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We at St. Vasilios want to ensure that all events held within our community are successful. To avoid any scheduling conflicts, we encourage everyone to check the Church calendar of upcoming events on our parish website at www.stvasilios.org or view the calendar outside the main church office (lower level). By doing so, you can ensure that your event does not conflict with any other events already scheduled. Let's work together to make our community events successful for all!

ST. VASILIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday before Nativity

DECEMBER 22, 2024

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Mode

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the world. * For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; * glory to Your eternal rule; * glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτὴρ, δωροῦμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Apolytikion for Forefeast of the Nativity in the Fourth Mode

Be thou ready, Bethlehem, Eden hath opened unto all. Ephratha, prepare thyself, for now, behold, the Tree of life hath blossomed forth in the cave from the Holy Virgin. Her womb hath proved a true spiritual Paradise, wherein the divine and saving Tree is found, and as we eat thereof we shall all live, and shall not die as did Adam. For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen aforetime.

Ετοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ, ἤνοικται πάνιν ἡ Εδέμ, Εὐτρεπίζου Εφραθά, ὅτι τό ξύλον τῆς ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ Σπηλαίῳ ἐξήνησεν ἐκ τῆς Παρθένου, Παράδεισος καὶ γάρ, ἡ ἐκείνης γαστήρ, ἐδείχθη νοητός, ἐν ᾧ τό θεῖον φυτόν, ἐξ οὗ φαγόντες ζήσομεν, οὐχὶ δέ ως ὁ Ἀδάμ τεθνηξόμεθα, Χριστός γεννάται, τὴν πρὶν πεσοῦσαν, ἀναστήσων εἰκόνα.

Apolytikion for Sun. before Nativity in the Second Mode

Great are the achievements of faith! In the fountain of flame, as by the water of rest, the Three Holy Children rejoiced. And the Prophet Daniel proved a shepherd of lions as of sheep. By their prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Μεγάλα τὰ τῆς πίστεως κατορθώματα! ἐν τῇ πηγῇ τῆς φλογός, ὡς ἐπὶ ὕδατος ἀναπαύσεως, οἱ ἅγιοι τρεῖς παῖδες ἠγάλλοντο, καὶ ὁ Προφήτης Δανιήλ, λεόντων ποιμὴν, ὡς προβάτων ἐδείκνυτο, Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

St. Vasilios 1st Mode

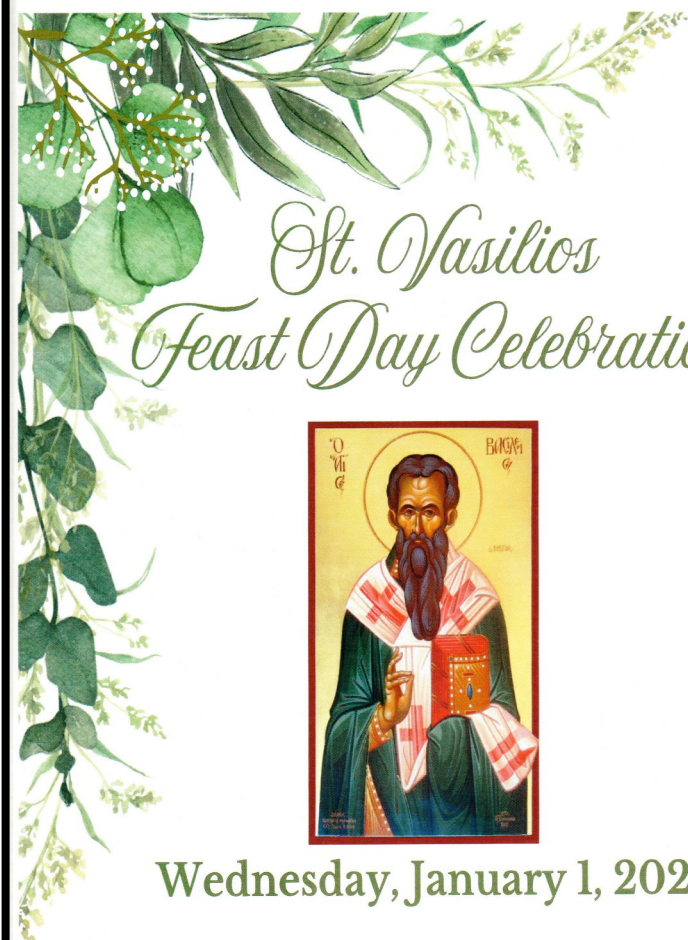
Your message was carried throughout the world . As it received your mighty word, By which you divinely made manifest And clarified the nature of existing things You set in order the customs of men, You who are royal priesthood! Holy Father, intercede with Christ our God To grant us His great mercy.

