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WILL ORDAIN THE SERVANT OF GOD

GABRIEL CUPSA

TO THE HOLY DIACONATE ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

9:00 AM ORTHROS  10:00 AM HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY
&

TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

8:45 AM ORTHROS  10:00 AM HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY

SAINT BASIL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
920 W MARCH LANE, STOCKTON, CA 95207

Reception to follow each ordination in the Fellowship Hall.
RSVP by Tuesday, March 5th, to Office to ensure seating at receptions:
office@gosaintbasil.org (209)-478-7564





Message from Father Pete

Dear Faithful and Friends of St. Basil's,

As many of you know, our Pastoral Assistant Gabriel Cupsa will be ordained on March 9 and 10 by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos to the Holy Diaconate and Priesthood respectively. This will be a historic and momentous event in the life of our parish and I hope you will be able to attend.

There will be a reception after each service. We expect a large turn-out, with clergy and laity coming from out of town, so if you wish to attend either or both receptions, you must call or e-mail the office to make reservations (209-478-7564; office@gosaintbasil.org).

Let us keep Gabriel and Iulia in our prayers as they prepare to enter this new chapter in their lives and as Gabriel prepares to enter the ranks of the clergy.

Axios! He is worthy!

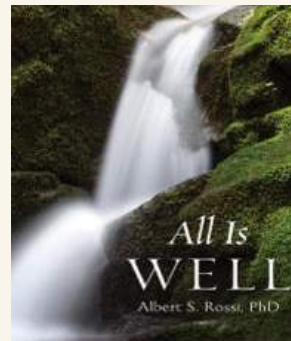
With love in Christ,

Fr. Pete



The Men's Fellowship is reading "All Is Well," by Dr. Albert Rossi.

This deceptively small and simple book holds a great secret - the secret to achieving peace of mind in Christ. The final chapter is a moving tribute to his close friend of many years, Fr. Tom Hopko, whose Fifty-Five Maxims are also helpful in learning to say at all times, "All is well." Dr. Rossi is the Director of Field Education and resident clinical psychologist at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary.



The book "All Is Well" is available at our bookstore for a donation of \$10.00. The book can be picked up from the church office during business hours M-F from the church secretary. It can also be picked up on Sundays, during the fellowship "coffee hour" following the Divine Liturgy. See Patty Manuse or Terri Blum during coffee hour for any assistance.

“Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly, nor under compulsion, for God loves the man that gives cheerfully.” (2 Cor. 9:7)

“Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant”

What a great start to 2024!!

January 2024: \$35,278.53

It's only one month, but we are on pace to surpass our annual goal of \$335,000.00! The Stewardship Committee expresses our deep gratitude for allowing us to be part of this important ministry; Edna Fields, Chair; George and Janis Chimiklis; Michael Fields; Kirstin Herron; Donna Vasiliou; & Danielle Vasquez

Offering our gifts to God and His Church is a sacred act, a form of worship, and a response to all his blessings in our life. Every time we make an offering to God, whether big or small, He honors our sacrifice.

This year, we would like to grow the body of Christ at St. Basil and accomplish the following:

- Keep in touch with you more effectively with weekly updates.
- Maintain God's House and our property in Stockton.
- Give even more to those in need.
- Maintain and establish new ministries to grow the Orthodox Faith.

To achieve these aspirational goals and offer our blessings to God and His Church, we will need **to meet our overall stewardship goal of \$335,000, which on average, would be a minimum of \$100 each month (\$1,200 for the year), per steward family. We are grateful for those who are able to contribute more.** It is not too late to submit commitment cards. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship gift and return your stewardship commitment card by March 17, 2024. If you have never submitted a pledge card, it is okay to humbly put \$5.00 a week as your pledge. It is a beginning that God will surely bless.

When We Bless God With Our Money, God Blesses Us With the Things Money Can't Buy! Our mission has not changed. We continue to be committed to Bring People Closer to God by witnessing, proclaiming, and growing our Orthodox Christian Faith and the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Divine Liturgy, ministries, community, and family. Stewardship is how we put our spirituality in action, our faith in action, our theology in action.

