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Mother's Day Brunch @ St. Basil's

Sunday, May 11, 2025



Stewardship

The Joy of Giving our Best Gift!

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

1. 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 tied 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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Pledge

St. Basil's Dome Renovation Project

Donate Today!



Thank you to the following Donors!

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GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL

SEPT. 5·6·7 | 2025

FRI & SAT: Noon - 10 pm | SUN: Noon - 6 pm

Delicious Greek Food and Pastries
Greek Music and Dancing • Fun for all Ages



- \$5.00 Admission
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or by Calling: (209) 478-7564

*Enjoy the Spirit
of Greece!*



2025 Food Festival Work Party Schedule



Wednesday, June 25, 2025 - **Dolmades** 9:00 AM

Wednesday, July 23, 2025 - **Koulourakia** 9:00 AM

Wednesday, July 30, 2025 - **Kourambiedes** 9:00 AM

Thursday, August 7, 2025 - **Melomakarona** 9:00 AM

Thursday, August 14, 2025 - **Spanakopita** 9:00 AM

Saturday, August 23, 2025 - **Argolavous** 9:00 AM

Monday, September 1, 2025 - **Baklava** 9:00 AM

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 - **Packing Baklava** 9:00 AM



The photograph shows a community meeting in progress. A presenter in a dark uniform stands at the front of the room, addressing a group of people seated at round tables. A large projection screen displays a presentation titled "LOCAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES" which includes text about funding for various projects and several small images. To the left of the screen, a banner for "OCMC MISSION GRANTS" is visible, featuring a QR code and contact information for the OCMC Development Office. The room has a high ceiling and large windows.

A photograph of a community meeting. A woman stands at a podium on the right, addressing a group of people seated around a large round table covered with a blue cloth. A large screen on the left displays a presentation slide titled "Current Secondary 4-6" with a cartoon illustration of a person in a wheelchair and a person with a backpack.

Sunday, April 27, 2025 - Eastern California District (Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Sacramento). Our parish was represented by Sofia Agranovitch, Justin Sotiras, and Basam Hanania. Congratulations to Justin and Basam for advancing to the Metropolis Level!



A group of approximately 18 people, including students and staff, standing in a line and holding certificates or diplomas. They are in a room with a wooden floor and a white wall. A red cloth is draped over a stand in the center of the group.



Teen Night - Friday,
May 23, 2025

Young Adult Ministry - Sunday,
May 25, 2025



ST. MARY AND MARTHA BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Led by Patricia Manuse, LCSW

Wednesdays, June 4 & 18, 2025

Noon - 1:00 pm

Location: Fireside Room & Zoom

**Reading: *O Death Where is Thy Sting*
by Alexander Schmemmann**

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.

O Death,
WHERE IS THY STING?



MORNING BIBLE STUDY

MEETS WEEKLY EVERY THURSDAY
MORNING

11AM - NOON IN THE FIRESIDE
ROOM & ZOOM

Join us for fellowship and studying God's Word as we reflect on 2nd Letter to the Corinthians and how the wisdom found in this Gospel will grant us greater clarity and peace.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday Night,
June 24, 2025

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Fireside Room

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.

We will continue our reflection on the book "All Is Well" by Albert S. Rossi.

For questions or more information contact Father Pete:
frsotiras@gosaintbasil.org

ST. BASIL'S 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 note that the Senior Ministry will begin earlier than usual, at **11:00 AM**.

We also encourage everyone to attend the Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of St. John the Baptist beforehand (9:30 am).

Following the service, we'll head to the hall for coffee, fellowship, and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

in the Church Hall.



Saturday of Souls

Saturday, June 7, 2025

For those who wish the clergy to say the **names** of your departed loved ones, please submit your list of names to the office by **Friday, June 6 at 3 pm.**

Otherwise, you may bring your list the day of and leave it on the front table where the koliva (boiled wheat) dish is.



