



Come and Receive the Light



Pascha is quickly approaching and so is the moment when we hear the words chanted at every Anastasi ; "Come Receive the Light" We will light our candles which symbolize the Light of Christ and sing Christos Anesti to celebrate His victory over death. To many people's surprise, this moment happens just before we begin the Divine Liturgy, where we will receive once again; this time we receive Holy Communion. All our preparation during lent should be followed by the action of taking Holy Communion that night. Yes, we are all tired and have the urge to go back to our cars with our lit candle instead of going back into the Church for the Paschal Liturgy. We need to remind ourselves that Christ offers us His body and blood that night as His gift to us.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (the Eucharist) which literally means "Thanksgiving," is the Mystery whereby the bread and wine offering is changed, actually, not symbolically, into the very Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist is at the very center of the Church's life, and from it flows the prayer of believers in a sacrifice of entreaty for the peace of the world, for those who ask for help, and for all men and women "The Eucharist unites us; it nourishes our soul and body, and strengthens our spiritual life. According to the promise of the Gospel, "He that eats this bread will live forever." (The Gospel of John 6:58)

The chalice which holds the blood of Christ is the cup of salvation. Every Liturgy, we pray with the priest that the Holy Spirit may change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. This means that when we receive Holy Communion, Jesus comes to live in us. How do we prepare to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus? We pray! We should have love in our hearts for all people. We should ask forgiveness from God and from anyone we may have hurt. Once we have received Communion, we must remember that we have become one with Christ and with all those who received Communion with us. Christ now lives in all of us.

We are all living icons of Jesus. It is by loving one another that we love Jesus. After receiving Communion our bodies become like the holy chalice. God lives in us. Jesus wants to use our hands, which have now become His hands, to help those in need. When we receive Communion, we become members of Christ's Body, the Church. This means that Jesus has no eyes but our eyes, no feet but our feet to do His work in the world today. How should we respond to knowledge that we are commissioned to do His works and take care of His ministry? There is only one response We take action! If we are truly going to "Receive the Light" we will truly live the message we hear in the Divine Liturgy of Repentance, forgiveness and love.

Christos Anesti ~ Christ is Risen

April

Wed 2nd: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:30 p.m.

Fri 4th: Akathist Hymn 7:30 p.m.

Sun 6th: Teaching in the Faith 9:30 a.m.

Thur 10th: Prime Timers 12:30 p.m.

Sat 12th: Sat of Lazarus Breakfast & Palms
Liturgy 9:00 Breakfast 10:30

Sun 13th: Palm Sunday Luncheon

Wed 16th: Holy Unction (oil) 3:30 & 7:30 pm

Thur 17th: Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

12 Gospels 7:00 p.m.

Fri 18th: Holy Friday

12:00 noon Retreat K - 12th grade

3:30 pm Decent from Cross

7:30 p.m. Epitaphios

9:30 pm Goya Lock-in

Sat 19^h: Anastasi / Resurrection 11:30 p.m.

1:00 Pot Luck Dinner (upstairs)

Sun 20th: Agape Service 10:15 a.m.

Tues 29th: Women's Bible Study 10:30 a.m.



Greek School singing for Greek Ind. Day

Saturday of Lazarus ~ April 12th

Divine Liturgy 9:00 - 10:30 am. Breakfast & Palm Tying begins at 10:30 a.m. Following Church, we will serve a breakfast to everyone present and then begin palm tying and decorating the Church for Palm Sunday. We need parent volunteers for this event. To volunteer for that morning, please contact Fr. Bill.

Holy Friday Retreat ~ April 18 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm

Grades K – 12th are invited for a day of education, prayer, activities, games and lunch. Fr. Bill will provide a letter for parents to give to the schools. Hosted by our Sunday School. We need parent volunteers for that day. Please RSVP to Anna Nicole so we can plan for lunch.

Goya Lock-in / Holy Fri ~ April 18

Goya only 7th - 12th grade (no exceptions).

Our lock-in begins immediately after services on Friday night. We will have a Lenten dinner, discussion on the faith and activities. Kids & parents must sign a contract agreement about conduct and what is expected of them. Two rooms will be for girls and two other rooms for boys sleeping. The Church hall will be our neutral area for those who want to stay up.

Kids should bring pillow, sleeping bag, conservative pajamas, clothes for Church the next morning.

Snacks and drinks will be available throughout the night. We need at least two men and two women parents for volunteers during the lock-in. The event will be cancelled if we do not get chaperons to take shifts. RSVP to Fr. Bill: frbill@stbasiloc.org

MINISTRY CONTACTS

- Parish Council:** Denny Pailion: dennis.pailion@urs.com
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Women's Bible Study ~ Tues. April 29th

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us for our Women's Bible Study. Enjoy a lively discussion on the faith, fellowship, coffee and pastries. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Non-Orthodox Christians are welcome. If you would like to bring something, please contact Fr. Bill at frbill@stbasiloc.org

Decorate The Epitaphios: Anyone interested in helping decorate the Epitaphios on Holy Friday morning, please contact the office or Fran at yiyiafran@icloud.com

Prime Timers ~ Thur. April 10: Join us for lunch at Marie Calender's at 12:30 p.m. 31791 Del Obispo, SJC, (949) 661—5977. For more info, contact Bert (949) 412 - 9169 .

Palm Sunday Luncheon

April 13, 2014

12:00 Noon

Lunch organized by:

St. Basil's Parish Council

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

\$22 per Adult
\$10.00 for all Children
Check, Cash or Credit Card

Menu

Fish

Rice

Salad, Bread & Fruit

Dessert

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

Kids meal will be Pasta, Fruit, Bread & Dessert

Please Make Your Reservations Early For Catering Purposes

Contact us at the Church 949-542-3445, office@stbasiloc.org

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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> 9:30 Teaching the Faith 10:00 Divine Liturgy	7	8 Board Meeting 7:15 p.m.	9 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:30 p.m.	10 Prime Timers 12:30	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 1st Holy Unction 3:30 2nd Holy Unction 7:30	17 HOLY THURSDAY Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30 am 12 Gospels 7:00 pm	18 Holy Friday Retreat 12:00 - 3:00 K - 12 th grade 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 Servic/ 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 Women's Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	30			

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St. Basil's

10 Year Anniversary



**Save the Date !
Sat. May 24th**

A Night at the Club

Live Variety Lounge Act

Live Music

Dinner & Dancing

Cocktails & Desserts



**Saturday Evening * May 24th 2014 * 6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Night Club Formal Attire *** Show is family friendly**

**Location: San Juan Hills Country Club, San Juan Capistrano
Dinner Cuisine from three different regions**

**Cocktails & Dinner begin at 6:30 p.m.
Variety Lounge Act at 8:00 p.m.
Dancing & Dessert following show.**

RSVP to Erik at office@stbasiloc.org (949) 542-3445