**Stewardship means making a regular commitment of one's
Time, Talent and Treasure to God and His Church.**



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Family Night at St. Basil's



Family Night returned to St. Basil's on February 7. As one of the most popular ministry offerings, Family Night is an evening of an abridged Vespers service, followed by a meal in the hall and a discussion afterwards. Having not been offered at St. Basil's for roughly two and a half years or so, Family Night returned with a great turnout of all ages! Topics of discussion after dinner started off with something fundamental, but often overlooked, building and sustaining a regular prayer life, and continuing with "How do we view other Christian faiths?". The adult group was led by Father Pete, while the youth were led by Gabriel. Pictures above include February birthdays celebrated for Edna Fields & Michael McKiever.

Family Night continues on Wednesday evenings starting at 6pm, through March 13 with different topics each week. All ages are welcome to attend, and we look forward to seeing you all Wednesday nights!

Hope & Joy Ministry



Our HOPE/JOY (Elementary Age) ministry met with Fr. Pete, Gabriel and Iulia on Sunday, Feb. 4 for an activity and discussion about God's love for us and the world. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 24 after the Procession of Icons.

Greek Dance Program

If you are interested in our St. Basil's Greek Dance Program please join us on most Sundays, following the Divine Liturgy during coffee hour. Our beloved dance program is open to all children aged 5 and up. Please contact Maria Karapanos for more details (209)559-5101 or maria@karapanos.net



ST. BASIL'S HOPE & JOY MINISTRY

Kindergarten and Elementary
School Ages

Sunday, March 24
Following Coffee Hour
In the Fireside Room, 12-1 pm



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.

Please join us for the next session:

Tuesday, March 12

11:30 am - 1 pm

in the Church Hall.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAY, MARCH 14,
7-8:30 PM,
LOCATION: TBD

Men's Fellowship aims 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 God-given potential.

Join this wonderful group as we reflect on **Dr. Albert Rossi's "All is Well" book**. You don't have to read the book to join.

This book seeks to help achieve peace of mind in Christ. Dr. Rossi uses stories from his own life to illustrate the basic principles of watchfulness and prayer. The final chapter is a moving tribute to Dr. Rossi's close friend of many years, Fr. Tom Hopko, whose Fifty-Five Maxims are also helpful in learning to say at all times, "All is Well."

Dr. Rossi is a practicing Orthodox Christian who has studied Eastern and Western spirituality and modern psychology. He is currently Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, as well as a practicing clinical psychologist in the state of New York.

LIVING ORTHODOXY

**“The challenges of proper worship and belief
in a world in which anything goes”**

Dr. Eve Tibbs

**St Basil Greek Orthodox Church presents
A Lenten Retreat**

When: Saturday, March 30th

Time: Registration, 8:30 am; begins at 9:15 - 3:00pm

Place: St.Basil Hall, 920 W. March Lane, Stockton

Lenten Breakfast and lunch provided

RSVP to Office 209-478-7564

MORNING

“The Church: A Forest and a Single Tree”

One Body. One Eucharist. One Faith.

Why do we worship the way we do?

“Humbly Christian and Boldly Orthodox”

Christianity East and West

Embracing the Orthodox Difference

AFTERNOON

“Great Lent: A New Hope”

**The Annunciation: “May the Force Be
with You”**

**The Akathist Hymn: The greatest epic of
all time.**

“Seeing the Gospel”

**The God Who “wants to be seen” (St.
John of Damascus)**

Icons of Holy Week and Pascha

SUMMERCAMP

AT SAINT NICHOLAS RANCH

2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES

SESSION 1: JULY 7 - 13

SESSION 2: JULY 14 - 20

SESSION 3: JULY 21 - 27



REGISTRATION OPENS FEB 5
WWW.GOSFYOUTH.ORG



Fr. Pete, Pres. Angie and our parish will be attending Session 1 of Summer Camp, July 7-13. Please be sure to visit the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Summer Camp homepage for registration, age requirements and more information:

<https://gosfyouth.org/summer-camp#/summer-camp-2024>



SUMMER 2024 CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

St. Basil Philoptochos is happy to offer a limited amount of summer camp scholarships to those in need of financial assistance. To put your child/children on our list please email Donna Vasiliou at dvasiliou@gmail.com.

