

Eucharistic Stewardship

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THE BASILIAN

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. BASIL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



Welcome to our newest members of the family!

Kaia, Danielle, Bailey, Emily, Jackson, Quincy, Quamar, Alysia and Sava.



Stewardship Update

OUR 2023 STEWARDSHIP GOAL:

\$385,000

104 PLEDGES SUBMITTED OUT OF 273 FAMILIES TOTALING:

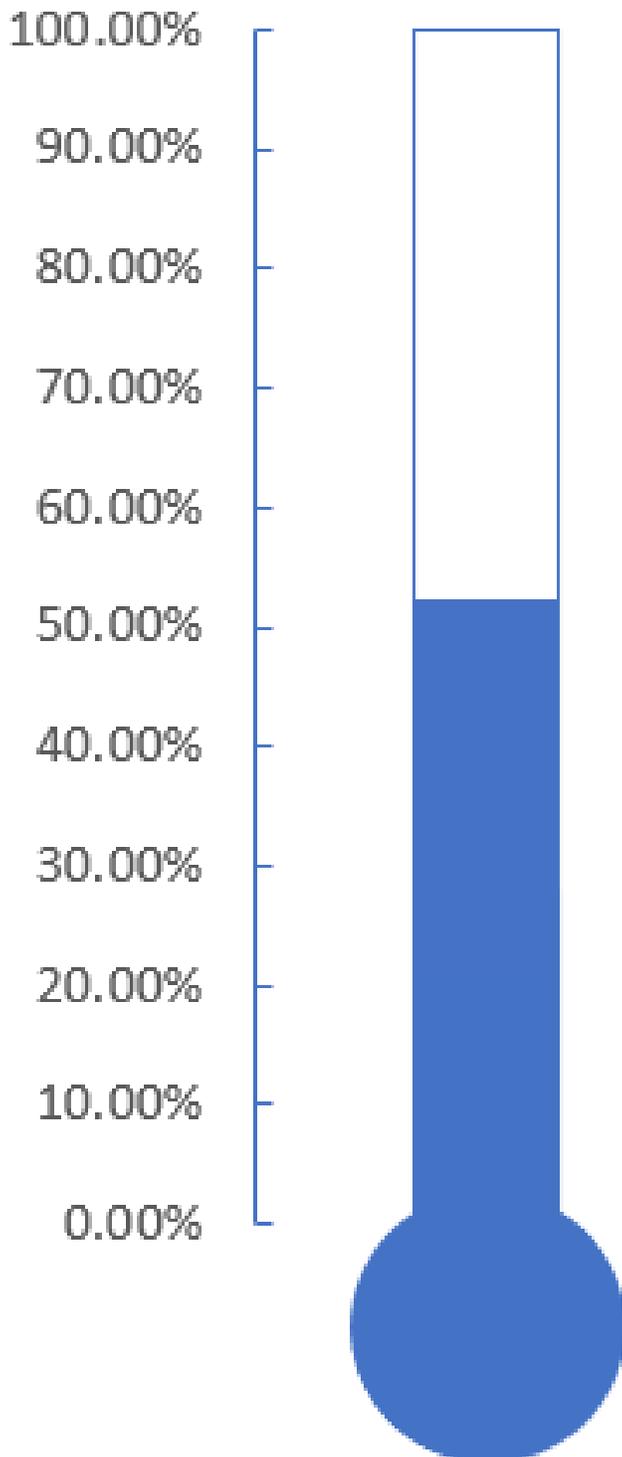
\$182,880

DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM 170 FAMILIES AS OF 9/30/2023:

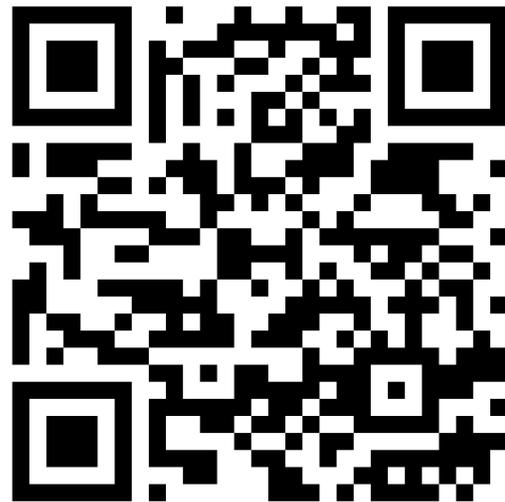
\$195,806

We are at 51% of our annual goal as of 9/30/23

We should be at 75% of our goal to be on track.



