

HARALAMBOS THE HOLY MARTYR

## February Epistle and Gospel Readings

**Prayers  
for Health and Recovery**  
May our Lord grant them health and strength  
*Perastika!*

Maria Bistolarides  
Georgia Chalmers  
John Dakopoulos  
Jane Demacopoulos  
Chris Gatrousis  
Eloise Kosta  
Joe Manuse  
Maria Maragos  
George Pappas  
Mike Patterakis  
Liberty Sarris  
Laila Sorour  
Helen TeSelle  
Peter Zissis

	1	W	1 Pet 4:1-11	Mk 12:28-38
#	2	T	Heb 7:7-17	Lk 2:22-40
	3	F	Heb 9:11-14	Lk 2:25-38
	4	S	2 Tim 2:11-19	Lk 18:2-8
+Sunday	5		2 Tim 3:10-15	Lk 18:10-14
	6	M	2 Pet 1:20-21; 2:2-19	Mk 13:9-13
	7	T	2 Pet 2:9-22	Mk 13:14-23
	8	W	Eph 2:4-10	Mk 13:24-31
	9	T	1 Jn 1:8-9, 2:1-6	Mk 13:31-37; 14:1-2
	10	F	2 Tim 2:1-10	Jn 15:17-16:2
	11	S	1 Tim 6:11-16	Lk 20:46-47; 21:1-4
Sunday	12		1 Cor 6:12-20	Lk 15:11-32
	13	M	1 Jn 2:18-29; 3:1-8	Mk 11:1-11
	14	T	1 Jn 3:9-22	Mk 14:10-42
	15	W	Philemon 1:25	Mk 14:43-72; 15:1
	16	T	1 Jn 4:20-21; 5:1-21	Mk 15:1-15
	17	F	2 Jn 1:1-13	Mk 15:21-42
*	18	S	1 Thes 4:13-17	Lk 21:8-9, 25-36
Sunday	19		1 Cor 8:8-9:2	Mt 25:31-46
	20	M	3 Jn 1:1-15	Lk 19:29-40; 22:7-39
	21	T	Jude 1:1-16	Lk 22:39-42; 45-71; 23:1
	22	W	Joel 3:12-21	Joel 2:12-26
	23	T	Jude 1:11-25	Lk 23:1-33, 44-56
	24	F	2 Cor 4:6-15	Mt 11:2-15
**	25	S	Gal 5:22-6:2	Mt 6:1-13
Sunday	26		Rom 13:11-14; 14:1-4	Mt 6:14-21
++	27	M	Gen 1:1-13	Prov 1:1-20
	28	T	Fwn :14-23	Prov 5:1-15; Is 5:2-16
	29	W	Gen 1:24-31	Prov 2:1-12

- # Entry into the Temple
- + Triodion Begins - no fasting this week
- \* 1st Saturday of the Souls
- \*\* 2nd Saturday of the Souls
- ++ Great Holy Lent Begins (Clean Monday)

## February Schedules

### Duty Team-Captain

5 **C-** Joline Gogna  
12 **A-** Mike Tsarnas  
19 **B-** Bill Panagopoulos  
26 **C-** Nasi Koutsoulis

### Fellowship Hour \*

5 Philoptochos  
12 Penny Panos & Family  
19 TBA  
26 Rose Siliverdis  
IMO Louis Siliverdis

**Prosforon:** : Alexandra Leonidou

### Parish Council Duty Teams

- A. Michael Anselmo, Veronica Gatrousis, Mike Tsarnas, John Tsirelas
- B. Bob Bosso, Bill Filios, Harriet Lappas, Bill Panagopoulos
- C. , Teri Blum, Joline Gogna, George Kaplanis, Nasi Koutsoulis

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We thank Mimi Trucco for her stewardship the past several years heading the Fellowship Hour program and wrestling with scheduling. Mimi has stepped down and those wishing to schedule a date should call the church office at 478.7564.

