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PASCHAL MESSAGE FROM HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN GERASIMOS

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Christ is risen! Χριστός Ανέστη!

This short phrase – just three words in English, and only two in Greek – changed the world. It started as a spark but soon grew into a bright torch, as the news spread from a small group of His followers, shared from person to person, and then from country to country, to all corners of the world. As the risen Jesus told the disciples when he appeared to them “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation” (Mark 16:15).

The message, “Christ is risen!” transforms us individually when we allow this great mystery to permeate our minds and our hearts. It is a message of hope and victory over darkness. As a message of light, it is brighter than the sun. And it is a message that the world needs more than ever. The past year has demonstrated the fear of darkness, from the illness and death of the pandemic to the social unrest we have witnessed. But the Resurrection points us toward the light. Christ emerged from a guarded and sealed tomb. We do not have to live in darkness.

At the Resurrection service, your priest emerged from the darkness of the sanctuary with the Paschal candle ablaze and proclaimed, “Come receive the light, from the unwaning light.” Jesus Christ is the light that cannot be extinguished. It is a light that can only be and must be shared.

As you heard the hymns in the Paschal matins, I hope you noticed how often the words for new – καινός or νέος are used. The Resurrection of Christ makes all things new. The prophet Isaiah wrote, “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.” (Isaiah 65:17). We too become new. As Saint Paul wrote, “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, the new has come” (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Resurrection of Christ points to a new way of being for the world and for each one of us.

Because they have been filled with the new light of the Resurrection, over the centuries, Christians have dared to become agents of hope and reconciliation in the world, serving the needs of their neighbors and overcoming all forms of division and hatred. Our confidence in the resurrection and the promise of new creation is what motivates us to work to overturn the darkness in the world. The resurrection requires us to forgive one another. As we sing in the Doxastikon of Pascha, “Let us forgive all things in the Resurrection.” The same hymn calls us to embrace one another, even those who hate us. When we allow the light of Christ’s Resurrection to enter into our hearts, that light will fill all aspects of our lives, and all manner of division and enmity can be overcome.

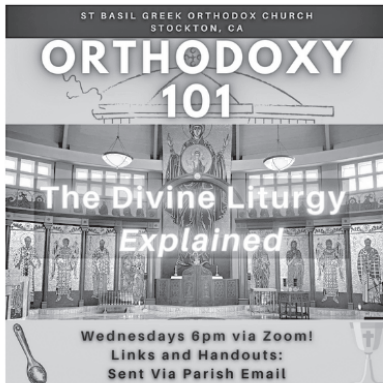
The Resurrection of Christ made evident to the world that darkness, hate, and death would not have the final say. God’s love was and is ultimately triumphant, granting to each one of us eternal life and mercy.

May your Paschal celebration be joyous and may the Risen Christ shine in your hearts.

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

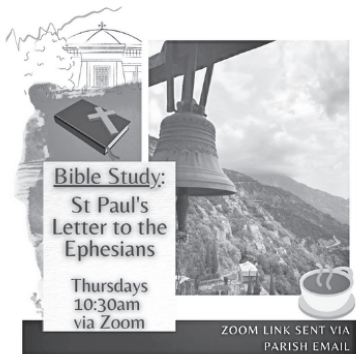
St. Basil Adult Faith Ministries for 2021

These ministries are open to all, Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike, and are meant to help us grow in our faith and love for Jesus Christ and to experience more fully and profoundly, His love, peace and purpose for our lives! These ministries will be offered only via Zoom at this time. A link to the Zoom meeting will be e-mailed in advance. For those who can't watch these classes live, we will record the sessions and post them on our St. Basil YouTube page. Our parish e-mail blast will be the primary way of communicating any announcements and links regarding the ministries listed below. If you are not on our parish e-mail blast list and wish to be added, please send your e-mail addresses with your request to be added to: office@gosaintbasil.org



Orthodoxy 101—The Significance of the Divine Liturgy Meets weekly via Zoom Wednesday nights 6:00pm-7:00pm

