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## *A Message from Your Stewardship Team*

*You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity. ~ 2 Corinthians 9:6-11*

Stewardship shouldn't be easy.

And that is because it is unlike a 'bill' to be paid, a membership fulfilled, or a subscription renewed.

It is our on-going relationship with our Church. And that relationship – the love we share – calls on each of us to be aware of the changes in the world and how they affect our parish. We are all familiar that Stewardship is an opportunity for us to give of our time, our talents and our treasure. And we have in many wonderful ways – through our missions, organizations, and events such as the recent Festival. We have a beautiful church and campus – and each has been made what they are through our love, and the love of our brothers and sisters in Christ. What is easily missed are the changes. As our parish has grown in faith, so too are the challenges we are asked to meet. The challenge that Stewardship meets with our treasure has grown significantly in the past twenty years, but our giving has not. Looking forward - we are all called upon to look inward and ask the question: "Is this my best gift?"

Stewardship shouldn't be easy because it is not just volunteer or pay and forget. It is our on-going relationship with our Church and a manifestation of our love.

We must increase our giving to meet this year's Stewardship goal. Please consider the giving guidelines shown next to this message and prayerfully ask: "Have I given my best gift?"

Thank you for your generosity!

## Experience the Joy of Giving My Best Gift

# **Bountiful and Cheerful!**

By Fr. Barnabas Powell



The change of perspective that the Faith offers us extends to our possessions, our talents, and our motivation. At least, it's supposed to!

As someone who has spent most of my adult life either as a police officer or in the nonprofit world, I can tell you that generosity is both addictive and life-giving. It is. Studies have shown that generosity can have real psychological effects on one's behavior and mood...

... as Orthodox Christians, what medicine does the Faith offer us to develop healthy generosity? And why do the Fathers of the Church regularly discuss generosity as one of the three pillars of spiritual disciplines for Orthodox Christians?

... He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

... Reaping and Sowing. Sadly, this idea has been so very much abused by some in American Christianity. Some have suggested that this has everything to do with "how much" you plant. But there is more to it than that shallow idea!

Reaping and sowing take thought, planning, purpose, and a sober mind. This principle of generosity flows from knowing about the Faith you are investing your life into.

... Freely Give. Shame, manipulation, and guilt will NEVER produce generosity. Never.

... The most negative comments from my preaching and teaching come when I talk about money and funding the Church, as the Church deserves to be supported. And that's because people either suffer from the notion they "have to" or are wounded from being "forced to." Out of that challenge flows all kinds of bad attitudes toward our possessions or priorities for our giving. When you see your giving change from being based on "need" to being motivated by "gratitude," you will become generous.

... Giving Cheerfully. The actual Greek word can be translated as "hilariously." Isn't that delightful? God wants us to give from a "hilarious heart." That heart will only be created in your chest from Faith and Love. When you are convinced that God loves you and that He is caring for you, you will be free to hold your life loosely in your hands instead of gripping your possessions to you to "ease" your fear of the future. When you give as God gives, then you are truly generous...

Today, what kind of "giver" are you? Are you attentive to the power of generosity to make you like Jesus Christ? Normal Orthodoxy is a generous and purposeful Orthodoxy. Is that who you are?

*--Fr. Barnabas Powell is the parish priest at Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene Greek Orthodox Church in Cumming, GA and Founder of Faith Encouraged Ministries. This article is taken from his Substack article published October 21, 2024.*

Full article here: [https://open.substack.com/pub/frbarnabaspowell/p/bountiful-and-cheerful?r=2n9eyy&utm\\_campaign=post&utm\\_medium=email](https://open.substack.com/pub/frbarnabaspowell/p/bountiful-and-cheerful?r=2n9eyy&utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=email)

To those who tithe, God promises a blessing until it is overflowing[!]  
 --Orthodox Study Bible; Commentary from Malachi 3:8-13

# Did you know?

**St. Basil parish has joined many other Greek Orthodox parishes from across the country...**

In the Narthex, you are now able to make donations for candles, stewardship, and other ministries using a card reader. For your convenience, you can now make donations with cash, check, debit card or credit card. They are discretely located on each side where the candles are located.

