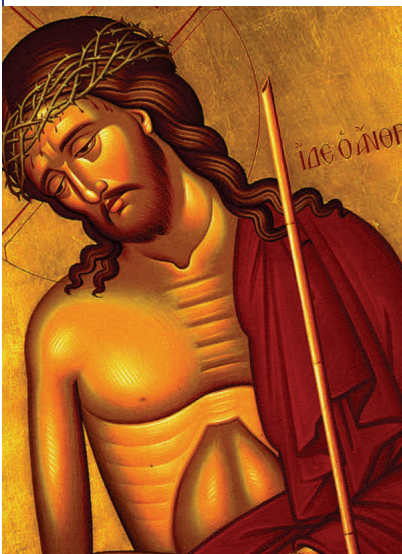




Repentance & Great Lent



Repentance has its roots in the apostles. In the Book of Acts the Apostle Peter says, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:37-38) When we fall away from God, we have removed ourselves from His communion – with Him and with other Christians. We have excommunicated ourselves. To re-enter communion with God is the on-

going activity of all Christians. We fall away daily in some way or another. No one is exempt. Often, when children play in competitive games, one will call out; “that’s a do over!” Haven’t we all wished for that chance to undo the past and start over? Repentance offers us this new beginning. We are telling God that we have changed our mind about our past direction and want to be back in communion with him.

The Greek work for repentance, *metanoia* ~ μετανοια, implies a very deep change in the way we see ourselves, our world, and our relationship to God. To change our mind in repentance is the starting point in our Lenten journey. We leave behind regret as we move toward hope.

Repentance is not a single action but an attitude, a frame of mind. Think back over your life of things which you regret having said or done – hurtful, inconsiderate, selfish, deceitful. Think also of those things which you have done which may not have directly affected others, but which you know to be wrong according to the teachings of the Church. Bring them to mind as if they were occurring right now. Think of how it would have been if you had acted differently. Take this regret and turn it into repentance. Acknowledge that you have offended another person or the Church, and in doing so you have offended God. If we are to be forgiven by God, He requires of us that we also forgive one another. For many of us, this is the most difficult aspect of repentance and confession. Yet we say it each time we pray the Lord’s Prayer, “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Just as God’s love for us is personal, so must ours be for Him. As the Christian grows from child to adult, his or her personal response to God becomes crucial. This personal response is the act of confession.

March

- Sat 1st: Liturgy - Saturday of Souls 9:30 am
- Sat 1st: Mardi Gras / Apokries 6:00 p.m.
- Sun 2nd: Cheesfare Sun / Forgiveness Sun
- Mon 3rd: Clean Mon Service 10:15 a.m.
 - * Lunch and Lenten Presentation 11:30 am
- Sun 9th: Teaching in the Faith 9:30 a.m.
 - * Weekly Food Drive Begins for Lent
- Thur 13th: Prime Timers Lunch 1:00 p.m.
- Sun 16th: Teaching in the Faith 9:30 a.m.
- Tues 18th: Greek Fest Meeting 7:15 p.m.
- Sun 23rd: Teaching in the Faith 9:30 a.m.
- Sun 23rd: Greek School Presentation
- Tues 25th: Liturgy Annunciation 9:20 a.m.
- Tues 25th: Women’s Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
- Sun 30th: Teaching in the Faith 9:30 a.m.



Paralia dances on stage at FDF 2014

Jesus' Instructions on Fasting

"Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly." Gospel of Matthew Chapter 6:16-18

Fasting

The fast for the forty days of Lent is indicated below, though many are not able to hold to the strict fast. We offer the following guidelines to be considered prayerfully with the guidance of your spiritual father and in consideration of any medical condition or dietary requirements.

Strict Fast

No Meat, Fish, Milk, Dairy Products, Oil, or Oil Products

Palm Sunday

Fish, Oil & Wine permitted

Feast of the Annunciation / March 25TH

March 25th - all day: Fish, Oil & Wine Permitted

Prime Timers ~ March. 13th: Our group's next meeting will be at Tastes of Greece Thurs. March, 13th at 1:00 p.m. Address: 30012 Crown Valley Pkwy., Laguna Niguel. Contact Bert at: (949) 412 - 9169



Our 1st Basketball game of the season was Sun. Feb. 23. We had one boys and one girls team compete against St. Nicholas from Northridge

