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Stewardship

Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly, nor under compulsion, for God loves the man that gives cheerfully. (2 Cor. 9:7)

Announcement

Following the lead of our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, and many parishes throughout the country and in our Metropolis, Fr. Pete and the Parish Council, along with the Stewardship Committee are introducing a more convenient method for making donations on Sundays: for candles, stewardship and other church related programs. Soon, you will have the opportunity to make these donations Sunday mornings in the narthex with a discreet card reader. So, instead of going into your wallet or purse for cash or your checkbook, you will be able to simply and easily use your debit or credit card.

Quick Numbers to Keep you Up to Date

- April 2024 Giving: \$38,864.66
- YTD Giving through the end of April 2024: \$124,524.43
 - We are at 37.17% of our annual goal affirmed at our recent Parish Assembly)

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

Giving the first and the best of one's resources to the work of the Church—in honesty and out of a sense of thanksgiving to God for His many blessings...

Allows us to have an inner sense of:

- Truly making a difference in this world,
- Participating with others in building The Kingdom of God,
- Helping others have healing, life-essentials, personal support,
- Knowing one's heart is where one's money is.
- A very good feeling!

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 \$19		\$192.00					
\$250,000	\$120.00	\$240.00	\$480.00					

<u>Submit your pledge card</u> <u>here or Use the QR Code</u>

THE JOY OF GIVING MY BEST GIFT?

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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.

NOTICE

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church

Special Parish Assembly Meeting

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Pursuant to Uniform Parish Regulations (2019) Article 31, Section 2, this is to notify you of the Special Parish Assembly meeting to be held on **June 9, 2024**, for the purpose set forth in the accompanying agenda. Notice of a Parish Assembly shall be mailed to all Parishioners in good standing at least ten (10) days prior to the Assembly and shall include the agenda.

According to Uniform Parish Regulation Article 31, Section 7, Special Assemblies shall be held when the Priest and/or the Parish Council deem it necessary.

Additionally, Article 1, Section 3 of Parish bylaws requires 33 Parishioners in good standing be present at the Special Parish Assembly to constitute a quorum in order to act on any agenda items.

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.

The Parish Council only uses Special Assemblies on rare occasions and only for matters of great importance. It is my hope that you recognize Special Assemblies as special events that require your special attention and participation..

Thank you.

Faithfully,

PETER KOULOURIS Parish Council President



Special Parish Assembly Sunday, June 9. 2024 Following Divine Liturgy



AGENDA

- The approval of Christ Kamages' Dome proposal and Titianium Nitride metal roofing material.
- Approval for Construction of Pavilion 2 if St Basil receives San Joaquin County funding equal to the amount received last year of \$125,000.¹

MOTION #1

MOVED – The Special General Assembly approves the Christ Kamages Dome proposal and Titianium Nitride metal roofing material.

MOTION #2

MOVED – The Special General Assembly approves Construction of Pavilion 2 if St Basil receives San Joaquin County funding equal to the amount received last year in the amount of \$125,000.

¹ The 2024 Spring Parish Assembly approved allocating up to \$250,000 from the Precissi account and up to \$100,000 from the Panos Account for the construction of Pavilion 2. The total costs for the construction of Pavilion 2 is \$475,000 leaving a funding gap of \$125,000 which would eliminated if St Basil were to receive \$125,000 from the County, the same amount received last year for funding of Pavilion 1.

Pascha 2024 - Christos Anesti!!











































Sunday School End of the Year Sunday School & Scholarship Awards

May 19, 2024 - Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women



Congratulations to all our students and our Sunday School teachers for a wonderful school year! We thank them for their dedication and hard work throughout the year and we wish them all a blessed and restful summer! We also thank our Myrrh-bearers and their beautiful ministry here at St. Basil's! May God keep our youth steadfast in their faith, and may His grace guide their steps and illuminate their path always!



Sunday School Art Contest

Sunday, May 19th was the exciting culmination for the St. Basil's Sunday School with a program of certificate & award presentations, as well as AHEPA & DOP Scholarship presentations. In addition, acknowledgement of Art winners, staff, and judges, with the presentation of Art Awards, took place. Daughters of Penelope presented the Second Annual Art Contest Awards and participation certificates to the youth and St. Basil's Sunday School Staff.