Father's Day BBQ



SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

FOLLOWING THE LITURGY

**\$10 Adults, \$5 Children,
Children aged 5 and under - free**

**RSVP by Thursday, June 12th, 2025
at the Church Office:**

209-478-7564 office@gosaintbasil.org

St. Basil's Greek Orthodox Christian Church

Art Contest 2024-2025

St. Basil's Sunday School Recognition & Scholarships' Program was held on May 18, 2025.

Enthusiasm abounded, as Sunday School students received certificates & awards. Scholarship presentations were given by AHEPA & Daughters of Penelope (DOP) members.

Daughters of Penelope members also presented the Third Annual DOP & Sunday School Art Contest certificates and awards to participating students. Acknowledgement & appreciation items were given to staff, judges, and the religious community. Anastasia Cook (Sunday School Director), and Kathleen Farros-Hoeppner (DOP Secretary & Art Contest Chair), coordinated the annual art contest, along with the Sunday School teachers.

The Art contest was open to Sunday School students, and the youth of St. Basil's Greek Orthodox Christian Church. Art was inspired by the individual lessons taught by the Sunday School teachers, with work being reproduced in calendars and greeting cards. Proceeds go the DOP Scholarship fund. Processing Stories of the Bible by creating art inspired by the stories, is an additional approach to youth understanding and keeping youth connected with the teachings of the Orthodox Christian Faith.

Thank you to the judges, Mary Carroll-Bundy, Gayle Maduros, and Georgianna Rishwain. Art (that remained anonymous for fairness) was judged, in two Divisions. First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention places were given. Art Contest certificates and awards were presented by Kathy Leles (DOP President) and JoAnne Panagopoulos (DOP Marshall & Sunshine Comm.). All participating students were presented with certificates and an art/craft item.

Congratulations to all the students for the heart-felt work!

Division I

First Place - Juliana Hanania

Second Place - Bassam Hanania

Third Place - Ethan Gordora

Honorable Mention - Senay Corfu

Honorable Mention - Peter Naweem

Division II

First Place - Salinna Corfu

Second Place - Syrus Jeffrey Cook

Third Place - Skylar Matthew Cook

Honorable Mention - Maria Hanania

Thank you parents, Sunday School Director - Anastasia Cook & Teachers - Samira Bitar, Maria Karapanos, Sali Graham, Anjelina & Veronica Falcinella, and Presvytera Angie Sotiras, for your encouragement of student's art and allowing time for the art lessons in the classroom.

Thank you, Father Pete and Presvytera Angie and Father Gabriel and Presvytera Iulia for your support!

Looking forward to the **2025 - 2026 Art Contest that will begin in September, 2026.**

Card sets are for sale through Daughter's of Penelope during Coffee Hours or by contacting Kathy Leles kleles@att.net or Kathleen Farros-Hoeppner ksfarros@gmail.com to order.

Final printing will include - June 2025 - May 2026.

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Kitchen Wish List

Our kitchen is in need of **donations** to replenish items used by all ministries. Your generous help with donating an item, donating a gift card to Costco, Smart N Final, etc. will greatly assist in keeping the kitchen stocked and ready for all!

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| • Ground Coffee | • Stevia Packets |
| • Paper Coffee Filters, Regular and Large | • Non-Dairy Creamer |
| • Coffee Stir Sticks | • Half & Half |
| • Hot Beverage Cups 10-12 oz | • Dawn Dish Soap |
| • Cold Beverage Cups (for water & juice) | • Comet |
| • White Napkins | • Cleaning Spray for counters |
| • Paper Plates – Luncheon and Dessert sizes | • Steel Scrubbers or brushes for dishwashing |
| • Paper Bowls | • Laundry Detergent |
| • Plastic Forks | • Bleach |
| • Plastic Spoons | • Trash Bags, Large and small |
| • Plastic Knives | • Aluminum Foil |
| • Disposable Rectangular Tablecloths or Large Roll | • Plastic Wrap |
| • Sugar Packets | • Ziplocs (all Sizes) |
| • Splenda Packets | • Large aluminum baking pans |

Please bring your donations to the church kitchen on Sunday or to the office.

