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AXIOS Father Gabriel!





The weekend of March 9th and 10th was a monumental time for the parish family of St Basil's. Father Gabriel Cupsa was ordained into the Holy Diaconate on Saturday and into the Holy Priesthood by His Eminence Gerasimos of San Francisco. This period of time was incredibly joyous, and filled with many emotions, most couldn't even begin to describe these events, as truly, there are no words that can express the feelings of such an awe-inspiring Mystery of the Church. Originally from Romania, Father Gabriel and his Presvytera Iulia, came to America to finish schooling and to one day serve as a priest here where priests aren't nearly as abundant as they are in their homeland. This has been a few years in the making and Father Pete, as well as the entire parish, is overjoyed to have Father Gabriel here to begin his ministry in Christ. As Father Gabriel embarks on this new chapter of his life, we are truly overjoyed to welcome him and Presvytera into our family.





Message from Fr. Gabriel & Pres. Iulia

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Dear beloved St. Basil's community,

From the very first moments of hearing that we would be assigned here in Stockton, we have been overjoyed and extremely grateful that this community, still foreign to us, would welcome us into their midst, that we would grow together in faith and share the same commitment and call to serve one another and, together, our Lord.

However, we had no knowledge about what we were about to experience on this new journey. A little scared and nervous, we stepped into this new chapter that was about to begin with a lot of different, unknown, and challenging missions, in June 2023.

Never could we have imagined that this community of St. Basil's would welcome us with so much love and support, touch our hearts so profoundly, and change our lives in a way that only God can, through His people and His heavenly blessings.

The days of March 9th and 10th 2024 have proven to us that all the events in our lives that have brought us to this point were given from above by God, and his hands have been at work all along.

We want you to know how special it was for us that such a momentous event in our lives happened here at St. Basil's, and every day of our lives we will remember those precious moments and the privilege of beginning this clergy journey here with all of you present.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the trust you have placed in us and for the privilege of serving as your Assistant Priest alongside Father Pete. He and Presvytera Angie have been like guardian angels to us since we arrived here, and we are beyond grateful to them for placing us under their protective wings.

We thank you also for accepting us with all our shortcomings, and we ask you to forgive us for any mistakes we make and for the lack of experience we have, but we ask for God's help to guide us and give us wisdom in all that will face us from now on in the mission He has handed on to us.

We will bear your names in our hearts everywhere we go, as you are the first dear souls the Lord has entrusted to us to shepherd towards salvation.

With all our love,

Father Gabriel and Presvytera Iulia

Stewardship

Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly, nor under compulsion, for God loves the man that gives cheerfully. (2 Cor. 9:7)

Quick Numbers to Keep you Up to Date

- \$133,536 has been pledged through March 17
- \$48,451.27 has been received through February 29, 2024
- At the end of January we were on track to exceed our goal
- We are at 14.46% of our annual goal
- To be on track, we should be at 16.66%

Stewardship means making a regular commitment of one's Time, Talent and Treasure to God and His Church.

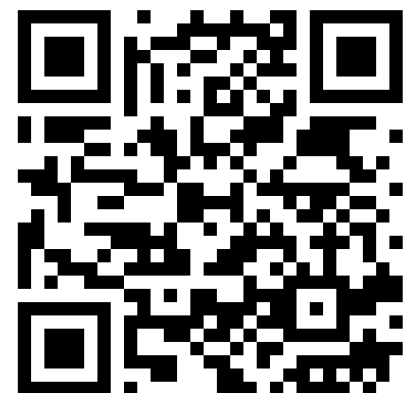
Q: How much should I give?

A: The foundations of Christian stewardship is both from Scripture and the teachings of our Lord. You may have heard the term tithing (the word tithe literally means tenth in Hebrew), and this refers to the biblical giving goal of 10% of your household income to your local church (Lev. 27:30; Num. 18:25-28; Deut. 14:22-24; 2 Chron. 31:5-6). Yet, we also hear from our Lord Jesus Christ that true giving is when we offer sacrificially “all that we have” (Luke 21:4), “store up your treasures in heaven” (Matt. 6:20), “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35), “for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). With this in mind, you are invited to prayerfully reflect on your own household income, and make your offering based on what you receive. Consider also what you offer to Christ’s Church in comparison to your monthly utility/service payments. (“Am I giving my phone more than my Church?”) Use the chart to the right as a guide.

