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Great Lent 2025



Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry.
(Matthew 4:1-2)

On March 3rd, the Church will enter the Ecclesiastical Period known as Great Lent, the forty-day period prior to the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord. St. Ignatios writes in one of his letters, “As our Lord Jesus Christ prior to His mission to bring the message of redemption for all mankind, went to the wilderness for forty days after His baptism and spent most of the time in fasting and prayer, in the same manner the true followers of Jesus must prepare themselves to be worthy in celebrating the great event of the Resurrection.” No institution but the Church endeavors to instruct us to struggle to acquire spiritual goals which are thy only goals which will secure for us inner peace, joy and happiness.

As Orthodox Christians, Great Lent is a time for us to exercise the spirit with meditation and prayer, which means we must set aside our other activities for these 40 days. We struggle or some might even say suffer today because most of our time is spent on things that only satisfy the body, and we neglect the needs of our souls. A psychologist once said, “Unless we realize that we must set aside some time for the pleasure and enrichment of our soul, we are bound to experience unhappiness and misery because the flesh is unable to satisfy our spiritual needs.” In the Gospel of Matthew we read, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).

Great Lent in the Orthodox Church provides us the opportunity to attend special services (Great Compline on Monday evening, Pre-Sanctified Liturgy on Wednesday evening, and the Salutations to the Virgin Mary on Friday evening) so that we might nurture and grow in the Spirit of the Lord.

Let us make an exception this Great Lent, as good and faithful Orthodox Christians, by not allowing the various activities of our everyday life to dominate and interfere with our spiritual commitments as faithful Orthodox Christians.

The fullness of joy is promised to those who have a relationship of dependance and communion with our Heavenly Father.

Hitherto you have asked nothing in my name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. John 16:24

+Father Chris

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May their memory be eternal



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What is a Parishioner?

What is a parishioner, according to the U.P.R. (Uniform Parish Regulations) of the Archdiocese

ARTICLE 18 PARISHIONERS

Every person who is baptized and chrismated according to the rites of the Orthodox Church is a parishioner. The religious, moral and social duties of a parishioner are to apply the tenets of the Orthodox Faith to his/her life and to: adhere to and live according to the tenets of the Orthodox faith; faithfully attend the Divine Liturgy and other worship services; participate regularly in the holy sacraments; respect all ecclesiastical authority and all governing bodies of the Church; be obedient in matters of the Faith, practice and ecclesiastical order; contribute towards the progress of the Church's sacred mission; and be an effective witness and example of the Orthodox Faith and Traditions to all people. A parishioner in good standing practices all the religious and moral duties as described in this



Section 1. At a minimum, a parishioner in good standing must: be eighteen years of age or over; be current in his or her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish, abide by all the regulations herein stated and the Parish Bylaws; and cooperate in every way towards the welfare and well being of the Parish. (Stewardship is recommended to be ten percent (10%) of one's annual income as stated in Holy Scripture to help meet the financial obligations of the Parish, the Metropolis and the Archdiocese.)

Section 2: Any person wishing to be a parishioner in good standing in more than one Parish must remit his or her Stewardship financial obligation to each Parish as stated in Section 1 of this Article. A parishioner wishing to move from one Parish to another must present a letter of transfer from the Priest of the Parish from which he or she is moving stating that he or she is in good standing.

Section 3: No person shall be deemed a parishioner in good standing while: not adhering to the standards outlined in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article; retaining affiliation in an Orthodox Parish which defies the jurisdiction or the ecclesiastical authority of the Archdiocese; being a member of or practicing a non-Orthodox faith or other religion; and deliberately disregarding and transgressing the moral law of the Church.

Section 4: The Priest shall judge any cases of special circumstances justifying the waiver of a parishioner's stewardship financial obligations.

Section 5: A parishioner in good standing has the right to attend, participate and vote at Parish Assemblies, as well as to vote in Parish Council elections. Each such parishioner may also be nominated for election to the Parish Council or to represent the Parish at a Local Assembly or the Congress.

Section 6: An Orthodox Christian parishioner in good standing at his or her canonical Orthodox Parish may serve as a sponsor in another Parish without being obliged to become a member in good standing at the Parish where the sacrament will take place. A parishioner may serve as a sponsor in another Parish by presenting a letter of good standing from his or her home Parish Priest.

