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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 Christine Carlson

Anthony Kritikos & Huyen Dang with sponsor Nickolas Belesis

BAPTISMS

The child of Naya Erika Thompson With Godparent Jordan Thompson

The child of
Jason & Megan Giordano
With Godparent Wilfred Giordano III

The child of Joseph & Marisa Donovan III With Godparent Jarred Muggeo

The child of Joshua & Katie Walsh With Godparent Christina Kotsakis

The child of Theodore & Basiliki Stephanides With Godparent Dionisios Pissios

The child of James & Michelle Xenakis With Godparent Matthew Perron







PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

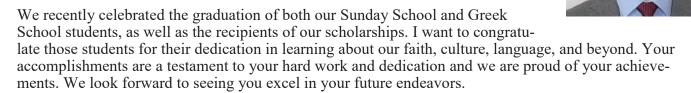
Dionisios Pissios, President

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 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





Sunday Schedule: Orthros: 8am

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	Prophet Elias Orthos 8 am Liturgy 9 am
21 4th Sunday of Matthew	22	23	24	25	26	27 St. Panteleimo Orthos 8 am Liturgy 9 am
28 5th Sunday of Matthew	29	30				

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AUGUST 2024

				1 Dormition Fast begins	2 Paraklesis 7pm	3
4 6th Sunday of Matthew St. Basil's Kitchen	5	6 Transfiguarion 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

ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΈΣ ΙΕΡΈΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΈΣ

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

Σαββατο, 29 Ιουνιου **Αποστολοι Πετρος και Παυλος** 8 πμ Ορθρος 9 πμ Θεια Λειτουργια

> Τεταρτη, 17 Ιουλιου **Αγια Μαρινα** 8 πμ Ορθρος 9 πμ Θεια Λειτουργια

> Σαββατο, 20 Ιουλιου **Προφητης Ηλιας** 8 πμ Ορθρος 9 πμ Θεια Λειτουργια

> Σαββατο,, 27 Ιουλιου **Αγιος Παντελεημον** 8 πμ Ορθρος 9 πμ Θεια Λειτουργια

Παρακλησις Παρασκευη, 2^η Αυγυστου 7μμ

Τριτη, 6 Αυγουστου Η Μεταμορφωσις του Κυριου 8 πμ Ορθρος 9 πμ Θεια Λειτουργια

Παρακλησις Τεταρτη. 7^{η} Αυγουστου $7\mu\mu$

Παρακλησις Παρασκευη. 9^{η} Αυγουστου $7\mu\mu$

Πεμπτη, 15^η Αυγουστου Κοιμησις της Υπεραγιας Θεοτοκου 8 πμ Ορθρος 9 πμ Θεια Λειτουργια

> Τριτη 27^η Αυγουστου **Αγιος Φανουριος** 8 πμ Ορθρος 9 πμ Θεια Λειτουργια



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

FEBRUARY 27 THROUGH APRIL 12

Mrs. Martha Alexopoulos

Mr. & Mrs. Kyriakos Andrinopoulos

Mr. Elias Andrinopoulos

Ms Elaine Ardini

Mrs. Maria Arena Mrs. Anna Beos

Mrs. Lucretia Bresnahan

Mr.&Mrs. George P. Christoforos

Mr. Robert Christy Mrs. Joyce Chunias Ms. Pamela Coufos Ms. Eleni Coufos Mrs. Barbara Csicsek

Mrs. Panorea Dakos Mrs. Jennifer Entwistle

Mrs. Irene Falite Christopher Flomp

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Frangules Mr. & Mrs. Charles Halepakis

Mrs. Toula Hatzis Mr. Cameron Hershey Mr. & Mrs. Steve Horimiotis

Mrs. Estelle Iacovino Ms. Zoe Iacovino

.Mr. & Mrs Vasilios Iatrou Mr. & Mrs. Vasileios Iatrou Mrs. Stamatia Joy

Ms Paula Karahalis

Mr. Mrs. Michael Karamas

Mrs. Felitsa Kareklas

Mr. & Mrs. Yiannis Katsiris

Mr. Argery Katzounos

Mr. & Mrs. Srour Khouri

Mr. Panagiotis A. Konstantilakis Mr. & Mrs. Antonios Konstantilakys

Mr.&Mrs. Nicholas G. Kurkuvelos

Ms. Danielle Kurkuvelos

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Leontakianakos

Mr. & Mrs. Alexandros Litzos

Mr. Anthony C. Maistrellis

Mrs. Katrina Mancebo

Ms. Nina Mitchell

Mr. Christopher Nabham

Mrs. Gianoula Nanis

Mr. Vasilios Panousos

Mr. Konstantinos Panousos

Mr. Elias Papadopoulos

Ms. Chrysovalantou Papadopoulos

Mr & Mrs. Mike Pappas

Ms. Kym Pappathanasi Mrs. Angelina Pelletier

Dr. Anna Petropoulos

Mr. & Mrs. Stavros Pissios

Mr. Dionisios Pissios

Mr. Dimitrios Pissios

Mr. & Mrs. George T. Poulopoulos

Mrs. Maria Powers

Mrs. Maria Richardson

Mrs. Nicole Sanger

Mrs. Stephanie Scanlan

Mrs. Sheryl Sholds

Mr. & Mrs. Petros Sofronas

Ms. Angeliki Sofronas

Mrs. Flora Solomos

Mr. & Mrs. John Speridakos

Mrs. Antigone Springer

Mrs. Deborah Stephanides

Ms. Christina Stephanides

Mrs. Annette Sylvester

Mr Arthur Tsionis

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Velonis

Ms. Mary Votto

Mr. James Xenakis

Mr. & Mrs. Socrates C. Xerras

Mr. Demetrios Zachariadis

Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Zamakis

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!



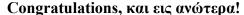
End of Year Field Trip

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.







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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!







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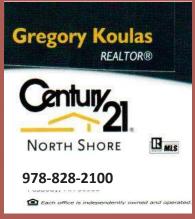
We had a special guest at our celebration, Konstantinos Vlachos, Greek language influencer of Glossonauts! If you are interested in improving your Greek, follow him for Greek language tips! @glossonauts

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. Καλό Καλοκαίρι!



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ST. VASILIOS PTA

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 Kereakoglow. 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 Psyhogios (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 Myrrophoras.

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, 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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Children's Page



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