The Divine Liturgy is the main corporate worship service of the Orthodox Church and yet many are unfamiliar with its beauty, depth, symbolism and meaning. This class will explore the historical, spiritual and structural elements of the Liturgy and why all of these items matter to us today. For any questions regarding this ministry, and to be added to the official list of this ministry, please contact Fr. Panagiotis Sotiras at: frsotiras@gosaintbasil.org



Bible Study—St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews Meets weekly via Zoom Thursday mornings 10:30am-11:30am

Growing closer to Christ and experiencing His love, peace and joy is very much connected to the study and application of the Holy Scriptures. Towards that end, this class will reflect on St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews, with the purpose of applying the eternal truths found in his writing to our modern context and life. For any questions regarding this ministry, and to be added to the official list of this ministry, please contact Fr. Panagiotis Sotiras at: frsotiras@gosaintbasil.org

Youth Ministries



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MAY Youth Meetings

DAY	GROUP	TIME	GROUP	TIME
05/11/21	Hope / Joy	3:30 PM	Jr. Goya	4:35:00 PM
05/25/21	Hope / Joy	3:30 PM	Jr. Goya	4:35:00 PM

05/06/21 Young Adult Book Club

7:00:00 PM



**His Grace Bishop Ioannis of Phocaea,
Chancellor of our Greek Orthodox Metropolis of SF**

Lead us in worship Sunday April 4th, 3rd Sunday of Lent



Religious Education

Happy Spring!

I can't believe another religious education year has come to an end.

Who could have predicted that we would still be distance learning after a year? I am extremely grateful to our amazing teachers for persevering through an unusual situation. I'd like to thank Maria Karapanos for teaching our youngest students; Samira Bitar for teaching 2nd to 4th grades; Sally Graham for teaching 5th through 6th grades; Alexandra Schoonover for teaching 7th and 8th grades, and Cynthia Jurkovic for teaching high school. Without their dedication, we wouldn't have a program. Please pray that we may have in person classes next school year. If you are interested in volunteering to be a substitute teacher, or co-teacher next year, please let me know. Please note that **Zoom classes will resume on May 9th**. The last Religious Education class will be on May 30th.



With gratitude,
Anastasia Cook
Religioused@gosaintbasil.org



Share God's Word

Adult Book Fellowship

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Christian Church
Health and Wellness Ministry
Adult Book Fellowship

Cultivating a Life of Prayer

Thursdays
Online
6:30–8:00 PM
(link in Email)