Section 7: Each Parish shall maintain a Parish Record which shall include, at a minimum, the following information concerning each parishioner: baptismal and family name, occupation (optional), dates of baptism and/or chrismation and marriage, complete family record of spouse and children, date of entry into the Parish indicating if transferred from another Parish, date of death, and such other information that shall be deemed appropriate.

.....Food for thought & reflection.

Καλη Σαρακοστη
Fr. Yanni

Parish Advancement Campaign

St. Vasilios Parish Advancement Campaign Preserving Tradition - Securing our Future

On Thursday, February 6, nearly 200 members of the St. Vasilios Family gathered to officially launch the public fundraising phase of our St. Vasilios Parish Advancement Campaign.



The cornerstone of this campaign is the ongoing renovation of our campus to improve the parish’s accessibility and infrastructure, allowing us to offer thriving and engaging ministries. Construction has been underway since last June and has resulted thus far in new handicapped-accessible bathrooms, updated electrical infrastructure, and construction of the Elevator and Connector structures, tying our facilities together. By this summer, all these items should be completed, along with a renovated lobby in the Educational Center, and much more.

Our fundraising goal was set at \$2 million and we are thrilled that our campaign has raised nearly \$1.5 million through the generosity of our lead donors. We are now turning to the parish community at large and asking you to help bring this campaign to a close.

Pledge	Yearly	Monthly
\$100,000	\$33,333	\$2,778
\$ 25,000	\$ 8,333	\$ 694
\$ 10,000	\$ 3,333	\$ 278
\$ 5,000	\$ 1,667	\$ 139
\$ 2,500	\$ 833	\$ 69
\$ 1,000	\$ 333	\$ 28

We are asking that you consider a gift to this campaign so that we can successfully fulfill this effort and complete these renovations debt-free. We are challenging 50 stewards to consider a contribution of \$5,000 or more, which may be fulfilled over three years. As we are all able to contribute with different levels of ability, please know that a \$100 donation is as important as a \$1,000 donation.

Additionally, we’re excited to share that an anonymous donor has come forward to match every pledge received by April 30, 2025, up to \$200,000 - so act now, as your contribution will double in value.

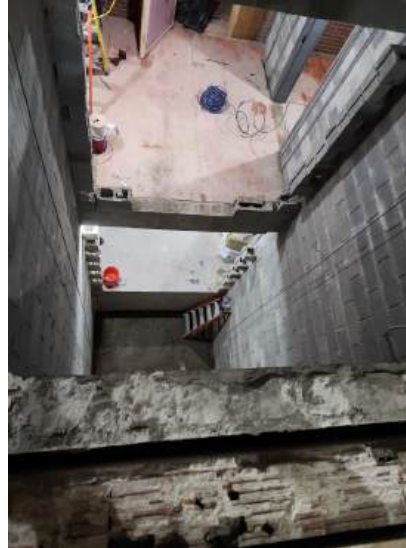
Please visit our campaign website, givetostvasilios.org for more information or reach out to our Co-Chairs, Christine Hasiotis-Martins and Speros Venios at pac@stvasilios.org.

Parish Advancement Campaign

St. Vasilios Parish Advancement Campaign Construction Update

We are making great progress on the construction phase of our Parish Advancement Campaign. Our architects, Spencer Preservation Group, and our General Contractor, ZVI, have worked with us seamlessly, on a daily basis, since last June to keep this project on track and on budget. Our progress thus far includes:

- Brand new bathrooms on the lower level of the Educational Center. In addition to completely remodeling the Men’s and Ladies’ rooms, we also installed 2 additional, unisex handicapped accessible bathrooms.
- Upgraded electrical, plumbing and gas infrastructure, which includes new transformers and panelboards feeding our entire campus.
- The construction and ongoing installation of our new 4-stop elevator.



In the weeks ahead, we will be entering the campus through a completely renovated lobby - new ceiling, lighting and flooring - as well as commissioning the elevator.

We’re on track for an early summer completion. Please feel free to reach out to pac@stvasilios.org if you have any questions, or would like a tour of our progress.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS****John Maihos, President**

It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating Christmas. Now we are looking toward Easter. These cycles seem to move faster and faster and sometimes you have to stop and look around at all the beauty in our lives.

Since Christmas many things in our Parish Advancement Plan have come to fruition. There's an elevator in the elevator shaft! Those who attended our campaign kick-off meeting on Thursday, February 6 saw the lift and enjoyed hearing a full report on the finances and accomplishments of the project. Now is when we need everyone in the St. Vasilios community to help us over the finish line, and a bit further for a beneficial cooldown run.