Stewardship is our response to God's grace and moves us from grace to gratitude. Just as we love because God first loved us (1 John 4:14), we give because God first gave to us. Every time we make an offering to God - big or small - He honors our sacrifice. We give mercifully so that the money is transfigured for a more glorious purpose. We give generously because it is transformative for the soul.



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(209) 478-7564 OR EMAIL
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Giving Thanks
Eucharistic
Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP
MINISTRY

STEWARDS OF GOD'S *Grace*



To all St. Basil parishioners:

Thank you for your patience as we strive to accurately list all of our wonderful stewards! The list below reflects all who have pledged and/or have made donation(s) to the parish during 2023. If your name is missing, or your recent donation statement that was mailed to you has any inaccuracies, please contact the parish office so corrections can be made: (209) 478-7564 - office@gosaintbasil.org - 920 W. March Lane, Stockton, 95207.

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STEWARDS OF GOD'S *Grace*

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Shamla Tounou

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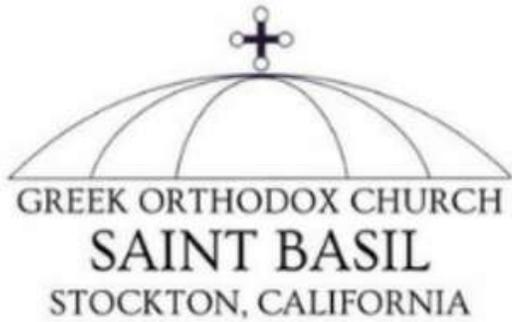
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Creighton & Bertha Younnel

Elpida Zahos

Maria Zarefakis

Mathew & Eleni Zarefakis



**St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church
Fall 2023 Parish Assembly**

**Sunday, November 12, 2023
after Divine Liturgy
in the parish hall**

**Everyone is welcome at the Parish Assembly!
However, in order to participate fully and be able to vote,
you must be a parishioner in good standing, having met
your stewardship obligations, per Parish Bylaws.**

**If you are in arrears, payment of your stewardship obligations can
be made up to the date of the meeting allowing you to participate
fully in the meeting.**

**Please speak with the Parish Council President if you are delinquent
for more than the current calendar year.**



Interested in being part of the Parish Council?

**Applications & details are available in the
Parish Office.**

DEADLINE to submit application:

November 6, 2023 at 4:00pm

St. Basil's Events and Ministries

Ministry Sunday



Journey to Fullness



Sunday School Resumed



Oath of Office for Philoptochos Executive Officers



Senior Ministry





Pavilion Groundbreaking Ceremony



Festival Thank You Party





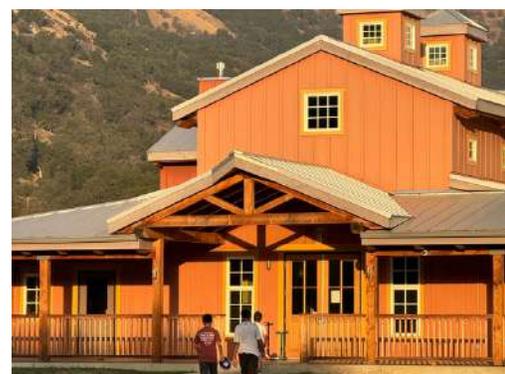
Parish Retreat



The weekend of the 20th, Saint Basil's and Holy Trinity San Francisco travelled to the Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center. During the course of the trip, both parishes partook of services, engaged in casual as well as spiritual discussions and lighthearted fun and games.

On Saturday, after breaking into age groups, we went to part one of our discussion driven program, "Prayer at Home." After this and lunch, the group visited the Monastery of the Life-Giving Spring for a meeting with Gerondissa Markella and a tour of the beautiful monastery grounds. Later in the evening, after part two of the program, our parishes celebrated the service of Great Vespers in the chapel down below at the ranch. And what a wonderful service it was! Everyone in this chapel, including the children, singing hymns before settling down for the rest of the evening.

On Sunday, of course, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Father Aris and Father Nicholas from Holy Trinity, and Father Pete. Alongside them, the sisters of the monastery chanted beautifully the hymns of Orthros and the Divine Liturgy. After the service, all had one last meal together before beginning to depart, but not before a quick photo to commemorate the occasion.



YOUTH ART CALENDAR COMPETITION

Sponsored by:

*Daughters of Penelope—St. Basil's Greek Orthodox Church
St. Basil's Greek Orthodox Church Sunday School*

WHO?