Parish Council members are happy to assist if needed!



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

## Stewardship "Numbers" Update

- September 2024 Giving: \$12,353.47
- YTD Giving through the end of September 2024: \$207,208.44 (compared to \$251,250.00 to be on track for the year)
- We are at 62% of our annual goal of \$335,000.00 (compared to 75% to be on track)



Donate

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*Remember St. Basil Parish in your estate planning. Your gift is meaningful. Beyond measure.*

...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...  
 Matthew 6:20 (RSV)

# St. Basil's Dome Renovation Project

## Donate Today!



Be part of St. Basil Parish History for up to 200 years! Your great-great... grandchildren will know you helped make our beautiful dome possible! We approved the stainless steel Titanium Nitride (bronze) color coating that will, as Evie Robinson said at the Parish Assembly, shine like a “halo” over our church - a sign and beautiful silent witness to our community.

Contact Peter Koulouris ([peterkoulouris1954@gmail.com](mailto:peterkoulouris1954@gmail.com)) or Jim Natsis ([jim.natsis1@gmail.com](mailto:jim.natsis1@gmail.com)) for more information.

Use the QR code below to make your donation today!



Online Giving or Use the QR Code

***ST BASIL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH DOME - ST BASIL GOC DOME (SQUARE.SITE)***

# 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 by Tuesday, Nov. 12 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. 12 at 7:00pm in the Fireside Room.
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. Date of Elections will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8 immediately after the Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall.



# Fall 2024 Parish Assembly Meeting

Sunday, November 10,  
following the  
Divine Liturgy, in the  
Church Hall

ST. BASIL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
STOCKTON, CA

## Evening Liturgy

Celebrating *The Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple*  
- Followed by fellowship and discussion -



Divine Liturgy



Lenten Potluck



Class on the Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, November 20

Orthros - 5:00 pm

Liturgy - 6:00 pm

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# St. Basil's Parish Retreat

Oct. 18 - Oct. 20, 2024



This year's Parish Retreat was a success which produced many blessings and memories. Those who went shared great times eating together, playing games and singing. On Saturday we were edified with class sessions on "How Great is our God" where many meaningful lessons and discussions took place. At the monastery our retreat attendees found treasures at the bookshop and experienced the beauty of the monastery grounds. The evening closed with a wonderful vespers service together, led by Fr. Pete and Fr. Gabriel. On Sunday we all attended liturgy and were inspired by the reverent and divine worship found at the monastery. Following liturgy, we ate a meal together while listening to the life of St. Gerasimos being read and then heard an impactful homily from the head priest, on the power of the Jesus Prayer against demonic energies. Afterwards, we headed home bringing with us all the wonderful blessings we received.





# Ladies Book Club

Gathered together on October 21, 2024, and continued to share the wisdom and many applicable lessons from the book, "Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives" - The life and teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica. The discussion focused on the first 3 chapters of the book and how the fundamental concepts of the power of thoughts, the nature of good and evil thoughts, the importance of guarding one's mind, and the struggle against negative thoughts that can arise within us.



## VIP Ministry (Senior)

October 22, 2024

The highlight was a presentation by Fr. Gabriel about his recent trip to Romania. He also shared the fascinating story about the Hagia Sophia, an amazing sanctuary from the Byzantine Era. The church is situated in what is now modern-day Istanbul, Turkey.



# MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thursday Night, November 21  
2024  
7:00-8:30 PM  
Location: TBD

Men's Fellowship aims 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.



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## Upcoming

## Adult

### ST. BASIL VIP MINISTRY



VIP is our 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, November 12 2024

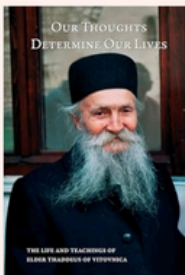
11:30 am - 1 pm  
in the Church Hall.