Daughters of Penelope partnered in the art contest with St. Basil Sunday School. Students and youth from St. Basil's congregation created religious art, inspired by the theme, "What are God's promises after the rainbow?" Art was completed in Sunday School and at home, with work being reproduced in greeting cards this year. The art contest is another way in which to keep youth connected with the teachings of the Orthodox Chrisitan Faith.

Certificates and awards were presented by Kathleen Farros-Hoeppner, Kathy Leles, and Anastasia Cook-with support from Father Pete and Father Gabriel, to participating Sunday School students and staff. All participating students were presented with certificates and an art/craft item. First, Second, Third, Honorable Mention place winners received certificates and art-related prizes. Student work was wonderful and is being reproduced into card sets, sold in sets of 6 for \$10.00. Proceeds go to Student Scholarship funds. Planning has already begun for 2024-25 Art ideas and lessons from which students will create art for a calendar and card sets.

Participating Students

Primary-Pre-K thru 2nd Grade Skylar Cook (First Place)

Pre-school Group Project (Second Place)

-Olivia Davis

-Stasi Filio

-Joshua Frank

-Senaiy Gorfu

- Juliana Hanania

-Michael Hanania

-Sophia Hanania

-Constantine Koutsoulis

-Alexander Manuse-Jonathan Sorour

-Qumar Hutchins

Secondary-No Submissions this year

-Mina Johanna Roberts (Third Place) Logan (Farros-Hoeppner) Arreola (Not in judging) Anastasia (Farros-Hoeppner) Arreola (Not in judging)

-Theodore Sotiros

Elementary-3rd Grade thru 6th Grade Chloe Dickey (First Place) Soliana Gorfu (Second Place) Theodora Graham (Third Place) Eleni Cariatti (Honorable Mention) Syrus Cook (Honorable Mention)

Thank you, Judges-Gayle Maduros, Mary Caroll Bundy, and Alexandra Farros-Hoeppner. Thank you, Parents, Sunday School Director-Anastasia Cook, Teachers- Samira Bitar, Maria Karapanos, Sali Graham, Veronica & Anjelina Falcinella, and Presvytera Angie Sotiras, for your encouragement of student's art and allowing religious art lessons in the classroom. Thank you, Father Pete and Presvytera Angie and Father Gabriel and Presvytera Iulia for your support! Photos (pictured left) taken by Eleni Zarefakis & Presvytera Iulia-so appreciated!

Card sets are for sale through Daughter's of Penelope during Coffee Hours or by contacting Kathleen Farros-Hoeppner at ksfarros@gmail.com



Fr. Gabriel & Pres. Iulia's House **12:30 PM | SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND**

St. Basil Ladies Night

Join us Thursday, June 6th @ 5pm Oak Farm Winery 23627 Devries Rd, Lodi 95242 Thursday Night Music & Food w/ Dave Atencio

St. Basil Catechumen Retreat



ORTHODOXY & THE APOSTOLIC SPIRIT FOR INQUIRERS RETREAT JUNE 29, 2024

Save the Date: Please join us on Saturday June 29th, for a Retreat for Inquirers, "Orthodoxy & the Apostolic Spirit for Today's Inquirers." Program will include Divine Liturgy for Feast of St. Peter and Paul, Lunch, OCMC Presentation by Anastasia Barksdale, "Foundations of Orthodox Missions," Small Group Discussions and Call to Action. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other inquirers and learn more about the Orthodox faith. Cost \$10.00.

Visit <u>www.ocmc.org</u> for more information Contact Anastasia at: Phone: (925) 303-3826 or by E-mail <u>a.barksdale@ocmc.org</u>





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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.

OCMC COIN BOXES ARE DUE JUNE 23RD.

Important Bates:

- 2 Sunday of Samaritan Woman
- 9 Sunday of the Blind Man
- 13 Ascension
- 23 Holy Pentecost Kneeling Prayers
- 24* Nativity of St John the Baptist

25 - Sts Peter & Fevronia

- 29 Sts Peter and Paul
- 30 Sunday of All Saints

Hymn of the Month

Troparion of Pentecost

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God Who hast revealed the fisherman as most wise. Having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

Tone 8

Apostles Peter & Paul

St Peter was one of the 12 Apostles. Chosen by Christ, he was apart of Christ's life both during His earthly ministry and after His death and resurrection. Christ gave the disciples the mission to go out into the world and preach the Word of God to men. Peter

was considered first among the Apostles. Peter founded the Church in Antioch, where the followers of Jesus were first called Christians and is regarded by the Church as the first Bishop of Antioch.

