

St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church

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July, August & September Services

Sun., July 5th

5th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle Reading: Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

9:30 AM Orthros (Matins)

10:15 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour: Marge Kanakis & Lee Lantas

Sun., July 19th

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Epistle Reading: Titus 3: 8-15

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:14-19

9:30 AM Orthros (Matins)

10:15 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour: Katie Gioldassis

Sun., August 2nd

9th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle Reading: Acts 6: 8-15; 7:1-5; 47-60

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-34

9:30 AM Orthros (Matins)

10:15 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour: Nick & Helen Stamos

Sun., August 16th

11th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle Reading: I Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:23-35

9:30 AM Orthros (Matins)

10:15 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour: Graduates Honored/Sandra Tselepidakis

Sun., Sept. 6th 14th Sunday of Matthew
Epistle Reading: Hebrews 2:2-10
Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:2-14
9:30 AM Orthros (Matins)
10:15 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour: (Available)

Sun., Sept. 20th Sunday After Holy Cross
Epistle Reading: Galatians 2:16-20
Gospel Reading: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1
9:30 AM Orthros (Matins)
10:15 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour: (Available)

For updated information on service schedules and content, please see our web site at:
<http://stvasilios.nh.goarch.org/>

Stewards of St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church as of July 1, 2015

“The rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever.” St. John Chrysostom

Thank you for your stewardship!

Jackie Miller	Demoulas Foundation	John Rassias
Gus & Barbara Tampasis	Nickos Tampasis	Fred & Liz Tampasis
Angelia Davis	Charles, Anne & Max Saggiotes	
Dimitri & Sandra Tselepidakis	Dino Vlahakis	Greg & Nancy Tongalis
Kostas & Sofia Katsano	Arthur & Sarah Katsanos	Bessie Juris
Nick & Artemis Donis	Laura Mosconas	Dolly Gokas
Van Gokas	George & Marion Bakamitsos	Arnold Johnson
John & Katie Gioldassis	Arthur & Georgia Saggiotes Memorial Fund	
Konstantino & Zoi Dimakis	Smaragda Dimakis	Dimitri & Julie Dimakis
Timothy & Jennifer Vanech	Nick & Helen Stamos	Helene Miles
George & Jennifer Souliotis	Phidias & Alice Dantos	Solon & Marge Kanakis
Nick & Chrysoula Kontoes	Frank & Stacy Souliotis	John & Anna Souliotis
George & Lindsey Souliotis	Ari & Emily Souliotis	

Celebrating Our Graduates 2015

Niki Tselepidakis

Niki Tselepidakis is the daughter of Dimitri and Sandra Tselepidakis and graduated from Hanover High School on June 12, 2015. Niki has been a high honor roll student, a scholar athlete, and a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Niki has displayed outstanding achievements in mathematics by being a member of the first place team at the State Mathcounts Competition, winning second place in the State of New Hampshire at the International Mathematics and Verbal Talent Search of the Johns Hopkins University, and getting perfect SAT and ACT scores in mathematics. Niki exhausted her high school math classes in her junior year and took four classes at Dartmouth College during her high school years. She won the young entrepreneur award as well as the bronze and silver awards on the National Spanish Exam. In addition to being very active both in school and the community, she has been a member of the Hanover High School field hockey and crew teams. In her free time she likes to hang out with her friends, play the piano, and read. In the fall she will be attending the Johns Hopkins University and will major in Biomedical Engineering.

Elina Tselepidakis

Elina Tselepidakis is the daughter of Dimitri and Sandra Tselepidakis and plans to complete her Ph.D. in 2015 in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Maryland. She has a Masters degree in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of Maryland and a B.A. in Economics and Environmental Studies, with a minor in Mathematics, from Washington University in St. Louis. Elina is an agricultural economist in the Diet, Safety, and Health Economics Branch of the Food Economics Division. Her current research investigates the relationship between food safety information and demand, specifically household consumption behavior in response to food product recalls. She joined the Economic Research Service of the Department of Agriculture in September of 2014 after working for five years as a graduate research assistant in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Maryland. Prior to graduate school, she worked for the Department of Justice as an environmental law paralegal.

In Sympathy

Our parish would like to extend its sympathy to the family of Catherine Gerakaris who passed on June 1, 2015, at home with her loving family after a short illness. Catherine was a beloved summer parishioner of our church and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. She will truly be missed. May her memory be eternal.

Photos on Website

The St. Vasilios website has photos of Church services and activities/events over the years. Please notify us in writing if you do not want your photo to appear on this website. Thank you!