## LADIES BOOK CLUB

**MONDAY,**  
NOVEMBER 18 2024, 6:00-8:00 PM  
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.

Reading: "Our Thoughts Determine our Lives" by Elder Thaddeus.



Please contact Pres. Angie for more information:  
[angiesotiras@gmail.com](mailto:angiesotiras@gmail.com)

## Ministries

# ST. BASIL'S HOPE & JOY MINISTRY

Kindergarten and  
Elementary  
School Ages



Sunday,  
November 17  
2024  
Following Coffee  
Hour  
In the Fireside  
Room, 12-1 P.M.

## Upcoming



## TEEN NIGHT

Grades 6 -12

*Friday, November 15, 2024, 6:00-8:00 pm*

*Location: TBD*



## Youth & Young Adult



All teens in middle and 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 with Fr. Pete and Fr. Gabriel!

For info contact Fr. Gabriel: [frgabriel@gosaintbasil.org](mailto:frgabriel@gosaintbasil.org)  
(857) 361-6138

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Next meeting:  
Sunday, November 24,  
Following Coffee Hour, in the  
Fireside Room.

## Ministries

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!

For more information, contact Fr. Gabriel:  
[frgabriel@gosaintbasil.org](mailto:frgabriel@gosaintbasil.org)

# St. Basil's Community News - Our Family

**Angela Parises Brusa** and husband **Jim Brusa** will be honored October 2024 as recipients of the 2024 Good Will Helping Hands Award at Stockton, Golf & Country Club. Angela, daughter of the late Elisa and Dan Parises, is a Vice President of Marketing and Communications at the Bank of Stockton. Husband Jim is President of St. Mary's High School in Stockton.

Several Art shows in Sacramento area have pieces by **Kathleen Farros-Hoeppner** who is one of the artists at the I Street Galleries. She will also participate at Sac Open Studios September 14 and 15 at I Street Studios at 1727 I Street with an Artist Reception August 10 from 6-8:00pm

Thanks to **Deana and Tom Chiarchianis** who have donated a Bunn Coffee Machine for use with smaller groups as the old one was leaking and well past its prime. They also donated two Cuisinart Food Processors which have already received good use. Thanks to you both!

Mark Saturday November 2 on your calendar as our sister parish of **Annunciation in Sacramento** will host a Christmas Around The World Festival from 10 am - 4 pm in their Hellenic Center located at 616 Alhambra Blvd. across from McKinley Park. Hot lunches, baked goods and carry out are available as well as crafts, Christmas Rummage, Books, Raffle, unique specialty gift items and much more. The event is sponsored by Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church, Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo, St. Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. Mary Coptic Church and St. Stephen Orthodox Church as well as Annunciation. Admission is free and abundant parking available in the Hellenic Center lot located on 30th Street.

Our beloved former pastor **Fr. Constantine Efstathiu** was honored by Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church in Novato Sunday, September 15 in celebration of his 40 years of serving that parish. Father was presented with a lovely gold cross and chain by the congregation. Father served our parish from 1967 to 1984. Axios!

In the early morning of August 27, **Frederic Helmuth Brell Everly, Sr.**, went into a peaceful sleep at home in Stockton at 75 years of age. He

