Rules for Syllabifying/Syllabification

1. One vowel/diphthong = one syllable. [So, the number of vowels = the number of syllables.]

   ἀκηκόαμεν = 5 vowels
   ἀ / κη / κό / α / μεν = 5 syllables

2. Single consonant by itself goes with following vowel. [Exception: final consonants go with preceding vowel.]

   ἐθεασάμεθα = 6 vowels
   ἐ / θε / α / σά / με / θα = 6 syllables

3. Two consecutive vowels (but not a diphthong) are divided; = two syllables.

   ἐθεασάμεθα = 6 vowels
   ἐθε / ασάμεθα = 6 syllables

4. Consonant cluster that CAN NOT be pronounced together must be divided; the first consonant of the cluster goes with the preceding vowel.

   ἐμπροσθεν = 3 vowels
   ἐμ / προσθεν = 3 syllables

5. Consonant cluster that CAN be pronounced together goes with the following vowel. [Note: μ and ν can be pronounced in a cluster if they are the 2nd letter.]
Χριστός
Χρι / στός
πνεῦμα
πνεῦ / μα

6. Double consonants are divided.

ἄγγελος
ἄγ / γελος

ἐκβάλλω
ἐκ / βάλ / λω

7. Compound words are divided where the two words are joined.

ἐκβάλλω
ἐκ / βάλ / λω