Bay Area GOYA Lenten Retreat

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE
MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD
WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN
HEAVEN

MATTHEW 5:16

Grades 6-12
March 29-31
\$120 per Participant

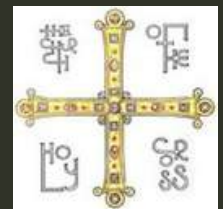
Location
Marin Headlands
Golden Gate National Recreation Area,
1033 Fort Cronkhite, Sausalito, CA 94965

Online Registration can be found at:
www.goholycross.org



Organized by The Church of the Holy Cross
office@goholycross.org

If you have any questions please contact
the church office or Father Manoli at:
frmanoli@goholycross.org





PAN ORTHODOX MISSIONS DINNER & FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Annunciation GOC Hellenic Center

616 Alhambra Blvd. | Sacramento, CA 95816

Sunday, March 24

Pan Orthodox Vespers for Sunday of Orthodoxy at 5:30 p.m.
Mission Dinner & Event Program at 7:00 p.m.

\$20 Dinner Ticket

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(Proceeds will benefit OCMC ministries around the world.)

Come and enjoy a Pan Orthodox evening to learn about OCMC's missionary efforts around the world. Hear the latest news and happenings from the mission field and how you can answer Christ's call to **"go and make disciples of all nations."**

Register and donate online at:
www.ocmc.org/Sacramento

For questions, please contact:

Local Event Chair Nicki Hansen at nhansen@annunciationsac.org
or OCMC Event Coordinator Elaine Drikakis at elained@ocmc.org

Donations can be mailed (payable to OCMC with a note) to:
220 Mason Manatee Way | St. Augustine, FL 32086



Keynote Speaker:

Fr. Martin Ritsi

OCMC Executive Director & Former Missionary

Missions Update from the field:

Jesse Brandow

OCMC Missionary Serving in Central America & Liturgical Translation Team

Opening Remarks by:

Anastasia Barksdale

OCMC Parish Engagement Coordinator

**REGISTER
ONLINE BY
MARCH 18!**





St Basil Coffee Hour

Here at St. Basil we have a wonderful tradition of Fellowship and Hospitality
Coffee Hour is a special part of that tradition.

COFFEE HOUR SERVES TO:

- encourage fellowship
- catch up with friends
- welcome newcomers
- encourage conversation

- Hosting is simple!
- bring snacks & juice
- brew coffee
- set out food & beverages
- clean up

Please volunteer to host a Coffee Hour!
Call the office at (209) 478-7564

Stewardship

a way of life

Thank You 2024 Stewards

Dean & Ruth Alexander

Spilios & Georgi Aliferis

Kiki Allison

Angelo & Olympia Anagnos

Mary Ann Barrous

Jim & Terri Blum

Michael & Christina Boettger

Mary Bravos

James & Angela Brusa

Stephen Chiarchianis

Tom & Deana Chiarchianis

George & Janice Chimiklis

Emily Clifford

Stephanie Craig

George & Victoria Crosthwaite

Gabriel & Iulia Cupsa

Jessica Emery

Fred & Katie Everly

Denise Facaros

Michael & Edna Fields

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Michael & Pat Frangadakis

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Niki Tsirelas

Reminder: send in your commitment card.

