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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. BASIL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



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2025 Food Festival Work Party Schedule

Wednesday, July 31, 2025 - Spanakopita 9:00 AM

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

Saturday, August 9, 2025 - Keftedes 10:00 AM

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 - Kourambiedes 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









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.

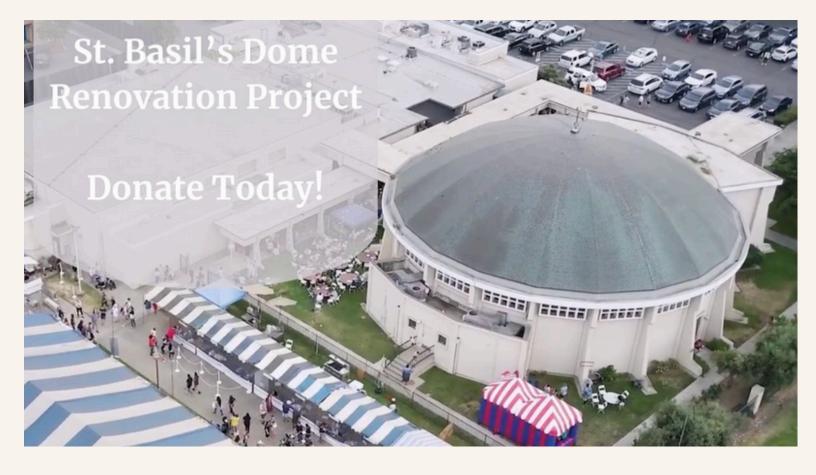
--St. John Chrysostom (347 - 407)





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Pledge



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Stephan Saturno
Juan & Kelly Valenzuela
Jerry Victor
Steven J. Walton

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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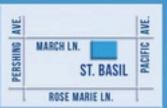
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GREEK FOOD FOOD FINAL

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

For More Information Visit: Facebook.com/GreekFoodFestivalStocktonCa or by Calling: (209) 478-7564





Show your support for our 66th Annual Greek Food Festival by donating to your favorite booth(s). Gifts in any amount are much appreciated.

Choose from the following:			
I AM DONATING			
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To the following booth(s):			
Taverna (New)	Kafenio	Loukaniko (Sausage)	
Snow Cone (New)	Spanakopita	Meatball Pita	
Kid Zone Games (New)	Pasta/Tri Tip	Суго	
Pastries	Falafel	Lamb/Souvlaki	
Loukoumades	Calamari	Marketplace	
NAME			
EMAIL ADDRESS			
ADDRESS			
PHONE NUMBER			

___CHECK INCLUDED ___CREDIT/DEBIT*

*(Please check one, for credit/debit payments, scan the QR code or call the office to make a payment using your debit or credit card.)

Checks payable to: Saint Basil's Greek Orthodox Church. NOTE: PUT "FESTIVAL FRIEND" IN THE MEMO LINE Mail or drop off your check to the Church Office



St. Basil's Firework Sales

(June 28 - July 4, 2025)



Cynthia and Edna would like to thank all of the volunteers at our 2025 fireworks booth. They made it possible for us to have a successful fundraiser for the parish. All of the funds raised will be used to support and enhance our many ministries in the parish. There were over 30 volunteers who came out and helped over the course of a very full week. We also want to thank Fr. Gabriel for his support in helping and recruiting some of the volunteers who helped us transfer the fireworks from the storage unit to the booth and back each day. And of course we want to thank all of the parishioners who purchased their fireworks from the St Basil fireworks booth. It was a fun time of fellowship and raising money for our parish. Most of all we want to thank the Lord for blessing this endeavor.









St. Basil Campers @ Summer Camp - St. Nicholas Ranch, Dunlap

(July 6 - July 12, 2025)









Dolmades Work Party

(June 26, 2025)











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.

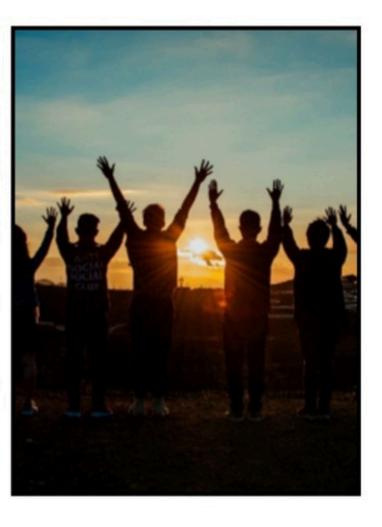
COFFEE HOUR SERVES TO:

- · 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.