Prayer List

Please use this list to pray for members of our community who are sick or in need of God's care.

Bessie Juris

Maria Nestor-Smith

Athena Tsouknakis

Angelo Nestor

Kiki Coidakis

If you feel a name should remain on the list, or if you would like a new name placed on the list please contact Laura.

Apple Pie Fair 2015

This summer will be our fifth year participating in the Apple Pie Fair to be held on Saturday, August 22nd, from 9AM – 3 PM on the Newport Town Common. We will set up two small tents with several tables and our Church grill (same location as past years). The community is always pleased to see our Parish represented and thrilled with the Greek food available for sale. Some of the menu items offered include hot off the grill souvlakia, fresh bread, spanakopita/tiropita, baklava, an assortment of pastries, donuts, and soda/coffee. The Ladies Auxiliary will be raffling off a beautiful garden basket. We are looking for volunteers to serve in many capacities - setting up in the morning, working under the tents, selling raffle tickets, cooking and serving, and cleaning up at the end.

We are also looking for sponsors to donate items to help offset the costs associated with the fair. Below is a list of items we hope to have donated. If you are able to volunteer or donate an item(s) please let Laura know so we can finalize plans during the months of July/August. Thank you for your help!

Items needed for the Apple Pie Fair:

tin foil	toothpicks	roll of raffle tickets	large paper plates	
napkins	propane	lemons	salt/pepper	Italian Dressing
plastic zip-lock baggies (large and small)	paper towels			
rubber gloves	hand sanitizer (2-4 bottles)	spray cleaner (table top)		
plastic utensils	coffee	cookies/pastries	cupcake liners	
pineapple juice	trash bag liners	half gallon milk	quart of cream	
cutting board	platters	batteries for CD player		
case of souvlakia (10 needed - \$50 per case)	table space fee (\$60)			
tray of pastry (see Laura for pricing)				

Candle/Tray Collections

For your information, as part of our bulletins, the Parish Council would like all of our parishioners to be informed of the monthly collections for candles and trays. For the month of April \$916.00 collected for candles and \$978.00 was collected for trays. In May \$168.00 was collected for candles and \$201.00 was collected for trays. For the month of June \$138.00 was collected for candles and \$329.00 was collected for trays.

I am the Way: Finding the True Keys to Happiness through Jesus Christ (By Eva Kokinos)

Have you bought the latest fitness DVD? Have you picked up the latest issue of Oprah Magazine? Have you purchased that magic weight-loss pill which gives you a wonderful figure and a perfect life? Lately, we have been taught that the keys to a happy life lie in riches, power, self-indulgence, magic products, and greed. If you take a look at MTV or even shows like Desperate Housewives, our society has become one where each person looks out for "Number 1". Why should I do ANYTHING if it doesn't benefit me? The road to being happy and successful is lined with products, gadgets, advice, and those we push aside to get what we want.

But where does that lead us? Ultimately, we notice that those who try to reach the highest for power, money, and fame often fall the hardest. Temporary joys, solutions, and luxuries become hurdles and road blocks to the true path of joy and contentment. This is where we, as Christians, were given the most wonderful blessing: the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, through His teachings, life, and resurrection, becomes the star that guides us to our true path of happiness and fulfillment.

We all have received advice or suggestions on how to live a better life. Time and time again, we are being sold or convinced about the quickest and most innovative techniques to "live life to the fullest." But, there always seems to be a new and improved product just around the corner. Unlike these trends and fads which come and go, Jesus offered us teachings which are eternal and are consistent throughout the Holy Scriptures. For example, Jesus did not just hand out a "magic pill" which made people feel better about themselves and others. But, He did teach us about

how to love God and love one another. He did teach us how to take care for those who are less fortunate than we are. He also taught us how to pray and keep ourselves spiritually fit and healthy. There are no products on any "infomercial" which can offer us substantial results like the lessons of Jesus Christ.

There is nothing worse than taking advice from someone who does not live according to those same suggestions. Typically, we lose trust in that person and their advice. Christ, to use a cliché, practiced what He preached. Christ's actions, coupled with His teachings here on earth, are a clear picture of how each of us can obtain a life of peace, joy, and love. For instance, Christ taught us in the Gospel of Matthew that the greatest commandment is to love God and to love each other. Jesus Christ did not just teach this lesson, but He lived and preached by this lesson. This is why we read that Christ broke bread with the sinners as well as the righteous. This is why Christ performed many miracles before the eyes of the people. Furthermore, you see Jesus Christ embracing His mission to die on the cross, resurrect, and give us the gift of eternal life because of His love for the Father and all humankind.