Calling the Youth of St. Basil's Church:
Grades Pre-K-3rd, 4th-6th, 7th-12th (3 categories)

WHAT?

Create an art rendering of a Bible Story or your creative self with the theme:
What are God's promises after the rainbow?

Art will be entered for publication in a calendar & additional publications.

🎁 Prizes - Basket of art supplies per category for #1 voted image.

🎁 Participation prizes for each person.

WHEN?

Due November 19, 2023 In class art lessons October 15 & October 29.

WHERE?

Create at your home or in class (Theme will be followed in class).

HOW?

You create with your choice of media (ink, watercolors, oil, oil pastels, printmaking, etc.) or with the Class lesson.

WHY?

Students will create from the theme, understanding Christian concepts. Funds raised go to Student Scholarships.

When work is complete, give to your Sunday School Teacher or place in the folder in the Church Office. You may also scan and send to ksfarros@gmail.com. Please place your Name, Age on the back of the art in pencil. Of course, make sure you sign your art with your artist signature in the bottom right corner.

Flyers may be obtained from St. Basil's Church office, as well as your Sunday School teachers & Director-Anastasia Cook.

For questions, contact Director-Anastasia or Kathleen Farros-Hoepfner
ksfarros@gmail.com.

ST. BASIL'S HOPE & JOY

Kindergarten to
5th grade

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 5
Following Turkey Lunch
In the Church Hall
12-1 P.M.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT GABRIEL AT
gabriel@gosaintbasil.org



TEEN NIGHT

All teens in high school are invited one Saturday a month to gather together for a night of fun, faith-building, and discussion about teen life and all subjects of interest!

Next Gathering:

Saturday, Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m.

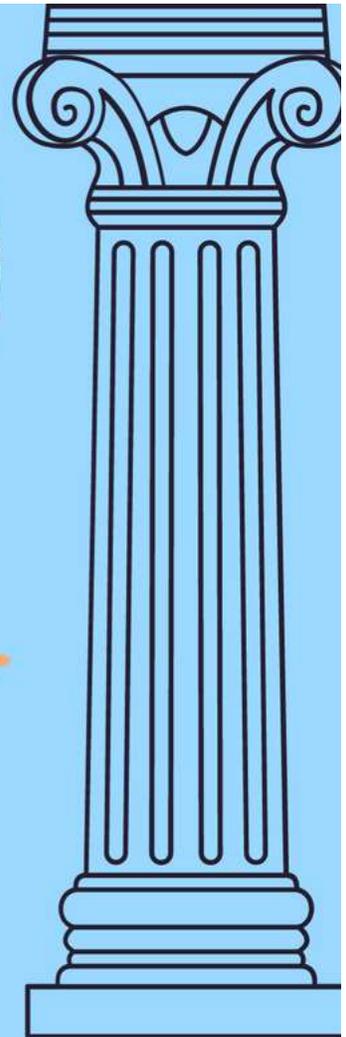
Location: Dalal Hanania's Home

Grades 9 to 12 are welcome!

For info. contact Gabriel Cupsa:
gabriel@gosaintbasil.org
(857) 361-6138



GREEK DANCE



ST. BASIL'S GREEK DANCE MINISTRY is bringing our youth together through music, dance, and fun, keeping the tradition alive! It is open to anyone 5 years and older!

PRACTICE EVERY SUNDAY FOR 30 MINUTES
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY
IN THE CHURCH HALL

For information, contact Maria Karapanos:
maria@karapanos.net
(209) 559-5101



Myrrhbearers Ministry

Myrrhbearer Ministry Summer break is over and the Myrrhbearers have returned as of September 17th for Sunday Divine Liturgy. All girls 7-16 are welcome to join. Looking for women to join the ministry to help the girls. High School ladies are welcome to join to assist. Please contact the office for details or Terri Blum 209-610-5425 to leave a message.

The Myrrh Bearers represent all that is good and holy in our Christian faith. They were there, "early in the morning," to find the empty tomb and received the word from the Angel that 'He is Risen' and to announce that message. The women followed Jesus during his earthly ministry in Galilee, providing for him and his followers out of their own means (Mark 15:41). They remained faithful to him even during the most dangerous time of his arrest and execution. Once the Sabbath had passed, the women returned at the earliest possible moment, bringing myrrh to anoint the body. It was at this point the

Resurrection was revealed to them, and they were commissioned to go and tell the Apostles. They were, in effect, the apostles to the Apostles.

