



Congratulations, Father Panagiotis!
On the 15th Anniversary of your
ordination to the Holy Priesthood!
We are so blessed to have you, Pres. Angie
and your family.



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2023 Greek Food Festival

I want to thank all who helped make the 64th Annual St Basil Greek Food Festival the most successful in recent years and for the support you gave me my first time as chairperson.

I especially want to thank those who helped prepare the delicious pastry and entrée items at the various food parties held throughout the Summer. I particularly want to mention Gayle Maduros, Evie Robertson, Joanne Panagopoulos, Dimitra Veziris, Georgia Perlegos, Don Pascarella and his crew, for their amazing skills in the kitchen

during the Festival and Kathleen Ferros Hoepfner for organizing the Festival pastry volunteers. The assistance of the many volunteers who helped in the rolling of the dolmades, the twisting of the koulourakia, the layering of the spanakopita and the baklava, etc., cannot be overlooked or overstated. Because of all of you, we were able to finish each food party by lunchtime, making our food and pastry items the best of any Festival, anywhere. The other unsung heroes who must be recognized are the men who worked tirelessly to prepare the grounds for the Festival. This is an enormous effort and requires, among many other things, moving eleven 50' tent trusses each weighing 250 pounds, one by one, the length of two football fields and placing all the major appliances in the respective booths. Not to mention installing all the food booth tents. These are enormous efforts and require much hard work. For this, I am eternally grateful to Peter Maduros for his dedication and leadership.

I also want to recognize the booth Captains and their crews whose work during the Festival is essential to our success as well as our bank manager, Paul Bestolarides and his associates, Gus Ropalides and Katie Koutsoulis.

Last but not least, to Dean Poulos, thank you for once again handling the purchasing of every item used at the Festival and making sure the kitchen and every booth had everything they needed, when they needed it. But most of all, I want to thank everyone for the support you gave me and for having faith in me as chairperson of the 64th Annual St Basil Greek Food Festival. Let's make the 65th Annual bigger and better.

Faithfully,
Peter Koulouris
Festival Chairperson

Greek Festival 2023



Baklava
Monday



Greek Festival 2023



Greek Festival 2023



Interested in being part of the Parish Council?

Are you interested in being part of the Parish Council? 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 you wish to run for the PC or nominate someone, please pick up the Application for Parish Council Candidacy and other pertinent forms from the Church office. The deadline to turn in the form is Monday, Nov. 6 at 4:00pm at the Church office.
2. Each term is for two years.
3. All who wish to run for the Parish Council, whether incumbent Council members or new candidates, are required to attend a Parish Council Seminar. The date of the PC Seminar will be Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room. If you are interested in running for the PC but unable to attend the seminar, please contact Fr. Panagiotis as soon as possible.
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;
 - 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 date of Elections will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10 immediately after the Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall.

A message from Parish Council President Peter Koulouris

Parish Council

NOTICE

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Fall 2023 Parish Assembly Meeting Sunday, November 12, 2023



Dear Faithful Parishioners,

Pursuant to St. Basil Parish Bylaws, Article 4, Section 1, this is to notify you of the Spring Parish Assembly meeting to be held on November 12, 2023. Please submit to the Parish Council, in writing via the church office, any item that you would like to have placed on the agenda. Only Parish members in good standing will have the right to submit agenda items. The agenda items, to be considered, must be submitted in writing to the Church office no later than Sunday, October 15, 2023.

**Your request for agenda items
must be received by Sunday, October 15, 2023**

According to parish Bylaw Article 4, Section 1,

“The agenda items to be considered must be returned four weeks prior to the Parish Assembly. Any proposed agenda item that can be settled at a regular Parish Council meeting need not be placed on the agenda”

Details of the format and how to prepare for the Assembly will be communicated to eligible parishioners as we get closer to the Assembly.

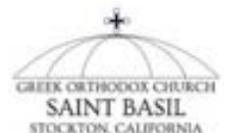
Please note: Article 31, Section 3 of the Uniform Parish Regulations states that a Parish Assembly consists of parishioners in good standing of the Parish who have met their stewardship obligations to the Parish in accordance with the Parish Bylaws.

