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## A TIME FOR RENEWAL

Beloved Faithful of St. Basil's,

As we prepare to begin a new ecclesiastical year on September 1 st, it is my hope and prayer that we will continue to grow as a parish family in our Lord and to fulfill His will in our lives as members of His Body, the Church.

I want you to know what a privilege and honor it is to serve you, along with Fr. Gabriel. This September 1st, I'll have been your Priest for 13 years and as such, I thank God for all of you and for your love and dedication to our Lord and to fulfilling His mission here at St. Basil's.

In light of this time of service (including my four years prior as an assistant Priest at Holy Cross in Belmont), I feel that this is the right time to embark upon a three-month sabbatical, which our Archdiocese offers its clergymen after six years of continuous service in the same parish, with the local Hierarch's blessing.

A sabbatical is a time for renewal and restoration. I plan to use this time to devote to personal growth and also ways to be more effective in ministering to you. Additionally, I hope to return with more resources to strengthen our parish and to equip our ministry leaders and volunteers. Of course, I hope to also enjoy some family time. When we arrived here at St. Basil's, Justin was just a toddler. We are raising 4 children here and watching our oldest enter high school last month was a stark reminder of how quickly these precious years pass by.

With the joyful news of Fr. Gabriel and Pres. Iulia expecting their first child at the end of January, I wanted to be back in sufficient time before baby Cupsa arrives. In light of all this, my sabbatical will instead begin on Sunday, October 12 and last until January 12, pending the Metropolitan's approval.

In order for a sabbatical to achieve its intended purpose, it will mean me being away from the parish and away from my administrative and pastoral duties. While I may make the occasional appearance for the Divine Liturgy on Sundays with my family, I also hope to attend Liturgy at other parishes. During my time away, Fr. Gabriel will continue to minister to you and work with the Parish Council and our ministry leaders to ensure that your pastoral and spiritual needs are met.

Once again, I want to thank you all for the constant love and support you have shown to me and my family. I look forward to a beautiful and edifying new ecclesiastical year as we continue our journey towards the Kingdom of God.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Pete





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Is for young adults 18 and above who will gather for a night of fellowship, chatting about faith, life and all subjects of interest!

*First Meeting: September 28*

## **Greek Dance**

Sundays after Sunday School for youth of all ages.

**Sunday School Resumes** - Sunday, Sept. 21. Sunday Education instruction starts up again for the 2025-2026 year for our youth in pre-K through high school! We look forward to a great year of our youth growing in their relationship with Christ!

# Stewardship

## The Joy of Giving our Best Gift!

*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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# Expanded Perspective: Compassionate Stewardship

By **Fr. Jim Kordaris**, Archdiocese of America, Director of  
Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism.

... The words “Let us go forth in peace” [at the end of every Divine Liturgy] send us out to the world in which we live and work to witness our faith, not with words, but with love and compassion for others.

To love in the way Saint Paul writes to the Christians at Corinth means that we can't live without compassion for others. The love that Saint Paul describes in his letter is an expression of stewardship. Stewardship is everything we do after we say, “I believe.” Stewardship is about how we live our lives and make our choices. Love and stewardship are inseparable when we consider God's blessings in our lives...

We are called to be compassionate stewards, placing the needs of others before our own. Scripture is filled with passages of God's call for us to be generous, loving, compassionate givers. In his Second Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul tells us of God's call for us to “**excel in the grace of giving.**” We are “hard-wired” to live as members of the Body of Christ and serve our larger community with compassion and love.

Our parishes can be transformed, becoming beacons of Christian love as we care for one another, face challenges together, and serve our neighbors. We [are] known as Christians by the love and compassion we embody as a parish family.

The priority of compassionate stewardship is not paying the congregation's bills. It is about how we, as a community, can do God's work with love and compassion. It is less about the parish's need to receive, and **more about our need to give.** It is our generosity with the gifts and blessings God has entrusted to us. Compassionate stewardship is an attitude and a way of life.

*Fr. Jim Kordaris serves the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America as Director of Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism and is the priest at Saint George Church in Kingston, New York.*

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. Almsgiving and stewardship are both deeply rooted in the theology of love (agape), service to others, and the responsible use of God's gifts.



