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Sunday of The Prodigal Son

**FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal 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, δωρούμενος 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.

**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 τον λογον σου, Δι' οὐ θεοπρεπῶς εδογματίσας, Τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτρέψωσας. Τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασιλείον ιεράτευμα Πάτερ ὅσι Χριστόν τόν Θεόν ἰκέτευε δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τό Μέγα ἔλεος

**Seasonal Kontakion in the Third Mode**

O Father, foolishly I ran away from Your glory, and in sin, squandered the riches You gave me. Wherefore, I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal, "I have sinned before You Compassionate Father. Receive me in repentance and take me as one of Your hired servants."

Τῆς πατρῶας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὄν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον· ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω· Ἥμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποιήσόν με, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου

**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.

# 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](mailto:mensclub@stvasilios.org) or call (978) 907-3187**

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**\*Menu subject to change**





## GOSPEL READING

### Sunday of the Prodigal Son

#### The Reading is from Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Great turnout for our January meeting!

The Philoptochos donated 100 pairs of socks and 27 blankets to the Citizens Inn. We also prepared bags for our less fortunate to be given out at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> soup kitchen. Donations of socks, Kleenex, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, detergent, and granola bars filled each bag.

February is Women's Heart Health Month! The Philoptochos will be handing out heart pins to all the women at end of this Sunday's liturgy. You can't beat a healthy heart!

Come to our February 16 meeting and join in on the trivia fun! Our meeting will start earlier than usual since there isn't any Sunday school on 2/16/25. Grab a coffee and snack at coffee hour and come downstairs to the classrooms and join us.

#### PHILOPTOCHOS MEETINGS:

- Sunday 2/2/25 – Philoptochos Women's Heart Health Sunday
- Sunday 2/16/25 – Meeting (Sunday School classroom) 10:45 a.m.
- Sunday 3/16/25 – Meeting (Sunday School classroom) 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday 3/23/25 - Greek Independence Day Luncheon

Learn more about us, join our group, and grow with us!  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

## 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.

## PANGARI SCHEDULE

Victor Fanikos	John Maihos	Ted Stephanides
Steve Anezis	Chuck Antoniou	John Kourtelides
Brandon Simpson	Alexander Ruggeri	Chris Kachinski
Tina Manolakos	Pamela Hutchison	Dionisios Pissios
2/16/2025	2/23/2025	3/2/2025



# 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](mailto:fyanni@stvasilios.org).

## 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.

### Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 15:11-32

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις εἶχε δύο υἱούς, καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρὶ· πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς οὐσίας. καὶ διεῖλεν αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον. καὶ μετ' οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγὼν ἅπαντα ὁ νεώτερος υἱὸς ἀπεδήμησεν εἰς χώραν μακρὰν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισε τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ ζῶν ἀσώτως. δαπανήσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ πάντα ἐγένετο λιμὸς ἰσχυρὸς κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αὐτὸς ἤρξατο ὑστερεῖσθαι. καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἐνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης, καὶ ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς ἀγρούς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους, καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσει τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατίων ὧν ἤσθιον οἱ χοῖροι, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδίδου αὐτῷ. εἰς ἑαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθὼν εἶπε· πόσοι μισθιοὶ τοῦ πατρός μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ἀπόλλυμαι! ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· πάτερ, ἡμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου. οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου· ποιήσόν με ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου. καὶ ἀναστὰς ἦλθε πρὸς τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ. ἔτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγγίσθη, καὶ δραμῶν ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτόν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ υἱός· πάτερ, ἡμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου. εἶπε δὲ ὁ πατὴρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ· ἐξενέγκατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑποδήματα εἰς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν, ὅτι οὗτος ὁ υἱὸς μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη. καὶ ἤρξαντο εὐφραίνεσθαι. Ἦν δὲ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἤγγισε τῇ οἰκίᾳ, ἤκουσε συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἓνα τῶν παίδων ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη ταῦτα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου ἦκει καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατὴρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα αὐτόν ἀπέλαβεν. ὠργίσθη δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν εἰσελθεῖν. ὁ οὖν πατὴρ αὐτοῦ ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπε τῷ πατρὶ· ἰδοὺ τοσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι καὶ οὐδέποτε ἐντολὴν σου παρήλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ οὐδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον ἕνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εὐφρανθῶ· ὅτε δὲ ὁ υἱὸς σου οὗτος, ὁ καταφαγὼν σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν, ἦλθεν, ἔθυσας αὐτῷ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐμὰ σὰ ἐστίν· εὐφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει, ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὗτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὐρέθη.

## ALTAR DONATIONS

### LITURGY LIGHTS

In loving memory of Michael C. Lignos.

### VIGIL LIGHTS

In loving memory of James & Dora Maravelias.

## TODAY'S MEMORIALS

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

**Ted Theodore 40 day Memorial**  
**Soumela Zamakis 1 yr Memorial**  
**Irene Theodore 3 yr Memorial**

**Stelios Captain 7 yr Trisagion**

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

## ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

Saturday, February 22

**1st Saturday of Souls**

8 am Orthros

9 am Divine Liturgy

Σαββάτο, 22 Φεβρουαριου

**Ψυχοσαβατο**

9 πμ Ορθρος

10 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία

2nd Saturday of Souls

Saturday, March 1

8:00 am Orthros

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

2ον Ψυχοσάββατον

Σάββατον, 1 Μαρτίου

8:00 π.μ. Ὁρθρος

9:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία

Monday, March 3

7 pm. Compline

Απόδειπνον το Μέγα  
Δευτέρα, 3 Μαρτίου 7:00 μ.μ

Wednesday, March 5  
Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6 pm

Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία  
Τετάρτη, 5 Μαρτίου 6 μ.μ

Friday, March 7  
1st Salutations to the Theotokos  
7 pm

Χαιρετισμοί  
Παρασκευή, 7 Μαρτίου 7μ.μ.

3rd Saturday of Souls

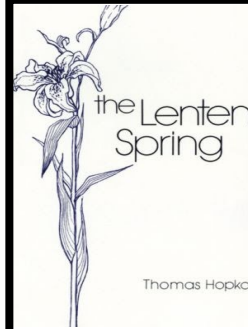
Saturday, March 8

8:00 am Orthros

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

3ον Ψυχοσάββατον  
Σάββατον, 8 Μαρτίου  
8:00 π.μ. Ὁρθρος  
9:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία

## SAINT MAKRINA'S STUDY GROUP



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**SAINT MAKRINA'S STUDY GROUP will be meeting for 8 weeks beginning on**

**Wednesday, February 5th**

**9:30 am-11:00 am**

**Reading *The Lentin Spring***

**by Fr. Thomas Hopko**

**(lower level of our church)**

### *Answer the Call to Leadership:*

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 John Maihos at 978-531-0777.**

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

### **Parish Advancement Campaign and Ongoing Church Construction Questions?**

Reach out to PAC Co-Chairs Christine Hasiotis Martins and Spero Venios or Construction and Renovation Co-Chairs Michael Zolotas and Christopher Vlachos here: [PAC@stvasilios.org](mailto:PAC@stvasilios.org). Any member of the team would love to answer your questions and give you a tour of the exciting changes in progress!



We are pleased to announce the launch of [givetostvasilios.org](http://givetostvasilios.org), the official website for the St. Vasilios Parish Advancement Campaign! Visit the site to discover our mission, explore the transformative plans for our parish, and learn how you can play a vital role in this journey. Together, let's build a thriving future for our community!