A person whose name appears on the Stewardship rolls but who is in arrears in the payment of his/her stewardship obligations may take part in the Parish Assembly by meeting such stewardship obligations on or before the date of the meeting.

If a Parishioner is delinquent for more than the current calendar year, he or she may vote at the Parish Assembly only after that parishioner has met the unfulfilled stewardship financial obligations at least thirty (30) days before the Parish Assembly.

Thank you,

PETER KOULOURIS
Parish Council President



Adult Ministries

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

zoom only

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

† Join us on Wednesday Evenings:
**Next meetings: October 11 6:30-7:30 pm
October 18 6:30-7:30 pm**

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



ST. BASIL VIP MINISTRY



VIP is our new senior ministry and 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, Oct. 24.

11:30am-1pm

in the Church Hall.

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



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP RETURNS!

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, October 26th
7-8:30 p.m.
Location: TBD

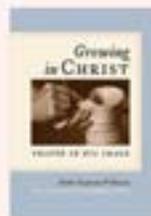
For questions or more information contact
Father Pete:
frsotiras@gosaintbasil.org



Women's Book Club Dinner and Fellowship

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 24, 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

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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



Next meeting: Sunday, October 15th, following the Divine Liturgy. Hope to see you there!



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

TEEN NIGHT

Grades 9 to 12 are welcome!

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, faith and all subjects of interest!

Next Gathering: Saturday, Oct. 14, 5:30-6:30p.m. at St. Basil Preside Room. Join us afterwards, in the 'Hall, for a Festival appreciation dinner which starts at 6:30pm!

For info, contact Gabriel Cupsa:
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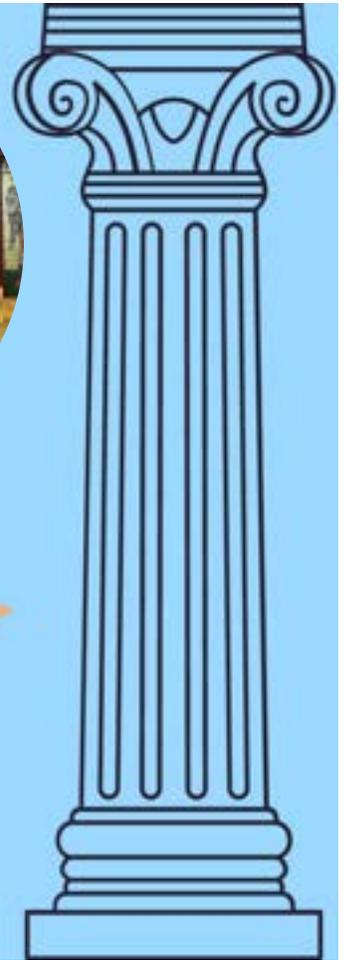