## Sacraments

### Baptisms

#### January 15

Evangelos Konstandinos Goumenidis  
– his sponsor was Marianthy Fragakis  
Andreas Detlev Goumenidis  
– his sponsor was Evangelia Karas  
Konstandinos Scott Goumenidis  
– his sponsor was Constantinos Vorrises  
Alexandros Athos Goumenidis  
– his sponsor was Aglaia Mavroudis  
Nataleah Dionisia Goumenidis  
– her sponsor was Natalia Mavroudis

## Blessing Services

### Trisagion

**22 December** for **Mary Bachik** who died December 19 in Stockton. Mary was born April 8, 1924 in Scranton, PA and moved to Goshen, NY to help work on the family farm. Mary raised her family in Ramsey, NJ, then traveled the world and later moved to California. She is survived by her sons, Dr. Michael (Marilyn) Bachik, Richard (Cathy) Bachik, daughter Nadine (Michael) Olsen and grandchildren Erik and wife Kate, Amanda, Michelle, Jacqueline, Sarah and Vanessa. She is also survived by her former husband, Michael Bachik, Jr. Mary was active in Stockton Singles, Lodi Promenaders, Oak Park Senior Center, Elks and VFW. Burial followed at a later date in New Jersey.

### Funerals

**December 30** for **Allen Bitar**, 63, who died suddenly December 26. Allen was born February 28, 1948 in Tripoli, Lebanon to Toufic and Nadima Bitar. Allen ran a chain of successful, international businesses and, when asked, was a quiet benefactor of St. Basil Church. He is survived by his wife, Norma Bitar, daughters Amanda and Tracy Bitar and a number of brothers, nieces, nephews and cousins

**31 January** for **James L. Vlavianos**, 88, who died in Stockton January 23, 2012. Jim was born October 16, 1923 in Minnesota to the late Louis (Loukas) and Maria Vlavianos, who immigrated from Greece in 1916. Jim and his wife Edna, owned Pacific Market grocery store on Pacific Avenue in Stockton for 30 years and then Al's Texas Size Burgers in Lodi for 7 years. Jim and Edna were also Camp Hosts and volunteers for Salt Point State Park near Jenner in Sonoma County. Jim was an avid sportsman who loved hunting and fishing and always had a succession of his hunting Labradors at his side. They loved to travel and enjoyed adventures in Greece, Banff, and many of our national parks. He was preceded in death by Edna in February of 1998. He is survived by his daughter Janet Vlavianos and son Judge Richard Vlavianos; grandchildren Michael Bargagliotti, Justin Bargagliotti, Hillary Bargaglioitti, Kristen Vlavianos and Alex Vlavianos and four great-grandchildren. Services were at Saint Basil Church.

### Forty Day Blessing

**November 27**, Joanna Pappas and son Stelios George  
**January 8**, Christina Velis and daughter Anna

## Memorials

### December 4

Jeries Hanania  
Nelli Hanania  
Nicolas Zouzounis  
Maria Zouzounis  
Panayiota Zouzounis  
Basil Zouzounis  
Eugenia Zouzounis  
Kyriako Zouzounis

### December 11

Diana Lappas, 22 years  
Thomas Lappas, 3 years

### December 18

George Glaros  
Olive Glaros  
Athena Howe

### January 15

John Stamatis, 1 year

### January 22

Eutathia Yianakopoulos  
Eugenia Hagopoulos  
Anna Hagopoulos

*May their memories be eternal!*

## St. Basil Philoptochos Society

### Annual Macaronada

**Sunday, February 12, 2012**

*Following Divine Liturgy  
in the Church Hall*

### Menu:

**Greek Macaroni with  
Meat Sauce & Cheese  
Salad - Rolls - Dessert**

**Tickets available at the door  
\$10 for adults  
\$5 for Children 12 & under**

**Complete Dinner Available  
for Take-out!**

## Family Night Spring 2012



Many Orthodox faithful are confused about the practice of Confession. "Confession is an important, yet neglected sacrament of our Church," states Fr. Stanley Harakas in the book, Preparing for Confession.

Please join us for Family Night beginning February 22nd and running through April 4th as we will conduct a study of the Sacrament of Confession. The topics will include the following:

- What is a Sacrament? (February 22nd)
- The Christian Life and Sin. (February 29th)
- The Forgiveness of Sin. (March 7th)
- Why Go to Confession? (March 14th)
- Preparing for Confession. (March 21st)
- Video Presentation on Confession. (March 28th)

On our last Wednesday, April 4th, after dinner, we will offer a "Spiritual Reconciliation Vigil" which will include the Small Compline followed by the Confession Service up to the actual confession and absolution.

Come be a part of our St. Basil Community Family Night program for faith, food and fellowship.

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## From the desk of . . . *Fr. Soteri*

The Orthodox Church liturgical life is dominated by two very important periods: THE TRIODION and THE PENTECOSTARION. The Triodion period contains the preparation for the Great Lent and Holy Week. The Pentecostarion period covers time time-span from Easter to Pentecost.