Finally, Christ is our ultimate example of self-sacrifice and unconditional love through His crucifixion and resurrection. The fact of life is that nothing comes easily. Society is always trying to find the quickest, easiest way to make money, get a beautiful body, and cater to our own personal needs. Our culture teaches us that it's best to focus on what we want rather than do for others. But people quickly realize that all blessings come through sacrifice and hard work. The path to salvation paved by Christ's sacrifice. Jesus Christ did not just resurrect, but had to endure humiliation, torture, and betrayal. Christ's crucifixion and resurrection serves as our opportunity for inheriting eternal life and becomes the ultimate lesson in humility, obedience, and unconditional love of ALL humanity.

The bottom line is this: the way to happiness, and the way of Jesus Christ is love. Jesus Christ shows us the way through His light. It is out of love that Christ offered us the word of God and teachings of prayer, fasting, charity, and humility. It is love that Jesus Christ expressed through "walking the walk and talking the talk." In other

words, Christ shows us the way to happiness and righteousness by living the way He preached. And of course, Christ shows us the way to glory and happiness through His crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus' sacrifice shows us what can be endured and achieved through love.

So what is our call to action? Finding our way in this life means to continue learning about Christ, as well as learning about other things. We are not perfect, and we have a great deal to learn about life. We can learn through the Holy Scripture, the writings of the Church Fathers, and attending the holy services of our Church.

Finding our way through Christ means we must not only call ourselves Christians, but we must BE Christians. We must not only tell people what we believe. Orthodox Christians must be a walking Gospel. Our actions should teach, inspire, and motivate as much as our words do. Therefore we can step up in our parishes, jobs, families, and schools to witness our faith, volunteer to work, teach Sunday School, or be a youth advisor.

In addition, we must take action and find our way through Christ by living for God and for each other rather than just for ourselves. We are a community of faithful, and we share this beautiful life with many other human beings. True success and acclaim comes through hard work, faith, and working for the good of others. So, we are called to find our way through Christ by being a servant rather than pushing our way to the top. We can serve our co-workers, our communities, our schools, and our families through our time, labor, talents, and resources.

The end result of finding the path of happiness through Jesus Christ becomes one of love and inclusiveness rather than the cutthroat world of selfishness and greed. We never need to follow movie stars, music stars, sports stars, or television stars if we follow our own star. Just as the wisemen were led to Christ, we should find our way through the darkness by the shining light of Jesus Christ.

Eva Kokinos is a graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and serves as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit.

Congratulations!

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Vasilios Church we would like to extend our congratulations to Nicholas and Helen Stamos on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary! Their wedding was the third wedding performed at St. Vasilios Church and was officiated by Fr. Peter Koskoris, on July 24, 1955. We wish them many more years of health and happiness!

Prayer of a Married Person

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your presence You blessed the wedding in Cana and showed us that You are the true priest of mystical and pure marriage. We thank You for the day on which by Your heavenly blessing You joined us in the sacrament of marriage. Lord, continue to bless and enrich our marriage in love companionship, mutual support, oneness of heart and progress in faith and life. Protect our Holy wedlock from sin, evil and danger. Nurture between us the spirit of understanding, the spirit of forgiveness and the spirit of peace, that no resentment, quarrel or other problem may cause us to stumble and fall. Grant us to see our own faults and not to judge each other. Keep our bond of love always new. Gladden our lives with the joys of marriage, that with one heart we may praise and glorify You. Amen.

The Feast of the Great Martyr and Healer Saint Panteleimon is July 27th

Panteleimon (meaning “all-merciful”) lived in the city of Nicomedia, located east of Constantinople on the Sea of Marmara, and is remembered among the Unmercenary Saints, for having healed without receiving payment. The people of Nicomedia stopped seeking treatment from the local doctors, so the local doctors betrayed Saint Panteleimon to the pagan emperor, who martyred the blessed healer for his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in the year 305 AD.

Apolytikion (Third Tone)

Panteleimon, saintly champion and healer,
Intercede with our merciful God to grant
Our souls remission of sins.

Kontakion (Plagal of the First Tone)

O Champion and Martyr of God, imitating the
Merciful and bearing from Him the grace of healing,
cure our spiritual ills by your prayers, and set free
from temptation of the eternal enemy those who
ceaselessly cry out, “Save us, O Lord.”