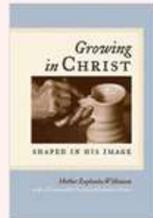
Please contact Terri Blum for more information, at BlumTeri@yahoo.com

Women's Book Club Dinner and Fellowship

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 16, 6-7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: TBD



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.



Please contact Pres. Angie for more information: angiesotiras@gmail.com

ST. BASIL VIP MINISTRY

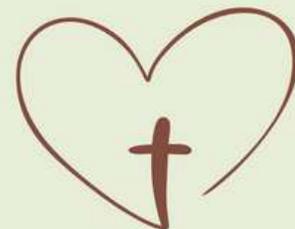
VIP is our new senior ministry and it is an opportunity to gather the distinguished and beloved members of our parish for fellowship, a meal and to hear a presentation on the faith or a topic of interest.

Please join us for the next session:

Tuesday, Nov. 14.

11:30am-1pm

in the Church Hall.



Please contact the Church Office for any questions and to confirm your attendance: office@gosaintbasil.org



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

All young adults 18 and above are welcome to join us as we gather once a month for fellowship, chatting about faith, life, and all subjects of interest!

Next meeting: November 26, Following Divine Liturgy, in the Fireside Room.



For more information, contact Gabriel Cupsa:
gabriel@gosaintbasil.org
(857) 361-6138

Christmas Carol Practice

Join us as we start practicing for December Caroling!

Youth, Young Adults and Adults are welcome!

Dates: Fridays, November 3 and 17.

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm.

Location: Fireside Room.

For more information, please contact Gabriel:

gabriel@gosaintbasil.org

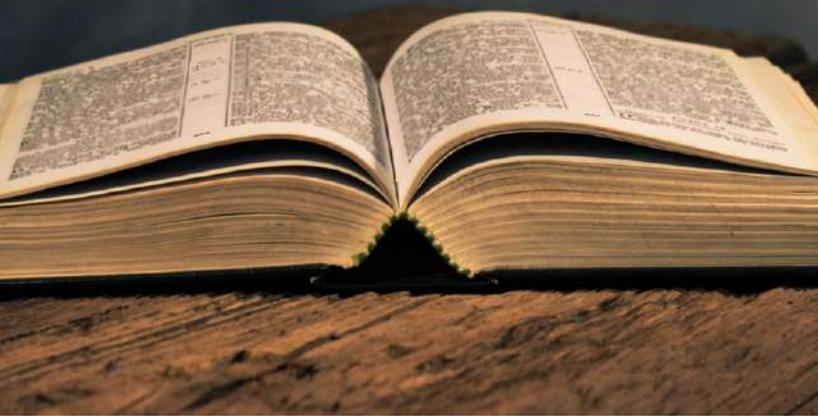


BIBLE STUDY

EVERY THURSDAY MORNING

11AM - NOON IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM

Join us in-person or on Zoom as we reflect on the Scriptures and its wisdom for our lives. Please contact Fr. Pete (frsotiras@gosaintbasil.org) if you plan to attend and for more information.



FAITH & LIFE

*In-person and Zoom
Fireside Room*

✝ Join us as we continue our reflection on “The Beatitudes” and its meaning for our lives.

✝ Join us on Wednesday Evenings:
Next meetings: November 8, 6:30-7:30 pm
November 15, 6:30-7:30 pm
November 29, 6:30-7:30 pm

✝ Zoom link will be offered.
for other information, contact Fr. Pete at:
frsotiras@gosaintbasil.org

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship returns 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.

Next Gathering:

Thursday Night, November 30
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Location: TBD

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE
INFORMATION CONTACT
FATHER PETE:

frsotiras@gosaintbasil.org



Upcoming Events



Turkey Lunch

ADULTS \$15 CHILDREN \$5

UNDER 2 FREE

A PHILOPTOCHOS FUNDRAISER TO
BENEFIT LOCAL PHILANTHROPIC
ORGANIZATIONS

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 5,
AFTER THE
DIVINE LITURGY**