(List updated as of February 21, 2024)

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Thank You 2024 Stewards

Juan & Kelly Valenzuela

Donna Vasiliou

Anthony & Danielle Vasquez

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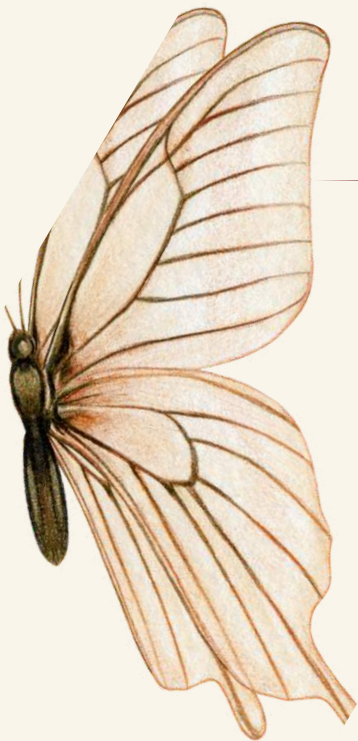
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Basilian Angels

Angelo & Olympia Anagnos

Dea & Ron Berberian

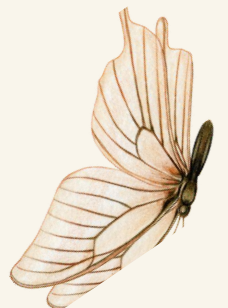
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School

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Gymnastics or Band

Youth Groups

OTHER EVENTS

Birthdays, Sweet 16

Anniversaries

Reunions

Art Show, Gallery Exhibit

Meetings, Conferences

Chamber of Commerce
Events

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p> Strict Fast</p> <p> Wine & Oil allowed.</p> <p> Fish Oil & Wine allowed</p> <p> Refrain from meat</p> <p>No symbol - Fast Free</p>						
<p>3</p> <p>8:15am Orthros</p> <p>9:30am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Father at Ranch for Metropolis Council & Clergy-Laity (3-6)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Family Night, 6-8pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Family Night, 6-8pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Saturday of the Souls</p> <p>Gabriel's Ordination to the Diaconate</p> <p>9:00am Orthros</p> <p>10:00am Divine Liturgy (Note later start times)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Saturday of the Souls</p> <p>Gabriel's Ordination to the Diaconate</p> <p>9:00am Orthros</p> <p>10:00am Divine Liturgy (Note later start times)</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Meatfare Sunday</p> <p>Gabriel's Ordination to the Diaconate</p> <p>8:45am Orthros</p> <p>10:00am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Note later start times)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>VIP (Senior Ministry), 11:30am</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Men's Fellowship, 7pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Men's Fellowship, 7pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Men's Fellowship, 7pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Saturday of the Ascetics</p> <p>8:30am Orthros</p> <p>9:30am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Memorial Prayers to follow</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Saturday of the Ascetics</p> <p>8:30am Orthros</p> <p>9:30am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Memorial Prayers to follow</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Cheesefare Sunday</p> <p>8:15am Orthros</p> <p>9:30am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>OCMC Presentation & Breakfast</p>	<p>18</p> <p>GREAT LENT BEGINS (OFFICE CLOSED)</p> <p>Great Compline, 6pm</p> <p>Catechism to follow</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 6pm and Dinner to follow</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 6pm and Dinner to follow</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 6pm and Dinner to follow</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Salutations, 6pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Miracle of Kollyva</p> <p>8:30am Orthros</p> <p>9:30am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Memorial Prayers after TEEN NIGHT, 6PM, Location: TBD</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Sunday of Orthodoxy</p> <p>8:15am Orthros</p> <p>9:30am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Process of Icons to follow</p> <p>HOPE/JOY with Fr. Pete</p>	<p>25</p> <p>ANNUNCIATION</p> <p>Services in Sacramento or Modesto (OFFICE CLOSED)</p> <p>NO Great Compline or Catechism</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 6pm and Potluck to follow</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 6pm and Potluck to follow</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 6pm and Potluck to follow</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Bay Area GOYA Lenten Retreat (29-30)</p> <p>Salutations, 6pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Parish Lenten Retreat, 8:30am-3:00pm</p>
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