April 8

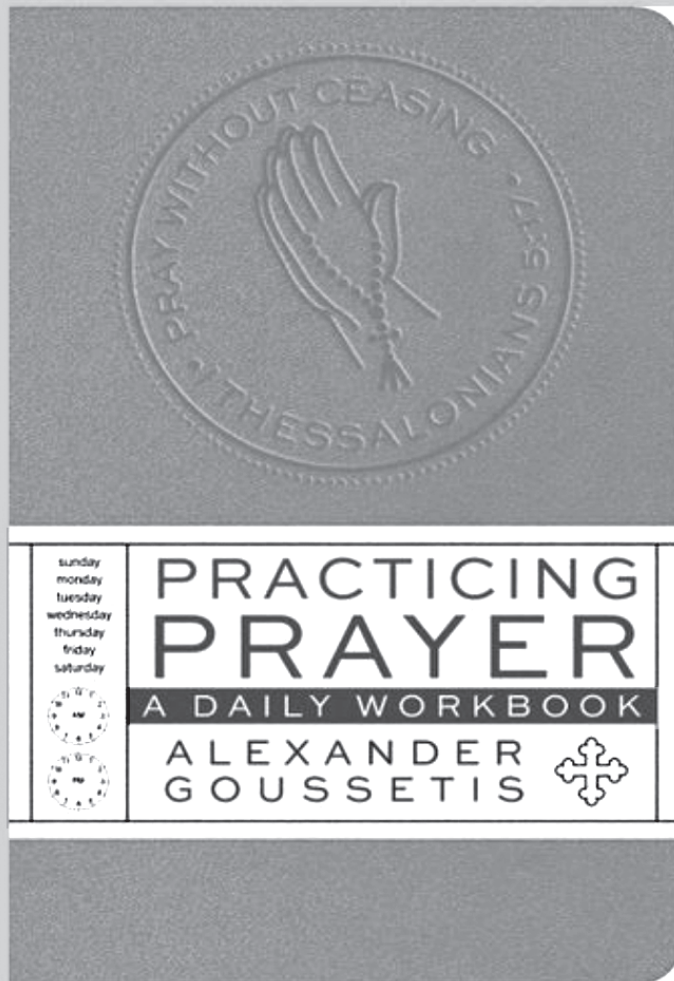
April 15

April 22

May 06

May 13

This book is not
About prayer:
*"It is an
invitation to
participate in
a personal and
dynamic
relationship
with God."*
Alexander
Goussetis



For any questions regarding this ministry, to be added to the group, and to purchase a book: please contact facilitator **Patty Manuse**, text or call (209) 337-5401; email: patriciamanuse@gmail.com.

Patty Manuse is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and works as a mental health clinician for the county of San Joaquin. Patty completed a Master of Divinity from Holy Cross School of Theology and earned advanced training in clinical pastoral education at Community Hospitals of Fresno. Patty completed her academic pursuits with a Master of Social Work from CSU, Sacramento. As the church office is closed to the public, arrangements will be made outside of the church to obtain your book.

Together We Will Cover:

Creating a sacred place

Practicing a Posture for Prayer

Silence/Stillness/Breathing

Journaling & Spiritual Growth

Praying the Scriptures

A Look Back

The Jesus Prayer

*This adult Book Fellowship will begin during Lent and continue after Pascha until completed.

Mission in Albania



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last year three brothers came to live at the Home of Hope, Dano, Aldo and Kelli, after they lost their parents. On Saturday all three brothers are being baptized. Such a blessing and witness that the work we are doing at the Orthodox Children's Home of Hope is bearing fruit!!!

Our efforts for the virtual camp, the new playground, our "Caring for Creation" program have had a meaningful impact on the lives of the children. The children have become interested in their lessons again, and the mood and interaction between the children and staff has greatly improved. The children are smiling and laughing again now. They continue to work outside in the garden and the sunflower seeds we sprouted are ready to plant, both figuratively and literally. Thank you for your love and prayers. On a personal note, my mom is not doing so well, I will be in California in May and June and hope to see and worship with you all !

With love in Christ Our Lord,
Anastasia Pamela Barksdale, M.Div.
<http://www.ocmc.org/anastasiabarksdale>



Anastasia Pamela Barksdale, M.Div., is a graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. She served as a long-term missionary teaching Christian Education at the Resurrection of Christ Theological Academy at Shen Vlash Monastery in Durres, Albania, and offered research assistance to Archbishop Anastasios, Primate of the Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Albanian from 2008 to 2016. Today Anastasia continues her long-term missionary service with OCMC and works directly with the Orthodox Church of Albania's Spirit of Love Foundation as the Executive Director. The Spirit of Love Foundation is the non-profit organization that oversees their private schools and preschools, as well as their philanthropic efforts under Diakonia Agapes.

Anastasia thanks all of her prayer partners and supporters and asks for your prayers for her continued work in Albania.

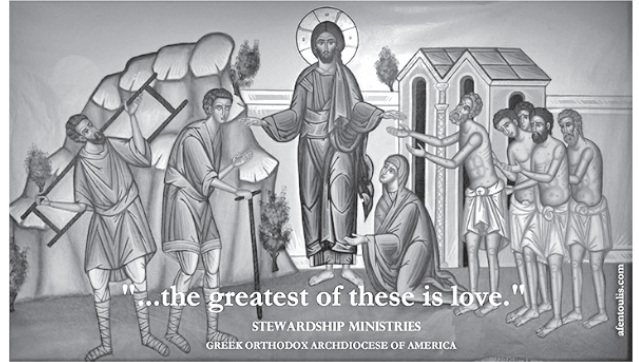


Stewardship

Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. Becoming a Steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. As Stewards, we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed.