GREEK DANCE

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

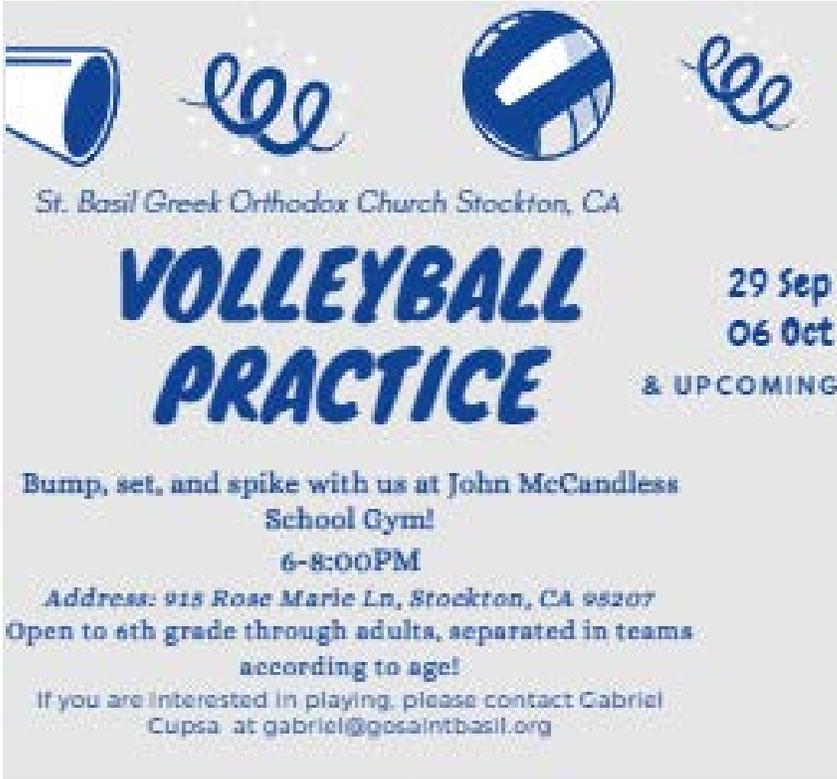
Myrrhbearer Ministry Summer break is over and the Myrrhbearers have returned as of September 17th for Sunday Divine Liturgy. All girls 7-16 are welcome to join. Looking for women to join the ministry to help the girls. High School ladies are welcome to join to assist. Please contact the office for details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

Upcoming Events



St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Stockton, CA

VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE

29 Sep
06 Oct
& UPCOMING

Bump, set, and spike with us at John McCandless School Gym!
6-8:00PM

Address: 915 Rose Marie Ln, Stockton, CA 95207
Open to 6th grade through adults, separated in teams according to age!
If you are interested in playing, please contact Gabriel Cupsa at gabriel@gosaintbasil.org