Εἰς πάσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξήλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λογὸν σου, Δι' οὐ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας, Τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτάξας. Τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἤθη κατεκόμησάς, Βασίλειον ἱεράτευμα Πάτερ ὅσιε Χριστόν τόν Θεόν ἰκέτευε δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τό Μέγα ἔλεος

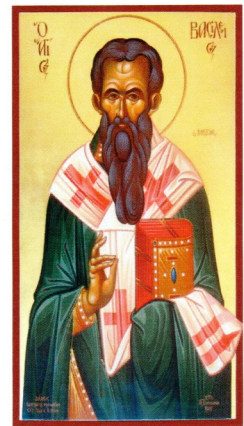
Seasonal Kontakion in the Third Mode

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.

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



*St. Vasilios
Feast Day Celebration*



Wednesday, January 1, 2025

All are invited to join in our
Patron Saint's Feast Day Celebration!

Fellowship Reception to follow Liturgy
at Educational Center

May Saint Vasilios continue to intercede for
our Parish, now and forever!

HOLIDAY SHOP

ST VASILIOS PTA

HOLIDAY SHOP

VISIT DURING COFFEE HOUR
DECEMBER 1 ST, 8 TH, 15 TH, AND 22 ND.

All proceeds go to the Saint Vasilios PTA

Come get some Christmas shopping done during coffee hour while helping out the children of Saint Vasilios and the PTA! We will sell a variety of items such as: drawings, custom T-shirts/tote bags with pictures made by children at our Cricket Table, goods from Greece, baked goods, hand made jewelry, arts & crafts made by the children of Saint Vasilios!

Merry Christmas and Happy Shopping!

CASH, CHECK, VENMO
ACCEPTED

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Fourth Mode. Daniel 3.26,27.

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40. BRETHREN, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundation, whose builder and maker is God.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Προκείμενον. Fourth Mode. Δανιήλ 3.26-27.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν.

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 11:9-10, 32-40.

Ἀδελφοί, πίστει παρώκησεν Ἀβραὰμ εἰς τὴν γῆν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας ὡς ἀλλοτρίαν, ἐν σκηναῖς κατοικήσας μετὰ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ τῶν συγκληρονόμων τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τῆς αὐτῆς· ἐξεδέχετο γὰρ τὴν τοῦ θεμελίου εἶχουσαν πόλιν, ἧς τεχνίτης καὶ δημιουργὸς ὁ Θεός. Καὶ τί ἐτι λέγω; Ἐπιλείπει γάρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών, Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψών καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυὶδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν προφητῶν, οἱ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, ἐργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβησαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἄσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἐκλίναν ἀλλοτρίων ἔλαβον γυναικας ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμωανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἐτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπίστησαν, ἐπιράσθησαν, ἐν φόνοῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον, περιήλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος, ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσι καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσι.

GOSPEL READING -Sunday before Nativity

The Reading is from Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us).

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY IN NOVEMBER

The following items are needed by homeless veterans who hope to transition into their own home. Any donations would be appreciated. Please drop off all donated items at the church office. Monetary donations or gift cards to home goods stores/grocery stores are welcomed. Checks are made payable to Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos. Any questions, contact Maria Collins at 978-531-6832 or mncol-lins35@yahoo.com.

Homeless Veterans Wishlist – All New - No Used Items Please

Cooking Utensils & Containers	Bars Soap (4 pack)
Sets of Pots and Pans	Liquid Hand Soap
Sets of Silverware (for 4)	Toothpaste
Sets of Dishes (for 4)	Toilet Paper (4 pack)
Tea Kettle	Bathroom Linens/Bath Towels
Coffee Maker	Shower Curtain and Rings
Small Toaster	Shower Mat
Coffee Mugs	Toilet Brush/Holder
Oven Mitts/Dish Towels	Sponges
Dish Soap	Laundry Detergent
Broom/Dustpan/Mop	Bed Pillows/Blankets/Comforters
Manual Can Opener	Queen Bed Sheets/Comforters
Wood Cutting Boards	Alarm Clock
Toaster Oven	Wall Clock/Batteries
Water Pitcher/Filter	First Aid Kit
Kitchen Trash Barrel	Table Lamp/Bulbs
Trash Bags	Personal Thermometer
Paper Towels (4 pack)	Ironing Board & Cover