Christian stewardship is learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work, for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God. It is also our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgement of Christ's redeeming love. Our care for the needs of others, offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us, what a person does after saying "I believe..." as proof of that belief, are all examples of true Christian Stewardship. Finally, Christian Stewardship is a devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as diocese/metropolis, as national church and as Church universal.

An Orthodox Christian Steward is an active participant in the life of the Church. The parish encourages all who accept the Orthodox Faith to become practicing Stewards. Each year the Steward is expected to carefully review his or her personal circumstances and make a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to support the Parish and her Ministries, which in turn support the National Ministries of our Archdiocese, Metropolises, and institutions.



2021 PLEDGE CARDS

Stewardship pledge cards are still available. Please call Eleni in the church office who can mail one to you.

With prayerful consideration, please submit your 2021 pledge card by mail and/or email.

Email: Office@gosaintbasil.org
Church Office: 209-478-7564

Yours in Christ,

Lisa Kapogiannis
PC Member / Stewardship Chair
lkapogiannis@yahoo.com

2021 Goal \$410,000.00
Pledged to Date \$163,330.00
Paid to Date \$101,264.00

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Kay, Chris & Kristen
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Koutsoulis, Nasi & Katie
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Kuchulis, DW & Dena
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Lofas, Jim & Stacie
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Lucas, Harriet



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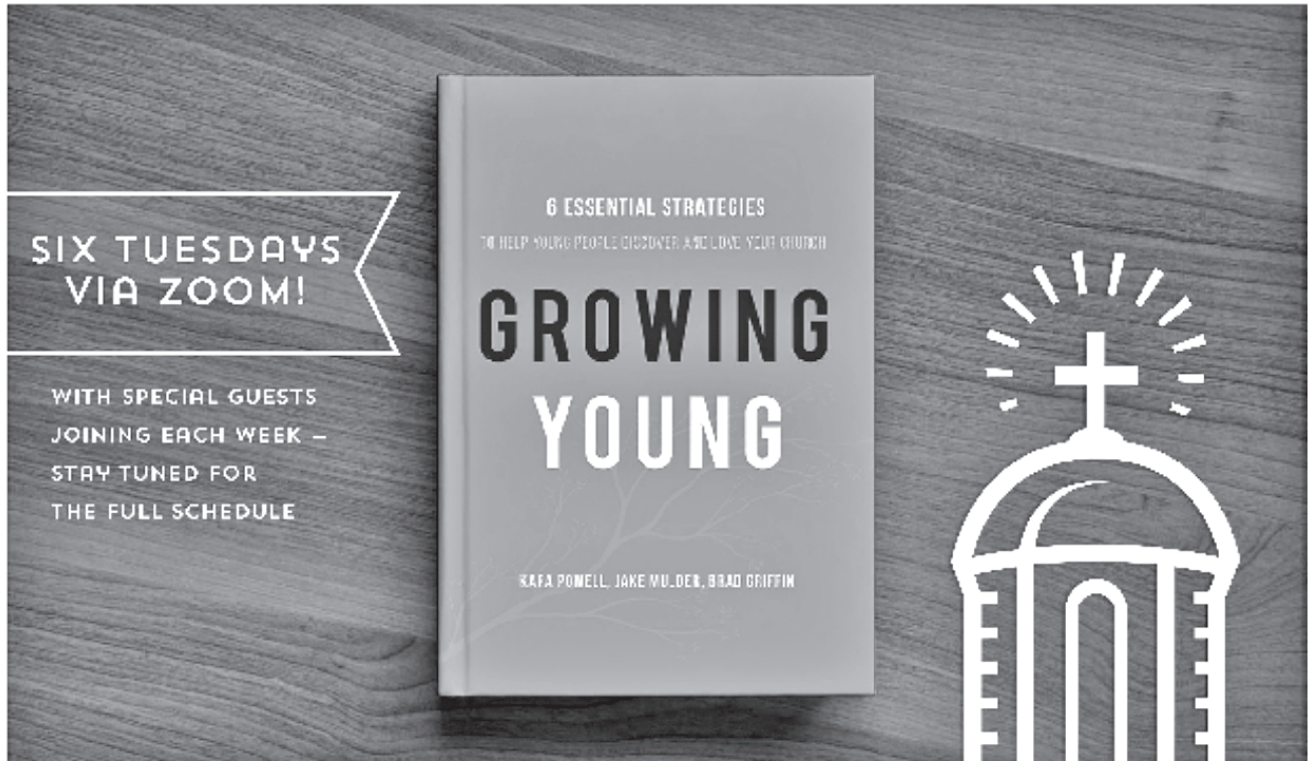
Outreach & Evangelism Ministry