TRUNK OR TREAT 2023

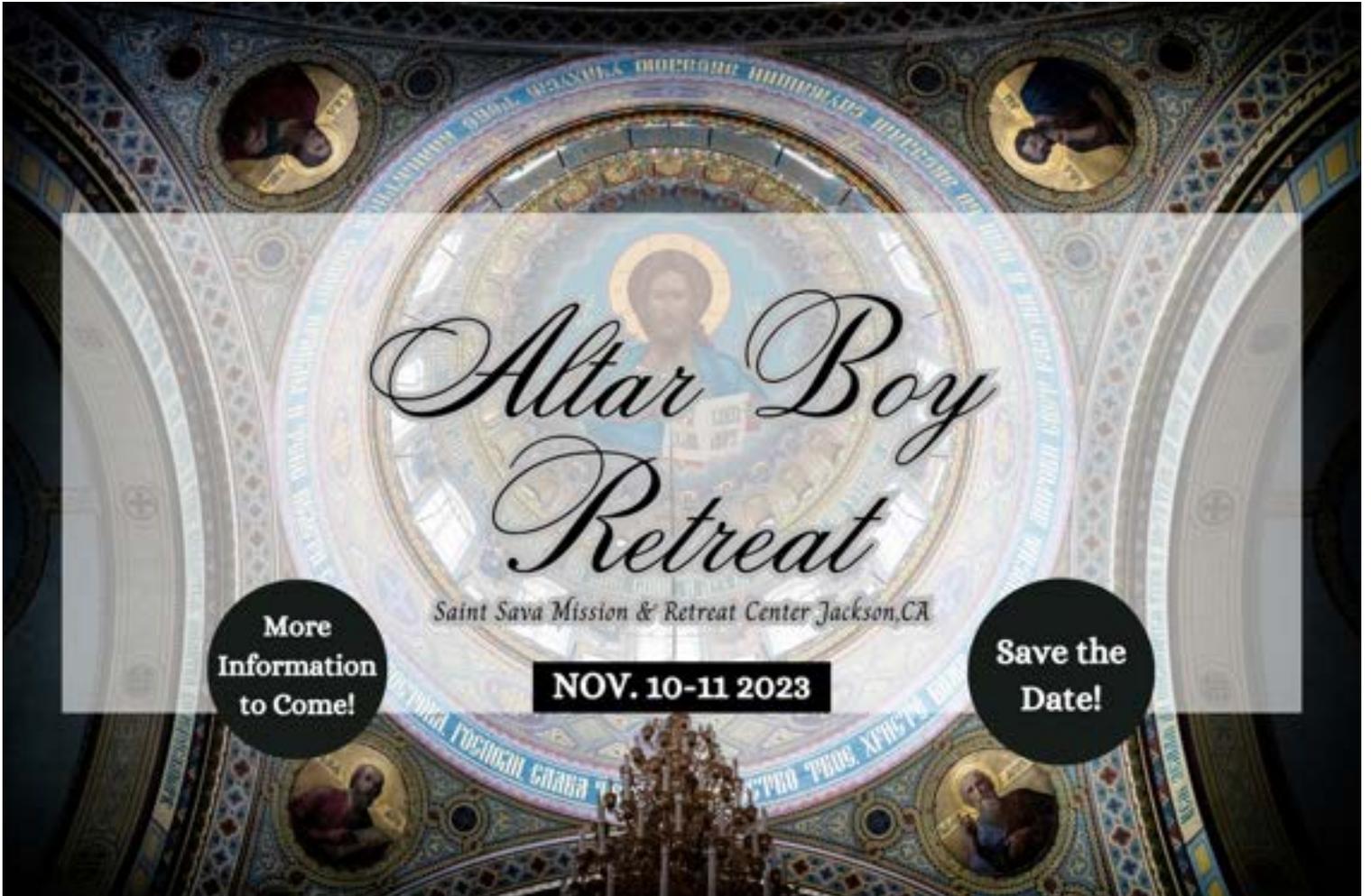
OCTOBER 25 - 6:30PM-8PM

ST. BASIL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

920 W. MARCH LN. STOCKTON

Wear your costume and join us for dinner and safe trick or treating in our church parking lot!
Please keep costume church appropriate (no demons, witches, zombies etc).
Decorate your trunk and bring candy to share if you're able!

For more information, contact Gabriel Cupsa (857) 561-6138 gabriel@gosaintbasil.org



Altar Boy Retreat

Saint Sava Mission & Retreat Center Jackson, CA

NOV. 10-11 2023

More Information to Come!

Save the Date!



We're pleased to invite you to our first Parish retreat at **St. Nicholas Ranch in Dunlap, CA**, where will be joining Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in San Francisco and their retreat theme, **Prayer at Home**.
October 20-22, 2023.



For more information & registration, visit <https://www.holytrinitysf.org/register>

Contact Gabriel Cupsa at gabriel@gosaintbasil.org

Financial assistance available—please contact Fr. Pete for more information at frsotiras@gosaintbasil.org

Parish retreat
October 20-22, 2023

Friday, October 20, 2023 7:00 PM

Sunday, October 22, 2023 3:00 PM

St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center

James George Drive Dunlap, CA, 93621 United States

ACCOMMODATION

LODGE ROOM (2 QUEEN OR FULL BEDS) \$85.00

Comfortable sleeps 3-4 people. Hotel style with bathroom including linens, towels and sheets. Price is per night.

DORMITORY STYLE ROOM \$25.00

Cost is per person per night. Dormitories are bunk beds with a shared bathroom.

MEALS (FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY) \$81.00

This package includes the following meals (cost is per person):

Friday: Dinner

Saturday: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sunday: Brunch

MEALS (SATURDAY ONLY) \$49.00

This package includes the following meals (cost is per person): Saturday: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Upcoming Events/Missions



OCTOBER IS **MISSION PRIEST** MONTH AT OCMC!