# St. Basil's Dome Renovation Project

## Donate Today!



## Thank you to the following Donors!

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Angelo Dakopolos  
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Helen Perlegos  
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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# 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

For More Information Visit:  
[Facebook.com/GreekFoodFestivalStocktonCa](https://www.facebook.com/GreekFoodFestivalStocktonCa)  
or by Calling: (209) 478-7564

*Enjoy the Spirit  
of Greece!*





# Festival Work Parties

A big thank you to everyone who came out to help prepare the delicious foods and sweets for our upcoming Greek Food Festival! We truly couldn't do it without you. Your offerings of time and efforts are truly appreciated! God bless you and your families!





# The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

Thursday & Friday (Aug 14 & 15, 2025)



Many thanks to everyone who helped decorate the beautiful Kouvouklion, with special appreciation to Demetra Veziris for leading the effort. May the Panagia always intercede for us all!

## Χρόνια Πολλά, Happy Name Day to Father Pete!

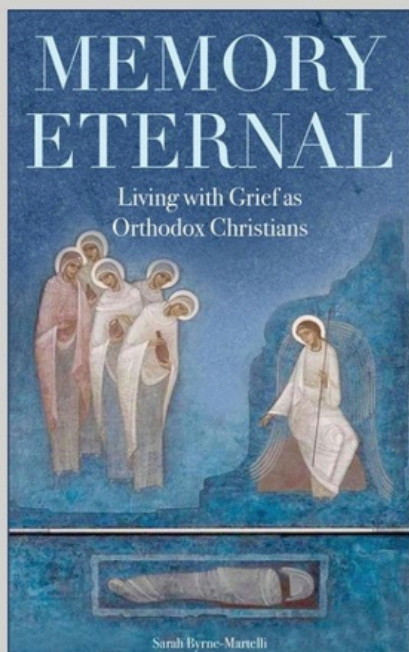




# Saints Mary and Martha Grief and Loss Group

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...

A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. (Ecc.41:3)



The Grief and Loss Support Group will be starting in September at St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church. The foundation book is **Memory Eternal: Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians** by Sarah Byrne-Martelli. To order a copy of the book before our first meeting, please email Patty: [patriciamanuse@gmail.com](mailto:patriciamanuse@gmail.com); call or text: (209) 337-5401.

Grief is inevitable. Death of a loved one invokes the most profound grief whether it is the loss of a spouse, parent, child, or unborn infant. The book addresses grief related to the death of a loved one and provides an understanding of death according to Orthodox Theology. The loss of anything that holds meaning to you may provoke a grief response including the following:

**Loss of a job, unemployment, loss of a relationship, divorce, loss of mobility, loss of independence, financial instability, death of a loved one, death of a pet, a life changing illness or injury, relocation, homelessness, anticipatory grief, loss of safety after trauma.**

**COMMON MYTHS ABOUT GRIEF: Time heals all wounds! Crying makes grief worse! You will get through it! Get over it! There is a right way and a wrong way to grieve!**

**Join Patty Manuse** as she offers a pathway through mourning that leads to deeper communion with Christ; The Holy Spirit as Comforter – Paraclete – guides us from darkness to light, from sorrow to joy! Each meeting is based upon a specific subject. Through guided discussion, handouts, and readings you will cultivate ways to walk through the pain of grief to a place of peace and hope.

In this support group we will cover topics including: An Orthodox understanding of grief, The grieving process, signs, and symptoms, Memory Eternal ~ Liturgical rhythms for grieving, Self Care through prayer, physical exercise, nutrition, and support network, Holiday Blues ~ tips for coping with grief during the holidays, Creating a sacred space for prayer, forgiveness, and peace.

**Tuesdays, Sept. 9 & 23 , 2025**

**11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

**Location: Fireside Room & Zoom**



# Ministry FAIR

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, 2025**  
**AFTER LITURGY**

Every September we remind our faithful about all the wonderful ministries we have to offer. Following the Divine Liturgy, please be sure to check out our Ministry Fair in the Church Hall, and all that we have to offer!

ST. BASIL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, STOCKTON, CA

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



**Sunday, September 28,**  
**Following Coffee Hour, in the**  
**Fireside Room.**

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!

