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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!

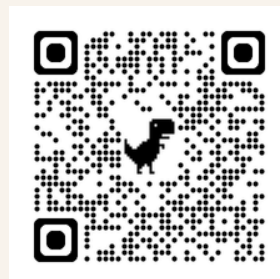
From an Orthodox perspective: almsgiving and stewardship are both deeply rooted in the theology of love (agape), service to others, and the responsible use of God's gifts.

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!



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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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# 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
- Children 11 and under are FREE when accompanied by an adult

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*Enjoy the Spirit  
of Greece!*





# VIP Ministry - Tuesday, April 29, 2025 & May 27, 2025



Fr. James Retelas Presenting (April 29)



Doreen Bestolarides Presenting (May 27)

## St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

**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!



**Metropolis Level at St. Nicholas Ranch in Dunlap, CA - Saturday, May 10, 2025**





# 2025 Food Festival Work Party Schedule



Thursday, June 26, 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

## **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](mailto:patriciamanuse@gmail.com).

**O Death,  
WHERE IS THY STING?**



**ALEXANDER  
SCHMEMMANN**



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**







# 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.

*Life*

Jerimiah Alba  
Dean & Ruth Alexander  
Spilios & Georgia Aliferis  
Kiki Allison  
James Anagnos  
John Anagnos  
Angelo & Olympia Anagnos  
Harriet Anagnos  
John A. Anagnos  
Popi Anagnos  
Steve Anagnos  
Buck & Mary Carroll-Bandy  
Becky Bennetto  
Ron & Dea Berberian  
Paul & Stephanie Bestolarides  
Ted & Kelley Bestolarides  
Jim & Terry Blum  
John & Sunday Borges  
Constantine Bordokas  
Jim & Mary Bravos  
James & Angela Brusa  
Theodore Carademos  
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Stephan & Jodie Chiarchianis  
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Tom & Deana Chiarchianis  
George & Janice Chimiklis  
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Emily Clifford  
Michael & Stephanie Craig  
George & Victoria Crosthwaite  
Fr. Gabriel & Pres. Iulia Cupsa  
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Economou Family  
Jessica Emery

Katy Everly  
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Mary Facaros  
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Mrad Goriye  
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Stella Graham  
William & Sylvia Hanania  
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Michael & Despina Johnson  
Tasso & Gertie Kandris  
Kostas & Dimitra Kapiniaris  
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Mark & Lisa Kapogiannis  
Robert & Katherine Kassab  
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Nasi & Katie Koutsoulis  
Ghazwan Krnfli & Barea  
Ghandour  
Despina & Andreanna Ksidakis  
Harriet Lappas  
Goldie Lewis  
Leo & Vasiliki Lewis  
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Spanos Family  
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(List updated as of May 28, 2025)



## Basilian Angels

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Katina Peris  
Dean Poullos

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#### **FAITH-BASED**

Weddings

Baptisms

First Communion

Quincenerias

Memorials

#### **FUNDRAISERS**

Crab Feeds

School

Sports

Dance, Cheer,  
Gymnastics or Band

Youth Groups

#### **OTHER EVENTS**

Birthdays, Sweet 16

Anniversaries

Reunions

Art Show, Gallery Exhibit

Meetings, Conferences

Chamber of Commerce  
Events



# June

# 2025

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



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