



St. Basil the Great

Saint Basil was born in about the year 330 at Caesarea, the administrative center of Cappadocia. He was of illustrious lineage, famed for its eminence and wealth, and zealous for the Christian faith. Saint Basil spent the first years of his life on an estate belonging to his parents at the River Irisa, where he was raised under the supervision of his mother Emilia and grandmother Macrina.

Basil received his initial education under the supervision of his father, and then he studied under the finest teachers in Caesarea Cappadocia. It was here that he made the acquaintance of Saint Gregory the Theologian. Later on, Basil transferred to a school at Constantinople, where he listened to eminent orators and philosophers. For the finishing touches to his education Saint Basil set off for Athens -- a center of classical enlightenment.

During the reign of the Emperor Valens the external government belonged to the Arians, who held several various opinions on questions of the Divinity of the Son of God and hence were divided into several factions. And to these dogmatic disputes were connected questions about the Holy Spirit. In his books *Against Eunomios*, Saint Basil the Great taught about the Divinity of the Holy Spirit and Its Oneness together with the Father and the Son. Subsequently, for a full explanation of the Orthodox teaching on this question -- at the request of the Bishop of Iconium Saint Amphylokhios -- Saint Basil wrote his book *About the Holy Spirit*.

Saint Basil almost daily celebrated Divine services. He was particularly concerned about the strict fulfilling of the canons of the Church, and kept attentive watch, so that only worthy individuals should enter into the clergy. He incessantly made the rounds of his own church, lest anywhere there be an infraction of Church discipline, and setting aright any unseemliness. At Caesarea Saint Basil built two monasteries -- a men's and a women's -- with a church in honor of 40 martyrs whose relics were buried there. For his clergy Saint Basil got an exemption from taxes. All his personal wealth and the income-proceeds from his church he used for the benefit of the destitute; in every center of his diocese he built a poor-house; at Caesarea, a home for wanderers and the homeless.

Sickly since youth, the toil of teaching, efforts at abstinence & the concerns and sorrows of pastoral service early sapped the strength of the saint. Saint Basil died on January 1st, 379 at age 49. Shortly before his death, he gave a blessing to Saint Gregory the Theologian to enter upon the Constantinople cathedral-chair.

January 2013

- Tues 1st: Divine Liturgy – St. Basil Feast day**
~ We will cut Vasilopita for all who attend
- Thur 3rd: Goya Broom Ball 9:00 p.m.**
- Sun 6th: Vasilopita Cutting for all Ministries**
- Sun 6th: Goya Meeting following Church**
- Tues 8th: Board Meeting 7:10 pm**
- Wed 9th: Greek School**
- Thurs 10th: Prime Timer's Luncheon**
- Tues 15: Orthodoxy 101 / Bible Study 7:15 pm**
- Wed 16th: Greek School**
- Wed 23th: Greek School**
- Sat 26th: Stewardship kickoff party 7:00 pm**
- Sun 27th: Youth Sunday / Stewardship Sunday**
- Wed 30th: Liturgy 9:30 am Three Hierarchs**
(St. Basil, St. John Chrysostom, St. Gregory)

February

- Sun 3rd: Goya Meeting after Church**
- Wed 6th: Greek School**
- Wed 13th: Greek School**
- Thur 14th - Mon 18: Folk Dance Festival**

March

- Sat 16th: Apokreas / Mardi Gras**



JOY (K—3rd grade) Christmas Party

St. Basil visits with the kids

Prime Timers ~ Jan 10th The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 10 at 12:30, in the private residence of Penny Marutsos, who will prepare the luncheon meal for us. Penny's address is 23855 Catamaran Way, Laguna Niguel 92677 (949-429-3067). Seating is very limited, so reservations are required. Contact Bert Dumais (949-412-9169) for reservations.

Bible Study ~ Tues, Jan 15 th: Please join us for study of scripture & church tradition on Tuesday, Jan. 15th at 7:15 p.m. upstairs in the Church hall. Refreshments will be served. For more info, please email frbill@stbasiloc.org If anyone would like to bring refreshments, please contact Fr. Bill.

Stewardship Evening ~ Sat, Jan 26th at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for our 2nd annual stewardship evening of, dessert & fellowship at the home of Chris & Demie Alevizos. Fr. Michael Stearns will be our guest speaker for the evening. Sponsored by our Stewardship committee. Alevizos home: 31421 Carril de Maderas, SJC, 92675 (949) 388 – 2905. Please RSVP to Ann Rhodes at office@stbasiloc.org or call the church office.

Youth Sunday Lunch ~ Jan 27th Following Church. Please join us for lunch to support our GOYA Ministry. Our GOYA will be taking care of all the church duties that day as well as preparing a lunch for our parish immediately following Divine Liturgy. \$15 per person. RSVP by Sunday the 20th and take advantage of our special deal at \$10 per person. For info contact Sandy at: Sandy rains1@gmail.com or Antonios at: tontisakis@gmail.com



2012 Sunday School Christmas Pageant

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GOYA Calendar - January 2013

Goya Meeting ~ Sun Jan 6th: ~ Grades 7-12th. We are having our next meeting before Dance in Fr. Bill's office We will plan activities and discuss our upcoming events. Contact Sandy sandy rains1@gmail.com or 951-972-0719



Our Goya Tour LA was enjoyed by all who came. Our 1st stop was Liturgy at Assumption Church in Long Beach. Fr. John gave a talk to the Goya and then gave us a tour

2012 Stewardship Update

Apokreas
Sat. March 16
 Save the Date !
 We are looking forward to another great Mardi Gras

Annual Operating Budget	\$375,000
Amount Pledged	\$115,680
% of budget pledged	31%
Amount Received	\$108,195
%of budget received	29%
2012 Stewards	95