My Weekly Gift			
Annual Income	2.5%	5%	10%
\$20,000	\$9.60	\$19.25	\$38.50
\$50,000	\$24.00	\$48.00	\$96.00
\$75,000	\$36.00	\$72.00	\$144.00
\$100,000	\$48.00	\$96.00	\$192.00
\$250,000	\$120.00	\$240.00	\$480.00



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Procession of the Holy Icons Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 24



The first Sunday of Great Lent we celebrate the victory of the icons in 843 by St Theodora the Empress. That year, St Theodora ended the iconoclastic period, or the period of the removal and destruction of icons, that had been an on and off issue since 726, and this Sunday has been commemorated as the "Triumph of Orthodoxy." During this service, the faithful of all ages processed around the nave of the church holding icons of the Lord, patron saints and various feast days. As this joyful procession ended, Fr Pete read the synodikon of the 7th Ecumenical Council, which is a brief summary of all that we as Orthodox Christians believe.

Annunciation/Greek Independence Day Program



Catechism Classes Resumed



Catechism classes started up again at St. Basil's on March 18! Over a period of 8 weeks, the classes will take place every Monday evening, after the Great Compline service. We look forward to a fruitful season and we welcome all those who want to join our Orthodox family!



Palm Sunday Luncheon



FOLLOWING PALM SUNDAY SERVICES, WE WILL
ONCE AGAIN HAVE OUR PALM SUNDAY
TRADITIONAL FISH LUNCHEON



April 28th

The Sacrament of Confession

(Please schedule confessions before Holy Week.)

Great Lent is a time for spiritual healing and renewal. Towards that end, it is also the perfect time for the Sacrament of Confession. Our Lord, who has the authority to forgive sins, gave this authority to the Apostles (John 20:22-23), and through them, to the Bishops and Priests, for our benefit; it is for the purpose of removing the burdens that have accumulated and that we carry due to sin. There is no judgement in Confession--the Priest is merely an instrument and representative of our loving and all-merciful Shepherd and Savior, Jesus Christ. For those who wish to schedule Confession with Fr. Pete, please contact the Church Office at 209-478-7564 or office@gosaintbasil.org. For questions regarding Confession and/or how to prepare, please contact Fr. Pete (frsotiras@gosaintbasil.org).

Lazarus Saturday Youth Retreat

April 27
9:30am- 3pm

GRADES K-12

**DIVINE LITURGY - LENTEN BREAKFAST- TYING OF
THE PALM CROSSES - MUSIC - BIBLE LESSON-
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Contact Fr. Gabriel
to Register

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ST. BASIL OCMC MISSIONS UPDATE

APRIL 21, 2024

Anastasia Barksdale, OCMC Parish Engagement Coordinator, will visit our parish and offer a special Mission presentation on OCMC and Orthodox mission work around the world following the Divine Liturgy service.

Hear the latest updates about OCMC's missionary efforts worldwide and learn how YOU can help spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

Visit www.ocmc.org for more information
Contact Anastasia at: Phone: (925) 303-3826 or
by E-mail a.barksdale@ocmc.org



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday
6:30pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Monday
6:30pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Tuesday
9:30am Presanctified Liturgy
6:30pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Wednesday
3:00pm Unction,
6:30pm Matins of Mystical Supper
(Unction to follow)

Holy Thursday
6:00am Vesperal Liturgy of the Mystical Supper
6:30pm Service of the 12 Gospels
(Procession of the Cross)

Holy Friday
9:00am Royal Hours
3:00pm Removal from the Cross
7:00pm The Lamentations

Holy Saturday
9:30am Vesperal Liturgy
11:00pm Pre-Resurrection Service
(Pascha Meal to Follow)

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA
11:00am Agape Vespers



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For questions, please contact:

Local Event Chair Renee Talyor at renee@resurrectiongoc.com, or
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Donations can be mailed (payable to OCMC with 'Castro Valley' in the memo) to:
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Featured Speaker:

Anastasia Pamela Barksdale

*OCMC Parish Engagement Coordinator
& Former Missionary to Albania*



Special Missions Presentation By:

