THE BASILIAN

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. BASIL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



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Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!









«Τὴν ἀνάστασίν σου Χριστὲ Σωτήρ, Ἄγγελοι ὑμνοῦσιν ἐν οὐρανοῖς· καὶ ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἐπὶ γῆς καταξίωσον, ἐν καθαρᾳ καρδία σὲ δοξάζειν.»

"Angels in the heavens extol Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior. Count us worthy who are here on earth to glorify You with a pure heart."

Stewardship

The Joy of Giving our Best Gift!

7 Surprising Things a New Orthodox Christian Learned About Orthodox Stewardship:

- Almsgiving should be done in secret.
 However, "Stewardship" since apostolic times is understood to be shared with the community.
- 2. The Stewardship "Pledge" is not a legal obligation. If circumstances change in the year, it's perfectly okay to reduce (or increase!) the amount.
- 3. Stewardship is intimately connected to our personal spiritual growth.
- 4. Stewardship is not an obligation! Our Church frames it as an act of love, gratitude and participation in the life of the Church.
- 5. Biblical promises for blessings that comes from generous giving, e.g., Malachi 3:10 and 2 Cor. 9, can be financial, but not necessarily. Blessings can come in many forms!
- 6. In Orthodoxy, giving is also tired to theosis! Becoming one with God!!!
- 7. We don't have strict rules for giving. It is up to our individual conscience. Giving is a heart "joyful" thing!

From an Orthodox perspective: almsgiving and stewardship are both deeply rooted in the theology of love (agape), service to others, and the responsible use of God's gifts.

Almsgiving (eleemosynary in Greek) is giving to the poor and those in need, either directly or through a charitable organization like the Philoptochos Society or the Int'l Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC).

Stewardship is the faithful management of all God's gifts - time, talents, material resources... It is rooted in the belief that God is the true owner of all things, and humans are caretakers (oikonomoi). It is the primary mechanism we use to 'fund' our parish.

The rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much; for what he gives away remains his forever.

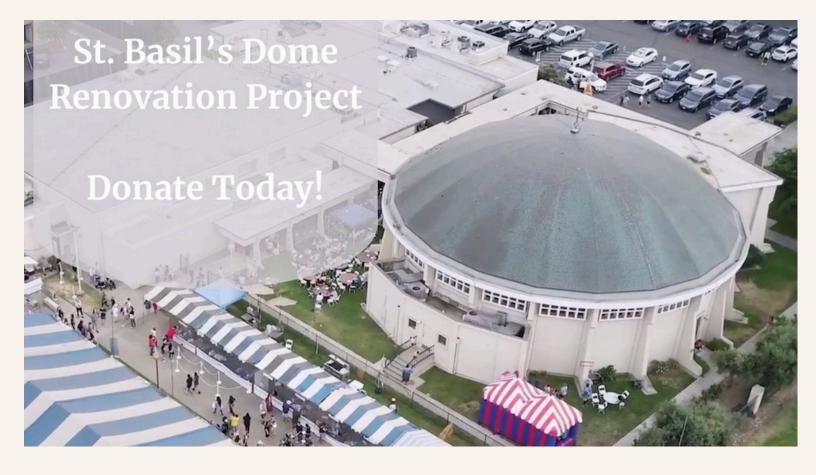
--St. John Chrysostom (347 - 407)





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Be part of St. Basil Parish History for up to 200 years! Your great-great... grandchildren will know you helped make our beautiful dome possible! We approved the stainless steel Titanium Nitride (bronze) color coating that will, as Evie Robinson said at the Parish Assembly, shine like a "halo" over our church - a sign and beautiful silent witness to our community.



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THE QUARTERLY PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings my fellow St. Basil Parishioners,

Since this is the first of four of my quarterly messages, I would like to thank the Parish Council for their faith in me by nominating and electing me as your Parish Council President for 2025. As such, we have a new Parish Council, and I would like to introduce a new Parish Council for 2025:

Executive Officers

Tom Chiarchianis - President

Michael Fields - Vice President

Iim Natsis – Treasurer

Alex Aliferis – Secretary

Parish Council Members

Dennis Goehring, George Kaplanis, Paolo Mariani, Vicki Papachristos, Bill Paraskevas, Jeff Perlegos, Carla Wolf, Anthony Vasquez (appointed).

