Anastasia, Artemis & George  
 \$50 Stacey Kevorkian in memory of Anita Argyrople  
 \$100 Cynthia Kappotis in memory of father; Peter Kappotis  
 \$300 James Decoulos in memory of Helen Decoulos  
 \$100 Esther Koutzoukis in loving memory of sister; Anastatia Donovan  
 \$25 Maria Collins in memory of Carol Glyptis  
 \$100 Mary Tenedios in memory of Michael Martwichuck-1 yr.  
 \$100 Greg & Marie Koulas in memory of grandparents; Louis & Anastasia Speliotis

\$2,575 Family & Friends in memory of James Metropolis







# ST. VASILIOS PHILOPTOCHOS ATHENA

June/July/August 2024

Dear Reverend Fathers, Sisters, and Friends,

Philoptochos was busy and successful this spring with the Greek Independence Day Luncheon Fundraiser, Easter Outreach, preparing meals for Life Bridge of Salem, MA, and Citizens Inn Haven from Hunger of Peabody MA, serving at the “Bright Tuesday” luncheon for the Archbishop, Metropolitan and the clergy of the Metropolis, and our year end celebration luncheon.

Our Philoptochos Athena fundraisers provided donations to the St. Vasilios Church (PIN) Parishioners in Need fund, helped purchase a chandelier in the choir loft, supported the YOCAMA Mission Trip, sponsored the National Philoptochos Medical and Biennial Conventions as well as our monthly obligations to the National Philoptochos Society and Metropolis Philoptochos Society. Our monies go a long way!

This year at meetings we were able to bring in many talented individuals to enlighten and educate us with crafts, Kosmos project details, Heart Health information, AED (Defibrillator) and CPR demonstrations, and wonderful fundraising ideas from Amy Fragules. We pack a lot into our meetings, and we get a lot out of them!

The end of the year luncheon will be held on June 23, 2024, in the Rev. Andrew J. Demotses Educational Center at St. Vasilios. Enjoy a surf and turf luncheon with Greek music, awards, and a raffle. Thank you everyone for organizing this event.

The International Festival of Peabody is being held on Sunday, September 15, 2024, downtown from 11 AM to 5 PM. Enjoy the all-day event with food, music, entertainment, and crafts. Support your local friends and family while enjoying this glorious day out! The Philoptochos preparations for our booth at this event will be in August. Look for the Emails!

Please remember that all our meetings are open to all. We welcome everyone!

Join the Philoptochos Athena, the membership is only \$35. This money helps provide for the less fortunate, the sick, victims of disasters through its National and Metropolis boards just to name a few. We get together to plan, to learn, to share, to cook and to enjoy our time with our Philoptochos family. We believe in these past down words:

*“Many Hands Make Light Work.”*

Be a part of this group.  
God Bless!

With love to all,

**Stacey**

Stacey Yavorski, President

St. Vasilios Philoptochos Athena

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# PHILOPTOCHOS WORKSHOPS





## ST. VASILIOS GREEK SCHOOL ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΑΓΙΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΣ

Our school year has come to an end. This was by far our greatest year in enrollment! Thank you all that supported our Greek School and made the Greek language a part of their child's life!



### End of Year Field Trip

On May 31st students enjoyed a fun afternoon at In the Game in, compliments of the Greek School!

### GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATES

Greek School graduation was held on June 2nd. The following students graduated:

*Ioanna Kalaitzidis and Argero Qirjazi*

Ioanna holds an A1 Ellinomatheia Certificate in Modern Greek, issued by the Greek Ministry of Education and recently took the A2 Exam.

**Congratulations, και εις ανώτερα!**





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**ST. VASILIOS GREEK SCHOOL ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΑΓΙΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΣ**

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**End of Year Celebration**

Our End of Year Celebration was held on June 5th. Students did an excellent job dancing, singing and reciting poems! Each student was given a Greek School t-shirt, compliments of the Greek School!

*A special thanks to Michael and Harriet Zolotas for providing refreshments!*



## ST. VASILIOS GREEK SCHOOL ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΑΓΙΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΣ



*We had a special guest at our celebration, Konstantinos Vlachos, Greek language influencer of Glossonauts! If you are interested in improving your Greek, follow him for Greek language tips! @glossonauts*

We wish you all a wonderful summer! The first day of Greek School is Wednesday, September 18th at 3:45. All teachers are returning in the fall with the exception of Despinis Christina. She will be studying abroad in Greece at Deree University! We wish her well and hope to have her back with us in the future!

The link for registration for the 2024-2025 school year will be on the church website.  
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## ST. VASILIOS PTA

# PTA Sponsored Event **APRIL VACATION @ SAINT VASILIOS**



The 1st April Vacation Church Camp, sponsored by the PTA, was a success! For our inaugural journey, we had 17 children join us spanning in age from 2 to 12 years. Children had the opportunity to form new friendships and strengthen those already in existence. They played, created, prayed, explored and learned together over the course of the 3 days. In addition to the arts and crafts, imagination stations, and build and explore centers, our children also focused on learning about forgiveness and repentance during Great Lent through books and stories at a level that was developmentally appropriate for their age as well as identifying examples for their everyday peer interactions.

We would like to thank Fr. Yianni Michaelidis and our parent volunteers, Donna and Yianno Pantazelos, Joanna Zamakis, Presvytera Marina Michaelidis, and Lexi Kerekoglow. We would also like to thank Marblehead House of Pizza for sponsoring our pizza party during our movie day. Thank you to all for your assistance in making this a fun, enriching and educational event for our children.

With Gratitude,  
Chrysovalantou Duros  
PTA Chair





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## ST. VASILIOS PTA

### PTA Sponsored Event **APRIL VACATION @ SAINT VASILIOS**





## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our High School graduates, Theodosia Kourtelidis (Harvard Univ.), Argiro Psychogios (Simmons College), Eoustina Nako (UNH) and Yanni Pappas (UMass). As they celebrate their hard work and accomplishments, we pray they realize the hope and promise God has for them.

Thank you to the young girls and young ladies who participated during Holy Week as Myrrhophoras.

Construction to make the Educational Center more accessible to all will begin soon. The first phase will be to remodel the two bathrooms in the lower level of the Church School area. We are hoping that this phase will be completed by the start of Church School classes in September. Please sign up for weekly emails on the Church website; [www.stvasilios.org](http://www.stvasilios.org), where we will post any delays.

Thank you to the Church School teachers for looking beyond themselves and focusing on the youth of our church and for embracing their families.

Congratulations to first grade teacher, Stacey Yavorski, our 2024 St. Vasilios Ministry Honoree. Her impact is immeasurable.

To the parents who bring their children to Church School, thank you! Thank you for realizing the importance of passing our faith down to them. It truly takes a village.

Have a safe summer!



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