St Paul was a Pharisee who encountered Christ on the road to Emmaus. He went on to become one of the greatest missionaries of all time, with a wondrous story of conversion- from being a persecutor of Christians to becoming a Christian, teaching others about Christ. He founded churches, and wrote letters to them which are now the Epistles in the New Testament.

So why are they Celebrated together?

On June 29, we celebrate the feasts of Saints Peter and Paul; two men whose faithfulness to Christ and the spreading of the Gospel made them pillars of the Church. They both receive martyrs crowns in Rome in 67 AD. Their feast day is preceded by the Apostles' fast every year!

Why is there no Apostles' Fast this year?

After Pascha and Pentecost, another fast starts, called the Apostles' Fast, which is one of the four fasts in the Orthodox Church. This length of the fast varies year to year. It starts from the Sunday of All Saints (which is the Sunday after Pentecost) to the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul June 29. But, because the date of Pascha changes from year to year, the length of time between Pascha and the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul also changes. So, the length of the fast in the Old Calendar can vary from 8 - 42 days. But on the New Calendar, it can be as long as 29 days, or not even happen at all! This year, there will be no Apostles' fast!

family Connen:

The Apostles were considered "fishers of men". This month, take a family trip to go fishing at a local lake or pond. This can become a yearly tradition during the Apostles' Fast! It's also an opportunity for some much needed family bonding. Tell the stories of Saints Peter and Paul while you fish. What does it mean to be "fishers of men?" Also, did you catch anything?

Prayer to Memorize

O Heavenly King

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art in all places and fillest all things; Treasury of good things, and Giver of Life – come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

> Holy God! Holy Mighty! Holy Immortal! Have mercy on us. (3x)

Listen to it sung in this YouTube Video





From Pascha to Pentecost:

We don't kneel or make prostrations in Church or in our private prayers at home from Pascha through Pentecost (this year, June 23rd). Kneeling is a posture of repentance and sorrow, so during this season we are proclaiming Christ's victory over sin and death and His resurrection, even with our posture!

Also, the prayer "O Heavenly King," is not said either in the Church or in our private prayers at home during this short season. Jesus taught that He must leave so that the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, can come (John 16:7). The removal of this familiar prayer from the cycle of the services emphasizes the importance of the descent of the Holy Spirit that we celebrate at Holy Pentecost.

Ascete Life of Motherhood

65th ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVALFOOD PARTIES*

All work parties begin at 9am

JUNE

DOLMADES

THURSDAY JUNE 27

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 SEPT 2 Prepare Baklava TUESDAY SEPT 3 Packing Baklava

MAKING HONEY FOR BAKLAVA DATE TBA

*All Dates Subject to Change





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encourage fellowship catch up with friends welcome newcomers encourage conversation

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brew coffee
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Events

June

Sahirday	St. Justin the Martyr 1 9:30am, Divine Liturgy (No Orthros) (Relic to be brought out for veneration)	8	15	Saturday of the 22 Souls Orthros, 8:25am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am Memorial Prayers to follow	Peter and Paul 29 the Holy Apostles Orthros, 8:25am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am	6 ylul
Friday		7 🙀	14	6 21	28	th July 5
Thursday		6 Ladies Night @ Oak Farm Winery, 5pm	ASCENSION 13 Orthros, 8:25am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am	20	27	July 4 Independence Day (Office Closed)
Wednesday		\$	7 12	Juneteenth (Office Closed)	26	#July 3
Tuesday		4	I	18	25 (NO Fasting this week)	July 2
Monday		n	01	17	Nativity of St. John 24 the Baptist Orthros, 8:30am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am	July 1 Fr. Pete @ Clergy-Laity Congress in San Diego (Jun. 30-July 5)
Sunday	+ Strict Fast Wine & Oil allowed. Strict Fast Refrain from meat No symbol - Fast Free	Sunday of the 2 Samaritan Woman Orthros, 8:15am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am Young Adult 880 @ Fr. Gabriel's home, 12:30pm	Sunday of the Blind 9 Man Orthros, 8:15am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am (Special Assembly following Liturgy)	Fathers of the 1st 16 Ecumenical Council Orthros, 8:15am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am (Father's Day)	PENTECOST 23 Orthros, 8:15am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am (Pentecost Kneeling Service to follow)	Synaxis of the 12. 30 Apostles Orthros, 8:15am Divine Liturgy, 9:30am

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