

## 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>.** Please stop by the Education Center following the Liturgy to see what the students have been learning this year.
- ❖ **Saturday of Souls is February 14<sup>th</sup>: Orthros, 8:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am.**
- ❖ **Bible Study, Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.** We will be continuing our study of the book of Revelation.
- ❖ **Great Lent begins on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

## Parish Activities

- ❖ **Youth Family Day, Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>!** Orthros at 10 am, then we drive down to Ventura for Mini-Golf and Lunch.
- ❖ **VIP Lunch on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 pm.**
- ❖ **The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission Awareness Luncheon will be Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>,** 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!

## Melomakarona

If you missed out on buying these delicious cookies during the holidays, there are still some available. Please contact Helen McGillivray at 965-6727 to order some.



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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 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month of February, we commemorate: the holy martyr Tryphon of Lampsacus; our devout father Peter of Galatia; our devout father Bendimianos; our devout father and confessor Basil, Archbishop of Thessaloniki, who was from Athens; the devout Timothy reposed in peace; the holy martyr Theion, with two children, died by the sword; the holy martyr Karion; the holy martyr Perpetua and those with her: Saturus, Revocatus, Saturninus, Secundulus, and Felicity; the holy new martyr Anastasios of Nafplion, who witnessed in Nafplion in the year 1655; the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee from the holy Gospel of the Evangelist Luke. By the intercessions of all Your Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

*Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015*  
*Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*

**Hymn for the Resurrection (First Tone)**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Your immaculate Body, You arose on the third day, O Savior, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your Kingdom; glory to Your dispensation, O only Friend of man.

**Hymn for the Forefeast of the Presentation (First Tone)**

The choir of heaven's hosts, from the vaults of the heavens, bends forward to the earth and beholds as an infant the first-born of all creation being carried in the embrace of His holy virgin Mother unto the Temple. And with us they sign today a fore-festal anthem, in awe and astonishment.

**Hymn for the Martyr Trypho (Fourth Tone)**

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, 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 (Fourth Tone)**

On this day Symeon receives with gladness God, the Giver of the Law and he cries to Him in fear: Let me depart now, O Master Christ, for I have seen You, the Glory of Israel.

***Fast Free This Week***

This week, the Triodion Period in the Church begins and we do not fast from anything.

***Memorial Service***

A Memorial Service will follow the Divine Liturgy this morning for the Servant of God, **Lisa Stathopoulos (2 years)**, wife of Peter, mother of Nicholas and daughter of Grady and MaryEllen Kimbrell.

***This Week's Servers***

Epistle Readers: Greek: Nick Pappas  
English: Jackson Kwiatkoswki

Ushers: William Poulis, Brian Iorio

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

Prophora: Sophia Kenrick

Altar Flowers: Peter and Nicholas Stathopoulos in memory of Lisa

***Epistle Reading - Romans 8:28-39***

Brethren, we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Gospel Reading- Luke 18:10-14***

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

## *This Week's Schedule*

**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**

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

**Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Feast of the Presentation**

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

**Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- ❖ Studies in the Faith, 6:30 pm

**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

- ❖ **Youth Orthros, 10:00 am**
- ❖ Youth Family Day- Outing to Golf n' Stuff

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am**
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday school/Youth Choir
- ❖ Sunday school Open House
- ❖ Philoptochos Meeting
- ❖ Soup Lunch Fundraiser for Greece and Cyprus
- ❖ Wear Red for Women