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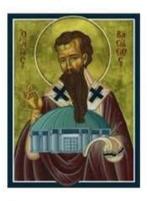
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JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE FEASTDAY SERVICES OF OUR PARISH AND OF OUR PATRON SAINT, BASIL THE GREAT



December 31st, Great Vespers at 6:00pm Relic of St. Basil to be brought out for veneration Reception to follow

January 1st, Orthros, 8:45am, Hierarchical

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, 10:00am

Relic of St. Basil to be brought out for veneration

Reception to follow

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos will be with us

and lead us in worship.





Also on Jan. 1st: Vasilopita (St. Basil sweet bread) cutting during reception. All leaders of our various parish ministries and organizations will receive a piece of the Vasilopita.

For more information, please contact the Church Office, (209) 478-7564 or at: office@gosaintbasil.org

Stewardship and Compassion

Love and stewardship are inseparable when we consider God's blessings in our life.

We use God's blessings with love and compassion for others and to honor, worship and give thanks to him.

Our parishes can be transformed, becoming beacons of Christian love as we care for one another, face challenges together, and serve our neighbors. We would be known as Christians by the love and compassion we embody as a parish family.

We are called to be compassionate stewards, placing the needs of others before our own. Scripture is filled with passages of God's call for us to be generous, loving, compassionate givers. Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians tells us of God's call for us to "excel in the grace of giving." We are "hard-wired" to live as members of the Body of Christ and serve our larger community with compassion and love.

The priority of compassionate stewardship is not paying the congregation's bills. It is about how we, as a community, can do God's work with love and compassion.

It is less about the parish's need to receive, and more about our need to give. It is our generosity with the gifts and blessings God has entrusted to us.

Compassionate stewardship is an attitude and a way of life.

~Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Department of Stewardship



Stewardship Update

If you are able, please consider giving a meaningful (to you!) gift to help St. Basil Parish accomplish our mission and create our vision.

We are at 55% of our annual goal as of 11/12/2023 We should be at 84% of our goal to be on track.

Stewardship Donations By Categories (Info thru 11/12/23)

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	Amount	Given	Number of Contributors	Percentage of Contributors	Total Amount Given	Percentage of Total Amount Given
	\$0.00 -	\$0.00		38.69 %	\$0.00	0.00 %
	\$0.01 -	\$25.00		0.73 %	\$50.00	0.02 %
	\$25.01 -	\$50.00		1.09 %	\$125.00	0.06 %
	\$50.01 -	\$75.00		0.73 %	\$115.00	0.05 %
	\$75.01 -	\$100.00		1.82 %	\$500.00	0.24 %
	\$100.01 -	\$200.00		4.74 %	\$2,246.12	1.06 %
	\$200.01 -	\$300.00		8.39 %	\$6,360.00	3.00 %
	\$300.01 -	\$400.00		4.74 %	\$4,910.00	2.32 %
	\$400.01 -	\$500.00		5.47 %	\$7,500.00	3.54 %
	\$500.01 -	\$600.00		2.92 %	\$4,718.00	2.23 %
	\$600.01 -	\$700.00		2.55 %	\$4,790.00	2.26 %
	\$700.01 -	\$800.00	9	3.28 %	\$7,035.00	3.32 %
	\$800.01 -	\$900.00		1.46 %	\$3,560.00	1.68 %
	\$900.01 -	\$1,000.00	11	4.01 %	\$11,000.00	5.19 %
	\$1,000.01 -	\$1,500.00	18	6.57 %	\$23,480.00	11.09 %
	\$1,500.01 -	\$2,000.00	15	5.47 %	\$29,475.00	13.92 %
	\$2,000.01 -	\$2,500.00		2.55 %	\$16,650.00	7.86 %
	\$2,500.01 -	\$3,000.00	2	0.73 %	\$5,600.00	2.64 %
	\$3,000.01 -	\$3,500.00	1	0.36 %	\$3,380.00	1.60 %
	\$3,500.01 -	\$4,000.00	1	0.36 %	\$3,954.00	1.87 %
	\$4,000.01 -	\$4,500.00	3	1.09 %	\$12,950.00	6.11 %
	\$4,500.01 -	\$5,000.00	3	1.09 %	\$14,650.00	6.92 %
	\$5,000.01 -	\$10,000.00	1	0.36 %	\$10,000.00	4.72 %
	\$10,000.01 -	\$15,000.00	0	0.00 %	\$0.00	0.00 %
	\$15,000.01 -	\$20,000.00	2	0.73 %	\$38,750.00	18.30 %
	\$20,000.01 - \$10	,000,000.00	0	0.00 %	\$0.00	0.00 %
Total:			274		\$211,798.12	
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Average contribution of those giving \$1,260.70 Average contribution of all families = \$772.99