was born February 27, 1949, in Pontiac, Michigan to his parents, Frederic H. Everly sr., and Helen Breed Everly. He is survived by his wife, Katy; son Frederick H. Everly Jr. of Chicago; bother George Everly; sisters Margarita and Barbara Everly of Summerville, SC; sister Manuela Strechele of Ostallgau, Germany, niece Natasha Everly of Oakland, Granddaughter and Great-granddaughters Christina and Anna Lea Aguirre of Bakersfield, CA; brothers in law, Robert (Myrna) Rapisura of Stockton and Maurice Rapisura Jr. of San Francisco. As well as family and friends in the States and numerous family and friends in Germany, Romania, the Netherlands, Spain. He committed his life to the service of his country, family and the church. He became an active member of St. Susanna Orthodox Church in Sonora in 2007, served as a Reader and was ordained as Subdeacon Tikhon in December 2017 until his active. Service retirement in February 2021. In December of that year they couple moved from Sonora to Stockton joining St. Basil Church. Fredrick served in the US Army in the US Army Defense Military Intelligence Corps and Special Operations Command and continued to serve with the Army Reserve unit February 2009. A graduate from the University of Illinois he continued his education graduating from San Jose State with M.S. in Criminal Justice Administration. He began his career in law enforcement with the Chicago Police Department. After moving to California, he served as a correctional officer at San Quentin Prison, retiring as an Associate Warden in 2004 and served as a Correctional and Law Enforcement Consultant. An oil painter, his art was displayed in local galleries featuring portraits and landscape scenes. He also had a deep knowledge of military history. Services were held at St. Basils on Wednesday and Thursday followed by internment at Cherokee Memorial Cemetery. Memory eternal!

**Nora Duffy** is set to marry **Jono Dorr** in the summer of 2025. They will reside in Southern California. Nora is the granddaughter of Vaso and Kosta Koutsoulis and daughter of Michael and Gia Duffy. Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Andy & Jennifer Pappas** on the Grand Opening of the new Papapavlo's Restaurant in Lodi, a delightful new addition to our community. On Tuesday, October 15 2024, our beloved Fr. Pete and Fr. Gabriel went and blessed the restaurant, wishing them prosperity, peace and guidance from the Lord. May God bless them and all their work, and may He fill the place with joy and hospitality, ensuring that every guest that enters the restaurant feels welcomed and loved. We wish them all the best for a successful and beautiful journey ahead!



Pictured right: 3 Year Memorial service in memory of **Eleni Adams**, wife of Argirios Adams. The service was officiated by Fr. Gabriel at Lodi Cherokee Cemetery on Friday, October 25, 2024.



Pictured left: **Sebastian Lee Gohan Medina** 40 Day Blessing on September 1, 2024



We welcome into our church family baby **Dionysios Ramon**, son of Joseph Silveridis and Carley Sawatsky. On Saturday, October 26, 2024, Dionysios got baptized into the Orthodox Faith, having as Godparents Fr. Gabriel and Presvytera Iulia. The Sacrament was officiated by Fr. Pete and Fr. Gabriel, making a first for Fr. Gabriel as this was the first baptism he has officiated since becoming a priest in March 2024. We congratulate Carley and Joseph, and the Godparents, on this wonderful and joyous occasion and we look forward to seeing Dionysios grow within our church community.



On Sunday, October 27, 2024, **Jared and Alona Chacon**, a beloved couple from our church, had their house blessed by Fr. Gabriel, as they recently moved into a new home. The blessing of the home is an important Orthodox tradition that signifies asking the Lord for His protection upon the house, peace and prosperity. We wish Jared and Alona a fruitful new beginning in their newly blessed house.





## Guest Speaker

### **Doreen Gallo-Bestolarides**

National Speaker and Multidisciplinary Educator for Health Care Providers, Community Agencies, and Caregivers

Executive Board member American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry  
[www.AADMD.org](http://www.AADMD.org)

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Member of Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association (DDN)

Doreen spoke at the CV-RAPS Program in Sep. Hosted by the Stockton Regional Rehabilitation Hospital

Doreen is a proud mother to her son Danny, who has Down Syndrome. She passionately advocates for Danny and others with diverse abilities, weaving advocacy into every aspect of her life and teaching others how to support people with special needs.

