

Announcements

- ❖ The tray will be passed this morning by Philoptochos to benefit St. Basil's Academy.
- ❖ Please do not forget to submit your Stewardship Commitment Card for 2015!
- ❖ Our monthly bulletin, *The Epistle*, is available on the parish website and via email. Visit our website www.saintbarbara.net and sign up if you would like to keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish.
- ❖ House Blessings can be scheduled by contacting Father Simon.

Religious Education

- ❖ Studies in the Faith, Tuesday, February 3rd, at 6:30 pm in the Orthodox Center! We will be discussing "An Explanation of the Divine Liturgy."
- ❖ Bible Study, Tuesday, January 20th, at 6:30 pm. We will be continuing our study of the book of Revelation.

Parish Activities

- ❖ The Epiphany Celebration is today at Goleta Beach with St. Athanasius Orthodox Church at Goleta Beach for the "Diving for the Cross" Service at 1:00 pm.
- ❖ Parish Council Meeting this Monday, January 12th at 6:30 pm.
- ❖ Greek Festival Meeting, Thursday, January 15th, at 6:30 pm in the Orthodox Center.
- ❖ Youth Family Day, Saturday, February 7th! Orthros at 10 am, then we drive down to Ventura for Mini-Golf and Lunch.
- ❖ OSN Gathering! Please mark your calendar to join us for a potluck dinner and game night in the Redding Center, Saturday, February 21st, at 6:30 pm.
- ❖ The 39th Annual Mission Awareness Luncheon will be Sunday, February 22nd, following the Liturgy, in the Orthodox Center. Please help support the orphanages of India, Guatemala & Albania.

Philoptochos/Metropolis Activities

- ❖ 2015 Icon Calendars are here! See a Philoptochos member to buy one!

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Terry Keramaris
English: Theophilos Lasswell

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras, Brian Iorio

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We welcome you to Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church and are blessed that you have come to our worship service. We hope that this worship experience is both enlightening and inspirational. Each Sunday is the day in which we commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. The Christian Orthodox Church is the Church of the Resurrection and we rejoice in the Lord's triumph over death.

If you are a visitor to our Parish we encourage you to follow the Divine Liturgy book to assist you in following the Liturgy. Please understand that the Christian Orthodox Church does not practice inter-communion with other Christian denominations. Though we may share a common belief in the Holy Trinity, our churches are not yet one in faith and practice. We believe that Holy Communion is not the means to Christian unity but it is in fact the fullest expression of that unity. We fervently pray for this unity as noted in every divine service of the Orthodox Church. Please do not approach for Holy Communion if you are not a baptized/christened Orthodox Christian. Feel free to contact Father Simon if you desire to learn more about the Christian Orthodox Church, the Church of the New Testament.

We would like to remind all Orthodox Christians to be spiritually prepared and in proper canonical standing with the Church in order to partake of the Holy Eucharist.

THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

On this, the 11th day of the month of January, we commemorate: our devout father Theodosios, the Cenobiarch and Mentor of the Wilderness; the Synaxis in honor of the myriads of holy Angels; this was held in the Martyrium of Saint Anastasia at the Colonnade of Domninus; Saint Stephen in Placidiane, and Saint Theodore and Saint Agapios the Archimandrite; Saint Major died by torture; devout Saint Vitalius reposed in peace; devout Saint Theodosios, Abbot of Philotheou Monastery on Athos, who also became Bishop of Trebizond, reposed in peace.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Sunday, January 11th, 2015

Sunday after Epiphany

Hymn for the Resurrection (Sixth Tone)

O Christ, the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the guards were as dead, and Mary stood by the sepulcher, seeking Your sacred body. You destroyed Hades yet remained untouched by it. You encountered the Virgin and through her, bestowed Life. Glory to You who has risen from the dead!

Hymn for Theophany (First Tone)

When You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of that word. O Christ our God, who appeared and enlightened the world, glory to You.

Hymn for St. Theodosius the Cenobiarch (Eighth Tone)

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O Theodosios our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

Hymn for Saint Barbara (Fourth Tone)

Let us honor Saint Barbara; for the all-modest one prevailed over the snares of the enemy, and was freed from them as a sparrow, with the Cross as aid and weapon.

Kontakion for Theophany (Fourth Tone)

Today You appeared to world, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us, as in fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the Light unapproachable."

Memorial Service

A memorial service will be prayed this morning for the servants of God, **Frank (10 years) and Anona Nicholas (3 years), Stamatina Nicholas, and Mary King**, parents, grandmother and aunt to Stamatina Winford, Elisa Nicholas, Marie Antoniou, and George Nicholas.

Modified Fast This Week

On Wednesday and Friday of this week, we abstain from meat, dairy, and fish with wine and oil permitted.

Epistle Reading - Hebrews 13:7-16

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own Blood. Therefore let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel Reading- Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, January 11th, Sunday after Epiphany

- ❖ Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
- ❖ Sunday school/Youth Choir
- ❖ Blessing of the Water and Dive for the Cross at Goleta Beach, 1:00 pm

Thursday, January 15th

- ❖ Festival Meeting, 6:30 pm

Saturday, January 17th, Feast of Saint Anthony the Great

- ❖ Orthros, 8:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am

Sunday, January 18th, 12th Sunday of Saint Luke

- ❖ Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
- ❖ Sunday school
- ❖ Philoptochos Meeting