Open to everyone. I'd love to hear your feedback.

Feel free to email me at blumteri@yahoo.com

God Bless, Teri Blum / Ministry Chair

MISSION TO AMERICA 2021 AFTER-PASCHA BOOK STUDY 4TH EDITION



Join us for an online book study, nurturing conversation and community surrounding books that help us to understand our Faith and share it.

Together we will discover and discuss six strategies for engaging people who are longing to grow closer to Jesus Christ. The concepts presented in *Growing Young* are equally impactful for young adults and newcomers of every demographic. If you want to be a stronger greeter, mentor, parent, ministry-leader, and parishioner at large, this book is for you.

We will meet six Tuesdays: May 11th, 18th, 25th,
June 1, 8, 15, 6:30-8:00p Pacific Time



Discussions facilitated by Missions & Evangelism
Ministry Director Thornaida Hadanish



Register here at
GrowOrthodoxy.org
(Scan with your smartphone camera)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME - COME READ WITH US!



Check out today's brief reflection!

My Orthodox Notebook

A Place to Reflect on Holy Scripture, Writings of the Saints, and Hymnography (Updated Wednesdays and Fridays)

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Xantholpoulou, Paula



Robert Henning

Moved to be closer to his daughter, Nancy Sahrakar.

His new address is:

4050 Walnut Avenue #234
Carmichael, CA 95608

Greek Festival News

As state health and safety guidelines are relaxed, the Festival Committee is discussing the **scheduling of several work parties** during **June**. We'll update you as we firm up plans.

We are planning a **Festival Fundraiser** for a **Saturday in July** (health and safety guidelines permitting). Watch for more information in next month's Basilian.

Veronica Gatrousis / Festival Committee
Phone/text 925-368-6556
Email vgatrousis@gmail.com

May

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						HOLY SATURDAY ¹ 9:30am St Basil Liturgy 11:00pm Resurrection Service
2 HOLY PASCHA Agape Service 11:00am	3 St George 8:45 <u>Orthros</u> 9:30am Divine Liturgy (Office closed)	(No Fasting this week)	5 St Irene 8:45 <u>Orthros</u> 9:30am Divine Liturgy	6 7:00pm YA Lenten Book Club-Final	Theotokos of the 7 Life Giving Spring. 8:40 <u>Orthros</u> 9:30am Divine Liturgy	8
9 8:15 Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	10	3:30pm HOPE/JOY 4:35 Jr GOYA	12 6:00pm Orthodoxy 101 Resumes	13 10:30am Bible Study Resumes	14	15 10am Philoptochos Board Meeting
16 8:15 Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	17	18	19 6:00pm Orthodoxy 101	20 10:30am Bible Study	Sts. Constantine ²¹ & Helen 8:30 <u>Orthros</u> 9:30am Divine Liturgy	22
23 8:15 Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Parish Assembly	24	3:30pm HOPE/JOY 4:35 Jr GOYA	26 6:00pm Orthodoxy 101	27 10:30am Bible Study	28	29
30 8:15 Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	31 Memorial Day (Office closed)					

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