Donate Here or Use the QR Code

Note: The total amounts given do not include credits, non-cash or additional gifts.

St. Basil's Events and Ministries

Trunk or Treat 2023



Fall Parish Assembly







Turkey Luncheon













Hope/Joy Ministry













Altar Boy Retreat













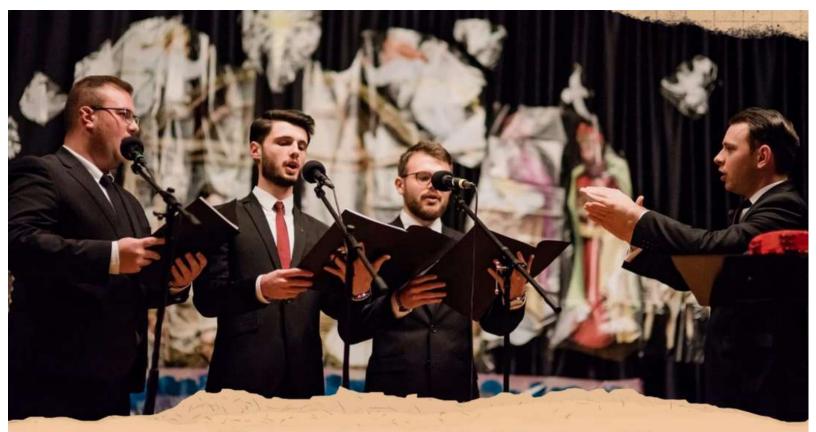
During the month of November, our Altar Boys took an overnight retreat to the Saint Sava Mission and Retreat Center in Jackson, California. Over the course of the stay, the boys were able to engage in fellowship, such as playing board games inside and going outside for games of basketball, football and soccer, and partake of discussions regarding the Divine Liturgy and the service in the altar.

Along with learning more about the Divine Liturgy, the group took a trip to Saint Sava Church in town. There they met with Deacon Dragan, who informed them of the history of the church as well as the iconography. Among the history of the church, Deacon Dragan explained that it was founded by St. Sava and is the first Serbian Orthodox Church established in America, and in this humble church, St. Sava, St. Sebastian, whose skull is among the parish's reliquary, and St. Tikhon of Moscow have celebrated the Holy Mysteries of Christ. How truly awesome it was for our own Altar Guild to walk inside an altar where the Saints have served. They were also able to meet with Father Marko, who shared some information regarding the church as well as his and Deacon Dragan's participation in the film, Beyond the Peak. After receiving Father Marko's blessing, and an icon card of St. Sebastion of Jackson, the group departed the church but not before allowing the boys to ring the church's bell. The Acolytes then went to eat at a diner in town before going back to the retreat center to pack up and depart for St. Basil's.









You are cordially invited to a special celebration of Christmas

For unto us a Child is born

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT PERFORMED BY

DOXOLOGIA

A male vocal group from Cluj, Transylvania (Romania), conducted by Gabriel Cupsa.

They will enchant us with a repertoire of Romanian carols that originate from Byzantine, choral, and traditional sources.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 6:30 PM

LOCATION: ST. BASIL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH STOCKTON, CA

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE CHURCH HALL

DONATIONS ARE WELCOME TO SUPPORT THEIR MINISTRY

ST. BASIL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH STOCKTON, CA

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND VISIT FROM SANTA



OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL ONCE AGAIN PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIVITY PAGEANT IN THE CHURCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY. PLEASE JOIN US! SANTA WILL ALSO BE PAYING A VISIT! **OUR YOUTH WILL BE ABLE TO SIT** WITH HIM, TELL HIM WHAT THEY WANT FOR CHRISTMAS AND TAKE A **PICTURE WITH HIM!**

SUNDAY

AT 10 AM DECEMBER **17**





* Lodi * Parade of Lights

Thursday, November 30 @ 5:45 pm

WE WILL MEET IN FRONT OF POST OFFICE PARKING LOT (120 S SCHOOL STREET)

COCOA AND SNACKS PROVIDED. PLEASE
BRING A BLANKET OR CHAIRS FOR SEATING
RSVP TO PRES. ANGIE
ANGIESOTIRAS@GMAIL.COM











Best cheese on the market coming soon!