For those who have missed what's been happening over the last few years and wonder why we are embracing such a large project, let's all remember why our grandparents and great grandparents decided to build a church in Peabody. It was because they had a vision of the future that included all of us. Today, we have that same vision for our children, grandchildren and great children. We fully support our Orthodox community, and always want our church to be a warm and welcoming sanctuary to worship.

Look around at all that our Ministry Heads are doing. Our Greek School is seeing growth. Our Philoptochos are baking up a storm and supporting many important missions of the church. Our Church School is laying the foundation for the children and young men and women who will lead us into the future. Whether it's our choir, office staff, stewardship leaders, and all the volunteers who make things tick, we cannot do it without you.

I also want to thank our Parish Advancement Committee and Parish Council for their leadership. Dionissis Pissios did a stellar job as president of our Council for the year, and I am happy that he is staying on as vice president as we work to bring other young professionals into the support of the church, the campus, and the needs of the parishioners. (Of course, we count on Fr. Chris and Fr. Yanni for their guidance on a spiritual level!)

I hope to see you in church again soon.



Acolyte Ministry

Any young man 10 years of age or older may serve as an **altar boy**. A necessary prerequisite is enrollment in our Church School. This experience provides a boy with a closer acquaintance with our tradition of liturgical worship, as well as with fellowship with other young men with whom he serves. Altar boys are assigned to regular teams, and are expected to serve according to the schedule, which is provided.

Parents are asked to encourage their sons to be faithful in meeting this responsibility. The team captain will help new boys to be properly fitted in robes, and will offer necessary training, orientation and support.

If you would like to become an altar boy or have any questions regarding serving your church, please call (978) 531-0777 and ask for Father Yianni Michaelidis or email Fr Yianni at fyanni@stvasilios.org.

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DONATIONS FOR LENT AND HOLY WEEK

It is our custom to decorate the icon of Theotokos for the Akathist Services on Friday evenings during Great Lent. There are five opportunities to decorate the icon of the Theotokos and the cost of each is \$125. If you wish to decorate the icon in memory of or for the good health of a loved one, please call the church office at 978-531-0777.

Daffodils for the Veneration of the Cross (3rd Sunday of Lent).....	\$150
Decorate the Lazarus icon.....	\$140
Palms for Palm Sunday.....	\$452
6 Palm Trees.....	\$30 each
Decorate the Palm Sunday icon.....	\$140
Decorate the Nymphios icon.....	\$160
Decorate the Crucifixion icon.....	\$140
Red rose wreath for the Cross.....	\$110
White rose wreath for the Cross.....	\$110
12 beeswax candles for the cross.....	\$10 each
12 candles for the 12 Gospels.....	\$10 each
Decorate Myrrh Bearing Women icon.....	\$140
Decorate Lavaron of the Resurrection.....	\$150
2 cases of Bay Laurel.....	\$300 each
5 clergy Paschal Candles.....	\$50 each
Incense.....	\$35 each
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Twin Sheet (flat).....	\$25 each
Olive oil.....	\$25 each

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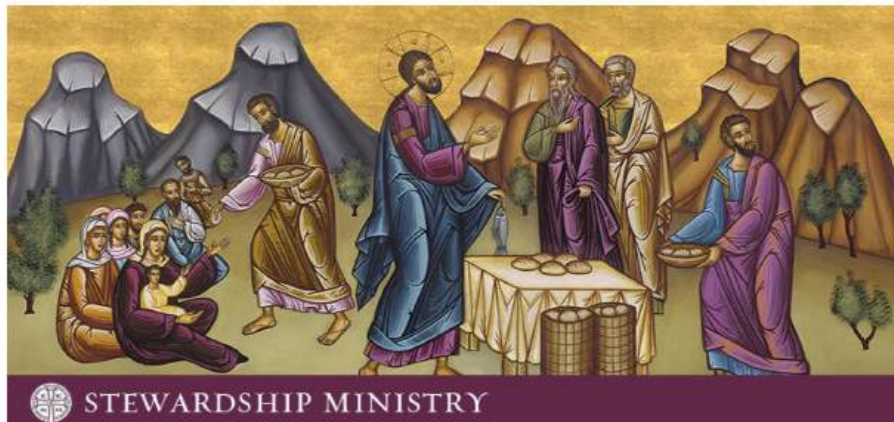
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STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY



A little boy asked his father, “Daddy, can I have ten dollars?” The father, wanting to understand, told the boy “Yes, but can you tell me what you plan to do with ten dollars?” The little boy replied quietly, “Daddy, I need the money to buy you a present.”