In over 20 countries throughout Africa, Orthodox faithful, like you, provide much needed financial support to 550 Orthodox priests through the Support a Mission Priest (SAMP) program. These funds help these mission clergy care for their families and communities as they take the faith to places where the Gospel may never have before been proclaimed

Show your support for a mission priest with a gift to SAMP this October.
ocmc.org/SAMP2023



PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
REV. FR. SOTERIOS ROUSAKIS'

25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023
8:45AM ORTHROS
10:00AM DIVINE LITURGY
Followed by a luncheon in
Fellowship Hall

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
Jamestown, NY
RSVP to Alexis (716) 665-8910

THE SAN JOSE SAINT NICHOLAS VOLLEYBALL
TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS

GREEK NIGHT

FEATURING

EVANGELIA

AND SPINNING THE LATEST IN GREEK MUSIC

DJ G-STAV



OCTOBER 28TH, 2023
SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
1260 DAVIS ST. SAN JOSE, CA 95126

*GREEK NIGHT TICKET ALREADY INCLUDED IN
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANT PACKAGE

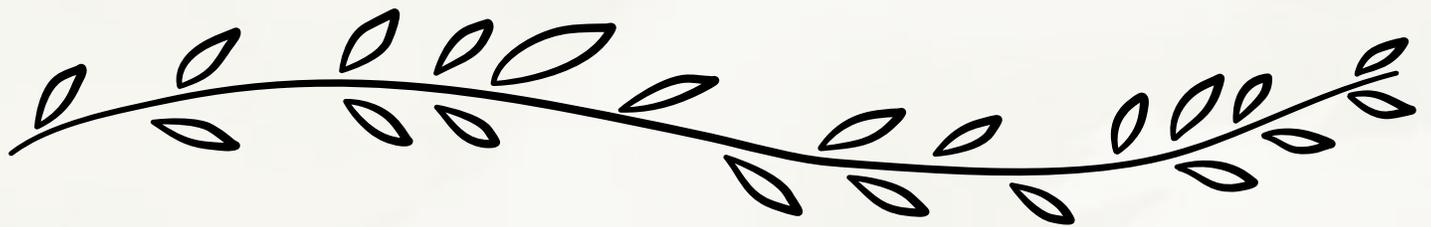
FULL ADMISSION AT 6:30 (DINNER INCLUDED)... \$75
GLENDI ONLY AFTER 8:45PM (NO DINNER).....
\$60 KIDS UNDER 12 (DINNER INCLUDED)
..... \$20

FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION
VISIT EVENTBRITE.COM

FOR ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL
SAINTNICHOLASVOLLEYBALL@GMAIL.COM
OR CALL (408) 806-1699



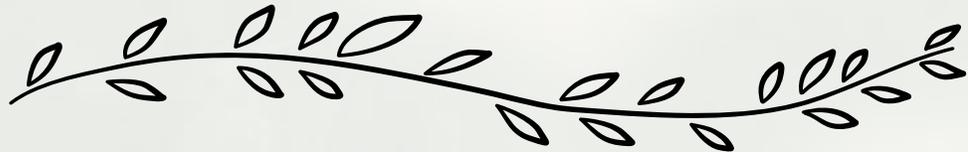
Matthew Mourad receiving the Cross and the 'seminarian status' at HCHC.



In honor of our wife and mother, Eleni Adam, on her two year memorial (10/24/2023), a donation will be made to the Lodi Salvation Army to help the less fortunate than us.

in loving memory

**Thank you,
The Adam and Herbert Families.**



Merciful Giving

Excerpt from *Money & Salvation, an invitation to the good way* by Andrew Geleris, M.D.

“Too often, we as hierarchs, clergy, and lay leaders speak to our people about giving to meet the needs of the church or the needs of the poor, and we forget to teach that the true need for each and every one of us is simply to give. God did not recommend that we give only when there is some perceived need or a capital campaign for a project.

God commands that we give for our salvations.”

Your Stewardship Commitment makes the ministries, programs, and liturgical life of our parish possible.

Ways to Give

- Online
- Phone
- Bank Transfer
- In Church

Methods of payment

- Autopay
- Check
- PayPal
- Credit/Debit Card

Or, you can set up your giving online? Go to: <https://gosaintbasil.org/donate-online/>

100.00%

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Stewardship 2023

Annual Goal: \$385,000.00

We should be at 66.7% of our goal to be on track.