The Triodion, which will begin this year on Sunday, February 5, is symbolic of life and spiritual struggles on earth. The Pentecostarion period, on the other hand, symbolizes the life that awaits us in the heavenly kingdom, when we finish our earthly race and spiritual journey.

Let us take a moment to look at the **four Sunday Pre-Lenten period**. It opens with the parable of the **Publican and the Pharisee**. The parable is taken is taken from the Gospel of Luke 18:10-14 and its central theme is a lesson on humility and its spiritual benefits. The following Sunday, we are given the parable of the **Prodigal Son** (Luke 15:11-32), which presents us with a comprehensive, step by step, unfolding of the process of repentance and confession. Then we move to the third Sunday, known as the **Sunday of the Last Judgement** and Meatfare (Apokreo) because that is supposed to be the last day to consume meat until the Resurrection. It is called the Last Judgement Sunday because the Gospel lesson (Matthew 25:31-46) relates the events of the day of Judgement as they will be determined by our use of abuse of Christian love. The last Sunday of the Pre-Lenten period is known as Cheesefare Sunday and also as the **Sunday of Forgiveness**. Again this Sunday is to be the last day for dairy products, but more importantly the theme of forgiveness as seen in the Gospel lesson (Matthew 6:14-31), reminds us to forgive as we enter the Great Lent.

So, before we enter the spiritual workshop and journey of the Great Lent, our Holy Orthodox Church wisely and gradually give us the spiritual ingredients, the spiritual armor, the spiritual gear we need for the long Lenten journey to Golgotha: humility, repentance and confession, love and forgiveness.

Let us pledge to enter our training for the Lenten journey with a humble and contrite heart, with an honest effort to see the image of God in everyone, especially in the person we do not like the most. Who knows, chances are you will discover a most valuable brother or sister in Christ, you never allowed yourself to believe existed.

May God continue to guide, bless, and sustain you in all your efforts.

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### *President's Message:*

#### **Xronia Polla! (Happy New Year!)**

With the 2012 year in full swing I am filled with the excitement and promise of what the New Year holds for our Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church. Please join me in thanking the past members of the Parish Council for their hard work and dedication to our Church and, at the same time, join me in welcoming back our current, and new, members of the Council. We are certainly pleased with the talented and caring people in the parish and to have them serving on the Parish Council is certainly a blessing.

Every New Year brings the long-standing tradition of making **"New Years Resolutions"** which by definition is . . . **a firm decision to do or not to do something**. Most resolve to eat better, exercise, quit smoking or enjoy life more. Rarely do we hear about resolutions to strengthen the spirit within us which brings us closer to God. Imagine what powerful changes would be made if more of us made the firm decision to put our family and

our church at the top of our New Years resolution list. Join me in placing the nurturing of our spirit through church at the top of our list.

I look forward to the unfolding of 2012 and feel, that along with our parish council, we will all make this our best year for St. Basil's Greek Orthodox Church.

We are very excited to have our Saint Basil's youth dance groups attending the Folk Dance Festival (FDF) in February. There will be a Glendi February 4 beginning at 6:00 pm in our church hall - a preview of the dances our youth will perform at the competition in Anaheim. Please contact Mika at the Church Office to purchase tickets. Tickets will also be available for sale on Sundays after Liturgy in the hall. All proceeds will benefit the dance groups.

Thank you. Humbly,

**John Tsirelas**, your parish council president

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St. Basil Philoptochos Presents:  
A Lenten Retreat



Saturday, March 3, 2012

Guest Speaker - His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church  
920 W March Lane, Stockton, CA 95207  
209-478-7564

Schedule

8:00am-10:15am	Orthros/Divine Liturgy and Memorial for Saturday of the Souls
10:30am-11:00am	Refreshments and Registration
11:00am-12:15pm	Session 1
12:15pm-1:00pm	Lenten Lunch
1:00pm-2:15pm	Session 2
2:15pm-3:00pm	Questions/Answers and Conclusion

Registration - \$10.00

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Please complete and return this portion with your check of \$10.00 per person made out to St. Basil by TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH Attention: Lenten Retreat.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 per Person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Your 2012 Parish Council

Following the December elections, the returning and new members of the 2012 parish council met to elect officers for the new year. John Tsirelas was re-elected as president, Bill Filios as vice president, Veronica Gatrousis as secretary and Bob Basso as treasurer. Members also include Teri Blum, Joline Gogna, Harriet Lappas and new members Michael Anselmo, Bill Panagopoulos, Nasi Koutsoulis, Mike Tsarnas and George Kaplanis. Council members took the oath of office administered by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos following Liturgy on New Year's Day.