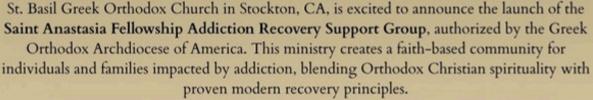
ST. BASIL OUTREACH GREETERS TEAM NEEDS YOU!!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY LEARN TO WELCOME VISITORS

BE ON THE 'BUDDY SYSTEM' AS A GREETER ON SUNDAY

Contact Terri Blum 209-610-5425/ blumteri@vahoo.com

SAINT ANASTASIA FELLOWSHIP: ADDICTION RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP



Meeting Schedule

When: 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, starting September 14, 2025 Support Group: 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room

920 W. March Lane, Stockton, CA (adjacent to the parish hall)

Lay-Led Paraklesis to St. Anastasia: 7:15 PM in the Church (open to all!)

The Saint Anastasia Fellowship offers a safe, supportive space for those facing addiction, relapse, or the risk of developing it—along with their loved ones. Grounded in Orthodox Christian faith, the group is facilitated by a trained Orthodox Christian in recovery. We uphold a sacred commitment to confidentiality, and sharing personal experiences is entirely voluntary. Everyone is welcome on this path of hope, healing, and renewal.

St. Anastasia, Deliverer from Addictions, pray for us!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: MICHAEL FIELDS PHONE: 209-817-1913 EMAIL: MICHAEL.FIELDS44@PROTON.ME



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!

•	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
•	Paper Bowls		dishwashing
•	Plastic Forks	•	Laundry Detergent
•	Plastic Spoons	•	Bleach
•	Plastic Knives	•	Trash Bags, Large and small
•	Disposable Rectangular Tablecloths or Large	•	Aluminum Foil
	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

A very special THANK YOU to:

Ted Bestolarides
Katie Everly
Kirstin Herron
Deana Mariani
Steve Walton

For your very generous and much appreciate kitchen donations!

Community News - About Our Family

May/June Sacraments & Blessing Services

Baptism - June 28

We are delighted to share that Jackie Hutchins was baptized on Saturday, June 28, 2025, as she took on her chosen baptismal name of Saint Monica. Her Godmother is Emily Clifford. Jackie's husband Xynxyl and their sons Quamar and Quincy, along with their family and friends from church, joined us in celebrating this blessed occasion. We warmly welcome Jackie to our community and extend our heartfelt congratulations to her and her family. Thank you to everyone who attended and made this day truly special. Congratulations again to Jackie and her family!



Marriage - May 3

Alexis Hernandez and Nick Stefan. Their sponsors were Ana and Ion Stoica.

Forty Day Blessing - June 22

Marcell Simoni Horton, son of Megan Evins and Marcell Horton.

Memorial - June 22

One year for Nick Aftias.

St. Basil Graduates

Elementary School

Justin Sotiras - Brookside Elementary to Lincoln High School

• Junior High

Ariadne Evette Sola - McCandless Charter School, Lincoln Unified to St. Mary's High School

• High School

Bassam Hanania - Lincoln High School to University of the Pacific

Andrew Mourad - Lincoln High School to San Joaquin Delta College

Nectarios Veziris - Weston Ranch High School to San Joaquin Delta College

Jackson Vasquez - Marys High School to Simpson University

• AA degree

Ava Tounou - Delta College to Sacramento State University

• College/University

Stephanos Pappas - University of Nevada, Reno - College of Business, Major in Business Administration and Marketing

Constantine Koulouris pitched a no-hitter for the Hoover-Tyler All Star team June 26th.

In addition to being awarded the game ball by his coach, Constantine was awarded the game ball by the coach for the other team for consoling his distraught player who made the last out of the game.



Dimitri Arabatzis, from Los Angeles, will entertain St. Basil Greek Food Festival patrons with his incredible Greek Dancing performances all three days of the Festival.





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

- Buy 1: San Francisco, California
 Oct 05, 2025 | Depart 04:00 PM
- B III Day 2: Day At Sea
- ① Oct 06, 2025 |
- J Day 3: Victoria, Canada
 - Oct 07, 2025 | 02:00 PM To 11:00 PM
- - Oct 08, 2025 | 07:30 AM To 07:00 PM
- å Day 5: Seattle, Washington
 - Oct 09, 2025 | 08:00 AM To 10:00 PM
- Day 6: Day At Sea
 - O Oct 10, 2025 |
- Day 7: Day At Sea
 - Oct 11, 2025 |
- Buy 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.

