

## Father Steven Vlahos

Father Steven Vlahos was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1937. He received his B.A. in Theology from our Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in 1963 and did post-graduate work in Dogmatic and Conciliar Theology at St. John's Roman Catholic College in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Metropolitan Iakovos of the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate ordained him to the Holy Diaconate on September 13, 1964, and the following day to the Holy Priesthood.

In 1971, Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I, bestowed upon Father Vlahos the title of Protopresbyteros of Ecumenical Throne, the highest honor bestowed upon married Orthodox priests.

He served in the parishes of Annunciation, Little Rock, Arkansas; Sts. Constantine and Helen, Rockford, Illinois; St. George, Bethesda, Maryland; and for sixteen years at St. Thomas in Cherry Hill, NJ. On September 8, 1992 he was assigned to our St. Demetrios Parish in Wildwood.

Father Vlahos has written numerous articles, sermons and essays in both Greek and English and served on many committees, commissions and study groups of our Orthodox Church in America.

In addition to his duties as Pastor of St. Demetrios, he has served as Special Deputy Surrogate for Camden County, and Vice Chairman of the New Jersey Board of Human Services.

Presbytera Chrysi (nee Hondroulis) was born in 1944 in Astoria, New York and started her education there. She continued her education at Rutgers University, Camden receiving her B.A. Degree in English and Sociology. They were married in 1964 in St. Sophia Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and they have two children: Demetrios and Dana. Presently, Presbytera Chrysi owns and operates Chrysi's an apparel shop in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

After 24 years of serving the Wildwood parish, Father Steven retired in February of 2016.