As a Registered Nurse, Doreen's expertise spans Cardiac Intensive Care, Surgical Intensive Care, the Cardiac Catheterization Lab, Case Management, TAVR clinic nursing, and Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities Nursing. She is also a Certified Parish Nurse. Doreen has served as a First Line Supervisor in all critical care areas and the Cardiac Cath Lab, and as a Clinical Management Specialist in Open Heart Surgery.

Doreen's commitment to disability advocacy has earned her recognition locally and nationally, resulting in magazine cover features. Her son Danny was featured on the Jumbotron in Times Square by the National Down Syndrome Society. Remarkably, even Doreen's dog has appeared on the cover of a local magazine. For Doreen, self-care and advocacy are continuous pursuits.

Doreen has been active on local boards, serving as the Go Red for Women Chairperson for the American Heart Association, co-founding the Family Resource Network, participating as a board member of the Mayor's Task Force for People with Disabilities, and contributing to The ARC San Joaquin.

After 34 years, Doreen retired from Dignity Health/St. Joseph's Medical Center but continues to leverage her skills and knowledge for community benefit. She has long volunteered as the on-site medic at the annual **BRAIN HEALTH to BEAT STROKE** fundraiser by Healings in Motion. We are excited to have Doreen as this month's CV-RAPS Speaker.

*St. Basil's*  
*Mailing Team Ministry*

One of the most crucial ways we maintain our awareness of what's going on at St. Basil's is communication. Toward that end, we need help with stuffing and putting stamps (or nonprofit postage) on envelopes, as well as mailing them.

Times for doing this can be tailored to our volunteers.

Although it may not seem like it, this ministry can be a fun and fulfilling experience. Please contact the office ([office@gosaintbasil.org](mailto:office@gosaintbasil.org) or 209-478-7564) to let us know if you would like to be part of this very important ministry!

# HOST COFFEE HOUR

2024



SIGN-UP TODAY

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

# St. Basil's Bookstore

In the Orthodox Tradition it is customary for infants and adults to receive a cross at their baptism or chrismation. It is to be worn around the neck, not as an adornment for cosmetic purposes, but presupposes a witness and acknowledgement of Jesus Christ. Before the crucifixion the cross signified suffering, defeat, and death. With Christ's death on the Cross, it has become the symbol of triumph, salvation, and eternal life. The Cross is the first and greatest Christian sacred object. When the priest sanctifies the baptismal water, he immerses the Cross in it, and it becomes holy. The fathers of the church tell us that the devil fears the cross and flee from it. For this reason, the cross is to be worn for protection all the time.

Orthodox crosses come in assorted sizes and designs. The cross reflects a deeply personal relationship with Christ and a personal act of devotion. Wearing a cross serves as a reminder of their faith and commitment according to the teachings of Christ. The cross guards against physical and spiritual harm. Wearing a cross is an essential aspect of an Orthodox Christian identify.

The bookstore has a variety of crosses available in stock for direct purchase. While you are preparing for a baptism or Chrismation, please consider purchasing a cross from St. Basil parish bookstore. The bookstore also has icons and other religious items for personal devotion and gifting for baptisms, weddings, name days and birthdays. You may view crosses during after liturgy fellowship.

Text Patty Manuse @ 209-337-5401 or email [patriciamanuse@gmail.com](mailto:patriciamanuse@gmail.com) to view crosses.

Pictured right: This cross is a variation of the Russian style. The higher bar symbolizes INBI (Jesus Christ, King of Jews); the middle bar Jesus' outstretched arms; and the lower bar the footstool; the slope represents His Ascension. This cross comes in silver and gold, in a High-Polish surgical-grade stainless steel with 18k gold plated.



Pictured left: Slavonic Cross laser-etched stainless steel, gold and silver plated. The uc is King of Glory. Available in gold or silver. The ICXC are Greek letters for Jesus Christ, King of Jews. Dimensions: 1" x 1.4" inches.



Pictured left: Authentic olive wood Orthodox cross necklace from Bethlehem. The wood comes from a tree that has been growing in Bethlehem, the birthplace of our Lord. Blessed on the Anointing Stone in the Holy Sepulcher Church in Jerusalem.