We are not so different from that little boy. In every Divine Liturgy, when our gifts of bread and wine are blessed and lifted up in offering to God our Father, we hear the words, **"Your own from Your own we offer to You."** We acknowledge that, just like the little boy buying a gift for his father, **everything we have and everything we offer to God first comes from Him.** In the Divine Liturgy, we offer bread and wine to God with thanksgiving. He returns them to us as His body and blood in Holy Communion as we receive Jesus Christ within us.

See our Church, Not as it Is, But as it Could Be.

One church member was heard to say, “I just want the church to be here long enough to have my funeral here.” This is a church in survival mode, just paying the bills. We ask, “What does it cost?” “What are the dues?” “How much do I owe?” These are earthly questions. A better question would be, **“What can I give so that my church can become all it is meant to be – the Body of Christ on earth.”** With a vision for the future of our parish we can say, **“I want the church to be here for my grandchildren’s grandchildren.”**

So it is with our Church, we often imagine only what is humanly possible. If we do our part in faith, God will lovingly return to us much more than we could ever imagine. This is **the true meaning of “Your own from Your own.”** We will see our Church, not as it is, but as it could be, with our humble gifts multiplied by **God’s generosity and love.** With our faithful offering, we will see in our church as they did in the early Church, “...the Lord added to their number daily, those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47).



Sunday Schedule: Orthros: 8am
Liturgy: 9am

MARCH 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 2nd Saturday of Souls Orthos 8 am Liturgy 9 am Greek School Glendi 7 pm
2 Cheesefare Sunday St. Basil's Kitchen	3 Great Lent Begins Compline 7 pm	4	5 Presenctafied 6 pm	6	7 1st Salutations 7 pm	8 3rd Saturday of Souls Orthos 8 am Liturgy 9 am Family Night 5-7pm
9 Sunday of Orthodoxy	10 Compline 7 pm	11	12 Presenctafied 6 pm	13	14 2nd Salutations 7 pm	15
16 St. Gregory Palamas Oratorical Festival PTA Meeting	17 Compline 7 pm	18	19 Presenctafied 6 pm	20	21 3rd Salutations 7 pm	22
23 Sunday of the Holy Cross	24 Flag Raisin City Hall 4pm Compline 7 pm	25 Annunciation Orthos 8 am Liturgy 9 am	26 Presenctafied 6 pm	27	28 4th Salutations 7 pm	29
30 Sunday of John Climacus	31 Compline 7 pm					

PALM SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- PALM SUNDAY will be held, as is our custom, in the Auditorium of the Educational Center .Orthros will begin at 8:00 a.m.by Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.
- The faithful of our parish who cannot attend regular morning services to receive Holy Communion during Holy Week because of their work schedules, may receive at two early Divine Liturgies. These liturgies are on Holy Thursday at 7:00 a.m. and on Holy Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

A special envelope is enclosed for your Epitaphion offering

Sunday Schedule: Orthros: 8am

Liturgy: 9am

APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Presenctafied 6 pm	3	4 Akathist 7 pm	5
6 Sunday of St. Mary Egypt St. Basil's Kitchen PTA Meeting	7 Compline 7 pm	8	9 Presenctafied 6 pm	10	11 GOYA Overnight Lock-in	12 Saturday of Lazarus Orthos 8 am Liturgy 9 am Palm Folding
13 PALM Sunday Gym Nymphios 7 pm	14 Holy Monday Nymphios 7pm	15 Holy Tuesday Nymphios 7pm	16 Holy Wednesday 3pm Unction Service 7pm Unction Service	17 Holy Thursday 7 am Vesperal Liturgy 7pm Service of the 12 Gospels	18 Good Friday 9am Royal Hours 3pm Descent from the Cross 7pm Lamentations	19 Holy Saturday 8am Liturgy in Church Panychis 11:15 pm gym
20 Pascha Agape 11 am	21 Office Closed	22	23	24	25	26
27 Thomas Sunday	28	29	31		28	