Metropolitan Gerasimos following the January 1 oath-taking of the 2012 parish council. From L: John A. Tsirelas, Bob Basso, Michael Anselmo, Fr. Soteri, His Eminence, Mike Tsarnas, Veronica Gatrousis, Bill Filios, George Kaplanis, Bill Panagopoulos & Nasi Koutsoulis. Not pictured: Joline Gogna, Teri Blum & Harriet Lappas



His Eminence with Fr. Soteri and Fr.'s father, Fr. James Rousakis



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Steve Facaros greeting Fr. James & his Presvytera



Youth & parishioners with His Eminence

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## Community News — About our Family

Congratulations to the **Trachiotis** family on the December 21 arrival of their first grandchild, Alexandra, in Washington, D.C. She weighed in at 8# 1oz and was 21 inches in length. Alexandra is the daughter of Drs. Greg Trachiotis and Tanya Trachiotis.

Georgianna and Ray Rishwain's son, Darron and wife Pamela, welcomed their first child on Epiphany, January 6, in San Francisco. **Gia Harper Rishwain** weighed 6# 7 oz and was 19 inches long. Gia is Georgie and Ray's fourth grandchild.

A big night was experienced by the **Bestolarides** family and friends January 9 when Steve Bestolarides, 55, was installed as Chairman of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors. Before taking up the gavel, he introduced his mother, Maria Bistolarides, to the audience as somebody who embodied selflessness and invited her to take his seat and gavel the first meeting of the year to a close. Several years ago the board decided to follow a regular rotation with increased responsibilities for the chairman. To reflect this, the county code calls for the chairmanship to draw a 12% salary increase for the year which Steve declined to take.

The January 9 Modesto Bee featured an article about **Mike Patterakis** when 100 of his former students came to Modesto on January 7 to tell him how much they love him and appreciated the impact he had on their lives through music. Mike, former beloved St. Basil Choir Director, is a graduate of Modesto High, Modesto JC and San Jose State. He taught at three high schools and started the music program at Peterson High in Sunnyvale. The group met at Modesto's Papapavlo's restaurant and Mike joined the group when they sang the "Hallelujah Chorus", the Peterson High alma mater song he wrote and "Scarlet Ribbons", his personal favorite.

USC guard **Jacki Gemelos** sustained her fourth anterior cruciate ligament tear since her senior season at St. Mary's High in Stockton and will miss the rest of the season following her injury against Texas A & M. Jacki underwent her last operation in May of 2009 and, at that time, said she would stop playing basketball if she had another injury. She says she's not ready to stop playing and hopes to be back on the court following another 8-12 month rehabilitation.

Traveling to NY? **The Onassis Cultural Center**, 645 Fifth Avenue at 51st Street, in collaboration with the Byzantine and Christian Museum in Athens, has on view *Transition to Christianity, Art of Late Antiquity, 3rd-7th Century AD* with academic support from the Program in Hellenic Studies, Princeton University. The exhibit is open through May 14, 2012, Monday-Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, free admission.

Recent 90th birthday girl **Flossie Mitchell** and husband Angelo celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary February 23 with a quiet family celebration. The couple met during WWII when both were in the Marine Corps. They were married at the "old" St. Basil's in downtown Stockton.

**Anastasia Pamela Barksdale**, former Saint Basil parishioner, is currently serving in the Albanian mission field. She is back in the States speaking to friends across the country about her experiences in Albania and also raising funds to underwrite her next two years in Albania under the aegis of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center in St. Augustine, Florida. **Pamela will be at Saint Basil's on Sunday, February 19**, and will be giving a presentation in the church hall following Divine Liturgy. Please come and welcome Pam and learn of mission work in Albania.

## Oratorical Festival 2012

The Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, started by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Religious Education in 1983, as an opportunity for our Greek Orthodox children and teenagers to think about, research, write and speak publicly about their Faith. The Parish, District and Metropolis Festivals offer certificates and awards and the Archdiocese offers scholarships to the first, second and third place winners. Grades 7-9 participate in the Junior Division, and grades 10-12 in the Senior Division. The Oratorical Festival can also be offered on the parish level only for grades 4-6.

For Parish Festival Senior Division 1st Place Winners, Hellenic College now also offers a scholarship covering the first year of tuition and a discount for the next three years equalling approximately \$65,000.