If you would like to pre-order any cheeses that was offered at the festival for your upcoming Christmas celebrations, please contact Celeste Kaisch for more information.



Types of cheese options:

Mizithra Mizithra/Parmesan blend Feta Kefalograviera



Email: celestekaisch@yahoo.com or text 209-351-1248



Sunday, December 10th after church: Shop for the Adopt a Family after Liturgy at Target on March Lane. Reach out to Pres. Angie for more details by emailing angiesotiras@gmail.com

We will be assigned a family and provided with a list of their needs.

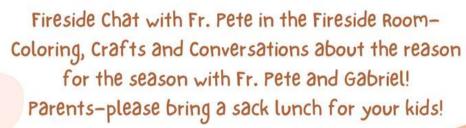
All items will be given directly to the family in need.

Let's come together as a church family and make their Christmas extra special and comforting.

ST. BASIL'S HOPE & JOY

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E-mail Gabriel
(gabriel@gosaintbasil.org)
to let us know if you can
make it!





For Middle School and High School

Saturday, December 9, 6 - 8 PM

DINNER * DESSERT * WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE GAME

Please bring a wrapped silly gift (\$10 or under) for game.

LOCATION: JERIUS & DIANA HANANIA HOME



Christmas Carol Practice

Join us as we continue practicing for caroling at our parishoners' homes in December 15 and 16!

Youth, Young Adults and Adults are welcome!

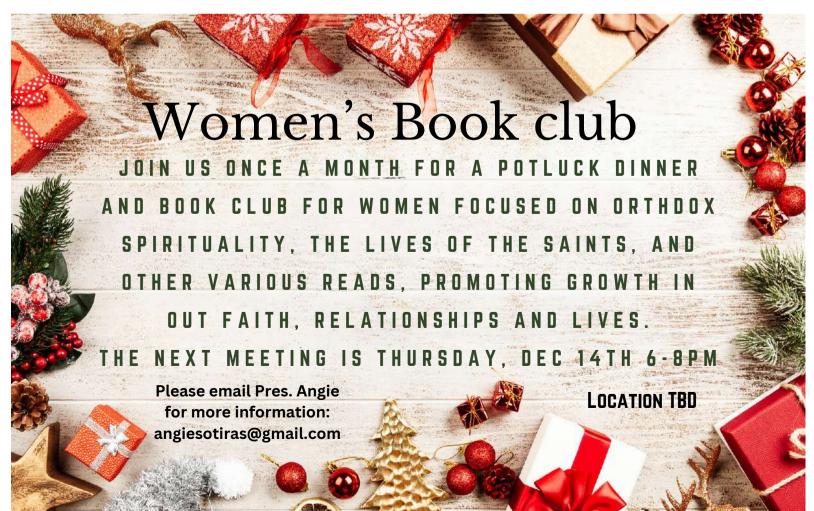
Next practice: December 1

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm.

Location: Fireside Room.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided!





BIBLE STUDY

EVERY THURSDAY MORNING

11AM - NOON IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM

Join us in-person or on Zoom as we reflect on the Scriptures and its wisdom for our lives. Please contact Fr. Pete (frsotiras@gosaintbasil.org) if you plan to attend and for more information.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship returns to offer men
(both Orthodox and non-Orthodox)

a place to
develop and strengthen friendship, offer support to live the life in Christ and to reach our Godgiven potential.

Next Gathering:

Thursday Night, December 21 7:00-8:30 p.m. Location: TBD

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT FATHER PETE:

frsotiras@gosaintbasil.org

ST. BASIL

VIP MINISTRY

VIP is our SENIOR MINISTRY and it is an opportunity to gather the distinguished and beloved members of our parish for fellowship, a meal and to hear a presentation on the faith or a topic of interest.

