



### Holy and Great Lent

**Holy and Great Lent**, is a time when we are led to a deeper level of contemplation of our relationship with God as we engage with the great spiritual resources of our Orthodox Faith. One of these resources is the witness of the Saints, which guides us in living in repentance, prayer, humility, and love. Through the cherished record of their holy lives and great deeds in the service of Christ, we are inspired by the Saints to draw near to God, to be filled with His power and presence, and to seek above all things, the fulfillment of His will. Among the Saints are a group of holy people who were called by God to preach repentance, justice, and mercy--the Prophets. During Lent, we encounter the message of the Prophets through readings and commemorations, and especially in their role of preaching the restoration and salvation that would come through the Incarnation and Passion of Christ. At the Vespers of the Sunday of Orthodoxy, we sing: "The divinely inspired Prophets preached You in word and honored You in works.... They renounced the whole world for the Gospel's sake, and in their suffering they were conformed to Your Passion which they had foretold." When we examine the message of the Prophets, we find several themes that guide us in examining our lives and our commitment to God.

**First**, is a persistent call to be faithful to God as He is faithful to His people. The Prophets were sent by God to the people of Israel to remind them of their covenant relationship with Him. They preached of all of the wondrous things God had done, and reminded the people of their unfaithfulness. They condemned immorality and injustice, and called for a return to mercy and holiness.

**Second**, the message of the Prophets emphasizes our need for repentance and for God's forgiveness. Over and over again, the Prophets exhorted the people to turn from their sinful ways and seek the forgiveness of God. "Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity" (Hosea 14:1). They warned of the consequences of forsaking Him, and spoke of the healing that would come through forgiveness. Isaiah proclaimed, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).

**Third**, the Prophets preached about the priority of justice in all relationships. Micah stated, "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what the Lord requires of you, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8) These exhortations came at a time when kings and judges, religious leaders and the wealthy were ignoring the plight of those living in suffering, of the poor, the widows and orphans. The Prophets called everyone to turn from greed, selfishness, and the exploitation of the weak to relationships grounded in truth and marked by holiness and righteousness. Isaiah preached, "Learn to do good; Seek justice; Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless; Plead for the widow" (Isaiah 1:17).

**The final theme** in the message of the Prophets is one of hope in the restoration of communion with God. Many of the Prophets foretold of great tragedies and struggle that would come because of the sins of the people. But messages of judgment were followed by words of hope. Speaking a promise from the Lord the Prophet Hosea said, "They shall return and dwell beneath My shadow, they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom as the vine, their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon" (Hosea 14:7). Isaiah proclaimed, "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 51:11).

### Encyclical of Archbishop Demetrios

### April ~ Events

- Tues 2nd: Prime Timers Lunch 1:00 pm
- Wed 3rd: Greek School 4:30 pm
- Thurs 4: Ladies Fellowship 6:30 at Ann's home
- Sat 6th: B-ball Quarter Finals at St. Sophia
- Sun 7th: B-ball Semi Finals at St. Sophia
- Tues 9th: Bible Study 7:15 pm
- Wed 10th: Greek School 4:30 pm
- Sat 13th: B-ball Finals & Banquet Long Beach
- Sun 14th: Goya Lunch / Meeting 12:00 pm
- Wed 17th: Greek School 4:30 pm
- Wed 24th: Greek School 4:30 pm
- Sat 27th: Saturday of Lazarus ~ Liturgy 9:00  
Youth Breakfast after, Palm making & Confession for youth.
- Sun 28th: Palm Sunday Luncheon 12:00 pm
- Fri, May 3: Holy Friday Retreat 10:30 am
- Fri, May 3: Holy Friday Goya Lock-In 9:30 pm
- Sun, May 5th: Pascha ~ Easter

**Prime Timers Luncheon ~ April 2nd:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 1:00 pm at The Tastes of Greece restaurant for a Lenten lunch. 30012 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel. Contact Bert (949) 412 - 9169.

**Adult Greek Seminar ~ April 6th:** Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. Focus is on reading Greek, the alphabet and beginning and intermediate conversational Greek. Additional lessons sent to students by internet directly from the teacher. Tuition includes personal help from teacher by e-mail or phone for internet homework during the weeks following. 4 student minimum. Tuition \$125/student. Register w/ Ann at [office@stbasiloc.org](mailto:office@stbasiloc.org) or call (949) 542-3445. Check, cash, credit card.

**Ladies' Fellowship Night ~ April 4th at 6:30 pm:** Join us at the home of Ann Rhodes. Refreshments begin at 6:30 pm & bunko begins at 7:00 pm \$20 per person. \$5 donated to church candles. RSVP: [presmia@yahoo.com](mailto:presmia@yahoo.com) or call (949) 542-3445. A~L: Appetizers, M~Z Desserts. For directions to Ann's house call (310) 704-3008.

**Bible Study ~ Tues, April 9th:** Please join us for Bible study focusing on Holy Week and Pascha on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:15 pm upstairs in the Church hall. Refreshments will be served. For more info, please email [frbill@stbasiloc.org](mailto:frbill@stbasiloc.org) If anyone would like to bring refreshments, please contact Fr. Bill.