Questions: Kelley Bestolarides (209)607-1166 or kbesto@me.com

Community News - About Our Family

Daughters of Penelope Paint and Sip Event

Our first annual Daughters of Penelope Paint and Sip event was a huge success. It was held at the Consumnes River Farm Winery owned by Elena and Nick Panos on Saturday May 17. Over 20 women came out from Stockton, Elk Grove, Modesto and Tracy to paint a wonderful scene depicting Greece and enjoying everyone's company. Winners from the raffle were Vicki Papachristos and Teri Blum. Proceeds from this event will go towards the non profit organizations we support in our area. We thank everyone who attended and look forward to another Paint and Sip in the fall.



Constantine Koulouris, a huge Giants fan, got a foul ball at the Giants-Rangers game on Sunday, April 27 2025. He attended with his Papou, Mother and friend, Aaron.



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!

**Thank you to our June
Coffee Hour Hosts:**

6/8 – The Aftias Family
6/15 – Olympia Anagnos
**6/22 - St. Basil's Church
Choir**
6/29 - Open





Past District Governors League Scholarship Fundraiser Cruise

October 5th to 12th, 2025

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
- Day 2: Day At Sea
⌚ 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
- Day 6: Day At Sea
⌚ Oct 10, 2025 |
- Day 7: Day At Sea
⌚ 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 availability and the current Princess Promotional Offers. Prices are based on Double Occupancy.

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For cruise booking information,
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LIVING A STEWARDSHIP

It is all about your heart...

Everything we have is a gift from God
that we are to use to help others.

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John & Sunday Borges
Constantine Bordokas
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





Art Show, Gallery Exhibit

Meetings, Conferences

Chamber of Commerce
Events

June

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fathers of the 1st Council St. Justin the Martyr Orthros, 8:15am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am (St. Justin relics to be brought out)	1 Strict Fast  Wine & Oil allowed.  Fish Oil & Wine allowed.  Refrain from meat No symbol – Fast Free	2  Wine & Oil allowed.  Fish Oil & Wine allowed.  Refrain from meat No symbol – Fast Free	3 Sts. Mary & Martha Grief Ministry, noon Fr. Pete Away (June 4-7)	4  Sts. Mary & Martha Grief Ministry, noon Fr. Pete Away (June 4-7)	5 Bible Study, 11am	6  Saturday of Souls 8:30am, Orthros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy Memorial Prayers to follow
Holy Pentecost Orthros, 8:15am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am Pentecost Kneeling Service to follow	8 Orthros, 8:15am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am Pentecost Kneeling Service to follow	9 (NO Fasting this week)	10 (No Fasting)	11 Bible Study, 11am	12 Bible Study, 11am	13 Fr. Pete Away (June 13-20) (No Fasting)
All Saints Sunday Orthros, 8:15am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am Father's Day BBQ luncheon to follow	15 	16 	17 	18  Sts. Mary & Martha Grief Ministry, noon	19  Bible Study, 11am	20 
Orthros, 8:15am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am	22 	23 	24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist 8:30am, Orthros 9:30am, Liturgy VIP, 11:00am Men's Fellowship, 7-8:30pm	25  Festival Work Party— Dolmathes, 9am	26  Bible Study, 11am Parish Council Meeting	27 
Peter & Paul the Holy Apostles Orthros, 8:15am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am	29 Fr. Pete Away (June 29-July 3)	30 St. Basil Fireworks Sale (June 28-July 4)	July 1 	July 2 NO Bible Study	July 3 Independence Day (Office Closed)	July 4 
						July 5 St. Basil Fireworks Sale (June 28-July 4)

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