St. Basil's Standing Committees play an important role for the parish. The 2025 standing committee's and its members are as follows:

Finance & Investments Committee

Jim Natsis – Chairman

Nick Bokides, Dennis Goehring, Creighton Younnel, and Peter Koulouris.

Festival Committee

Peter Koulouris - Chairman

Tom Chiarchianis, Creighton Younnel, and Peter Maduros.

Building & Facilities Committee

Peter Koulouris - Chairman

Rick Gaines, Steve Chiarchianis, and Peter Maduros.

Scholarship Committee

George Chimiklis - Chairman

Patricia Manuse, Grace Koulouris, Michael Fields, and

Alexandra Schoonover.

Stewardship Committee

Edna Fields - Chairwoman

Donna Vasiliou, George Chimiklis, Janice Chimiklis, George Croswaith, Michael Fields, and Danielle Vasquez.

As you are aware, we make our hall available for rent to the parish and the public. For 2025 and (hopefully) beyond, we have a new Chair for the Hall Committee. Edna Fields has agreed to be the new Chairwoman for the Hall Committee. Danielle Vasquez is the Vice-Chairwoman, with me and Edward Graham in advisory roles. If you or anyone you know would like information about renting our hall, please reach out to Edna or Danielle.

It is an exciting time at St. Basil's. If you venture out to the festival grounds, you will find that the new storage building is over halfway to its completion. Hopefully, by this summer we will have extra storage for the festival, Pre-School, and our ministries. Gone are the old truck trailers that were behind the pavilion. When construction is completed, the green 40' semi-trailer located at the southwest corner of our parking lot will also be gone. A big thank you goes out to Peter Koulouris for taking the lead on this project.

As for future projects at St. Basil's, we are still getting bids for the new dome. We have two bids in and hope to have a third bid by the end of this month. It is our hope that our beautiful new dome will be completed sometime next year. Another future project is to upgrade our festival grounds with a new permanent structure over the large grass area where we set up the round tables for the festival. As of now, we are looking into funding mechanisms and a design that will complement the church and the existing pavilion. Watch for more information in the future.

Finally, if you have noticed, the Narthex had some water damage that necessitated the demolition of the ceiling sheetrock and mold remediation. By the time you receive your May Basilian, the installation of new sheet rock completed. The painting of the Narthex hopefully will commence sometime in May. I would like to thank Rick Gaines for managing this project. Without Rick, this project does not get completed.

Well, that is it for now. I will return for the July edition of the Basilian. Just as we are gearing up for the 66 th Annual Greek Festival!

Faithfully,

Tom Chiarchianis

Parish Council President

Greek Independence Day Celebration

Sunday, March 23, 2025











On Sunday, March 23, 2025, the St. Basil Greek Independence Day celebration started with a speech, poems, and dances of Greece. On March 25, 1821, Greeks declared the official independence of Greece from Ottoman Turkish Empire slavery. For over 400 years, the Ottoman Turkish Empire invaded and occupied Greece. The United States of America in the 1820's gave support to the Greek Independence movement. Alex Aliferis gave a speech about Greek Independence Day's special importance. The event opened with prayers from Father Panagiotis Sotiras. The luncheon was sponsored by the Angelo and Olympia Anagnos and family. Georgiana Pappas said the "Pater Imon". Theodora Graham said in Greek, "Eikosipente tou Martious". Justin Sotiras recited "Kolokotronis". Eleni Cariati said a poem about March 25th in Greek. Gigi and Leo Perlegos said in Greek, "Thourios". Evan recited another Greek Independence poem. Justin Sotiras played the clarinet while other kids sang "Dance of Zalongou". Maria Karapanos and Eleni Zarefakis were honored at the event with icons. The event closed with dances from Greece by the St. Basil Greek dance group.

(Text by Alex Aliferis)

Tying of Palm Crosses (Lazarus Saturday) & Palm Sunday

Saturday & Sunday, April 12 & 13, 2025













His Grace Bishop Ioannis's Visit on Holy Wednesday

Wednesday, April 16, 2025







Dying of the eggs Thursday, April 17, 2025

Holy Friday Youth Retreat Friday, April 18, 2025

















On the blessed and **Holy Friday**, our youth from Pre-K through 12th grade spent a meaningful day remembering the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ and preparing for the celebration of Pascha. The children also enjoyed a tasty Lenten lunch made by Diana Hanania and her family. We thank them very much for their kindness and generosity.