**IN THE
CHURCH
HALL**

*Not even distance
can keep us in
the darkness.*



*"The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it."*

John 1:5

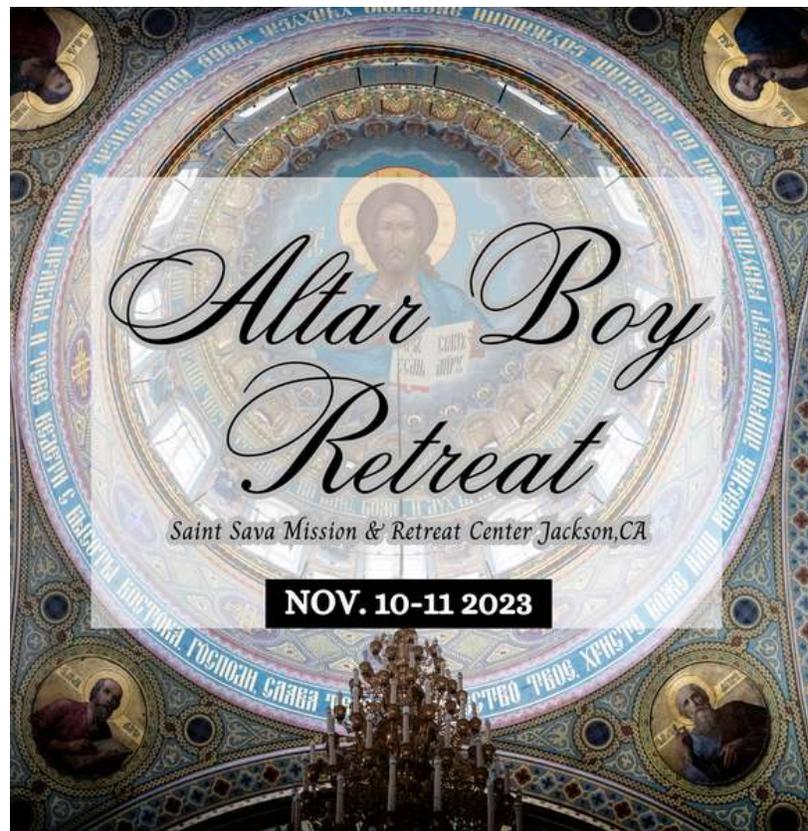
SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, November 19, 2023
2:00 p.m.**

**The Olympic Club
559 Skyline Boulevard
San Francisco, California**

*Light
the Path*

In support of the Bishop Anthony Philoptochos Student Aid
Endowment Fund. *Join us! More details coming soon!*



Altar Boy Retreat

Saint Sava Mission & Retreat Center Jackson, CA

NOV. 10-11 2023

Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church Hall Rental



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Our remodeled rental facility holds up to 380 people with an expandable partitioned wall for smaller events.

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920 West March Lane Stockton CA
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November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Strict Fast  Wine & Oil allowed  Fish Oil & Wine allowed	Fr. Pete Away at National Clergy Retreat in Phoenix (Oct. 30-Nov. 2)		 1 Sts. Cosmas & Damianos 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	NO Bible Study (Fr. Away at Retreat)	 3	
5 th Sunday of Luke 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Annual Philoptochos Turkey Luncheon to Follow HOPE/JOY meeting following luncheon	6 Deadline for PC Candidacy Forms by 4pm in Church Office	7 Parish Council Seminar, 6:30pm	 8 Synaxis of the Archangels Orthros, 8:30am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am Faith & Life, 6:30pm (In-person and Zoom)	9 St. Nektarios the Wonderworker 8:30am, Orthros 9:30am, Divine Liturgy Bible Study, 11am (In-person and Zoom)	 10 Acolyte Retreat (10-11)	11
12 8 th Sunday of Luke 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fall Parish Assembly to follow	13 St. John Chrysostom Orthros, 8:30am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am	14 VIP Ministry, 11:30am-1pm	 15 Nativity Fast Begins Faith & Life, 6:30pm (In-person and Zoom)	 16 Bible Study, 11am (In-person and Zoom) Ladies Book Club, 6pm	 17	 18 Teen Night (Middle Scholl and High School), 6pm-8pm, Hanania home
 19 9 th Sunday of Luke 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Light the Path in SF, 2pm	 20 Entrance of the Theotokos, 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	 21 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy	 22 Faith & Life, 6:30pm (In-person and Zoom)	23 THANKSGIVING (Office Closed) NO Bible Study	 24	 25 St. Katherine the Great Martyr—Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy in Elk Grove
 26 13 th Sunday of Luke 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Young Adult Meeting following Liturgy	 27	 28 St. Andrew the first called Apostle, 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Bible Study, 11am (In-person and Zoom) Men's Fellowship, 7pm	 29 Faith & Life, 6:30pm (In-person and Zoom)	 30		

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