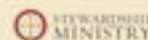
We are at 48.06%.
Total received (through 8/31/23)
\$185,038.48

Your Stewardship Commitment helps St. Basil Parish meet our 2023 goals to support the ministries, programs, and liturgical life of our Church.

Please submit your Pledge Card Today.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT PAYMENT METHODS?
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (209) 478-7564
OR EMAIL OFFICE AT: GOSAINTBAIL.ORG

Giving Thanks
Eucharistic
Stewardship



STEWARDS OF GOD'S *Grace*



To all Stewards and Basilian Angels

Please continue to accept our heartfelt apologies for not listing your names in this month's Basilian. Due to unforeseen and unexpected changes in our parish office, we still do not have a complete and accurate list to publish in this issue. We will be able to publish a comprehensive list in the next issue.

We are asking, if you have an automatic payment that has not been drawn, please contact the office and let them know.

We need Coffee Hour Hosts. Please Sign Up!



Participate in the St. Basil tradition by hosting with your family or a group of friends.

Gathering in the church hall after Sunday services for coffee, refreshments and fellowship has been an important part of our spiritual life in the parish. It gives us the opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners and share with them in their special occasions such as Name Days, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Memorials, etc. Coffee Hour also serves to encourage fellowship, catch up with friends, welcome newcomers, and encourage conversation.

Please call the office to schedule.

Hosting is simple! Bring snacks & juice, brew Coffee, set out food & beverages, and clean up.

Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church Hall Rental



Facility Rental

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

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

FAITH-BASED

Weddings
Baptisms
First Communion
Quincenerias
Memorials

FUNDRAISERS

Crab Feeds
School
Sports

Dance, Cheer,
Gymnastics or Band
Youth Groups

OTHER EVENTS

Birthdays, Sweet 16
Anniversaries
Reunions
Art Show, Gallery Exhibit
Meetings, Conferences
Chamber of Commerce
Events

Basilian Boosters



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Looking to buy or sell property in Nevada: Tahoe, Reno, Carson Valley? Interested in a referral for a Realtor in Athens, Cabo, or other countries?

Call me for any real estate questions for help.

Turning DREAMS into REALITIES 

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy	2 Journey to Fullness, 6pm-8pm	3 Journey to Fullness, 6pm-8pm	4 ✦	5 Bible Study, 11:00am-Noon	6 ✦ Volleyball Practice, 6pm-8pm @ McCandless Gym	7 ✦ Wine & oil allowed
8 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy Groundbreaking service for Pavilion	9 Construction of Pavilion begins	10 Journey to Fullness, 6pm-8pm	11 ✦ Faith and Life, 6:30pm-7:30pm (Zoom only)	12 Bible Study, 11:00am-Noon	13 ✦	14 Teen Night, 5:30pm @ Hanania home
15 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy Young Adult Ministry After Divine Liturgy	16 Journey to Fullness, 6pm-8pm	17 Journey to Fullness, 6pm-8pm	18 ✦ Faith and Life, 6:30pm-7:30pm (Zoom only)	19 Bible Study, 11:00am-Noon	20 ✦ Parish Retreat @ St. Nicholas Ranch, 20-22	21 ✦
22 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy	23 VIP, 11:30am Ladies Book Club & Dinner, 6pm, Location: TBD	24 Ladies Book Club & Dinner, 6pm, Location: TBD	25 ✦ Trunk or Treat, 6:30pm-8:00pm	26 St Demetrios 8:30am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy Bible Study, 11-Noon Men's Fellowship, 7:00pm, Location: TBD	27 ✦ Volleyball Tournament in San Jose (27-29)	28 Metropolis GALA in SF
29 8:15am Orthros 9:30am Liturgy Pumpkin Painting Dance Practice	30 Fr. Pete @ National Clergy Retreat (Oct. 30-Nov. 2)	31 No services for Sts. Cosmas and Damian—Fr. Pete away at retreat	NOV. 1 ✦ NOV. 1	NOV. 2 No Bible Study—Fr. Pete away at Retreat	✦ NOV. 3	

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