St. Val's Men's Club

2025 Dinner Meetings

Menu*

Steak Tips, Chicken

Stuffed Peppers

Bread-Salad-Coffee-Dessert

Cooked in House

Last Tuesday of

the month

6:30 PM

DATES

1/28



2/25



3/25

4/29

5/27

6/24



Join us for fun nights of
food and fellowship

Over 21 only and
open to all men of the
parish and their male
friends.



Donation \$20

RSVP : email us at mensclub@stvasilios.org or call (978) 907-3187

St. Vasilios Educational Center

5 Paleologos St.

Peabody, MA 01960

*Menu subject to change

Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 1:1-25

Βίβλος γενέσεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, υἱοῦ Δαυὶδ υἱοῦ Ἀβραάμ. Ἀβραάμ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰσαάκ, Ἰσαάκ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰούδαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Φαρὲς καὶ τὸν Ζαρὰ ἐκ τῆς Θάμαρ, Φαρὲς δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἑσρῶμ, Ἑσρῶμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀράμ, Ἀράμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀμιναδάβ, Ἀμιναδάβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ναασσών, Ναασσών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαλμών, Σαλμών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Βοὸζ ἐκ τῆς Ῥαχάβ, Βοὸζ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ὠβήδ ἐκ τῆς Ῥούθ, Ὠβήδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰεσσαί, Ἰεσσαί δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Δαυὶδ τὸν βασιλέα. Δαυὶδ δὲ ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐγέννησε τὸν Σολομῶνα ἐκ τῆς τοῦ Οὐρίου, Σολομῶν δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ῥοβοάμ, Ῥοβοάμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀβιά, Ἀβιά δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀσά, Ἀσά δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσαφάτ, Ἰωσαφάτ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωράμ, Ἰωράμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ὀζίαν, Ὀζίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωάθαμ, Ἰωάθαμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀχαζ, Ἀχαζ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐζεκίαν, Ἐζεκίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Μανασσῆ, Μανασσῆς δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀμών, Ἀμών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσίαν, Ἰωσίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰεχονίαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος.

Μετὰ δὲ τὴν μετοικεσίαν Βαβυλῶνος Ἰεχονίας ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαλαθιήλ, Σαλαθιήλ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ζοροβάβελ, Ζοροβάβελ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀβιούδ, Ἀβιούδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλιακεῖμ, Ἐλιακεῖμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀζῶρ, Ἀζῶρ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαδώκ, Σαδώκ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀχειμ, Ἀχειμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλιούδ, Ἐλιούδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλεάζαρ, Ἐλεάζαρ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ματθάν, Ματθάν δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἄνδρα Μαρίας, ἐξ ἧς ἐγεννήθη Ἰησοῦς ὁ λεγόμενος Χριστός. Πᾶσαι οὖν αἱ γενεαὶ ἀπὸ Ἀβραάμ ἕως Δαυὶδ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ Δαυὶδ ἕως τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος ἕως τοῦ Χριστοῦ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες.

Τοῦ δὲ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἡ γέννησις οὕτως ἦν. μνηστευθείσης γὰρ τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ Μαρίας τῷ Ἰωσήφ, πρὶν ἢ συνελθεῖν αὐτοὺς εὐρέθη ἐν γαστρὶ ἔχουσα ἐκ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου. Ἰωσήφ δὲ ὁ ἀνὴρ αὐτῆς, δίκαιος ὢν καὶ μὴ θέλων αὐτὴν παραδειγματίσαι, ἐβουλήθη λάθρα ἀπολῦσαι αὐτήν. ταῦτα δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐνθυμηθέντος ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος Κυρίου κατ' ὄναρ ἐφάνη αὐτῷ λέγων· Ἰωσήφ υἱὸς Δαυὶδ, μὴ φοβηθῆς παραλαβεῖν Μαριάμ τὴν γυναῖκά σου· τὸ γὰρ ἐν αὐτῇ γεννηθὲν ἐκ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου. τέξεται δὲ υἱὸν καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν· αὐτὸς γὰρ σώσει τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν αὐτῶν. Τοῦτο δὲ ὅλον γέγονεν ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ρηθὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ Κυρίου διὰ τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· ἰδοὺ ἡ παρθένος ἐν γαστρὶ ἔξει καὶ τέξεται υἱόν, καὶ καλέσουσι τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἐμμανουήλ, ὃ ἐστὶ μεθερμηνεύμενον μεθ' ἡμῶν ὁ Θεός. Διεγερθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰωσήφ ἀπὸ τοῦ ὕπνου ἐποίησεν ὡς προσέταξεν αὐτῷ ὁ ἄγγελος Κυρίου καὶ παρέλαβε τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐγίνωσκεν αὐτήν ἕως οὗ ἔτεκε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτῆς τὸν πρωτότοκον, καὶ ἐκάλεσε τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν.