For more information, contact Fr. Gabriel:  
[frgabriel@gosaintbasil.org](mailto:frgabriel@gosaintbasil.org)

## SAINT ANASTASIA FELLOWSHIP: ADDICTION RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church in Stockton, CA, is excited to announce the launch of the **Saint Anastasia Fellowship Addiction Recovery Support Group**, authorized by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. This ministry creates a faith-based community for individuals and families impacted by addiction, blending Orthodox Christian spirituality with proven modern recovery principles.

### 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)

**Paraklesis Service 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](mailto:MICHAEL.FIELDS44@PROTON.ME)







## LADIES BOOK CLUB

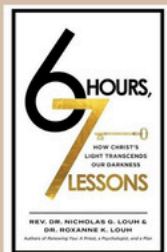
**TUESDAY,**

**SEPT. 23, 2025, 6 - 8 PM.**

**LOCATION: PRES. ANGIE'S HOME.**

Join us once a month for a potluck dinner and book club for women focused on Orthodox Spirituality, the lives of the Saints, and other various reads, promoting growth in our faith, relationships and lives.

**Reading:** "6 Hours, 7 Lessons" by Fr. Nicholas and Dr. Roxanne Louh.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Tuesday Night,  
September 30, 2025**

**7:30 pm - 9:00 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.

For questions or more information contact Father Pete:  
[frsotiras@gosaintbasil.org](mailto:frsotiras@gosaintbasil.org)

## New Coffee Hour Ministry

Our weekly **Coffee Hour** is such a vital part of St. Basil's. Taking time to come together in fellowship and celebration of our community is a wonderful expression of our love for one another. We realize that hosting a coffee hour might seem daunting and have begun the process of aligning with other churches in our area to implement **Group Coffee Hour Teams**. In order to make the hosting more affordable, less time consuming and easier for everyone, we will be forming teams of **3-4 families** or friends and ask that each team commits to providing coffee hour 2-3 times per year. We will ask that one person within the team be the point of contact and organize among the team.

Our church will provide the basic supplies, i.e. plates, napkins, cutlery, coffee and creamer. Coffee Hour Teams are asked to bring food items like muffins, fruit and cookies. This can be homemade or purchased and does not need to be extravagant!

We are beginning the process of grouping teams and welcome your requests. If you have people you would like to host with, we would love to accommodate you! Please forward any requests to [kbesto@me.com](mailto:kbesto@me.com) or stop by the Volunteer Sign-up table in the church hall on Sundays!

Thank you for your patience as we move forward.

Kelley Bestolarides & Kirstin Herron





# Family Night at St. Basil's

Join us for an evening of prayer, dinner and discussion for all ages!

Thursday nights from 6-8 pm at St. Basil's!

**Starting September 25, 2025.**

**All Ages Invited!**



**VESPERS**

6:00 pm



**DINNER**

6:30 pm



**DISCUSSION**

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Break-out sessions for  
adults and youth!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES!

We return on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Sunday Religious Education instruction starts up again for the 2025-2026 year for our youth in pre-K through high school! We look forward to a great year of our youth growing in their relationship with Christ!

For more information, please contact our Sunday School Director, Anastasia Cook at: [stbasilreligioused@gmail.com](mailto:stbasilreligioused@gmail.com).





“A Journey to Fullness” is a 16 part video-based series with Fr. Barnabas Powell, designed to introduce people to the beauty and riches of the Orthodox Christian Church.

It is an introduction (not a catechism) to the Orthodox faith and the life of the Church. All are welcome. Drop-ins welcomed.

**Beginning: September 22nd through October 20th**

**Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Place: St. Basil's Spanos Hall**

**\*\*Dessert and coffee served**

## MORNING BIBLE STUDY

NEW READING - GOSPEL OF MARK

FIRST MEETING - SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

**11AM - NOON IN THE FIRESIDE  
ROOM & ZOOM**

Join us for fellowship and studying God's Word as we reflect on the Gospel of Mark and how the wisdom found in this Gospel will grant us greater clarity and peace.

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Please join us for the next session:

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025,

in the Church Hall, following the Divine Liturgy.

