

Announcements

- ❖ 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

- ❖ 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 Schedule

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

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

Monday, January 19th

- ❖ Martin Luther King Jr Day- Office Closed
- ❖ DOP/AHEPA Meetings, 6:15/6:30pm

Tuesday, January 20th

- ❖ Bible Study, 6:30 pm

Sunday, January 25th, 15th Sunday of Saint Luke

- ❖ Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
- ❖ Sunday school/Youth Choir



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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 18th day of the month of January, we commemorate: our fathers among the saints Athanasios and Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria; the holy Martyr Theodoula; the holy Martyr Xenia died by fire.

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

Sunday, January 18th, 2015
12th Sunday of Saint Luke

Hymn for the Resurrection (Seventh Tone)

By Your Cross, O Christ our God, You destroyed death. You opened paradise to the thief. You transformed the lament of the Myrrh-bearing women, and You commanded the Apostles to proclaim You are risen, granting the world Your great mercy.

Hymn for Sts. Athanasios and Cyril (Third Tone)

You became radiant by your Orthodox deeds, quelling all heresy and becoming conquering champions. Your piety enriched all, and the Church became greatly beautified. You have worthily found Christ our God who by your prayers, grants all great mercy.

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 Presentation of the Lord (First Tone)

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as the only loving One.

Regular Fast This Week

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

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Angelique Chuchas
English: Ruth Angelos

Ushers: Bill Poulis, Alex Haimanis

Acolytes: Connor Blake, Cainan Iorio, Dean & Dimitri Richardson

Prosfora: Angelique Chuchas

Altar Flowers: Ruth & Jim Angelos in honor of Nicholas's birthday

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 - Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Elder Paisios of Athos Canonized a Saint

On Tuesday, January 13, 2015, the Holy Synod of Constantinople gathered for a session presided over by Patriarch Bartholomew. The subject of the session was a report by the Commission for the canonization of saints, in which it was suggested that Elder Paisios be included among the saints.

After careful study of the reported facts, the Synod unanimously included Schemamonk Paisios the Hagiorite among the ranks of the saints.

He is to be commemorated annually on July 12th.