



The Meaning of Icons



The word Icon comes from the Greek word Eikon, which means image. St. Paul speaks of Christ as the Icon of God; as it is written in the original New Testament Greek. Christ is the Icon of God, and the whole New Testament is written on the basis that if you want to know what the Eternal God is like, you look at Jesus and see. In the Eastern church, the purpose of icons was to create reverence in worship, to instruct those who are unable to read, and to serve as a means to link the worshipper and God during Orthodox Christian worship.

The Hebrews strictly objected to any kind of painted image of God. Yet, at the same time, they never realized that a combination of letters conveying an idea was just as much an icon as any other form of portrayal of God. The early Christian Church had a need to express the idea of Christ embodied. Jesus had already been embodied in the written word and song. Eventually, He had to be embodied in picture in order to appeal to our sense of sight.

The best icons of God we have during the Divine Liturgy are the actual people present. This is why the priest not only censes the painted icons, but also the living icons; the faithful worshippers. Icons are theology in color. They remind us of the Incarnation of Christ and his triumph over sin and evil. The icons portray the two natures of Christ; God & Man. Icons of Saints portray the transfigured state of the saint who has been sanctified by God.

A few months ago, we began our own icon project. These icons will eventually be taken with us when we move into our own facility. In the meantime, we will create, to the best of our ability, a Church that practices Orthodox style worship; Liturgically and aesthetically. We began by putting drawings of the icons in the place where each belong. Each time an icon is sponsored, we will replace it with the full color icon. The image for the side wall icons will be chosen by the sponsor of that particular icon. Each icon will cost \$5,000 or \$6,000 depending on the image. So far, we have had a good response from those who wish to sponsor an icon. If anyone is interested, please contact Fr. Bill directly at frbill@stbasiloc.org or at the office.

Respectfully, Father Bill



Our dancers perform, Oct. 2012

November 2012

- Sat 3rd: Great Vespers (Naming Church)
- Sat 3rd: Goya clean-up church 10 a.m.
- Tues 6th: Prime Timers 12:30 p.m.
- Wed 7th: Greek School
- Sat 10th: Goya Scavenger Hunt 3:00 Irvine Spectrum
- Sun 11th: Goya meeting / Greek Dance
- Tues 13th: Liturgy 9:30 (St. Jn. Chrysostom)
- Tues 13th: Bible Study 7:15 pm
- Wed 14th: Greek School
- Sun 18th: Sun School Operation Xmas Child
- Sun 18th: Greek Dance
- Wed 21st: No Greek School (Thanksgiving)
- Sun 25th: Greek Dance
- Tues 27th: Ladies Aux (SBLA) 7:00 p.m.
- Wed 28th: Greek School
- Fri 30th: Liturgy (St. Andrew)

December 2012

- Sun 2nd: Goya meeting / Greek Dance
- Tues 4th: Prime Timers 12:30 pm
- Wed 5th: Greek School
- Dec 6th: Liturgy 9:30 am (St. Nicholas)
- Sat 8th: Bible Bowl St. Steven Serbian Cathedral
- Sat 8th: Parish Xmas Party 7:00 p.m.
- Fri 9: Ahepa Xmas Dinner-Beckham Grill Pasadena
- Tues 11th: Bible Study 7:15
- Wed 12: Greek School
- Sat 15th: JOY Xmas Party 11 am - 3 pm
- Sun 16th: Sunday School Xmas presentation
- Wed 19th: Greek School (Final Rehearsal)
- Tues 25th: Liturgy 10:00 am (Nativity of Jesus)
- Thurs 27th: Tour LA w. Fr. Bill (Goya event)
- Dec 31st: Great Vespers 6:30 pm (St. Basil)

Prime Timers ~ Nov. 6th: Our next luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6th. Please join us at Bravo Burger Restaurant in Mission Viejo. 27200 La Paz Rd., M.V. Ph# (949) 470-7895 Contact Bert Dumais (949) 412-9169

Bible Study ~ Tues, Nov 13th: Please join us for the study of our scripture & church tradition on Tuesday, Nov. 13th at 7:15 p.m. upstairs in the Church hall. Refreshments will be served. For more info, please email frbill@stbasiloc.org

Operation Christmas Child ~ Nov. 18th: Our Sunday School organizes Operation Christmas Child as an outreach project for our students. Children put together boxes filled with school supplies, toiletries, candies, small toys, socks, t-shirts, etc. to be delivered to children around the world by Christmas time. Each student will pick the age and gender for their box and include a letter as well. Boxes must be at church by Nov. 18th. For more info, contact Anna at annanicole777@gmail.com.

St. Basil's Ladies Auxilary (SBLA) Meeting ~ Nov. 27th: Please join the Ladies Auxiliary on Nov. 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the lovely home of Irene & EJ Constantine for our annual membership renewal meeting. Bring a sample of your favorite dessert to share. We will be trying out pastry ideas to use for our bake sales. Membership dues are \$25.00 for the year. If you have any questions please contact Fran at yiayiafran@yahoo.com.



Paralia Dance Performance, Oct. 2012

Casa Romantica, San Clemente

GOYA Calendar - November 2012

Scavenger Hunt ~ Sat, Nov. 10th at 3:00 p.m. Irvine Spectrum. We will meet in front of Corner Bakery. We invited St. Pauls and St. Mark's Goya to join us. Contact Sandy sandy rains1@gmail.com (951) 972 - 0719.

GOYA Meeting ~ Sun Nov. 11th: ~ Grades 7-12th. We are having our next meeting before Dance. We will plan activities and discuss our upcoming events. Contact Sandy sandy rains1@gmail.com or (951)-972-0719.

GOYA Food Drive: GOYA has organized a food drive to benefit Project Mexico. They will collect food through December 23rd. If you would like to contribute please bring items to the Church. Contact: Sandy, sandy rains1@gmail.com or (951) 972-0719.

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- Parish Directory (2012):** Sally: meyerhofer@cox.net

Save The Date ~ Joy Xmas Party ~ Sat. Dec. 15

Come and enjoy an afternoon of games, lunch and a visit from a special guest at the home of Fr. Bill & Pres. Mia from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Parents and siblings are also invited. We will have food for the kids and adults. JOY is K - 3rd grade. For address and directions, email Pres Mia at presmia@yahoo.com



Naming Banquet Nov. 3rd

2012 Stewardship Update

Annual Operating Budget	\$375,000.
Amount Pledged	\$114,100.
% of budget pledged	30%
Amount Received	\$76,540.
% of budget received	20%
2012 Stewards	93