They took part in various activities such as coloring wooden Pascha eggs, decorating Pascha candles and other crafts. The children also walked through parts of Christ's journey to the Cross and got ready for the Holy Friday services later that day, through Fr. Pete and Fr. Gabriel's inspiring presentations. It was a special time of learning, reflection, and fun as our youth grew in their understanding of Holy Friday and the true meaning of Easter.

Holy Friday - Kouvouklion, the Lamentations Service, and Procession around the Church

Friday, April 18, 2025













ST. BASIL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY & LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED



WE WILL BE CELEBRATING WITH PIZZA DURING COFFEE HOUR!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

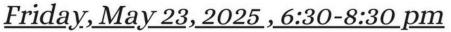






TEEN NIGHT

Grades 6-12



Location: Fr. Pete and Pres. Angie's Home





All teens in middle and high school are invited Friday evening to gather together for a night of fun, faithbuilding, discussion about teen life, pizza and s'mores. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

For more info or RSVP, please contact Pres. Angie: angiesotiras@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



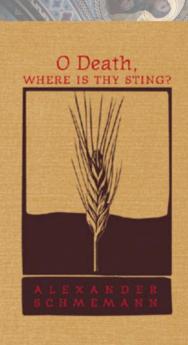
Sunday, May 25, 2025 1:00 pm.

Location: Fr. Gabriel & Pres. Julia's Home

All young adults 18 and above are welcome to join us as we gather once a month for fellowship, chatting about faith, life, and all subjects of interest!

You are welcome to bring a dish or a snack to share!:)

For more information, contact Fr. Gabriel: frgabriel@gosaintbasil.org



ST. MARY AND MARTHA BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Led by Patricia Manuse, LCSW

Wednesdays, May 7 & 21, 2025

12 noon to 1 PM

Location: Fireside Room & Zoom

Reading: O Death Where is Thy Sting by Alexander Schmemann

The group provides a confidential and nurturing environment focused on mutual support, understanding strategies and skills of the grieving process and coping with loss.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Patricia Manuse at **patriciamanuse@gmail.com**.

ST. BASIL'S VIP MINISTRY

This month's presentation topic is going to be:

"Palliative Care ~ Pearls and Perspectives."

A Presentation by Doreen Bestolarides R.N.

(Executive Board Member AADMD)



Doreen's presentation will be one of the lectures that will be displayed at the June 2025

AADMD (American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry)

clinical conference in Phoenix.

Experience in both the clinical and personal context, defining Palliative Care and dealing with the anticipation of loss, will be presented. Pearls of wisdom and points of view are themes that will be tailored to our own familiarity, providing greater understanding of palliative care.

Please join us for the next session:

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

11:30 am - 1 pm, in the Church Hall.

Community News - About Our Family

Our condolences to the Basso family on the death of Marie's mother, **Jennie Micheletos** on March 31 in Manteca. Jennie was born March 2, 1929 in Hanna, Wyoming. A resident of Manteca for 71 she shared 63 years of marriage with her late husband, Bill Micheletos. She is survived by her three children, 4 grandchildren including Michael Basso and Gina (Ryan) Murray and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Annunciation Church in Modesto on April 7. Memory eternal!

Congratulations, a few months late, as our **Emanuel** "Mono" Geralis was appointed to the Lodi Improvement Committee to maintain and improve the quality of life and appearance in Lodi and covers a broad spectrum of the community. This is Mono's first term and will expire in 2027.

Congratulations to **Mel and Bill Bestolarides** on the birth of their granddaughter **Leona Lynn**, daughter of Maria and Jeremiah Scaggs of Lodi. Leona's two year old brother, Nolan welcomed her home. This was the fifth grandchild for Mel and Bill.

APRIL & MAY SACRAMENTS AND BLESSING SERVICES

Sunday, April 6 - Forty Day Blessing for Jonathon, son of Enham and Alex Leveille.