The **Central Valley District** will be hosted by our sister parish of the Annunciation in Modesto on Sunday, April 22. Rev. Fr. Jon Magoulias and Mrs. Denna Tsatsaronis are co-chairs of the regional festival. Finalists from the various districts will then participate in the Metropolis Festival on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA. The Junior and Senior Division finalists will travel to Bethesda, MD for the Archdiocese Festival which will be held June 8-10, 2012.

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## St. Basil Scholarship Fund

The scholarship fund at St. Basil's is made up from legacies from the T.J. Laton estate, The Chimiklis-Silva Fund, the Sophia Ligonis Fund, donations from former scholarship recipients and parishioner donations. The amount and number of scholarships awarded is based on funds available and the selection is made by the 2012 Scholarship Committee.

### The 2012 Scholarship Committee is as follows:

Father Soterios Rousakis	478.7564	John A. Tsirelas	835.2371
Kathy Walkowiec, Co-Chm.	955.0752	George Chimiklis	462.1021
Dorothy Henning, Co-Chm.	477.0398	Veronica Gatrousis	925/366.6797
		Michael Anselmo	954.0914

Any of the above committee members will be happy to answer any questions you might have concerning the scholarship program or help with the application. As all of this takes a great deal of time, we encourage you to start early especially in the area of recommendations and transcripts.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- \* 12th grade through graduate level, including adult re-entry
- \* Adult male or female of **St. Basil Parish**
- \* Applicant must be of the Eastern Orthodox faith
- \* Must be used during school year following granting of award

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- \* Financial need
- \* Scholarship ability to succeed in college or school and in chosen college major
- \* Character, leadership, well-balanced interests, various activities (school, church, community)

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### PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION AND AWARD:

PREPARE AN APPLICATION FOLDER CONTAINING:

**1. AN OFFICIAL COMPLETED APPLICATION** Obtained from the Church office, available February 1, 2012

**2. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

- \* **One letter from school personnel** (teacher, counselor, etc.)
- \* **One letter from an adult outside the school or your family**, i.e., parish priest, employer, recreational director, etc.
- \* **Only one letter is required for re-applying students**, preferably from a school official
- \* **Adult re-entries:** one letter from school official or job personnel and one from an adult other than a family member

**3. OFFICIAL CURRENT SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**

sent to the Church office, 920 W. March Lane, Stockton, CA 95207, ATTN: Dorothy Henning or given to the applicant in school's official sealed envelope. Online or e-mail transcripts are both acceptable.

**4. PERSONAL ESSAY**

**5. WALLET-SIZE PHOTOGRAPH** (attach to application)

- \* Any late application or any omission of any item requested on the application form shall disqualify the applicant
- \* **The completed folder must be mailed or brought to the Church office by April 23, 2012.**  
The inclusion of all items requested is **your** responsibility to check with the Scholarship Committee or Church Office Secretary as to whether transcripts and letters of recommendation were received
- \* The Scholarship Committee will meet and select the recipients
- \* The amount awarded will be sent directly to the school upon acceptance of the recipient
- \* If the recipient is unable, for any reason, to attend or continue college, all scholarship money, or whatever portion remains, shall be sent back to the Scholarship Fund
- \* The Rating sheet shows point count the committee gives to the application folder items

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## Preschool

Busy, busy, busy! This is such a busy month for our preschool!

We always look forward to celebrating Chinese New Year with a Dragon Dance and yummy Chinese food.

We then roll right into Valentines Day. Each child brings their Valentine cards, one for each friend, and we love to pass them all out. Decorating Valentine cookies is a fun activity, too. We will be sending Valentines to a loved one and our mailperson will come to the classrooms to pick them up and tell us a bit about being a letter carrier.

Father Soterios continues to have chapel with us each week which is a highlight. Yes, life is GOOD here at St. Basil Preschool!

The Moms and Dads are busy too preparing for our fun Crab Feed slated for February 25! Tickets are still available and you can purchase yours by phoning the school at 478.5252. We have had more parent involvement than EVER before! The evening promises to be a fun evening! This is our way to continue to offer only the best in educational equipment and manipulatives for the

children. Staff is already looking at stimulating curriculums and pre kindergarten materials!