Gabriel Cupsa will offer a presentation on the various Christmas traditions around the Orthodox world.

Please join us for the next session:

<u>Tuesday, December 19</u>

11:30am-1pm

in the Church Hall.

Christmas Caroling

Christ is born! Let us bring the good news of our Lord's Nativity into your home, as is customary in all the Orthodox countries. Let's sing together, rejoice and praise the newborn King!

DATES: DECEMBER 15 IN STOCKTON

DECEMBER 16 IN LODI

If you wish to join the carolers group or if you wish to <u>receive the carolers</u> into your home, please let Gabriel know through e-mail: gabriel@gosaintbasil.org





BYZANTINE CHANT

6:00 to 8:00 pm, Thursdays beginning November 30th at:

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church 616 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento

This 24 week class will focus on learning the Psaltic art from its foundations, including Byzantine notation, scales, modes and hymns. Classes will be conducted in English.

The primary text for the class will be "Byzantine Music: Theory and Practice Guide" by the Archdiocesan School of Byzantine Music, published by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

A tuition fee of \$150.00 includes the cost of the textbook and all additional educational materials.

Email Manuel Tsihlas, <u>manuel@mstarchitects.com</u> to register by **Tuesday, November 21st**, or call 916-505-3811 with any questions.



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Managing God's Gifts To Us

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Giannis Polizogopoulos

Dean & Marie Poullos

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Maria Zarefakis

Mathew & Eleni Zarefakis

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Steve Anagnos
Phyllis Anthony
Dea & Ron Berberian
Danny Bestolarides
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Michael & Edna Fields
Mono Geralis
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Alexis & Barry Ruhl
Tracey Sittig
Michael & Helene Spanos
Eraclis & Marinathe Tsirelas
Steve Walton
Pete & Vali Wigt

Memorials

December George G. Spanos, 5 years

Please call the office to schedule a memorial.

Call Demetra Veziris for Koliva (wheat for memorial service) at (209) 607-3068



Our remodeled rental facility holds up to 380 people with an expandable partitioned wall for smaller events.

Call Veronica Gatrousis @ 925-368-6556 or email HallRental@gosaintbasil.org

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December 2023

Saturday	2	GOYA (Middle/High School) Christmas Party and White Elephant Game, 6:00pm (Location: Jerius & Diana Hanania Home)	Christmas Caroling – Lodi	23	30	Theophany 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Blessing of the Water to follow as well
Friday	Christmas Carol Practice 6:30pm, Fireside Room	Christmas Concert by Doxologia 6:30pm	St. Eleftherios 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Christmas Caroling - Stockton	Royal Hours of Christmas, 9:00am	* 58	Eve of Theophany 8:00am Royal Hours 9:30am Vesperal Liturgy Blessing of the water to follow
Thursday	November 30, 2023 Lodi Parade of Lights 5:45pm Men's Fellowship, 7:00pm [Location: Michael & Edna Fields, house]	Bible Study 11:00am	Ladies Book Club, 6:00pm	Men's Fellowship, 7:00pm (Location: TBD)	28	4
Wednesday		St. Nicholas the Wonderworker 5:00pm Orthros 6:00pm Divine Liturgy	4 13	20	St. Stephen, First Martyr 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	*
Tuesday		S *	St. Spyridon the Wonderworker 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	TI:30am (Church Hall)	(Office Closed)	2
Monday		4	11	* 18	25 HOLY NATIVITY 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Office Closed)	January 1, 2024 St. Basil the Great 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (please note later start time for Liturgy) Reception to follow (Office Closed)
Sunday	Strict Fast Wine & Oil allowed. Fish Oil & Wine allowed Fast Free	14th Sunday of Luke 8:15 am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy HOPE/JOY after Coffee Hour	10th Sunday of Luke 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy PC Elections Adopt a Family	Sunday before Nativity 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Nativity Pageant to follow Christmas Coffee Hour	Sunday before Nativity 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	Sunday before Theophany 8:15am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy Great Vespers, 6:00pm Reception to follow

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