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Stewardship 2024

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity. ~ II Corinthians 9:6-11

The Joy of Giving Our Best Gift

The REASON for giving is often misunderstood! The MAIN reason for GIVING is to enjoy SPIRITUAL GROWTH and personal satisfaction that results from generosity!!

Our Families Weekly BEST 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					



How To Become a Steward of St. Basil Parish

IMPORTANT:

- Fill out a Stewardship Commitment Card for the current year (see electronic link below or pick up a card from the office).
- Click on online giving (below) to set up your electronic stewardship commitment payment (you may also choose to pay by check - bring to office or mail in).



Submit your pledge card here or Use the OR Code

Online Giving Here or Use the QR Code



Quick Numbers to Keep you Up to Date

- May 2024 Giving: \$18,651.34
- YTD Giving through the end of May 2024: \$143,175.77
- We are at 42.7% of our annual goal affirmed at our recent Parish Assembly)
- Thank you for being intentional about making your stewardship donations during the summer! :)

Parish Council Seat Open!

Interested in being part of Parish Council?

A Parish Council seat has recently opened up. The term would last until December 2024.

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 interested, or wish to nominate someone, please contact Fr. Pete and PC President Peter Koulouris (their e-mails are: frsotiras@gosaintbasil.org and peterkoulouris1954@gmail.com). Due to the time sensitive nature of this matter, please let them know if you would like to run as soon as possible. The Parish Council is looking to fill the open slot by its June meeting.
- 2. This specific term will last until December 2024.
- 3. All who wish to run for the Parish Council, are required to attend a Parish Council Seminar prior to being approved by the Parish Council. The date of the seminar will be led by and determined with Fr. Pete.
- 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. The Parish Council will approve the candidate contingent upon the candidate completing the prerequisite requirements and if eligible.

Young Adult BBQ and Fellowship

Sunday, June 2nd, 2024



Young Adults BBQ and Fellowship - a great way to spend a sunny Sunday, building community and strengthening relationships within our vibrant group of young adults. We look forward to many more opportunities to connect with each other in such a welcoming and relaxed environment! Wishing you all a blessed and joyful summer season! We thank Fr. Gabriel and Pres. Iulia for hosting this beautiful fellowship!











St. Basil Ladies Night © Oak Farm Winery

Thursday, June 6th, 2024

















65th ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL WORK PARTIES*

All work parties begin at 9am

JULY

GRIND WALNUTS July Dates to be determined

KOULOURAKIA

TUESDAY JULY 23 Prepare Koulourakia

KOURAMBIETHES

TUESDAY

JULY 30 Prepare and Pack Kourambiethes

AUGUST

MELOMAKARONA

FRIDAY

AUG 9

SPANAKOPITA/TIROPITA

FRIDAY

AUG 16

Assemble Spanakopita

ARGOLAVOS (TENTATIVE)

THURSDAY

AUG 22

SEPTEMBER

BAKLAVA

MONDAY

TUESDAY

SEPT 2

MAKING HONEY FOR BAKLAVA_{SEPT 3}

Prepare Baklava Packing Baklava

DATE TBA



^{*}All Dates Subject to Change

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Christian Church presents the 65th Annual



2024 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Space Reservation Deadline: July 31, 2024

Camera Ready Ad Deadline: August 15, 2024

Reserve Your Space:

Payment Using Credit Card/Debit: fill out the information below and one of our festival committee members will contact you or payment is available here: www.bit.ly/4ch7lUI

OR SCAN THE OR CODE



OR

Payment By Check: fill out this form and mail it along with your payment.

Additional Details:

All advertisements are subject to the approval of the Festival Committee or St. Basil.

Ads must be submitted as camera-ready artwork.

(High resolution PDF preferred at 300 DPI resolution, for any questions regarding ad specs, please contact:

Shawn Crary at Shawn@ShawnCrary.com)

Placements of ads are at the discretion of the Festival Committee.

NAME
EMAIL ADDRESS
BUSINESS NAME
BUSINESS ADDRESS
PHONE NUMBER
CHECK INCLUDED OR CREDIT/DEBIT* *(Please check one, for credit/debit payments, we will contact you for payment, or you can pay through the link above.)

Checks payable to: Saint Basil's Greek Orthodox Church. NOTE: PUT "FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP" IN THE MEMO LINE Credit & Debit Cards also Accepted Mail to: 920 W. March Lane. Stockton, CA. 95207 Festival Dates: Sept. 6, 7, 8, 2024

ZEUS LEVEL

- · Full page, color ad in the festival program
- Festival signage prominently placed listing your business at as a sponsor
- VIP reserved parking (2 parking spots-all 3 days)
- 25 Single Entry Tickets (Valued at \$250)
- · Mention in Radio, Print, and Social Media Advertising

ATHENA LEVEL

- 1/2 Page, color ad in the festival program
- · Festival signage listing your business at as a sponsor
- VIP reserved parking (1 parking spot-all 3 days)
- 15 Single Entry Tickets (Valued at \$150)
- Mention in Print, and Social Media Advertising

APOLLO LEVEL

- 1/4 Page, color ad in the festival program
- 10 Single Entry Tickets (Valued at \$50)
- Mention in Social Media Advertising

PLATO LEVEL \$500

- Sponsor a festival food booth (pick from the attached list)
- Booth signage showing you or your business as a sponsor
- Name listed in the festival program on the Plato Page

Important Bates.