I am in the office, busy finishing up the paperwork for our 3<sup>rd</sup> N.A.E.Y.C. Accreditation submission. Our staff has put in many additional hours renewing and replacing information in the 4 Classroom Portfolios, while I focus on the all encompassing Program Portfolio. All of our paperwork (the Intent to Renew package) had to be submitted by January 31, 2012. Now, we will focus on the school building itself. We need to replace equipment, patch a few spots in the walls, and replace a lovingly worn tire swing just to name a few items. We can expect a visit from a N.A.E.Y.C. Assessor before July. Sometimes this "waiting game" is the most stressful part!

We are also getting ready for our Parent Open House and registration, set for the week of March 5. **As church members, you have priority registration and may do so beginning March 1, 2012. Don't wait! We fill up quickly, so contact me in my office for more information (478.5252).**

*Tammy Hamilton-Williams*



St. Basil Preschool children celebrating Chinese New Year - the Year of the Dragon

## Youth

A Happy and Blessed New Year to All. What an amazing two months since our last update on the youth. December once again brought over 175 children and adults for the Second Annual Saint Basil Christmas Party. We would like to thank all those that donated, once again, for another successful year. Many thanks to all who participated and worked very hard—from Goyans to adults. A special thanks to Dina Hanania who worked tirelessly to help me have all things ready. Thank You Dina! This shows the commitment that young adults have for this Church.

The Goya was able to raise over \$2,000 with their first annual pastry drive. This was an amazing event because of the hard work and dedication to make this another successful fundraiser. We thank the parents and all involved, but a special thanks again to Gayle Maduros, Olga Patterson, Sara Glaros, Georgianna Rishwain, and Phyllis Trachiotis for their tireless help in making the first year a very successful undertaking.

The JOY came together once again and made prosforo which was used on January 15. We thank Demetra Veziris for supervising the children this time. It was prayerful, enlightening, and fun also for the children. Do not miss out on the next JOY day of fun as we invite all parents and children for a bowling outing. Please contact the church if you would like to come and enjoy in the fun. Let's have a great New Year and continued fun and fellowship!

*Alex Mousis*

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church  
proudly presents...

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P R E V I E W  
G L E N D I

**TICKETS**

\$25 Adults

\$15 Youth (age 5-16)

UNDER 5 FREE

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 4, 2012**

**EVENING EVENTS:**

6:00pm – Doors Open – No Host Bar

**6:30pm – DANCERS PERFORMANCE**

7:00pm – Dinner

8:00pm – Dancing to DJ Tasso of Oakland

11:00pm – Farewell and Goodnight!



Bring your family and friends for a fun evening of food and dance. Come and be entertained by our St. Basil youth dance troupe who will perform the dances they have prepared for FDF. Show your support by purchasing your tickets now.

**Contact the church office at 478-7564**



"Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and flute."  
-Psalm 150

Our St. Basil's kids have been working so hard preparing for this year's Folk Dance Festival! Lets show them how proud we are by supporting them in attending our Preview Glendi on February 4th here in our hall. Tickets are available for purchase! 25\$ gets you a show, dinner and dancing!!

*(What a great deal, for a great cause!!)*

Contact the Church office with any qestions. And please plan on attending this exciting event in support of our talented, committed dancers!!

## Chryssavgis at Nativity of Christ

Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis is a deacon of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and currently serves as theological advisor to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I on ecological issues. Chryssavgis will be the guest speaker at Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church, 1110 Highland Drive in Novato on **Saturday, February 11, 2012.**

He completed his doctoral studies in Patristics at the University of Oxford (1983) and his teaching since has covered wide-ranging theological, political, socio-cultural, liturgical, and ecological topics. His research has specialized in the ascetic thought and practice of early Christianity, especially from the desert tradition of Egypt (4th century) through the regions of Palestine (5th-6th centuries) and Sinai (7th century). Chryssavgis was appointed Professor of Theology at Holy Cross School of Theology in 1995 and directed the Religious Studies Program at Hellenic College until 2002.

The First Session begins at 10:00 am preceded by Registration at 9:30 am. Lunch is at 12:00 pm with the Second Session beginning at 1:00 pm. The \$15 registration fee (Students \$10.00) includes Continental Breakfast and lunch. Clergy are welcome to attend as guests of the Parish. Please send your registration information (name, mailing address, telephone, email and number of people attending along with your check) by **February 8** to Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church Philoptochos, 1110 Highland Drive, Novato, CA 94949, ATTN: Rose Hunter. Additional information can be obtained by calling 415/497.8300 or [kynegos@hotmail.com](mailto:kynegos@hotmail.com)

## CROSS + ROAD HS Juniors & Seniors

The CrossRoad Summer Institute, now in its ninth year, has proven to be a successful program preparing teens for leadership in the Church and in their communities. Participants take part in daily classes, visit neighboring Orthodox parishes and participate in service activities. The program is on the Hellenic College Holy Cross campus in Brookline, MA, within minutes of Boston. Since 2004, CrossRoad has inspired hundreds of Orthodox youth to grow in their faith, explore their strengths, engage in serving others, and discover how their gifts and talents can serve the needs of the Church and society.