GOYA Calendar Upcoming Events

Check out our Face book page at: St. Basil Goya

Goya Meeting ~ Sun. March 9th: After church upstairs during coffee hour

Women's Bible Study ~ Tues. March 25th Join on this Tuesday for our Women's Bible Study. Enjoy a lively discussion on the faith, fellowship, great coffee and Lenten Snacks. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. All are Welcome. Bring a friend. Non Orthodox Christians are welcome as well. If you would like to bring something, please contact Fr. Bill at frbill@stbasiloc.org

Our Face book Pg.
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Picture Right: Eftihia Dancers practice one last time before going on stage at the 2014 Folk Dance Festival on Saturday, February 15th. This year we entered two teams into the competition; Paralia, coached by John Basdakis and Eftihia, coached by Elena Guillen



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Picture Above: Paralia, our older dance team hanging out before getting ready to go on stage.

Food Drive for Lent

Fran's high school Sun. School is doing community outreach during Lent & is collecting non-perishable food for Family Assistance Services. Tote bags will be distributed Sun. March 2. Please fill them with foods like: peanut butter, cereal, soup etc. Bring them back during any Lenten service. The family bringing in the most will receive a special prize.

March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Sat. of Souls 9:30 am</i> <i>Apokries 6:00 p.m.</i>
2 Cheesefare Sun. Orthros 8:30 am Liturgy 10:00 am B-Ball home 2:00 pm	3 <i>Clean Monday</i> <i>Service 10:15 am</i> Lunch & Presentation 11:30 am Upstairs	4	5 Greek Scl 3:45 p.m. <i>Pre-Sanctified</i> Liturgy 7:30 p.m.	6	7 <i>Salutations</i> 7:30 p.m.	8 <i>Liturgy 9:30 a.m.</i> <i>Sat. of the Souls</i>
9 Sun of Orthodoxy Orthros 8:30 am Teaching in Faith 9:30 Liturgy 10:00 am Goya Upstairs 12:00	10	11	12 Greek Scl 3:45 p.m. <i>Pre-Sanctified</i> Liturgy 7:30 p.m.	13 Prime Timers Lunch 1:00 p.m.	14 <i>Salutations</i> 7:30 p.m.	15
16 St. Gregory Palamas Orthros 8:30 am Teaching in Faith 9:30 Liturgy 10:00 am B-Ball at St. John 2pm	17	18 Greek Fest Meeting 7:15 pm	19 Greek Scl 3:45 p.m. <i>Pre-Sanctified</i> Liturgy 7:30 p.m.	20	21 <i>Salutations</i> 7:30 p.m.	22
23 Orthros 8:30 am Teaching in Faith 9:30 Liturgy 10:00 am <i>Grk Ind. Day Grk Schl</i> <i>Presentation 11:30 am</i> B-Ball at Pasadena 3pm	24	25 <i>Annunciation</i> <i>Liturgy 9:30 am</i> Women's Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	26 Greek Scl 3:45 p.m. <i>Pre-Sanctified</i> Liturgy 7:30 p.m.	27	28 <i>Salutations</i> 7:30 p.m.	29
30 St. Jn. Climacus Orthros 8:30 am Teaching in Faith 9:30 Liturgy 10:00 am	31	<i>Greek</i> <i>Independence</i> <i>Day</i>				

Holy Week ~ April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:30 p.m.	3	4 Akathist Hymn 7:30 p.m.	5
6 <i>St. Mary of Egypt</i> 8:30 Orthros 9:30 Teaching in the Faith 10:00 Divine Liturgy	7	8	9 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:30 p.m.	10	11	12 Lazarus Saturday Liturgy 9:00 am 10:30 Youth Breakfast & Palm making
13 PALM SUNDAY Liturgy 10 am Palm Sun Lunch 12 pm Bridegroom 7:30 pm	14 HOLY MONDAY Bridegroom 7:30 pm	15 HOLY TUESDAY Bridegroom 7:30 pm	16 HOLY WEDNESDAY <u>1st Holy Unction 3:30</u> <u>2nd Holy Unction 7:30</u>	17 HOLY THURSDAY Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30 am 12 Gospels 7:00 pm	18 Holy Friday Retreat 10:30 - 3:00 JOY & Jr. Goya Descent frm Cross 3:30 Epitaphios 7:30 pm Goya Lock-In 9:30 pm	19 Holy Saturday Liturgy St. Basil 9:30 am Anastasi ~ Resurrection Service & Liturgy 11:30 pm Anastasi Pot-Luck 1:15 a.m. Upstairs Hall
20 Holy Pascha / Easter Agape Service 10:15 am	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Sun of Thomas 9:00 a.m. Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	28	29	30			