Pictured left: Made of premium, gold- and silver-plated stainless steel, rust resistant and corrosion resistant, tarnish free, durable and antiallergic. Size: Cross Pendant: 1.18-inch x 0.79 inch. Chain Length 18" to 20".

*\*\*\* Bookstore Special \*\*\**

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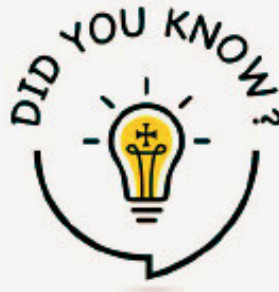


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- The Only Unforgivable Sin
- God Speaks to Us
- After Holy Communion
- Second Coming
- Miracle of Saint Theodora of Vasta
- Heavenly versus Earthly Joy



#### 2) [Sunday Sermon Series](#)

Easy-to-download weekly sermons for clergy, educators and faithful, based on the upcoming Sunday Gospels. Each week, a new sermon is released for each Sunday of the ecclesiastical year. The SSS includes the Gospel reading along with insights and analysis.

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

# November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p> Strict Fast</p> <p> Wine &amp; Oil allowed</p> <p> Fish Oil &amp; Wine allowed</p> <p> Refrain from meat</p> <p>No symbol - Fast Free</p>					<p> 1</p> <p>Cosmas and Damianos</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke 3</p> <p>Orthros, 8:15am</p> <p>Divine Liturgy, 9:30am</p> <p>Turkey Luncheon (Daylight Savings Time Ends)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Election Day</p> <p>Grief Ministry, 11am</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Divine Liturgy Class, 7pm-8pm</p>	<p> 6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bible Study, 11am</p>	<p> 8</p> <p>Synaxis of the Archangels</p> <p>Orthros, 8:30am</p> <p>Divine Liturgy, 9:30am</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Nektarios the Wonderworker</p> <p>Orthros, 8:30am</p> <p>Divine Liturgy, 9:30am</p>
<p>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke 10</p> <p>Orthros, 8:15am</p> <p>Divine Liturgy, 9:30am</p> <p>Fall Parish Assembly to follow</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veteran's Day (Office Closed)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>VIP Ministry, 11:30am</p> <p>PC Seminar, 7pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p> John Chrysostom</p> <p>Orthros, 8:30am</p> <p>Divine Liturgy, 9:30am</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bible Study, 11am</p>	<p> 15</p> <p>Nativity Fast Begins</p> <p>Teen Night, 6pm, Location: TBD</p>	<p> 16</p>
<p>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke 17</p> <p> Orthros, 8:15am</p> <p>Divine Liturgy, 9:30am (HOPE/JOY to follow)</p>	<p> 18</p> <p>Ladies Book Club, 6pm, Location: TBD</p>	<p> 19</p> <p>Grief Ministry, 11am</p> <p>Parish Council, 6:30pm</p>	<p> 20</p> <p>Orthros 5pm, Liturgy, 6pm</p> <p>Postluc &amp; Class to follow</p>	<p> 21</p> <p>Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple</p> <p>(No Services this morning; see night before)</p> <p>Bible Study, 11am</p>	<p> 22</p>	<p> 23</p>
<p>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke 24</p> <p> Orthros, 8:15am</p> <p>Divine Liturgy, 9:30am (Young Adult Meeting to follow)</p>	<p> 25</p> <p>Katherine The Great Martyr</p> <p>Divine Liturgy in Elk Grove</p>	<p> 26</p>	<p> 27</p> <p>(Office Open until Noon)</p>	<p>Thanksgiving  28</p> <p>(Office Closed)</p>	<p> 29</p> <p>(Office Closed)</p>	<p> 30</p> <p>Andrew the First-Called Apostle</p> <p>Orthros, 8:30am</p> <p>Divine Liturgy, 9:30am</p>

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