This year's sessions are June 23-July 3 and July 10-20, 2012. Application priority deadline is March 1, 2012. In 2011, CrossRoad greeted 60 high school juniors and seniors from 29 states as well as Canada and the Bahamas.

Applications may be downloaded from the CrossRoad website at [crossroad.hchc.edu](http://crossroad.hchc.edu) or received by mail by calling the office at 617/850.1309. The Office of Vocation and Ministry (OVM) has produced a DVD featuring the CrossRoad experience which has been sent to each parish and is available on the CrossRoad website. Applicants must be currently in their junior or senior year of high school; scholarships are available for participants.

### Prayer—Saint Ephraim the Syrian

Carry me through today, Lord  
with gentle wings from above!  
Carry me through today, Lord,  
let me feel your love!  
I shall not worry about tomorrow,  
yesterday is gone.  
Just carry me through today, Lord,  
that's where I belong!  
Through all my trials and troubles,  
I know that You are there.  
Sometimes it's hard to see You,  
through each tear and care.  
Carry me through today, Lord,  
don't let me slip away.  
Tomorrow may be taken from me,  
so carry me through today.

## SILVER TIGERS NEWS

Silver Tigers will be meeting Thursday, February 16 at DAVE WONG'S, 2828 W. March Lane, at 5:30 pm. Chinese food family style will be available at \$22 per person, this includes tea and water. The group will discuss upcoming events for 2012.

Dues are now available at \$12 per person. Only exact cash or checks will be accepted in future for dues and meals. "Younger Cubs" (under 55) are welcome to come and enjoy the fun. Seating is limited. RSVP to Bobbe Xenos at 948.8037 or Dessie Ksidakis 478.1906 by Thursday, February 2.

## Philanthropy Programs

Many thanks again to St. Basil parishioners for your generous support for the November food drive by the San Joaquin Emergency Food Bank. Your kind and generous hearts have made it possible for the parish to provide hundreds of pounds of staples and canned goods, and 1350 lbs of lean and nutritious meats to stock food baskets for the needy during the holiday season. Our parish-wide philanthropy program has grown enormously in the last three years, thanks to your support.

In December our parish further expanded the reach of our Christmas giving program. Your generosity supported the purchase of gifts and warm clothing for over 70 children and teens in the area, including 60 needy children in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. This year, through an introduction from a parishioner, St. Basil also adopted a blended family of eight children and teens, and their mother, referred to us by the San Joaquin County District Attorney's office. The families in the DA's Office program are often under the protection of the courts in addition to living on very limited means. Also, the program extends to older children and teens who may be ineligible for other holiday programs. The family that St. Basil parish supported included four older teens along with 4 younger children and the single mother of the household. These families' situations are heartbreaking, and with your help the parish can expand its support for the program next year.

I hope that in 2012 that St. Basil parish can continue to expand our philanthropy program. Stay tuned for more information on parish philanthropy projects in the new year.

**Veronica Gatrousis**



Gifts for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree giving program



Some of the family referred by the San Joaquin County D.A.'s office who also were recipients of gifts from St. Basil parishioners, our first year participating in their program



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On behalf of the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office, please accept our deepest gratitude for your contribution of gifts to our annual Holiday Hope Toy Drive for the families selected by the advocates of our Victim Witness Assistance Division. Your thoughtfulness of adopting a family this year has helped our efforts in giving these children and their families a much brighter and happy holiday season.

On behalf of myself and entire staff, thank you very much for your generosity and helping make our annual event a success. Please find attached photos of a few of the families who participated.

