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FR. PETE'S 3 MONTH SABBATICAL BEGINS OCT. 12, 2025

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Since my announcement in last month's Basilian, I received the blessing from His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos to proceed with my sabbatical Oct. 12 - Jan. 12.

As I mentioned, this will be a time for personal and vocational renewal and growth, during which time I hope to equip myself and our leaders with the resources needed to be more effective in bringing the salvific love of Christ to all people. I thank everyone for their support in undertaking this unique and wonderful opportunity.

While I'm away from the parish, I have the utmost confidence that Fr. Gabriel will continue to minister to you with great care and devotion and, along with the Parish Council and our ministry leaders, fulfill our mission in uniting people to our Lord. I have no doubt you will give Fr. Gabriel, Pres. Iulia and our leadership your love and support, remembering the words of St. Paul: "fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." (Philippians 2:2)

With love in Christ,

Fr. Pete



Stewardship

The Joy of Giving our Best Gift!



Stewardship in a Greek Orthodox parish is a sacred calling rooted in faith, love, and responsibility. It reflects the understanding that all we have—our time, talents, and treasures—are gifts from God, entrusted to us to nurture and share for His glory and the building of His Church. In the Greek Orthodox tradition, stewardship is not merely financial support but a holistic commitment to living out the Gospel through active participation in parish life.

At the heart of stewardship is the recognition that the Church is a living community, sustained by the faithful who offer their unique gifts. This includes contributing financially to support the parish's ministries, maintaining the sacred space of worship, and funding outreach programs that serve those in need. However, stewardship extends beyond monetary giving. It involves volunteering for liturgical roles, teaching Sunday school, or helping organize cultural and charitable events, such as food drives or festivals, which strengthen the parish's bond and witness to the world.

In the Greek Orthodox faith, stewardship is deeply tied to the **Eucharist**, where we offer our lives back to God in gratitude. By embracing stewardship, we become co-workers in Christ's vineyard, ensuring the parish thrives as a beacon of faith, hope, and love in the community.

The Eucharist is a sacrificial meal, reenacting and participating in Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the Cross. During the Divine Liturgy, the priest prays, "Thine own of Thine own, we offer unto Thee, on behalf of all and for all," emphasizing that the gifts of bread and wine—representing the created world and human labor—are offered back to God, transformed by the Holy Spirit into the Body and Blood of Christ. This act mirrors the stewardship of our lives: just as we offer the bread and wine, we are called to offer our entire selves—our time, talents, and resources—back to God in thanksgiving (the Greek word *eucharistia* itself means "thanksgiving").

This offering is deeply personal and communal. By partaking in the Eucharist, Orthodox Christians unite themselves with Christ and one another, surrendering their will to God's will and committing to live according to His commandments. It's a transformative act where the faithful give themselves back to God, seeking to become vessels of His love and grace in the world. Thus, the Eucharist is both a gift received from God and a gift returned to Him through a life of faith, service, and stewardship.

*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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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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INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE 2026 PARISH COUNCIL?

Are you interested in being part of the Parish Council? According to Fr. Harakas, a well-known Orthodox theologian and Professor, “Parish councils help do the work of the church. And ‘the work of the church’ is to continue the work of Jesus Christ in the world. The council is one of the ways the laity of the Orthodox Church share in the church’s work of preaching, teaching, blessing, sanctifying, directing, guiding and realizing the community of believers.”

If you are interested in being on the Parish Council, or wish to nominate someone, here are a few things to keep in mind:

1. If you wish to run for the PC or nominate someone, please pick up the Application for Parish Council Candidacy and other pertinent forms from the Church office. The deadline to turn in the form is by **Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 4:00pm** at the Church office.
2. Each term is for two years.
3. All who wish to run for the Parish Council, whether incumbent Council members or new candidates, are required to attend a Parish Council Seminar. The date of the PC Seminar will be **Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 6:30pm** in the Fireside Room.
4. All who wish to run for the Parish Council must also be a member of good standing for at least one year. What does it mean to be in good standing?
 - Canonically Baptized and/or Chrismated in the Orthodox Church;
 - 18 Years of Age or over;
 - Live according to the tenets of the Orthodox faith;
 - Faithfully attend Divine Liturgy, observe Fast Days & participate in the sacraments such as Holy Communion and Confession;
 - New: Must complete Archdiocesan Youthworker On-line Training and Background Check
 - Contribute toward the progress of the sacred mission of the Church;
 - Remain current in stewardship obligation to the Church (*the priest may waive this under special circumstances*);
 - Cooperate in every way towards the well-being of the Parish.
5. Date of Elections will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 7** immediately after the Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall.

St. Basil Bookstore News!

Living Liturgically during the Orthodox Nativity (Advent) Fast

Orthodox Nativity Wreath: As the weather brings down the temperature and we become surrounded by Fall colors and foliage, it reminds us that we are approaching the season of the Orthodox Nativity and Advent. The Orthodox Nativity Advent Fast is the 40 days leading up to the birth of Christ. It begins on Friday, November 15, 2025. The Nativity Fast is a time to prepare our hearts to receive the coming Lord. Growing up I wasn't aware of the Nativity Advent Fast, other than fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays. I became aware of the Nativity Advent Fast and the Advent Wreath while attending an Antiochian Church in Modesto, St. James several years ago. I embraced the tradition of adorning my home with an Advent Wreath to mark the liturgical rhythm of fasting and worshipping during the Nativity Fast. Although the Advent wreath did not originate in the Orthodox Church, it has been transformed by Orthodox communities, especially in America. The Advent wreath first originated in Germany in 1830 and is attributed to Johann Hinrich Wichen (1880-81), a pastor in Germany. He built a wreath of an old cartwheel to help the children count the days until Christmas (Ascetic Life of Motherhood). In the original version, small candles were lit every weekday and Saturday during Advent. On Sundays, a large white candle was lit. It is recorded that German immigrants brought this tradition to America. The Orthodox embraced the Advent wreath to light our homes and mark the fasting period. Candles are symbolic to Orthodox worship. Lighting a candle as we enter the Narthex is a prayerful act symbolizing the light of Christ! In Western Tradition the Advent wreaths have four or five candles. In typical fashion the Orthodox transformed the Advent wreath to characterize Orthodox Liturgical rhythm and to sanctify the home. The Orthodox Advent wreath uses a circle of greenery with 7 candles to mark the weeks of the Orthodox Nativity Fast, including an 8th candle that is lit Christmas Day. The circular wreath represents the eternal nature of God, and the evergreen branches symbolize the eternal life through Christ. The candles represent Christ, the Light of the world. The Advent wreath engages your children in keeping track of the days in the Fasting period and participating in prayers.

How to use an Advent Wreath: Light one candle for each Sunday throughout Advent – light the first candle on the first day of Nativity Fast (November 15). From then on, light one additional candle each Sunday, increasing by one each week. Some fasting periods contain only six Sundays, and some only five. If the 7th candle in the circle isn't needed for a Sunday before Christmas, you can light that one on Christmas Eve. Light the 8th candle on Christmas Day. By Christmas Eve, every candle in the circle should be lit, and on the feast of the Nativity of our Lord, you light all the candles including the one in the center. (Ascetic Life of Motherhood).

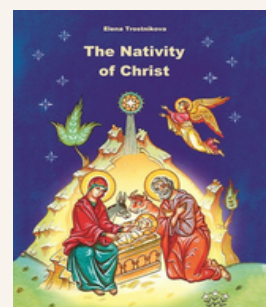
Integrating an Advent wreath into your home should take on the rhythm of your own home in a way that suits your family. Some families may light the candles on Sundays only accompanied by daily prayers, hymns, or scriptural readings designated by the Orthodox Liturgical calendar. Others prefer to light them every day sharing Bible readings together. You can also pair the readings from the Jesse Tree or practice singing the hymn of the Nativity. It is suggested to find a way that fits with your routine, blesses and sanctifies your home and your family.



Orthodox Advent Resources:

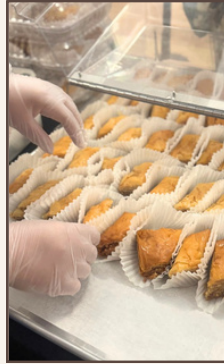
- **Nativity Sermon Series, hymns, readings, fasting guidelines** Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
- **Advent Readings, Study and the Jesse Tree** Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese
- **Orthodox Advent Wreath: A Daily Devotion Book** Legacy Icons
- **Orthodox Advent Guide for Families: Fall/December Bundle** the Ascetic Life of Motherhood
- **Fabric Advent Calendar:** Draw Near Designs
- **40 Day Advent Countdown Cards** by Draw Near Designs
- **Holly and Ivy Orthodox 40 Day Advent Candle and Activity Cards** Parousia Press
- **Wooden Advent Wreath Kit** through Draw Near Designs
- **Brass Advent Wreath through Legacy Icons**

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, the St. Basil Book Store will be displaying Nativity Advent Wreaths, books, icons of the Nativity, Nativity Ornaments, Nativity Activity Books for Children in the fellowship following the Divine Liturgy. Please stop by our display to browse Orthodox Advent Wreaths to adorn and sanctify your home during the Nativity Fast and Christmas season. *Plan Ahead!* Purchase Christmas gifts for family members or Godchildren.



Greek Food Festival 2025

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Greek Food Festival a wonderful and successful event—just as it is every year! We are so grateful to all the volunteers, organizers, and supporters who gave their time, energy, and enthusiasm. Thank you for all your efforts! God bless you!



Ladies Book Club - September



Family Night Resumed



The background of the entire page is decorated with clusters of blue and pink balloons tied with gold ribbons, and delicate floral sprigs with yellow and pink flowers and green leaves. The text is centered and reads:

Fr. Gabriel & Pres. Julia's
Baby Gender Reveal

He or She

SUNDAY, OCT. 12, 2025

*In the Church Hall, during
Coffee Hour*

New Parish Directory

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

This project is being funded and produced in the church. You may sign up for the photos in the Hall during Coffee Hour, or call the office to sign up ((209) 478-7564). 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.

TRUNK OR TREAT!!!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

6 PM-7:30 PM



PIZZA DINNER BEFORE THE FESTIVITIES START

Wear your costume and join us for dinner and trunk or treating in our parking lot!

Please keep costume Church appropriate (ie: no demons, witches, zombies, devils, etc).

Bring candy to share and decorate your trunk if you're able!

For more information, contact Fr. Gabriel Cupsa
(857) 361 6138 frgabrielegosaintbasil.org



NOVEMBER 2ND, 2025

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNUAL

TURKEY LUNCHEON

TURKEY AND ALL THE
TRIMMINGS

ADULTS \$15 CHILDREN \$5
UNDER 2 FREE

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY
FRIDAY OCTOBER 24TH

PLEASE CALL OFFICE FOR CASH PAYMENTS
CHURCH OFFICE: (209) 478-7564

PAY ONLINE BY USING QR CODE OR [SIGN UP HERE](#)



New Coffee Hour Teams Sign-up's

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to provide to host coffee hour as a TEAM and to those who have been willing to jump in and start this year! You are so appreciated! We are so happy to accommodate your team and the members you'd like to work with!

Please stop at the sign-up table during coffee hour on Sundays or email your team requests to kbesto@me.com.

Thank you for your help and patience,

Kelley Bestolarides & Kirstin Herron

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

11/16 12/7

11/23 12/14

11/30 12/21



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!

- Bottled Water – Small and Regular Sizes
- Ground Coffee
- Paper Coffee Filters – 12 cups
- Cold Beverage Cups – 8-10oz
- Paper Plates – 10in and 12in
- Plastic Forks
- Plastic Spoons
- Plastic Knives
- Disposable Rectangular Tablecloths or Tablecloth Rolls
- Half & Half
- Dishwashing brushes or scrapers
- Laundry Detergent
- Bleach
- Trash Bags – Large and Small
- Aluminum Foil
- Plastic Wrap
- Ziplocs – all sizes
- Large aluminum baking pans

Thank you to everyone who has donated - your support is greatly appreciated!

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

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

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

NEW READING - GOSPEL OF MARK

THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 2, 9, 16 & 30, 2025.

NO BIBLE STUDY ON OCTOBER 23RD!

**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.



FESTIVAL THANK YOU PARTY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

STARTING AT 6:00 PM

IN THE CHURCH HALL



St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church

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 join us for the next session:

Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025,

in the Church Hall, following the Divine Liturgy.

We warmly encourage you to attend the Divine Liturgy celebrating the Feast of the Holy Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord.

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



LADIES BOOK CLUB

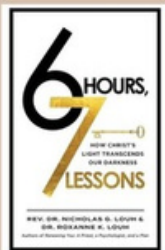
TUESDAY,

OCT. 14, 2025, 6 - 8 PM.

LOCATION: VICKI PAPACHRISTOS'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,
October 28, 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.

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

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!

October 2nd & 16th, 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!

SAINT ANASTASIA FELLOWSHIP: ADDICTION RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Please note the day change for the Fellowship from Sunday evenings to
Wednesday evenings!

Meeting Schedule

When: Wednesdays, October 8th & 29th, 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: MICHAELFIELDS44@PROTON.ME

CULTIVATING A LIFE OF PRAYER: LIVING LITURGICALLY IN YOUR HOME

Become a prayer partner! The **prayer ministry** is for everyone. If you are looking for a way to serve and fulfill a 'calling' join us!

“The true aim of our Christian life consists of the acquisition of the Holy Spirit of God.”

“Acquire the Spirit of Peace and a thousand souls around you will be saved.”

(St. Seraphim of Sarov)

Patty Manuse will host our first meeting of 2025/2026 Liturgical Year.
It will be a potluck dinner.

58 W. Geary Street, Stockton, CA 95204

Date: Monday, October 27th, 2025

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

It was during the COVID Pandemic that parishioners at St. Basil came together organically to form a prayer group. It was January 2022. We were all feeling isolated from our community and expressed a powerful sense of purpose to offer intercessory prayers for ourselves, our family, our church, our community and for the state of the world. In February 2022 we began meeting twice a month over zoom. At the first meeting of the month, we read the book *Cultivating a Life of Prayer* by Fr. Alexander Goussetis. It was a 28-Day Workbook. The book broke down prayer into accessible steps. One of the first steps was to build a home prayer area – iconostasis to create our own sacred prayer space. We read and discussed articles on prayer by Church elders, spiritual teachers, and the lives of Saints.

At the second zoom meeting each month we would recite/pray the Paraklesis Service together. We played the Paraklesis CD by *Eikona*! We chose the Paraklesis Service as it is a supplicatory prayer to the Theotokos for healing during times of distress, sorrow, discouragement, and sickness. The Service of the Paraklesis to the Theotokos consists of hymns of supplication to obtain consolation and courage. We each recited names of loved ones, friends, coworkers, and parishioners during the Paraklesis for spiritual, mental, and physical health and wellbeing. We also recited the Jesus Prayer. We recited prayers for the living and the dead.

The prayer group stopped meeting on zoom a couple of years ago. Our prayer group continues to remain connected by a group text. Each of us provides names of parishioners, loved ones, friends daily who are struggling in their personal lives with a range of afflictions. A wooden prayer bowl placed in the Narthex along with prayer cards to write-in the names of someone struggling who would like us to pray for them. Teri Blum monitors the prayer card requests and either informs the prayer group or the priest according to which boxes checked on the card. *A rule of thumb is to pray for everyone a minimum of 40 days for everyone.*

The prayer group members gathered this summer for a potluck at my home. We reviewed an article related to a parish prayer ministry. We decided to expand the scope of the prayer group and invite new prayer partners from the parish.

The consensus from the group:

Meet at least once per month. Another idea is to meet at homes of prayer partners. Read The Seven Mysteries of the Lord's Prayer taken from translation by St. Makarios of Corinth. Add Daily Meditations on the Lord's Prayer "Our Father" by Princess Ileana of Romania Mother Alexander. Recite the Compline – Evening Prayer Service. Continue to Build a prayer chain by submitting names of parishioners and others who are struggling in their lives and agree to their name submitted to the prayer partners. *Prayer partners to recite the individual name a minimum of 40 days in our daily prayer.*

Current Prayer Partners Include:

Terri Blum
Michael Fields
Edna Fields
Ken Joachimsen
Helen Manolatos
Carla Wolfe
Tracey Sittig
Emily Clifford

Mary Carroll (Buck)
Vicki Papachristos
Patty Manuse
Fr. Nektarios (Memory Eternal)
Gayle Maduros
Donna Vasiliou
Fr. Pete Sotiras (spiritual advisor)
Fr. Gabriel Cupsa (spiritual advisor)

GRIEF MINISTRY

Led by Patricia Manuse, LCSW

Tuesdays, Oct. 14 & 28, 2025

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Fireside Room & Zoom

Reading: Memory Eternal: Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians by Sarah Bryne-Martelli.

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 email Patty:
patriciamanuse@gmail.com; call or text: (209) 337-5401.

MEMORY ETERNAL

Living with Grief as
Orthodox Christians



Sarah Bryne-Martelli

OBOA Overview/Press Release from Orthodox Observer

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Center for Family Care announces the awarding of a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. for the establishment of a new initiative On Behalf of All: Toward an Accessible Divine Liturgy for Children with Disabilities.

The grant of \$1,250,000 will provide funding for a period of five years for this project that has as its purpose to bring together people with disabilities, caregivers, priests, pastoral leaders, and others with disability ministry expertise, to chart and address barriers to participation, foster collaboration among parishes working toward this effort, provide education and professional development for clergy and pastoral leaders, pilot best practices, design and gather resources, and create replicable models for use in and beyond the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

His Eminence **Archbishop Elpidophoros of America** expressed his gratitude for the support from Lilly Endowment, stating, "We are deeply honored to receive this grant through the Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer Initiative for a first-of-its-kind national project focused on ensuring engaged and supportive participation of children with disabilities in Orthodox Christian worship. I am confident that the work of the pilot parishes will result in the full participation of these children and their families and caregivers into the heart of Orthodox Christian faith and practice."

On Behalf of All is a five-year program that has as its centerpiece the creation of a cohort of at least 12 pilot parishes across the Archdiocese which will engage deeply with the question of how to ensure the accessible participation of children with disabilities in the Divine Liturgy. The other components of the project will nest around the core Accessible Parish Pilot program to support it through resource design, gathering, and implementation; assessment and evaluation; collaboration; dissemination of learning; and building capacity for project replication beyond the grant period.

The grant is funded by Lilly Endowment's Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer Initiative, a national initiative designed to help Christian congregations more fully and intentionally engage children in intergenerational worship and prayer practices.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is a private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts by Eli Lilly and Company. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion. The principal aim of the Endowment's religion grantmaking is to deepen and enrich the lives of Christians in the United States, by seeking out and supporting efforts that enhance the vitality of congregations and strengthen the pastoral and lay leadership of Christian communities. The Endowment also seeks to improve public understanding of diverse religious traditions by supporting fair and accurate portrayals of the role religion plays in the United States and across the globe.

Accessibility Coaches: On Behalf Of All (OBOA) is a five-year Lilly Endowment Inc. funded initiative of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese which seeks to make the worship practices of the Orthodox Church accessible to children with disabilities, ages birth to 12 years. We aim to create a nationwide directory of people who:

- have disabilities and are advocates
- are professionals such as Special Education teachers, OTs, PTs, STs, child/family psychologists/counselors, and caregivers for disability populations, who are willing to apply to provide guidance for the Pilot Parishes as Accessibility Coaches within the scope of the grant stipulations.

These persons will commit to helping the OBOA Grant Director and Asst. Director and Pilot Parish representatives establish goals based on the use of a provided assessment tool, lead a parish-wide retreat at their assigned parish, and provide an average of 2-4 hours per month of virtual or in-person support and problem-solving assistance for Pilot Parishes regarding the incorporation of children with disabilities. Approved coaches will be paired with parishes depending on their disability ministry experience and each parish's specific needs.

St. Basil Parishioner **Doreen Bestolarides R.N.** has completed the interview process, recommendation letter by Father Pete, and interviews to become one of the pilot parishes Accessibility Coach. More exciting information will be forthcoming.



Daughters of Penelope - Sparta #18



Let's support Family Promise by collecting hygiene donations during coffee hour on Sunday, October 19th.

CURRENTLY ACCEPTING:

- Kleenex
- Toilet paper
- Hypoallergenic baby wipes
- Liquid hand soap
- Paper towels
- Monetary donations

To become a member of Sparta #18,
contact any member for more information

METROPOLIS YOUNG ADULT FALL RETREAT



"GLORY TO THEE FOR EVERY STEP
OF MY LIFE'S JOURNEY"

HIKE + RETREAT + FELLOWSHIP



METROPOLIS OF
SAN FRANCISCO

OCTOBER 16-19, 2025
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STEWARDSHIP

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Nick Aftias
Jeremiah Alba
Dean & Ruth Alexander
Spilios & Georgia Aliferis
Yiota 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
Steve & Doreen Bestolarides
Ted & Kelley Bestolarides
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Constantine Bordokas
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James & Angela Brusa
Theodore Carademos
Juan & Bridgette Cardenas
Jarred & Alona Chacon
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Stephen N. Chiarchianis
Tom & Deana Chiarchianis
George & Janice Chimiklis
Eric & Antonia Cole
Emily Clifford
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George & Victoria Crosthwaite
Fr. Gabriel & Pres. Iulia Cupsa
Evanthia Davis
Diego & Crystal De Alba
Joseph Dominguez
Economou Family
Jessica Emery

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
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Michael & Patti Frangadakis
Charles & Yumi Frank
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Rick & Debbie Gaines
Kaia Gardemeyer
Aaron & Helen Garner
Emanuel Geralis
William & Angela Gibson
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Elias & Rana Goriye
Mrad Goriye
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Abed Hanania
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OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Strict Fast  Wine & Oil allowed.  Fish Oil & Wine allowed  Refrain from meat No symbol - Fast Free			 1	Bible Study, 11am Family Night, 6-8pm	 3	4
2 nd Sunday of Luke 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	6 Journey to Fullness, 6-8pm	7 St. Anastasia Ministry, 6pm	 8	9 Bible Study, 11am Choir Practice, 5:45pm	 10	11
Sunday of the 7 th Ecumenical Council 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	13 Fr. Pete begins Sabbatical (Oct. 12-Jan. 12) Journey to Fullness, 6-8pm	14 Grief Ministry, 11:30am Ladies Book Club, 6pm	 15	16 Bible Study, 11am Family Night, 6-8pm	 17	18
Fr. Gabriel and Pres. Iulia's Baby Gender Reveal during Coffee Hour 3 rd Sunday of Luke 19 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	20 Prayer Ministry, 6-8pm	21 Grief Ministry, 11:30am Men's Fellowship, 7pm	 22	23 St. James the Apostle 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy VIP Ministry to follow NO Bible Study	 24	25
Family Promise Program Week (Oct. 19 through Oct. 25)						
6 th Sunday of Luke St. Demetrios, The Myrrh- Streamer 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Relic of St. Demetrios to be brought out for veneration	27 Prayer Ministry, 6-8pm	28 Grief Ministry, 11:30am Men's Fellowship, 7pm	 29	30 Bible Study, 11am Trunk or Treat, 6-7:30pm	 31	Nov. 1

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