6 - St John of San Francisco

5 - St Elizabeth the New Martyr

12 - St Paisios

17 - St Marina

20 - St Maria of Paris

20 - Prophet Elias (Elijah)

26 - St Paraskeve

27 - St Panteleimon

St flizabeth the New Martyn

Grand Duchess Elizabeth Fyodorovna of Russia was born in 1864 and was the wife of Grand Duke Sergei of Russia. She converted to Orthodoxy as an adult after she married the Grand Duke and from that point on, she devoted her life to the service of the Church. St Elizabeth's husband was killed by revolutionaries hoping to take charge of the political power.

Soon after, the Grand Duchess Elizabeth became a nun, giving away her jewelry and selling her most luxurious possessions. With the money she opened the Martha and Mary Home and a hospital in Moscow to pray and offer charity to others along with other devout and faithful women. For many years she helped the poor and orphans in this Moscow home.

In 1918, she was taken by the local Bolsheviks along with several members of the royal family and Nun Barbara (a sister from the St Elizabeth's convent who refused to leave her Abbess). They were herded into the forest, pushed into an abandoned mineshaft, into which grenades were then hurled. A witness heard them singing Church hymns as they were pushed into the mineshaft, including the Troparian of the Holy Cross. After the Bolsheviks left, he could still hear singing for some time. The last thing Elizabeth did as she lay dying in the mineshaft was to bandage the wounds of Prince loann with her handkerchief. Her feast day is celebrated July 5 (18). You can find book recommendations, activity suggestions and more at the follow blogpost. Just scan the QR Code:









Hymn of the Month

Troparion of the Holy Cross

O Lord save thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy cross preserving Thy kingdom Listen in English, Arabic and Greek



Prayer before meals:

Christ our God, bless the food and drink of your servants, for you are holy always now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

family Connen:

Russian Tea Party Activity - Since we are celebrating St Elizabeth the new martyr this month, let's host a Russian tea party for the Grand Duchess!

Try some of these elements to make a tea party:

- Russian tea traditionally black tea with lemon & sugar, orange, cinnamon, clove, honey, and lemon or orange wedges for garnish
- Pancakes with sour cream
- a variety of fruit preserves
- Poppyseed Cakes with honey
- Borscht
- Dumplings





St Paisios (celebrated July 12) was known to have many animal friends. In a letter written to the nuns of a local monastery, he recounts a beloved bird named Olet who became a friend to him. He tenderly cares for the bird, even feeding him daily. He tells the nuns "When I call for Olet to come, he brings with him other birds, friends of his, who run right to the food, but Olet comes out of obedience and love. Even when he is hungry, he sits a while with me and forgets food; I remind him. And now that the weather has turned beautiful and he finds bugs to eat, when I call he still comes out of obedience, even though he is full and not bothered by hunger." As a family, make bird feeders out of pincones! Cover pinecone with peanut butter, add seeds and leave for the birds!

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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



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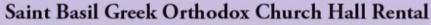
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(List updated as of June 23, 2024)



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Call Veronica Gatrousis @ 925-368-6556 or email HallRental@gosaintbasil.org 920 West March Lane Stockton CA www.gosaintbasil.org

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Weddings

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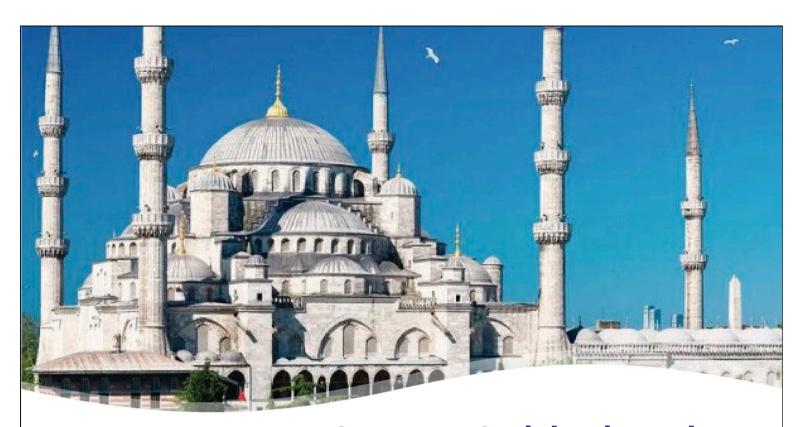
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- Catechists/Rel. Ed. Teachers
- · Administrative Assistants
- · Music Ministry Leaders
- Primary School Tutors and Teachers

If you are interested in forwarding a resume, letter of interest, cover letter, have any questions or would like to learn more about other career opportunities with OCMC, please contact their office by emailing missions@ocmc.org. They will be glad to discuss.



Saturday	9	13	20	27	August 3	
Friday	‡	4 12	4 16	St. Paraskevi 26 Orthros, 8:30am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am	August 2 Small Bargklesis. 6:00pm	
Thursday	4 Independence Day (Office Closed)	11	18	25	August 1 Dormition Fast Begins Great Baraklesis.	
Wednesday	€ •	01 #	71 🙀	4 24	₩ 31	
Tuesday	2	0.	16	23	30	
Monday	1 Fr. Pete @ Clergy- Laity Congress (June 30-July 6)	8 Fr. Pete @ Summer Camp (7-13)	15	22	29	
Sunday	** Strict Fast * Wine & Oil allowed. * Fish Oil & Wine allowed Refrain from meat No symbol - Fast Free	7 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	14 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	21 8:15 <u>am Orthros</u> 9:30am Divine Liturgy	8:15 <u>am Orthros</u> 9:30am Divine Liturgy	

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