Typing in Greek on the Mac: the basics

Make sure that you have a decent Greek font...a great free font that looks good in Greek as well as English and other languages is Gentium Plus, which is available as a free download.

Make sure that you have enabled the Greek Polytonic Keyboard (go to “Input Sources” under the “Language and Text” in your Systems Preferences):
You can now switch between Greek and U.S. keyboards by using the pull-down menu:

Now all you need to do is type! You can open the Keyboard Viewer to help you learn where all the letters and accents are.

Accents are “dead keys” that you press before you press the letter that you want them to go over (these dead keys are orange on the keyboard maps):
Here are the keys:

With “Shift” pressed:
With “Option” pressed:

With “Option+Shift” pressed: