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Stewardship

The Joy of Giving our Best Gift!

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

~ 1 Peter 4:10

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to take this moment to tell you about stewardship. When I think of stewardship, I used to think what I believe many people think of when it comes to that word; money. Of course money is an important part of stewardship, but it is far from the only part. Orthodox Christian stewardship is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. The ultimate goal of our stewardship is to promote our spiritual growth and strengthen our faith. Stewardship calls us to give of ourselves to God in three key ways: Time, Talent, and of course, Treasure.

Giving our Time to God through prayer and participation in the holy sacraments are the foundation of our stewardship. God has given us the gift of life and the will to decide what to do with the time we have on this earth. I know many of us have obligations. We all lead busy lives, and the time in the days, weeks, and months of the year gets eaten up by the many different things we choose to do with it. How often do you choose God? Giving our time to God can come in many forms: attending Divine Liturgy on Sundays, participating in the Sacraments, participating in church ministries, reading the Bible, and personal prayer are just a few of the ways that we can give our time to God.

Stewardship

Giving our Talent to God through service to the church can allow us to strengthen our bonds of stewardship to each other as a community. God has gifted all of us with abilities, and our church and community thrives when we use those abilities to further God's plan. Oftentimes our abilities are used for personal gain, but how often do we use those abilities to benefit others? Talents can come in many forms, and we need to ask ourselves how our talents can best serve the church. What skills do we have that others may not? How can those skills be best used to serve God? Are there needs in our parish or community that may benefit from our talents? These are questions we need to ask ourselves.

And finally, treasure. Giving our treasure to God allows His Church and its ministries to thrive and grow. Times are hard. For everyone. Groceries are more expensive. Gas prices rise. Bills get harder to pay. The same is true for the church. For years our church has received around \$300,000 in stewardship money from parishioners. And while this may have been a good thing years ago, over the years expenses have continued to rise but our stewardship has remained the same. This year our church has reached a critical point. If you weren't able to attend the fall parish assembly a few months ago, you may not have seen the budget that was put together by the Parish Council. In it, the Parish Council budgeted an income of \$300,000 from stewardship. A reasonable amount given the history of stewardship at this church. However, given our planned expenses for the 2026 year, that would put us in a deficit of over \$130,000. That does not put the church in a place to thrive and grow.

Stewardship

As we begin a new year, I invite you to reflect on what Stewardship means to you. Where is God calling you to serve? How is He asking you to use the gifts that He's placed in your hands? Our church is a beacon of light in the community. Let's do what we can to help it grow and thrive.

As you reflect on your stewardship, and how you give your time, talent and treasure to God, I challenge you this year to give a little more. If you come to church once a month, come twice a month. If you pray once a day, pray two times a day. If you serve in one ministry, consider serving in another. Look for new ways your talents can be used for God. And of course, if you give some treasure, consider giving a little more.

With joy and love in Christ,

Paolo Mariani, on behalf of the Stewardship Team.



Stewardship
Card

While any donation is always appreciated, please consider filling out a Stewardship Card. By filling one out, you can help our church plan for the year ahead. Remember, filling out the Stewardship Card does not tie you to that pledged amount, nor do you get punished for not meeting your pledged amount. We all fall on hard times. You can always reach out to the stewardship committee to adjust your pledge. Click "Stewardship Card" or scan the QR code to the left to fill out the Stewardship Card.

To donate without filling out a Stewardship Card, use the QR code or click on "Donate" to the right.

Donate



St. Basil's Dome Renovation Project

Donate Today!



Thank you to the following Donors!

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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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THEOPHANY SERVICES 2026

Monday, January 5, 2026

8:00 AM Royal Hours

9:30 AM Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Blessing of the Water to follow.

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

The Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

8:25 AM Orthros | 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Blessing of the Water to follow as well.

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner

8:30 AM Orthros | 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Lord, when You were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father gave witness to You, calling You Beloved; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of His words. Glory to You, Christ our God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

(Apolitikion of the Feast of Theophany)

Christmas Caroling 2025

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 13 & 14, 2025



A heartfelt thank you to everyone for another wonderful and successful year of Christmas caroling! We are deeply grateful to all who took part and shared their voices, time, and joy, as well as to those who so warmly welcomed the caroling group into their homes. Your hospitality and kindness made this tradition truly special. Together, we were blessed to share the good news of the Nativity of our Lord, spreading joy, faith, and fellowship throughout our community. God bless you all for your efforts!

Pres. Iulia's Baby Shower

Saturday, December 6, 2025



We want to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for coming and celebrating our sweet baby! Your kindness, generosity, and thoughtful gifts mean more to us than words can express!

We are beyond blessed to have such amazing people in our lives to share in this indescribable joy that is about to fill our hearts and home!

We truly have no words to thank you enough for all the love and generosity you have shown toward us.

May God bless you all abundantly, and may the New Year that is coming upon us be filled with love, health, happiness, and countless blessings!

With love and gratitude, Fr. Gabriel and Iulia



GOYA Christmas Party

Friday, December 12, 2025



Young Adult Ministry

Wednesday, December 17, 2025



St. Basil Orthodox Bookstore

COME VISIT OUR BOOKSTORE

In our portable bookstore, you will find items such as **icons, jewelry, prayer ropes, books about lives of the saints, children's books, prayer books, greeting cards**, and much much more.

The Triodion (preparation for Great Lent) begins **February 1st** and Great Lent begins Monday **February 23rd**. It is never too early to find items in our bookstore to support and supplement your daily spiritual practices during Great Lent. We are ministry of the Church, all proceeds support the bookstore. Our staff is 100% volunteer.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Every Sunday after Divine Liturgy.
Monday - Friday during office hours.

Holy Theophany - Blessing of the Waters

January 6, 2026

Blessing of Homes

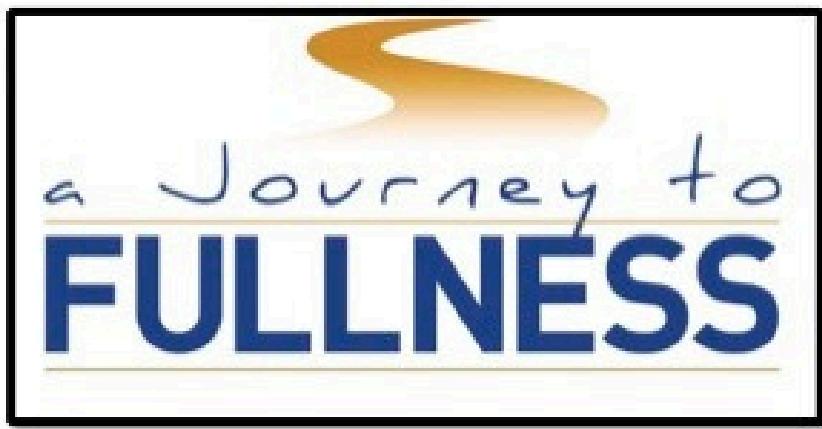
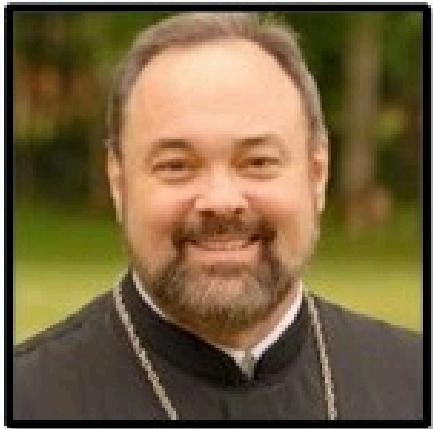
Fr. Gabriel will be blessing homes the week of Jan. 6. Please call or email the Church Office to schedule your home to be blessed.

(209) 478-7564

office@gosaintbasil.org

St Basil Greek Orthodox Christian Church

Presents



Fr. Barnabas Powell: Priest, Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene Greek Orthodox Church, Cumming, GA

"A Journey to Fullness" is a video-based teaching series designed to introduce people to the beauty and riches of the Orthodox Christian Church.

Time & Dates: January 13th thru February 3rd, 2026, 6-8pm

Location: St Basil Church 925 March Lane, Stockton, Spanos Hall

RSVP Church office 209-478-7564 or Terri Blum, Outreach Committee

Cell: 209-610-5425 Email: TerriRaeBlum@Gmail.com

Our Goal:

- It's our hope that this exciting new video workshop series is enjoyed by all inquirers and those wanting to learn more about ancient Christian history.
- It is our prayer is for you to experience, a renewed excitement and deeper appreciation of the richness and fullness of Orthodox Christianity.
- It is our goal is to open our doors. Offering an opportunity to join the conversation and share a meal in a relaxed atmosphere with other seekers.

Details:

- This casual workshop video series will be offered one evening per week for 4 weeks.
- Four 15-minute videos will be shown at each class with Q&A.
- Coffee and dessert will be served.
- Drop-ins welcomed.

ST. BASIL PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

SHRIMP + TRI TIP DINNER



Saturday, January 24, 2026

6:00 pm - no host bar

7:00 pm -dinner
dessert auction



Location:

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church
920 West March Lane, Stockton, Ca

Constantine and Evanthia Spanos Community Center



Adults \$65.00

Children (12 & under) \$35.00



- Ticket sold through January 18th in the Hall
- No tickets will be sold at the door evening of event.



- Make checks payable to: St. Basil Philoptochos Society
- Credit cards accepted
- To pay online use QR code below.



Net Proceeds

To benefit St. Basil Philoptochos
Philanthropic projects

RSVP before: January 18th

For information, contact church office:
(209) 478-7564

Parish Directory Update



**LAST CHANCE FOR PHOTO BOOTH OPPORTUNITY
WILL BE JANUARY 11TH DURING COFFEE HOUR.**

**THIS WILL BE ON A WALK-IN BASIS, NO
APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.**

THANK YOU!

Freedom Human Trafficking Awareness Training

A faith-based approach to confronting one of today's most devastating human rights crisis



Rev. Dr. Fr. Peter J. Spiro

Saturday, January 17, 2026 11am-1pm

Rev. Dr. Fr. Peter J. Spiro educates clergy, ministry leaders, parishioners and the public on recognizing the signs of exploitation, understanding the spiritual and psychological trauma survivors endure, and learning how to respond safely and compassionately. Through prayer, theological reflection, survivor-informed testimony and practical instruction, participants are equipped to become advocates of freedom and healing within their communities. The training unites Orthodox Christian teaching with real-world action - transforming awareness into a ministry of protection, restoration and hope.

\$20 (includes lunch)

St. Anna's Greek Orthodox Church, 1001 Stone Canyon Drive, Roseville, CA

Jewelry, soaps and candles will be sold at the event, all monies raised support survivors at ARISTEVI

Rsvp: by January 5th



METROPOLIS OF
SAN FRANCISCO



Theophany Cross Dive Blessing of the Waters

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Aquatic Park Cove at Ghirardelli Square

1-4 PM Food, Festivities, Fellowship

1:45 PM Agiasmos Service

ALL DIVERS WELCOME

Three Age Groups for divers:

12 and under

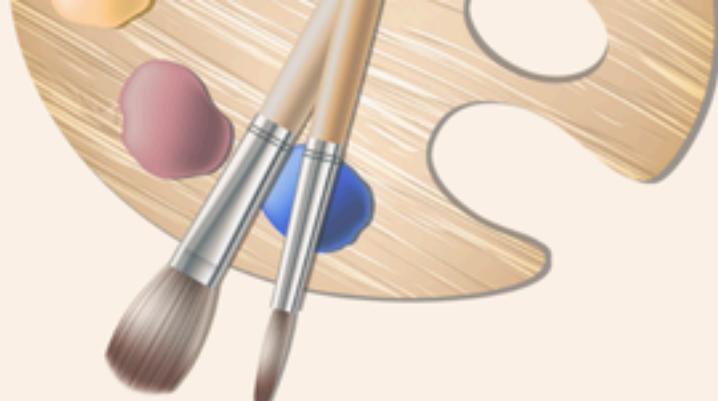
13-16

17+ (Adults)

The winner of each group will receive a commemorative icon,
and all participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt.



Sparta Chapter #18



PAINT & SIP

Uncork your creativity



**JANUARY 31
11:00 AM**

*Consumnes River Farm
28305 N. Thornton Rd.
Thornton, CA 95686*

Tickets \$45 - What's Included:

- All art supplies provided
- A finished bottle to take home (filled with our Bellindora Gourmet Blend Olive Oil or your choice of Bellindora Vinegar!)
- Step-by-step painting guided by @katspaintparties
- Complimentary glass of wine or beverage
- Raffle Entry

*All Welcome
Do not need to be 21+
Proceeds to Benefit DOP
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PURCHASE TICKETS
Seats limited!!

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Contact a Chapter Member
www.consumnesriverfarm.com



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Gymnastics or Band
Youth Groups

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JANUARY 2026

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