We warmly encourage you to attend the Divine Liturgy celebrating the Feast of St. Euphemia the Great Martyr.

Orthros at 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

## **FAMILY PROMISE PRESENTATION AND Q&A**

Please join us for an informative presentation on Family Promise and an opportunity to ask questions following the Divine Liturgy in the Hall. Family Promise of San Joaquin County Executive Director Joy Gwasdoff will be with us and presenting also.

Additionally, there will be a table set-up in the Hall on Sunday, Sept. 14 and Sunday, Sept. 21 to learn more about the program.

For further questions, please contact Family Promise Coordinator – **Veronica Fulcinella** at: (559) 260-8691 or at [faithkeeper@msn.co](mailto:faithkeeper@msn.co).





## **ST. BASIL TO PARTICIPATE IN FAMILY PROMISE PROGRAM OCTOBER 19-25**

It is with great joy that we share with you our parish's participation in the Family Promise program October 19-25. Family Promise is a fantastic organization that seeks to reduce family homelessness and support low income families in San Joaquin County to achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. Specifically, Family Promise's innovative model — using existing space like congregations, and volunteers motivated by compassion —has helped hundreds of children and adults in our community.

On average, 88% of the people served in their shelter program secure housing within three months. Because of the depth of services and community support, families stay housed. By bringing the community together on the issue of family homelessness, Family Promise addresses a major social problem in a holistic, effective way. For more information and details of how Family Promise has helped homeless families, please check out their webpage at [familypromisesjc.org](http://familypromisesjc.org).

At their August 19 meeting, with the full support of Fr. Pete, our Parish Council--in a 7-4 vote--approved the program to take place.

For the week of October 19, 3-4 families (up to 14 individuals), comprised of parents and their children, will arrive on our campus 6pm each evening and depart 6am. These families will stay in our Fellowship Hall where they will be provided meals, food items, overnight supervision and hospitality by our own volunteers along with volunteers from the Latter-Day Saints community. Dividers will be provided by the Family Promise program for each family to have their own area, with air mattresses and if needed, bedding for each. The Family Promise program will also provide the families transportation to and from our campus.

It's also important to share that these families are screened for mental illness and drug use and commit to background checks and fingerprinting. Family Promise also does screen vaccinations and checks for health issues. Additionally, the families time on our campus will not overlap during Preschool hours.

Please note our parish is not expected to fund this ministry. Instead, there is an Amazon Wish List to help defray costs for Family Promise so that the Family Promise program can focus on helping families find permanent housing. The following link is our Amazon Wish List and we are happy to accept gently used items on the list: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2IE514TFQD9F9?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2IE514TFQD9F9?ref_=wl_share)

For more information or to offer any assistance, please contact our parish Family Promise coordinator, **Veronica Fulcinella** at: (559) 260-8691 or via e-mail at: [faithkeeper@msn.com](mailto:faithkeeper@msn.com)

## **MESSAGE FROM FR. PETE REGARDING FAMILY PROMISE PROGRAM**

Dear Faithful and Friends of St. Basil's,

I am pleased to share with you the news that our parish will be participating in the **Family Promise** program, Oct. 19-25. Please see the Family Promise article in this issue for further details about this incredible organization and how their strategy is effective in helping homeless families achieve financial stability and secure housing.



As many of you know, one of the most essential purposes of our Church is to practice philanthropy. One thinks of the Lord's words in the Gospel of Matthew when He will ask at the universal judgment if we fed the hungry, clothed the naked, visited the sick, came to those in prison and **took in the stranger** because if we did or didn't, we did or didn't do those things to Him (Matthew 25:31-46).

There is also our own patron saint, Basil the Great, whose life and efforts completely align with a program like Family Promise. St. Basil established the "great philanthropic foundation...that later came to be known as the Basiliad. Here the poor and diseased were able to receive food, shelter, and medical treatment free of charge...it eventually grew into a large complex of buildings that not only served as a distribution center for donated goods, **but also provided shelter to the homeless..**" (On Social Justice, St. Basil the Great, translation by C. Paul Schroeder).

For me, it's this last point about St. Basil and the Basiliad, that truly convicts me that we should be doing this program. The life and actions of St. Basil should inspire us and guide us because he is the patron saint of our parish and that has to mean something more than just having his name and his relic.

The other reason for us to have this program is due to its effectiveness to get families back into housing and to stay housed. We often talk about the plight of homelessness, but often feel helpless in contributing to a solution--this program attempts to do just that and by partnering with Family Promise, we can say that St. Basil's is doing something tangible to address the homeless problem. Of course, our parish has done many other things in the past for those less unfortunate, and participating in this program is yet another example of our love for God and neighbor.

I know there might be some worried that those who will be staying on our campus might be on drugs or mentally unwell and unsafe but rest assured this will not be the case--I too would not be comfortable with this (and please know I'm not judging those addicted to drugs and with mental illness; it's just that they need extra support that we cannot provide). The 3-4 families (up to 14 people) who will be with us are screened for drug use and mental illness; they are parents with at least one child, who due to financial hardship are in this unfortunate situation, which is something that can happen to anyone. During the day they are utilizing Family Promises' center and resources to find employment and become financially stable. Family Promise also does screen vaccinations and checks for health issues.

There are also some who might be wondering if the families are on campus during Preschool hours. No, the families arrive on our campus at 6pm and depart at 6am, which means they leave before the Preschool kids arrive and arrive after the Preschool kids leave.

Knowing that there may be further questions or concerns regarding this program on our campus, we will have a presentation on Sunday, September 28 in the Hall after Liturgy and have Family Promise of San Joaquin Executive Director Jory Gwasdoff with us (he was also presented to us back this past March 16). In addition, we will have a Family Promise table in the hall on Sundays, Sept. 14 and 21 for further opportunities to answer questions and/or if you wish to volunteer. Lastly you can reach out to our parish Family Promise coordinator, Veronica Fulcinella at: (559) 260-8691 or via e-mail at: [faithkeeper@msn.com](mailto:faithkeeper@msn.com) for more information or if you would like to volunteer in some capacity.

I want to thank Veronica Fulcinella for assuming the lead role in coordinating this ministry for our parish. I also want to thank all our volunteers who will be ministering to the 3-4 families that will be with us the week of October 19 th . I am also grateful to the Parish Council members who gave their support to this endeavor.

May our Lord bless our efforts, and may St. Basil the Great intercede for us and for the families who we will be ministering in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

With love in our Lord,  
Fr. Pete



# COMING SOON!

## New Parish Directory

PHOTO BOOTH WILL BE FOUR CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS -  
OCTOBER 5TH , OCTOBER 12TH, OCTOBER 19TH ,  
AND OCTOBER 26TH.

This project is being funded and produced in the church. Signups for the Photo booth start September 14th in the Church Hall during Coffee Hour. You may call the office to sign up.

Watch emails for personal information update FORM. Updates of addresses can be made by phone and in the Hall on Sundays at the Informational tables. There will be a Business advertisement section, no charge. Donations accepted.







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

Congratulations to **Tom Chiarchianis**, President of our Parish Council, on receiving the **AHEPA Heroes Award** - a national honor recognizing exceptional service to the church, community, and philanthropy. The award was presented by E. Chris Kaitson, now Supreme President of AHEPA, at the Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Axios, Tom, and thank you for your faithful service!



Recently **Ray Rishwain** was honored in San Francisco for his years of dedication as North American Chairman of The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch the philanthropic arm of the Antiochian Archdiocese. Ray received the St. Raphael of Brooklyn Gold Medal at the event. Ray and Georgianna for many years traveled across North America visiting parishes and attending gatherings to build membership and offer support to the Order members and it's many projects.

Many in the parish were acquainted this Georgianna's Rishwain's brother **Nick Nicola** and his lovely wife Jajat who resided in the Bay Area. Najat offered services as an outstanding floral designer to many groups, including Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute in Berkeley. She died following a brief illness July 16 at the age of 72. Services were held at Ascension Cathedral in Oakland July 20. May her memory be eternal!

Congratulations to **Michael Basso**, 43, son of Marie and Bob Basso who was recently appointed a local judge. A law graduate of McGeorge School of Law, Michael has worked the past 14 years in the workmen's compensation area in the law office of Joseph J. Barlupo, representing clients in Stockton, Sacramento, Fresno and Oakland. He will be serving as the sitting judge at the Workman's Compensation Appeal Court located in Lodi as of October 1, 2025.

## SACRAMENTS & BLESSING SERVICES

**Forty Day Blessing** - August 3, Sophia, daughter of Carley and Joseph Siliverdis.

**Six Month Memorial** - July 27, Kosta Panos.

**One Year Memorial** - August 21, Chris Paraskevas.

**Two Year Memorial** - August 10, Tom Kandris.

**Five Year Memorial** - August 17, Kay Chiarchianis.

**Ten Year Memorial** - August 21, Maria Bestolarides.

## OBITUARY

**Jane Evelyn Demas**, born April 19, 1952, in Stockton, passed away on June 23 due to an accident. She was the daughter of the late Virginia and Dr. Nicholas Demas and is survived by her devoted sister Kathryn Demakopoulos, along with cousins, nieces, nephews, grand-nephews, and friends. Jane graduated from Long Beach State and worked in banking and at Apple before becoming a middle school science teacher. She faced health challenges with strength and grace. A Trisagion service was held on July 26 with Fr. Gabriel Cupsa officiating, and committal will be private. Memory eternal!



# RANCH IMPROVEMENT WEEKEND

*Pool Party | Movie Night | Work Projects | Worship | Fellowship*

**For all ages\***

**SEP. 12-14, 2025**

**Join us for the  
Feast of the Holy  
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PROVIDED**

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John Anagnos  
Angelo & Olympia Anagnos  
Harriet Anagnos  
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Steve Anagnos  
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Becky Bennetto  
Ron & Dea Berberian  
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Diego & Crystal De Alba  
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Katy Everly  
Nick Evmorfia

Denise Facaros  
Mary Facaros  
Veronica Falcinella  
Charles & Dawn Faris  
Nick & Jesslyn Farros  
Kathleen Farros-Hoeppner & Family  
Ilias Fidelis  
Georgios Fidentzis  
Michael & Edna Fields  
William & Susan Filios  
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Diana Manos  
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Michael & Helene Spanos  
Thomas Spanos  
William & Maria Stamos  
Maria Stefan  
Nicholas Stefan  
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Dino Theodoratos

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Phyllis Trachiotis  
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Dean Poullos



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Youth Groups

#### **OTHER EVENTS**

Birthdays, Sweet 16

Anniversaries

Reunions















Art Show, Gallery Exhibit

Meetings, Conferences

Chamber of Commerce  
Events



# September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>Strict Fast</b>  Wine & Oil allowed.  Fish Oil & Wine allowed.  Refrain from meat No symbol – Fast Free	Ecclesiastical New 1 Year <b>NO Orthros</b> Divine Liturgy, 8am Baklava Work Party, 9am	2	 3	4	 5	6
<div>St. Basil Greek Festival September 5-7 (Please note Liturgy on 9/7 starts at 9am!)</div>						
Sunday before 7 Holy Cross Orthros, 7:45am Divine Liturgy, 9am (Note earlier start times due to Festival)	Nativity of the 8 Theotokos Orthros, 8:30am Liturgy, 9:30am	9	 10 Grief Ministry, 11:30 AM, Fireside Room & Zoom	11	 12 St. Nicholas Ranch Improvement Weekend, Sept. 12-14 (See flyer for more information)	13
The Elevation of 14 the Cross  Orthros, 8:30am Liturgy, 9:30am St. Anastasia Ministry, 6pm	15 Euphemia the 16 the Great Martyr Orthros, 8:30am Liturgy, 9:30am VIP after Liturgy	16	 17	18	 19	20
Sunday after 21 the Cross Orthros, 8:30am Liturgy, 9:30am Sunday School resumes & Ministry Fair	22 Journey to Fullness, 6pm Church Hall	23	 24	25 Bible Study, 11am Family Night, 6pm	 26	27
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Luke 28 Orthros, 8:30am Liturgy, 9:30am Young Adult Fellowship, 12pm, Fireside Room St. Anastasia Ministry, 6pm	29 Journey to Fullness, 6pm	30	Oct. 1 	Oct. 2 Family Night, 6pm	Oct. 3	Oct. 4



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