



The Icon of Saint Basil The Great

This coming New Year's Day, Jan 1st, 2014, our Church will receive and reveal our first commissioned, hand-painted icon. It is the Icon of Saint Basil, our patron saint. The icon will be unveiled at the Liturgy of Saint Basil on New Year's day, which is also the feast-day for our Church. Fr. Michael Courey will give a sermon about the icon and the process of how it was made. Immediately following the Divine Liturgy, there will be a brunch at the San Juan Hills Golf Club, which is about 2 miles from our Church. The whole family is invited to the brunch, kids and adults. We will cut the Vasilopita for the parish at the brunch and also have three T.V.'s set up for football games and the Rose Parade.

How exciting for our parish! It was only one year ago that we named our church during a vespers service with Metropolitan Gerasimos and 10 priests attending along with approximately 175 parishioners. I hope all of you reserve New Year's morning to celebrate this event at the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil and the brunch following.

Saint Basil earned the title "Great" by reaching the masses with the word of Christ. He was born in Ceasarea, Asia Minor, into a large family, where all six members became saints. He was educated in Constantinople and Athens. Eventually he returned to his native city and was ordained Bishop of Ceasarea on June 14, 370. As Bishop, he worked on establishing the rules of monasticism for the Church and also formalized the Divine Liturgy, which bears his name. The Liturgy of Saint Basil is used on major feast-days and special Church observances, including Christmas, New Year's Day and the Sundays of Great Lent. As an innovator and great planner, Basil was the first to fulfill the desperate need for charitable institutions. He directed the development of orphanages, hospitals and homes for the elderly. Eventually, his humility, love and respect for others, combined with his good works, led to the formation of the Christian philanthropic societies.

Saint Basil is recognized as one of the Three Great Hierarchs of the Orthodox Church, and is also recognized on January 30th with St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom. Together the three of them represent Orthodox Christian theology, which has been unchanged since the time of Christ and the apostles, pastoral care, Church leadership and philanthropic outreach and service.

Many men in history have had the superlative "Great" added to their names primarily because they were monarchs, such as Alexander the Great, whose exploits spanned large land masses by conquering many kingdoms. Saint Basil, however, earned this title by winning the hearts of his fellow men for service to the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. It has been said, Basil had the humility of Moses, the zeal of Elijah, the faith of Peter, the eloquence of John the Theologian, and the dedication of Saint Paul. Saint Basil's brothers and sisters, priests, bishops, and nuns served under his leadership as true workers in the vineyard of Christ. The Church celebrates his feast-day on January 1, the date on which he fell asleep in the Lord in A.D. 379. Since this date coincides with the first day of the New Year and our own Church feast-day, this holiday should hold a special and meaningful place in our hearts.

May your new year be filled with many blessings from God,

Rev. Fr. Bill Tragus

December

Sun 1st: Goya Meeting

Thur 5th: Ladies' Game Night 6:30 pm

Fri 6th: Liturgy St. Nicholas 9:30 am

Sat 7th: Bible Bowl at St. Sophia (Goya)

Tues 10th: Bible Study 10:20 a.m.

Thur 12th: Prime Timer Lunch 1:00 pm

Sat 14th: Goya Santa Outreach 8 - 11 am

Sun 15th: Sunday School Presentation

Tues 17 Women's Bible Stdy 10:20 am

Sun 22nd Greek School Presentation

Wed 25: Liturgy Nat. of Christ 9:30 am

Wed Jan 1st: Liturgy St. Basil 9:30 am

Thurs 5th ~ Ladies' Game Night 6:30 p.m. Please join us at the Constantine home, 28782 Via Los Arboles, San Juan Capistrano – Gate Code: key, key, 8117. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Bring 3 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies to exchange. and your Greek recipes for our upcoming cookbook. Please RSVP to Presbyteria Mia at PresMia@yahoo.com. Hope you can come!

Tues 10th ~ Bible Study: Our Monthly Bible Study will continue on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, but will now be during the day. Please join us for a discussion on the Faith, refreshments and fellowship.

Thurs. 12th ~ Prime Timers' Lunch: 1:00 p.m. at Tastes of Greece. A special Lenten Lunch will be available. Address: 20012 Crown Valley Pkwy., Laguna Niguel (949) 495 - 2244. For more info, contact Bert at: (949) 412 - 9169.