**Saturday of Lazarus & Youth Breakfast ~April 27th 9:30 a.m.:** Youth Breakfast, Palm tying & Confession for youth. Please plan to attend Liturgy with your kids. Following Church we will serve a breakfast to everyone, begin palm tying and have a schedule for kids to come to confession. Smaller kids will do group confession with Father Bill. We need parent volunteers. If you can help that day, contact Fr. Bill at [frbill@stbasiloc.org](mailto:frbill@stbasiloc.org) or call Church.

**Palm Sunday Luncheon ~ April 28th:** Join us for lunch and fellowship immediately following Divine Liturgy in our Courtyard. Penny & Jim Marutsos are sponsoring a luncheon of fresh Cod, pasta w/Mizythra, veggies and dessert. Please RSVP.

### GOYA Calendar - April 2013

#### Goya Lunch & Meeting ~ Sun, April 14:

12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the hall upstairs We will eat lunch, have a meeting and talk with Fr. Bill. Contact Sandy: [sandy rains1@gmail.com](mailto:sandy rains1@gmail.com) or 951-972-0719

Check out our Facebook page at: St. Basil Goya

### St. Sophia Camp

#### Registration opens

**May 1st**

Aug 4—10 Week 1

Aug 10 ~ 17 Week 2



Top Right ~ Sun of Orthodoxy Kids process with Icons

Bottom Right ~ Eftihia Dance Group performs at Mardi Gras

Below ~ Costume contest at annual Apokries / Mardi Gras



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#### 2013 Stewardship Update

<b>Annual Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$123,257</b>
<b>% of budget pledged</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Amount Received</b>	<b>\$32,390.</b>
<b>% of budget received</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>2013 Stewards</b>	<b>81</b>

To receive a pledge card, please contact Ann Rhodes in the Church office

# *Palm Sunday Luncheon*

*April 28, 2013*

*12:00 Noon*

*Please join us for lunch &  
fellowship immediately following  
Divine Liturgy in our courtyard*

*\$20 per Adult  
\$7.00 for all Children  
Check, Cash or Credit Card*

*Lunch sponsored by:*

*Ms. Penny Marutsos  
&  
Jim Marutsos*

*Greek Town Grill*

Menu

*Fresh Cod*

*Pasta w/ Mizythra*

*Veggies*

*Dessert*

*Soda, beer, wine & water  
will be sold at the bar*

**Please Make Your Reservations Early For Catering Purposes**

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# April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Prime Timers 1:00</i>	3 <u>Pre-Sanctified</u> Liturgy: 7:30 pm Greek Schl 4:30 pm	4 <i>Ladies' Fellowship</i> 6:30 p.m. Home of Ann Rhodes.	5 <u>Salutations</u> 7:30 pm	6 <i>B-ball Quarter Finals</i> <i>St. Sophia L. A.</i>
Holy Cross Sunday 7 <u>Teaching in Faith 9:30</u> Divine Liturgy: 10 am  <i>B-ball Semi Finals</i> <i>St. Sophia L. A.</i>	8	9 <u>Bible Study 7:15</u> Theme: Holy Week & Pascha	10 <u>Pre-Sanctified</u> <u>Liturgy</u> 7:30 pm Greek Schl 4:30 pm	11	12 <u>Salutations</u> 7:30 pm	13 <i>B-ball Finals &amp; Banquet</i> <i>Assumption Long Beach</i> <i>2:00 p.m.</i>
14 <i>St. John Climacus Sun.</i> <u>Teaching in Faith 9:30</u> Divine Liturgy 10 am  <i>Goya Mtng 12 Noon</i>	15	16 Board Meeting 7:15 p.m	17 <u>Pre-Sanctified</u> <u>Liturgy</u> 7:30 pm Greek Schl 4:30 pm	18	19 <u>Akathist Hymn</u> 7:30 pm	20
21 <i>Sun St. Mary of Egypt</i> Divine Liturgy 10 am	22	23	24 <u>Pre-Sanctified</u> <u>Liturgy</u> 7:30 pm Greek Schl 4:30	25	26	27 <u>Lazarus Saturday</u> Liturgy 9:00 am  <i>10:30 Youth Breakfast</i> Palm making & confession for youth.
28 <u>~ PALM SUNDAY ~</u> Liturgy 10 am Palm Sun Lunch 12 pm Bridegroom 7:30 pm	29 HOLY MONDAY Bridegroom 7:30 pm	30 HOLY TUESDAY Bridegroom 7:30 pm	May 1 <sup>st</sup> HOLY WEDNESDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Unction 3:30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Holy Unction 7:30	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> HOLY THURSDAY Liturgy ~ St. Basil 9:30 am  12 Gospels: 7 pm	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> <u>Retreat 10:30 - 3:00</u> JOY & Jr. Goya  <u>Descent frm Cross 3:30</u>  <u>Epitaphios 7:30 pm</u> Goya Lock-In 9:30 pm	May 4 <sup>th</sup> Liturgy St. Basil 9:30 am  Anastasi ~ Resurrection Service / Liturgy 11:30 pm  Anastasi Pot-Luck 1:15 a.m. Upstairs Hall
May 5 <sup>th</sup> <u>Holy Pascha / Easter</u> Agape Service: 10 am						