

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.”
- ❖ **The Sunday School will be hosting their annual Open House on February 8th.** Please stop by the Education Center following the Liturgy to see what the students have been learning this year.
- ❖ **Saturday of Souls is February 14th: Orthros, 8:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am.**
- ❖ **Bible Study, Tuesday, February 17th, at 6:30 pm.** We will be continuing our study of the book of Revelation.
- ❖ **Great Lent begins on Monday, February 23rd!**

Parish Activities

- ❖ **Youth Family Day, Saturday, February 7th!** Orthros at 10 am, then we drive down to Ventura for Mini-Golf and Lunch.
- ❖ **VIP Lunch on Thursday, February 12th at 12 noon.** Please contact Sofija Nedic for more information.
- ❖ **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! Please see a Philoptochos member if you would like to purchase one for \$15!



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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/chrismated 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 25th day of the month of January, we commemorate: our father among the saints Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople; our devout father Publius; our devout father Mares; Saint Medula and those with her died by fire; our devout father Demetrios the Sacristan; the devout saint Apollo died in peace; the holy New Martyr Afxentios, who witnessed in Constantinople in the year 1720, died by the sword.

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

Sunday, January 25th, 2015
15th Sunday of Saint Luke

Hymn for the Resurrection (*Eighth Tone*)

O Merciful One, You came from on high, and condescended to Your three day burial to save us from suffering. You are our Life and our Resurrection. Glory to You.

Hymn for Saint Gregory the Theologian (*First Tone*)

The shepherd's pipe of your theology overpowered the trumpets of the orators; for as you delved into the depths of the Spirit, so you were endowed with the power of eloquence. Father Gregory, intercede with Christ God, to save 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 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 only the loving One.

Modified Fast This Week

On Wednesday of this week, we abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. On Friday, wine and oil are permitted in honor of the Feast of the Three Hierarchs.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Voula Aldrich
English: Randy Langel

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras, George Papazacharioudakis

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

Prosphora: Connie Pappas Hillman

Altar Flowers: Sophie Alexander and family in memory of
Michael Alexander
Helen and Christopher Plouffe in memory of their father,
Rolland Plouffe

Epistle Reading - Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Gospel Reading- Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

This Week's Schedule

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

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

Friday, January 30th, Feast of the Three Hierarchs

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

Sunday, February 1st, Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

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