Saturday, April 26 - Baptism for Alexis Hernandez. Sponsors Amelia & Ion Stoica.

Sunday, April 6 - Memorials

John Zarefakis, one year Metaxia (Maxine) Victor, five years

Marriages

Friday, April 25 - Nora Duffy and Jonathan Dorr. Sponsor Julia Karambelas.

Saturday, May 3 - Alexis Hernandez and Nicholas Stefan. Sponsors Amelia & Ion Stoica.

Looking Ahead - graduations are right around the corner. You are welcome to add your grandchild, child or relatives to the list which will appear in the June Basilian - whether nursery school, grade school, junior high, high school, college or grad school, Please submit names to the office or get in touch with Gayle Maduros {gimaduros@gmail.com}. Please include the institution the child is leaving and where they will be attending this fall, if relevant.





Ports of Call may vary by departure date and subject to weather and other conditions

- Day 1: San Francisco, California Oct 05, 2025 | Depart 04:00 PM
- IIII Day 2: Day At Sea
- O Oct 06, 2025 | & Day 3: Victoria, Canada

 - Oct 07, 2025 | 02:00 PM To 11:00 PM
- & Day 4: Vancouver, Canada
 - Oct 08, 2025 | 07:30 AM To 07:00 PM
- & Day 5: Seattle, Washington
 - Oct 09, 2025 | 08:00 AM To 10:00 PM
- IIII Day 6: Day At Sea
 - ① Oct 10, 2025 |
- IIII Day 7: Day At Sea
 - O Oct 11, 2025 |
- Day 8: San Francisco, California
 - Oct 12, 2025 | Arrive 07:00 AM

Join the Past District Governors League of The Daughters of Penelope -District 21 for a 7-day cruise of the Pacific Northwest on board the Ruby Princess out of San Francisco. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the PDG Scholarship Program.

Expedia Cruises has set up a group to give us the best pricing and manage the reservations.* Pricing will be based on the current market price. We will always get the BEST available rate at the time of booking.

Rooms are still available... Call for Pricing!

* Prices are subject to change based on availabilty and the current Princess Promotional Offers. Prices are based on Double Occupancy.

(209) 609-0573

4755 Quail Lakes Dr. Suite B Stockton, CA gropalidis@expediacruises.com

CST: 2152622-40

For cruise booking information, call Gus Ropalidis:

October 5th to 12th, 2025



Daughters of Penelope Sparta Chapter #18

Saturday, May 17, 2025

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Consumnes River Farm

28305 North Thornton Rd Thornton, CA 95686

Tickets \$40

Tickets include:

- Take Home Canvas
- Paint Supplies
- Art Lesson
- Complimentary glass of wine or beverage
- Raffle Entry



Purchase Tickets:

www.consumnesriverfarm.com or available at the Tasting Room, or Contact a Chapter Member.

All welcome; do not have to be 21 year old Proceeds to Benefit DOP Sparta #18



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(List updated as of April 25, 2025)



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Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church Hall Rental



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Reunions

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Meetings, Conferences Chamber of Commerce

Events



Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday		5 6	Fr. Pete & Delegates Away at Ranch for Martha Martha Retreat (May 5-7) Retreat (May 5-7) Ministry - Noon	12 Nid-Pentecost *14 15 ** 16	Catechism, 6:30pm Bible Study, 11am 6:30pm 9:30am	19 Sts. Constantine 21 22	Catechism, 6:30pm bivine Liturgy, 9:30am St. Mary and Martha bereavement ministry - Noon	26 27 28 Holy Ascension 29 # 30	Memorial Day VIP, 11:30am Catechism, 6:30pm Divine Liturgy, 9:30am
Sunday Strict Fast Wine & Oil allowed.	Refrain from meat No symbol - Fast Free	Sunday of the Myrth- 4 Bearing Women	8:15am, Orthros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy	Sunday of the 11 Paralytic	8:15am, Orthros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy (Mother's Day Brunch to follow)	Sunday of the 18 Samaritan Woman	8:15am, Orthros Co 9:30am, Divine Liturgy 6:3 Sunday School Recognition ® Scholarships	Sunday of the Blind 25 Man 8:15am, Orthros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy	Young Adult Gathering Mi © Fr. Gabriel & Pres. (C

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