ALTAR DONATIONS

LITURGY LIGHTS

In loving memory of James & Dora Maravelias.

VIGIL LIGHTS

Cynthia Kappotis in memory of parents; Mitzy and Peter Kappotis.

TODAY'S MEMORIALS

We commemorate today the blessed memory of the following members of our parish who have fallen asleep in the Lord:

Pauline Halepakis 40 day Memorial
Spiro Gioulis 1 yr Memorial
George L. Siopis 1 yr Memorial
Eleni Viel 3 yr Memorial
Albert Viel 9 yr Memorial
Mary Bulyga 20 yr Memorial
Constance Dina Venios 20 yr Memorial
Speros Venios 27 yr Memorial
Michael Pleicones 23 yr Trisagion
Argyro Pleicones 20 yr Trisagion
Mary Palassis 15 yr Trisagion
Antonia Leventis 10 yr Trisagion
Basil "Bill" Katsulis 8 yr Trisagion

COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by:

Speros Venios in memory of Constance, Dina, and Speros Venios, Helen & Albert Viel, and Dimitrios & Ismini Soteropoulos and the Halepakis family in memory of Pauline Halepakis

KOLYVA FOR MERCY MEAL

The office has been asked many times by parishioners who would like to have Kolyva for the Mercy Meal after the funeral. If you would like to order Kolyva a parishioner has stepped forward and is willy to accommodate parishioners.

If you are interested call Niki at 978-578-7292.

Answer the Call to Leadership: Become the Stewardship Chair

Saint Vasilios is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic leader to serve as the Chair of the Stewardship Committee. In this vital role, you will guide the committee's efforts to inspire, organize, and promote stewardship within our parish, fostering a deeper commitment to the sharing of our time, talent, and treasure.

This is a meaningful opportunity to make a lasting impact on our community while strengthening our shared faith and mission. If you feel called to serve or would like more information, **please contact Parish Council President Dionisios Pissios at 978-531-0777.**

Your leadership can help shape the future of our parish—consider answering this important call today!

CHRISTMAS GATHERING

YOU Are Cordially Invited to

The St. Vasilios Family Choir's 3rd Annual

Christmas Gathering

Χριστουγεννιάτικη Παρέα

Sunday, December 22, 2024

In classrooms 3 & 4, Fr. Andrew Demotses Educational Center

Following the Liturgy

Let's **gather together** to share the meaning of the season.

Take a break from the hustle and bustle to **enjoy the company of each other.**

Enjoy the entertainment—singing, musical instruments, short Christmas essay/poetry, etc.

Be the entertainment—**OPEN "MIC"**—open to anyone in the community. Just be there and let Tony or any choir member know what you would like to share.

Feel free to **sing along.**

Refreshments will be offered.

Please contact Marietta Brooks (978-536-1453) if you have any questions.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Ring in the New Year and enjoy another weekend of delicious food at our Greek Food Festival, on Saturday January 4th!

Thank you everyone for your purchases and support on the Tiropites Fundraiser 2024. Pickup is on Sunday, December 22, 2024, from 11am – 12pm in the Rev. Andrew J. Demotses Educational Center.

We have had to change our meetings and forego our Christmas party due to unfortunate circumstances but we will welcome the new year with a celebration. Come to our Wednesday night (12/18/24) meeting and let us plan for the new year!