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΪΩΝ

- Η ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΪΩΝ θα τελεστεί, κατά το έθιμο μας, στο Αμφιθέατρο του Εκπαιδευτικού Κέντρου. Ο Όρθρος θα αρχίσει στις 8:00 π.μ. με Θεία Λειτουργία στις 9:00 π.μ.
- Οι πιστοί της ενορίας μας που δεν μπορούν να παρακολουθήσουν τακτικές πρωινές ακολουθίες για να λάβουν τη Θεία Κοινωνία κατά τη διάρκεια της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας λόγω του ωραρίου εργασίας τους, μπορούν να λάβουν Θεία Κοινωνία σε δύο πρωινές Θείες Λειτουργίες. Οι λειτουργίες αυτές γίνονται τη Μεγάλη Πέμπτη στις 7:00 π.μ. και το Μεγάλο Σάββατο στις 8:00 π.μ.
- Ένας ειδικός φάκελος εσωκλείεται για την προσφορά του Επιταφίου

WEEKDAY SERVICES

<p>1st Saturday of Souls Saturday, February 22 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Friday, March 21 3rd Salutations to the Theotokos 7pm</p>	<p>Monday, April 14 Holy Monday Nymphios 7pm</p>
<p>2nd Saturday of Souls Saturday, March 1 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Monday, March 24 7 pm Compline</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 15 Holy Tuesday Nymphios 7pm</p>
<p>Monday, March 3 7 pm. Compline</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 25 Annunciation of The Theotokos 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 16 Holy Wednesday Unction 3 pm Unction 7 pm</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 5 Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6 pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 26 Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6 pm</p>	<p>Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday St. Basil's Liturgy 7 am 12 Gospels 7 pm</p>
<p>Friday, March 7 1st Salutations to the Theotokos 7 pm</p>	<p>Friday, March 28 4th Salutations to the Theotokos 7 pm</p>	<p>Friday, April 18 Good Friday Royal Hours 9am Apokathelosis 3 pm Lamentations 7 pm</p>
<p>3rd Saturday of Souls Saturday, March 8 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Monday, March 31 7 pm Compline</p>	<p>Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday Vesperal Liturgy 8 am in Church Panychis 11:15 pm gym</p>
<p>Monday, March 10 7 pm Compline</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 2 Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6 pm</p>	<p>Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday 11 am Agape Vespers</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 12 Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6 pm</p>	<p>Friday, April 4 Akathist 7 pm</p>	
<p>Friday, March 14 2nd Salutations to the Theotokos 7 pm</p>	<p>Monday, April 7 7 pm Compline</p>	
<p>Monday, March 17 7 pm Compline</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 9 Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6 pm</p>	
<p>Wednesday, March 19 Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6pm</p>	<p>Saturday, April 12 Saturday of Lazarus 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy</p>	
	<p>Sunday, April 13 Nymphios 7pm</p>	

ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

<p>1ον Ψυχοσάββατον Σάββατον, 22 Φεβρουαριου 8·00 π.μ. Ὁρθρος 9·00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία</p>	<p>Ευαγγελισμος της Θεοτοκου Τριτη 25 Μαρτιου 8·00 π.μ. Ὁρθρος 9·00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία</p>	<p>Τετάρτη, 16 Απριλιου Μεγάλη Τετάρτη Ιερόν Ευχέλαιον 3 μ.μ. Ιερόν Ευχέλαιον 7 μ.μ.</p>
<p>2ον Ψυχοσάββατον Σάββατον, 1 Μαρτίου 8·00 π.μ. Ὁρθρος 9·00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία</p>	<p>Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία Τετάρτη, 26 Μαρτιου 6 μ.μ.</p>	<p>Πέμπτη 17 Απριλιου Μεγάλη Πέμπτη 7·00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία Ακολουθία των Παθών 7 μ.μ.</p>
<p>Απόδειπνον το Μέγα Δευτέρα, 3 Μαρτίου 7·00 μ.μ.</p>	<p>Χαιρετισμοί Παρασκευή, 28 Μαρτιου 7 μ.μ.</p>	<p>Παρασκευή, 18 Απριλιου Μεγάλη Παρασκευή Βασιλικες Ωρες 9πμ Αποκαθήλωσις 3 μ.μ. Επιτάφιος Θρήνος 7 μ.μ.</p>
<p>Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία Τετάρτη, 5 Μαρτίου 6 μ.μ.</p>	<p>Απόδειπνον το Μέγα Δευτέρα, 31 Μαρτιου 7·00 μ.μ.</p>	
<p>Χαιρετισμοί Παρασκευή, 7 Μαρτίου 7μ.μ.</p>	<p>Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία Τετάρτη, 2 Απριλίου 6 μ.μ.</p>	
<p>3ον Ψυχοσάββατον Σάββατον, 8 Μαρτίου 8·00 π.μ. Ὁρθρος 9·00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία</p>	<p>Ο Ακάθιστος Ὑμνος Παρασκευή, 4 Απριλίου 7 μ.μ.</p>	<p>Σάββατο, 19 Απριλιου Μεγάλο Σάββατο 8 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία Η Παννυχίς 11·15 μ.μ. Ακολουθία της Αναστάσεως Μεσάνυχτα</p>
<p>Απόδειπνον το Μέγα Δευτέρα, 10 Μαρτίου 7·00 μ.μ.</p>	<p>Απόδειπνον το Μέγα Δευτέρα, 7 Απριλιου 7·00 μ.μ.</p>	
<p>Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία Τετάρτη, 12 Μαρτίου 6 μ.μ.</p>	<p>Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία Τετάρτη, 9 Απριλίου 6 μ.μ.</p>	<p>Κυριακή, 20 Απριλιου Ἅγιον Πασχα Ακολουθία της Αγάπης 11 π.μ</p>
<p>Χαιρετισμοί Παρασκευή, 14 Μαρτίου 7 μ.μ.</p>	<p>Η Ἐγερσις του Λαζάρου Σάββατον, 12 Απριλίου 8·00 π.μ. Ὁρθρος 9·00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία</p>	
<p>Απόδειπνον το Μέγα Δευτέρα, 17 Μαρτιου 7·00 μ.μ.</p>	<p>Νύμφιος Κυριακή, 13 Απριλίου 7 μ.μ</p>	
<p>Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία Τετάρτη, 19 Μαρτιου 6 μ.μ.</p>	<p>Δευτέρα, 14 Απριλίου Μεγάλη Δευτέρα Νύμφιος 7 μ.μ.</p>	
<p>Χαιρετισμοί Παρασκευή, 21 Μαρτιου 7μ.μ.</p>	<p>Τρίτη, 15 Απριλίου Μεγάλη Τρίτη Νύμφιος 7 μ.μ</p>	
<p>Απόδειπνον το Μέγα Δευτέρα, 24 Μαρτιου 7·00 μ.μ.</p>		

ST. VASILLIOS GREEK SCHOOL ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΑΓΙΟΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΣ**Greek School News**

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Preparations have begun for our **Greek Independence Day Celebration!** This will take place on **Sunday, March 23rd** after liturgy in the Rev. Andrew J. Demotses Educational Center.

Our **Annual Flag Raising** will be held on **Monday, March 24th at 4:00** pm at the City Hall in Peabody. All are welcome to join!

2025 ST. VASILIOS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

2025 St. Vasilios Scholarship applications are now available on line .

Please Note: Applications must be submitted and postmarked no later than APRIL 1, 2025.

If applications will be hand delivered, they must be dropped off at the church office by 4pm on APRIL 1, 2025

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ST. VASILIOS PHILOPTOCHOS ATHENA

February/March 2025

Dear Reverend Fathers, Sisters and Friends,

Winter is here in New England with cold temperatures, chilling winds, snow and ice. It is tough on our elderly, those who are ill, the less fortunate and you and me. This is a time to help those who may need help, open your heart and assist friends and family wherever and whenever you can.

February is the month for promoting women's heart health awareness. On February 2, the Philoptochos distributed red heart pins with cards encouraging ways to promote a healthy heart. You can't beat a healthy heart!

With our hard work and dedication, the Philoptochos Athena was able to make donations above and beyond our monthly obligations to many other organizations this month. Our donations, just to name a few, consisted of:

- \$1000 dollars to Runway for Recovery. This nonprofit organization is not a breast cancer research organization but an organization that works to improve the lives of those affected by breast cancer, honoring survivors, and funding families impacted by breast cancer.
- \$750 to the California fire assistance programs through St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Los Angeles, the National Philoptochos and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.
- 100 pairs of socks and 27 blankets for the Citizens Inn of Peabody. We also provided bags to be distributed at the monthly soup kitchens containing socks, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, detergent, Kleenex, and granola bars to our less fortunate.
- Donations to the St. Vasilios Altar Fund in memory of our members who have fallen asleep in the Lord. May their memories be eternal.