(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





Jerimiah Alba
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Kiki Allison
James Anagnos
John Anagnos
Angelo & Olympia Anagnos
Harriet Anagnos

John A. Anagnos
Popi Anagnos
Steve Anagnos

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Kathleen Farros-Hoeppner & Family

Georgios Fidentzis

Michael & Edna Fields

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William & Sylvia Hanania William & Sylvia Heinrich

Kirstin Herron

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Mike & Kristi Hyllen

Ken & Maria Jochimsen

Barbara Johns

Michael & Despina Johnson

Tasso & Gertie Kandris

Kostas & Dimitra Kapiniaris

George & Kathy Kaplanis Mark & Lisa Kapogiannis

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Goldie Lewis

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Gayle Maduros

Krystalo Mandarakas

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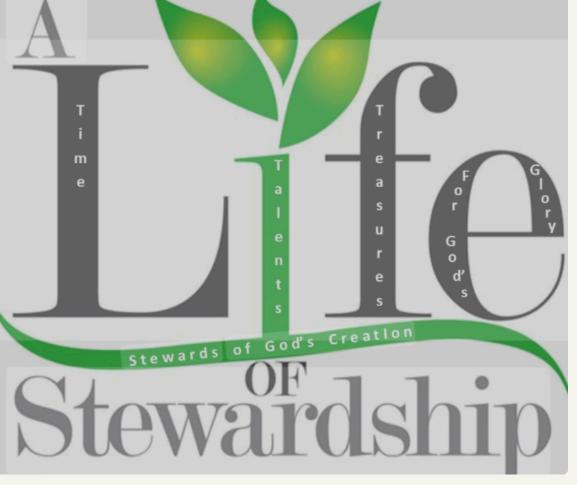
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John & Evette Sola



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Eraclis & Marianthe Tsirelas
Steve Walton

(Steward & Basilian list updated as of 6.15.2025)

Basilian Booster's



Ted H. Bestolarides, CPA

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Hall Rental Information

Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church Hall Rental



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

Call Edna Fields @ (209) 598-5746 or email HallRental@gosaintbasil.org

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Weddings

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School

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Dance, Cheer, Gymnastics or Band

Youth Groups

OTHER EVENTS

Birthdays, Sweet 16

Anniversaries

Reunions

Art Show, Gallery Exhibit

Meetings, Conferences

Chamber of Commerce Events

August

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Saturday		Keftedes Work Party 9:00 am		Argolavous Work Party 9:00 am		od Festival
Friday	Dormition Fast Begins Small Paraklesis, 6:00pm	\$ Small Paraklesis, 6pm	Dormition of the 15 Theotokos ? Orthros, 8:25am Divine Liturgy. 9:30am (Office Closed)	- S2 - +	Beheading of St. 29 St. John the Baptist Orthros, 8:25am Divine Liturgy. 9:30am	St. Basil Greek Food Festival (Sept. 5-7)
Thursday		Great Paraklesis, 8am (note earlier service start time) Melomakarona Work party, 9am	Great Vespers & Lamentations for the Dormitton, 6.00pm	21	28	Sept. 4
Wednesday	please contact vineyards the remainder of August 11).	Transfiguration 46 Orthros, 8:25am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am Small Paraklesis, 6pm	Small Paraklesis, 6:00pm	Kourambiedes Work Party 9:00 am	4 27	Sept. 3
Tuesday	If you would like your vineyard blessed, please contact the office. The Fathers will be blessing vineyards following the Liturgy on Aug. 6 and for the remainder of the week (and if need be the week of August 11).	NO Great Paraklesis Great Vespers for the Transfiguration, 6:00pm	Great Paraklesis, 9:00am	19	26	Sept. 2 Baklava Packing Work Party, 9am
Monday	If you would like the office. The following the Li the week (and	\$4 4 Small Paraklesis, 6pm	Small Paraklesis, 6:00pm	18	25	Ecclesiastical Sept. 1 New Year (Labor Day—Office Closed) Liturgy, 8am (NO Orthros) Baklava Work Party 9am
Sunday	Strict Fast Wine & Oil allowed. Fish Oil & Wine allowed Refrain from meat No symbol - Fast Free	8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Greek Dance Parent meeting after Liturgy	8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy

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