



Friends of Mount Athos



2026 NEW YEAR VASILOPITTA PARTY

The Friends of Mount Athos is holding its annual Vasilopitta Party to celebrate the New Year on

Thursday 22 January 2026
from 6 – 8 pm in the Crypt at
St Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral,
Moscow Road, Bayswater, London W2 4LQ

All FoMA members and their guests are cordially invited to attend this traditional Greek celebration featuring the cutting of the Vasilopitta Cake to bless the New Year.

Named after the Father of the Church Basil the Great (4th c.), the Vasilopitta Cake is linked to a legend that Saint Basil, Bishop of Caesarea, used to bake a huge bread containing gold coins and jewellery to distribute to the poor. Its cutting, on New Year's Day, signifies hope for a prosperous year while the coin (flouri), that is hidden inside it, represents the original valuables that St Basil used to hide in the bread that he was distributing to the poor in his diocese.

Please join us for this highly enjoyable annual social event with wine, soft drinks, traditional Greek pastries and cake.

Tickets are priced at £20 (students £15) and can be reserved by emailing Athos Friends at foma.accadm@gmail.com.

Please note that the deadline for ticket applications is Tuesday 6 January 2026.

The Vasilopitta Party is one of FoMA's major social events of the year and we look forward to seeing as many members and guests as possible.

Please note that as this is a charity event and prices only cover costs, tickets once reserved will not be refundable.



We look forward to welcoming you!