Planning for the Greek Independence Day Luncheon is in the works. Sunday March 23, 2025, is the date. The luncheon will begin at 11:45am following the Greek School's celebration. Reservations are needed. Flyers and information are forthcoming.

We have had many donations given to the Philoptochos through our memberships and from the family of Nick Korkaris in his memory. Our organization is regarded as a worthy cause. Thank you everyone for your love and support!

The Philoptochos has ongoing fundraisers of bracelets, aprons and coffee mugs that bring in funds that get donated to important causes. Please ask any member about these items.

Please remember that our meetings and workshops are open to all! Lots of planning progress and fellowship is made. We meet on the third Sunday of each month, check the weekly bulletins. Meetings are scheduled for February 16 and March 16. Please join us!

God Bless!

With love to all,

Stacey

Stacey Yavorski, President

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CHURCH SCHOOL

Our Church School is for all the children of our parish. If your children have been away from Church School for a few months or years or if they have never attended classes, it is never too late to join us on Sunday mornings after the Divine Liturgy.

The Church School Christmas Pageant was held on December 15th. We witnessed the true spirit of Christmas through the perspective of a group of children who played the parts of Mary and Joseph, the angels, and shepherds and the Wisemen. It was wonderful to see the number of children who participated this year. Thank you to the parents and older students who helped with the children that morning. Thank you to Fr Chris, Grace Apostolides, our reader and to our Choir.

Grade 2-3 student, Debbie Pantazelos, was the lucky recipient of the Vasilopita coin during a recent class lesson on St. Basil the Great.

The Icon Procession, on the Sunday of Orthodoxy will take place in Church on March 9th and the Oratorical Festival will be held in the Educational Center on March 16th. We are also planning a Journey to the Resurrection on Apr. 6th. Notices will be passed out and posted before each of these events. Notices will also go out to elementary and high school aged girls, who would like to volunteer to be a Myrrophora during Holy Friday afternoon or evening services.

We will have Church School classes on March 23rd. Those students in the Greek School Independence Day performance will not be marked absent.

No Church School classes on April 13 (Palm Sunday) and April 20 (Easter).

As we enter Great Lent, let us be an example to our children, by focusing on prayer, fasting and acts of charity. Wishing you all a Blessed Lenten season.



CHURCH SCHOOL



ST. BASIL'S KITCHEN MINISTRY

Dear Parishioners, I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out to share an exciting opportunity for volunteering within our parish community.

As some of you may know, I have started cooking trays of chicken broccoli Alfredo for Lifebridge in Salem (Lifebridge is here to meet the urgent needs of the homeless and under-housed on the North Shore). This initiative began last Sunday and will continue until the Sunday before Palm Sunday. It has been a fulfilling experience, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve those in need.

To further support this ministry and ensure its success, I am seeking 3-4 volunteers each Sunday to assist with preparing the meals. Your help would make a significant difference and bring joy to those we serve.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about this opportunity, reach out to me directly during our regular Sunday Coffee Fellowship. Your participation and support are highly appreciated. Thank you for considering this request, and I look forward to working together to make a positive impact in our community as taught to us by our patron Saint Basil.

Yours in Christ,
Brandon Simpson
Saint Basil's Kitchen Ministry

DONATIONS

- \$50 Nicholas Maistrellis in memory of mother; Efterpe Maistrellis
- \$100 Ellen Grosiak in memory of James Perakis & David Matthew Grosiak
- \$300 Mrs. Gail Meniates & Peter-Paul Meniates in loving memory of husband & father; Xenophon Robert Meniates-- 2 yrs
- \$1,180 Family & Friends in memory of John & Irene Decoulos
- \$1,045 Family friends in memory of Ted Theodore
- \$40 Barbara Lazarides in memory of husband; Harry & son: Paul Lazarides
- \$250 Family & friends in memory of Peggy Triantafillou
- \$50 Greg & Marie Koulas in memory of mother & father; Isabelle & Theodore Koulas
- \$54 Andrea & Alan Titelbaum in honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Carla & Michael Casey
- \$100 Olga Kouris for good health & in memory of parents; Haralampos G. & Maria Kokaliaris Kouris
- \$1,125 Family & Friends in memory of Ernest Theodore

Little Lambs

St. Vasilios Little Lambs Ministry

Little Lambs is a faith-based program for moms/pops/nanny/grandparent of young children between the ages of 40 days and 4 years. The program is structured to provide interactive activities related to various themes in the Orthodox Church. Sunday weekly activities include: prayer, lessons, music & movement, crafts, snacks, and playtime. Presvytera Marina Michaelidis is the coordinator and contact person for **Little Lambs** available during the coffee fellowship on Sundays.