Sincerely,

Mary Gamboa  
D.A. Criminal Investigator

## STEWARDSHIP 2012

*(the following have completed and submitted their pledge cards for 2012)*

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### Presentation of our Lord in the Temple

#### Apolytikion (First Tone)

*Hail Virgin Theotokos full of Grace, for Christ our God, the Sun of Righteousness, has dawned from you, granting light to those in darkness. And you, O Righteous Elder, rejoice, taking in Your arms, the Deliverance of our souls, who grants us Resurrection.*

#### Kontakion (First Tone)

*Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us, O Christ our God, give peace to your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom you love, as only the loving one.*

## Looking Ahead

### 2012

- Feb. 4** FDF Preview Glendi - St. Basil's  
Feb. 5 Triodion Begins  
**Feb. 12** St. Basil Philoptochos Annual Macaronada  
Feb. 16-19 FDF - Anaheim, CA  
**Feb. 25** St. Basil Preschool Crab Feed  
Feb. 27 Great Lent Begins  
**March 3** St. Basil Lenten Retreat with Metropolitan Nikitas  
April 8 Palm Sunday (Western Easter)  
April 15 Pascha  
May 5 Metropolis Oratorical Festival - St. Nicholas Ranch  
**May 20** Sunday School Commencement - St. Basil's  
May 25-28 Family Camp - St. Nicholas Ranch  
May 30-June 9 Ionian Village - Cyprus & Constantinople  
(Young Adults 19-28)  
June 7-10 Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape - St. Nicholas Ranch  
June 10-20 Ionian Village - Greek Mainland (Young Adults 19-28)  
June 23-30 Metropolis Greek Village Camp - St. Nicholas Ranch  
June 29-July 1 Metropolis SF Church Music Federation Conference -  
Phoenix, AZ  
June 29-July 18 Ionian Village Summer Travel Camp (Grades 7-12)  
July 8-14 Summer Camp at the Ranch, Session I  
July 15-21 Summer Camp at the Ranch, Session II  
July 15-25 Ionian Village - Greek Islands (Young Adults 19-28)  
July 22-28 Summer Camp at the Ranch, Session III  
July 25-Aug. 13 Ionian Village Byzantine Venture (Grades 7-12)  
July 29-Aug. 4 Summer Camp at the Ranch, Session IV  
Sept. 17-21 Senior Camp - St. Nicholas Ranch  
Dec. 27-30 OCF College Conference West - St. Nicholas Ranch

### 2013

- March 18 Great Lent Begins  
March 31 Western Easter  
May 5 Pascha



Santa, his helpers & children  
St. Basil Christmas Party / December 17, 2011

## 2011 Sacraments & Blessing Services

### Baptism

Georgianna Perlegos  
Karen Metaxas  
Christina Najera  
Alexis Tsarnas  
Jeff Larson  
Kyra Pronoitis  
Celeste Kaisch  
Corinne Kaisch  
Brooklyn Kaisch  
Thomas Christopher Graham  
Alexa Irene Paraskevas

### Chrismation

Samuel Kristopher Kaisch  
Bobbe Xenos  
Michael Anselmo  
Carmen Gloria Anselmo  
Victoria Anselmo  
Blanca Anselmo  
Michelle Anselmo

### Marriage

Milagros C. Stamos & Bill Stamos  
Maria Anna Lofas  
& Dustin David Turner  
Alexandra Nicole Farros-Hoepfner  
& David Garcia  
Nicole Marie Karver  
& Ilyn Demetrios Frangos  
Marin Kristina Issa & Jann Nino  
Nicole Vazquez & Thomas Dickey

### Funeral

Fotios Papadogiannis  
Harry E. Theocharides  
Stella Kokonas Tzikas  
Phillip A. Gemellos  
John Mandarakas  
Ann Jumes Panos  
Elias G. Siliverdis  
Mary Bachik  
Allen Bitar

## Philoptochos Crab Feed



The ladies of Philoptochos, pre-crabfeed, inspecting the raffle baskets



Chef Rodarakis (in striped apron) & his kitchen staff



Some of our youth who expertly served at the event

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The Basilian is a major tool of ministry in communicating with our parish community and others. To insure that The Basilian will continue to be a vital instrument of ministry for our parish, those who wish may contribute a minimum of \$25 a year to help offset the cost of publication and mailing. The year is a calendar one which begins January 1, 2012. Our goal remains as it has been since its inception 23 years ago – to bring news of the parish and other noteworthy items concerned with Orthodoxy to our faithful. This publication is mailed to over 640 homes with the goal, as we enter the 25th year of publication, to bring news of our parish and Orthodoxy to our faithful.

Our Angel's wings have a short life span of only one year – January through December. Your support of the Basilian ministry is very important. Many have already indicated their continuing support for the year 2012. We hope you will be one of them. The Basilian goes to over 600 homes, churches, plus many more on the internet.

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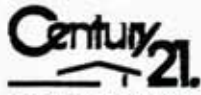
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