The Philoptochos make special visitations to our community members that are ill or unable to leave their homes or just need a special someone to talk to. Should you have someone that you would like to add to our visitation list, please contact Stacey Yavorski or Maria Collins.

Ευχαριστώ πολύ!

PHILOPTOCHOS MEETINGS:

Thursday 1/02/25 – Pastitsio Workshop 2 p.m. to 5p.m.

Friday 1/03/25 - Festival Setup 6p.m. to 8p.m.

Learn more about us, join our group, and grow with us!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WEEKDAY SERVICES

ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil
Tuesday, December 24
Vesperal Liturgy 6pm

Παραμoιη Χριστουγεννιων
Τριτη 24 Δεκεμβριου
Εσπερινη Λειτουργια 6 μμ

Wednesday, December 25
Christmas
8 am Orthros
9 am Divine Liturgy

Τεταρτη, 25 Δεκεμβριου
Γεννησις του Ιησου Χριστου
8 πμ Ορθρος
9 πμ Θεια Λειτουργια

Wednesday, January 1
St. Vasilios
9 am Orthros
10 am Divine Liturgy

Τεταρτη, 1 Ιανουαριου
Μεγας Βασιλειος
9 πμ Ορθρος
10 πμ Θεια Λειτουργια

Sunday, January 5
Vesperal Liturgy 6pm
For Epiphany

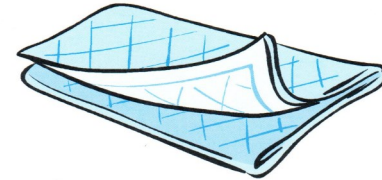
Κυριακη, 5 Ιανουαριου
Εσπερινη Λειτουργια 6 μμ
Για Αγια Θεοφάνεια

Monday, January 6
Vesperal Liturgy 6pm
For St. John the Baptist

Δευτερα, 6 Ιανουαριου
Εσπερινη Λειτουργια 6 μμ
Για Συναξις του Τιμιου Ιωαννου
Του Προδρομου

BLANKET DRIVE

PHILOPTOCHOS BLANKET DRIVE



THE PHILOPTOCHOS WILL BE COLLECTING NEW BLANKETS FROM NOW UNTIL DECEMBER 30, 2024. 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.

COMMUNION

Communion in the Orthodox Church is for Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians in good sacramental standing.

We ask that you allow families with young children and kids to come receive before the adults enter the communion line.

Please exit into the side aisles and enter the Communion line from the central aisle at the back of the church.

ANTIDORON

Antidoron– We want to encourage parishioners to continue asking for Antidoron to take home for people who are sick or could not make it to the Divine Liturgy. We kindly ask that you wait until all those present receive their Antidoron before receiving Antidoron for those who are absent. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

GREEK FOOD FAIR

January 4th
Noon - 7:00 PM
5 Paleologos Street, Peabody, MA
Educational Center



Lunch & Dinner



Pastitsio
Roasted Lamb
Gyro Wrap
Chicken Souvlaki
Greek Salad
Chicken Fingers
French Fries

Come visit our
Country Store!
There is always
something
for everyone!

50/50
Raffle
Drawing Jan 4th
@ 6:30 pm

All dinners served with rice & salad

Pastries

- Kourambiedes
- Koulourakia
- Portokalopita
- Kataifi

GREEK FOOD FAIR

Listed Below Are a Few Ways You Can Help
Make Our Event a Great Success

50/50 Raffle— \$10 per ticket. Drawing to be held on January 4th at 6:30 PM.



Volunteer— We need your help during all hours of our Food Fair. This is also a great way for high schoolers to get their volunteer hours! Go to tinyurl.com/foodfairhelp, Scan the QR code or contact Constance Spack (978-979-6813, cdpap14@gmail.com) to pick your preferred times and volunteer positions.



Donate— You can help offset the costs of our Food Fair Fund-raiser by purchasing items (meats, vegetables, containers etc..) Just scan the QR code, go to food-fair.square.site or contact Helen Nanis (978-397-1340, helennanis@gmail.com) Not sure what items you want to purchase? No problem, you can also make a monetary donation in any amount you choose.



Pre-Order— Skip the line!! Scan the QR code or go to tinyurl.com/GreekFoodFair to place your order and select your desired pick-up time. Perfect for those that want to “Grab-n-Go” and for those that want to skip the line and be seated right away. We will also be taking phone orders (978-531-1111) on the day of the event from 11:30 AM to 6:30 PM.