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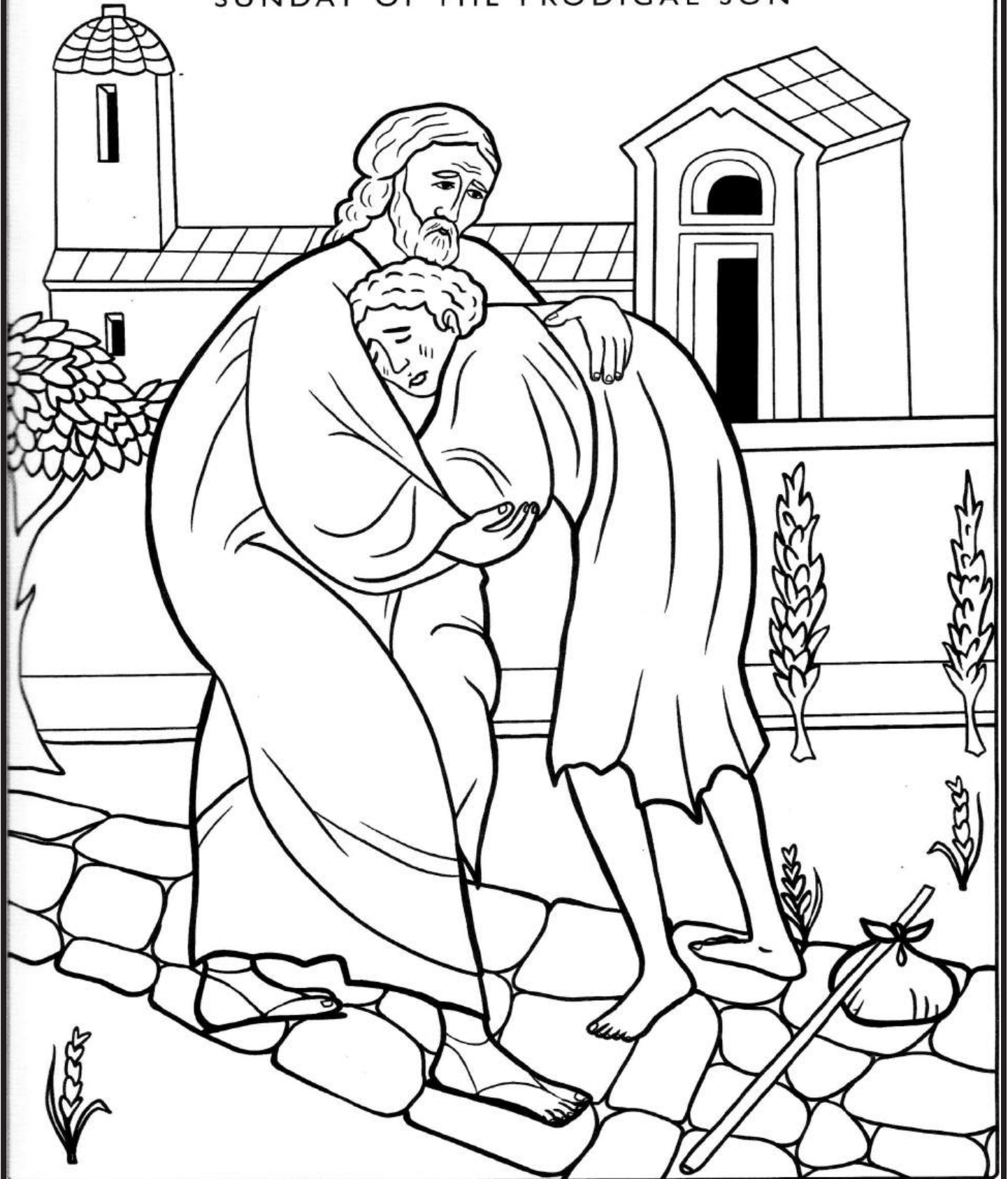
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