Shannon Todd

*OCMC Missionary Serving
with Project Mexico*

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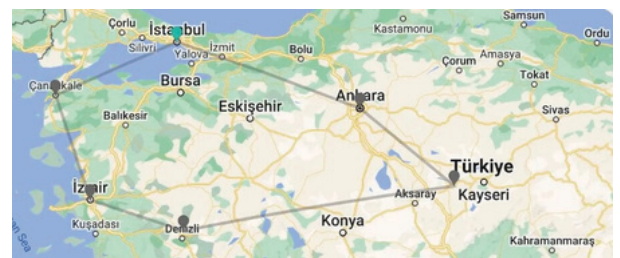
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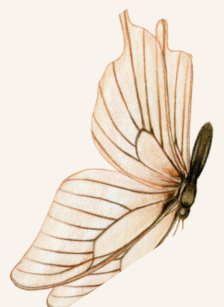
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OTHER EVENTS

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Events

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>✝️ Strict Fast</p> <p>🍷 Wine & Oil allowed.</p> <p>🐟 Fish Oil & Wine allowed</p> <p>🚫 Refrain from meat</p> <p>🆓 No symbol - Fast Free</p>	<p>✝️ 1</p> <p>Please schedule Confessions prior to Holy Week</p>	<p>✝️ 2</p>	<p>✝️ 3</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 6pm and Potluck to follow</p>	<p>✝️ 4</p>	<p>✝️ 5</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 9:30am</p> <p>Salutations, 6pm</p>	<p>✝️ 6</p>
<p>🍇 Sunday of the Cross</p> <p>8:15am Orthros</p> <p>9:30am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Procession of Cross to follow</p> <p>Spring Parish Assembly in hall</p>	<p>✝️ 8</p> <p>Great Compline, 6pm</p> <p>Catechism to follow</p>	<p>✝️ 9</p>	<p>✝️ 10</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 6pm and Potluck to follow</p>	<p>✝️ 11</p>	<p>✝️ 12</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 9:30am</p> <p>Salutations, 6pm</p>	<p>🍇 13</p>
<p>🍇 Sunday of St. John Climacus</p> <p>8:15am Orthros</p> <p>9:30am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>✝️ 15</p> <p>Great Compline, 6pm</p> <p>Catechism to follow</p>	<p>✝️ 16</p>	<p>✝️ 17</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 6pm and Potluck to follow</p>	<p>🍇 18</p>	<p>✝️ 19</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 9:30am</p> <p>Akathist Hymn, 6pm</p>	<p>🍇 20</p>
<p>🍇 Sunday of St. Mary.</p> <p>8:15am Orthros</p> <p>9:30am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Missions Presentation by Pamela Barksdale</p>	<p>✝️ 22</p> <p>Great Compline, 6pm</p> <p>Catechism to follow</p>	<p>✝️ 23</p>	<p>✝️ 24</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 6pm and Dinner to follow</p>	<p>🍇 25</p>	<p>✝️ 26</p>	<p>🍇 27</p> <p>Lazarus Saturday</p> <p>Palm-Cross making and Lenten meal</p> <p>Lazarus Saturday Retreat for Youth, 11am-3pm</p>
<p>🇵🇸 PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>8:15am Orthros</p> <p>9:30am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Fish Luncheon to follow</p> <p>Bridgegroom Service, 6:30pm</p>	<p>✝️ 29</p> <p>Holy Monday</p> <p>Bridgegroom Service, 6:30pm</p>	<p>✝️ 30</p> <p>Holy Tuesday</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 9:30am</p> <p>Bridgegroom Service, 6:30pm</p>	<p>✝️ May 1</p> <p>Holy Wednesday</p> <p>Unction, 3pm</p> <p>Matins Service, 6:30pm (Unction to follow)</p>	<p>🍇 May 2</p> <p>Holy Thursday</p> <p>Mystical Supper & Institution of the Eucharist, 6am</p> <p>Service of the 12 Gospels, 6:30pm</p>	<p>✝️ May 3</p> <p>Holy Friday</p> <p>Royal Hours, 9am</p> <p>Apokathelosis, 3pm</p> <p>Lamentations, 7pm</p>	<p>✝️ May 4</p> <p>Holy Saturday</p> <p>Vesperal Liturgy, 9:30am</p> <p>Pre-Resurrection Service, 11:00pm</p> <p>Pascha Meal to follow</p>
<p>May 5</p> <p>GREAT & HOLY PASCHA</p>						
<p>AGAPE VESPERS, 11:00AM</p>						

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