Tues 17th ~ Women's Bible Study: 10:20 - 11:30 a.m. at Church in the hall. Our 3rd monthly women's Bible Study will be this month. We've had a great turnout thus far and very tasty pastries and coffee. Please RSVP if you are able to attend to Fr. Bill at the church (949) 542—3445 or frbill@stbasiloc.org

Wed Jan 1st ~ Brunch on St. Basil's Feastday: Please join us for a brunch at the San Juan Hills Golf club at 11:30 a.m. following the Divine Liturgy where we will unveil our first Icon, which is of St. Basil. Brunch will include a full breakfast and a waffle bar as well. Salads, lunch entrées and plenty of side dishes will also be served. \$25 per adult and \$12 for kids. Please RSVP as soon as possible with Ann Rhodes at office@stbasiloc.org



Fr. Michal Courey displayed an icon of St. Basil at the Church Naming event in November of 2012. The finished painted icon of St. Basil will be unveiled this New Year's Day, 2014 during the Divine Liturgy.

GOYA Calendar Upcoming Events

Check out our Facebook page at: St. Basil Goya

Goya Meeting ~ Sun. Dec. 1st: After church upstairs during coffee hour

GOYA is hosting a TOY DRIVE through December 8th: Please bring your new unopened, unwrapped toys to church and place in boxes. We will be wrapping and distributing the toys at our Christmas with Santa event on December 14th

So Cal Bible Bowl ~ Dec.7th: At St Sophia Cathedral. We have started our practices on Tuesday nights at 7:30 at the Rains' home (29422 Del Plata Lane, Laguna Niguel) We are having fun and building our teams. It's not too late to join. All participants will be treated to Universal Studio after our event sometime in December! E-mail Sandy for info sandy rains1@gmail.com. Check out www.scbiblebowl.org for event info.

Breakfast w/ Santa ~ Dec. 14th: Mission Grill in San Juan Capistrano from 8:00am-11:00am. Tickets will be 10.00 per person and you can buy additional tickets to sponsor an underprivileged child to attend! We are hosting this event as our community service effort and fundraiser!

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- Greek Festival:** Sam Konugres: sam.konugres@sbcglobal.net

Teaching in the Faith ~ All Sundays During December

Every Sunday ~ Nov 17 to Dec. 22 ~ 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. in Church.
Come a bit early to Church and hear a short presentation on
The Bible, Holy Tradition & Christmas Advent

St. Basil Feastday

Liturgy & Brunch

Icon Unveiling

Liturgy 9:30 am

Brunch 11:30 am

Wed. Jan. 1st

* Vasilopita cutting

* Football ~ 3 T.V.s

* Adults & Kids

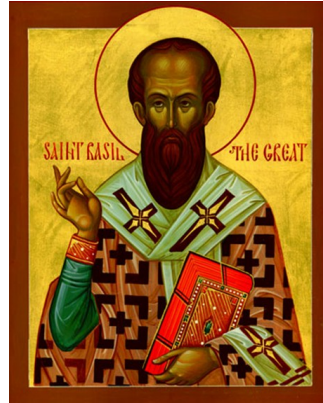
2013 Stewardship Update

Annual Operating Budget	\$350,000
Amount Pledged	\$157,432
% of budget pledged	44%
Amount Received	\$ 136,082
% of budget received	39%
2013 Stewards	106

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

* Totals include pledged & unpledged stewardship

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Join us for a St. Basil Event

Where: St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church
27129 Calle Arroyo, Suite 1803
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

When: Wednesday, January 1, 2014, 9:30AM

9:30AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

10:45AM Procession of St. Basil Icon

Sermon **Unveiling and Explanation of our First
St. Basil Icon by Fr. Michael Courey**

11:30AM Brunch at San Juan Hills Golf Club
32120 San Juan Creek Rd.
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Vasilopita Cutting After Brunch

*TV's for Football and the
Rose Parade in the Banquet Hall*

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <u>Greek School</u> 3:45 p.m.	5 <u>Ladies Game Night</u> 6:30 pm Constantine Home	6 <u>Liturgy 9:30 am</u> St. Nicholas	7 <u>So Cal Bible Bowl</u> 10:00 a.m. St. Sophia L.A.
8 8:30 Orthros 9:30 Teaching in the Faith 10:00 Divine Liturgy Goya Toy Drive Collection	9	10 <u>Bible Study 10:20 am</u> <u>Board Meeting</u> 6:30 pm	11 <u>Greek School</u> 3:45 p.m.	12 <u>Prime Timers' Luncheon</u> 1:00 pm Tastes of Greece	13	14 <u>Christmas with Santa</u> 8:00 am - 11:00 am Mission Grill Goya Xmas Outreach
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