

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

- ❖ **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!**
- ❖ **Studies in the Faith, Tuesday, March 3rd, at 6:30 pm in the Orthodox Center!** We will be discussing "Holy Communion: Meaning, Preparation, & Frequency."
- ❖ **The Sunday School will be hosting their annual Open House March 15th in conjunction with the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival.**

Parish Activities

- ❖ **Join us for lunch today as Philoptochos hosts a lentil soup and bread meal to benefit Greece and Cyprus.** Please be generous with your donation as there are many suffering from starvation in these countries.
- ❖ **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 \$10!

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.



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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 8th day of the month of February, we commemorate: the holy and glorious great martyr Theodore the General; the holy prophet Zachariah; the holy martyrs Nikephoros and Stephen died by the sword; Saints Martha and Mary, the sisters, and the devout Lycarion the martyr, died by the sword; the contest of the holy martyrs Philadelphus and Polycarp; our devout father Makarios, Bishop of Paphos; the holy martyr Pergetus.

On this day we remember the parable of the Prodigal Son from the holy Gospel, which the most divine Fathers placed second in the Triodion.

By Your ineffable love for humanity, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Sunday, February 8th, 2015
Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Hymn for the Resurrection (*Second Tone*)

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, then, the light of Your divinity destroyed Hades. When You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out, "Glory to You our Christ, the Giver of Life."

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

Rejoice, Virgin Theotokos full of grace, for Christ our God, the Sun of Righteousness, has dawned from you, granting light to those in darkness. And you, O Righteous Elder, rejoice, taking in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection.

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 the Prodigal Son (*Third Tone*)

O Father, foolishly I ran away from Your glory, and in sin, squandered the riches You gave me. Wherefore, I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal, "I have sinned before You Compassionate Father. Receive me in repentance and take me as one of Your hired servants."

Modified Fast This Week

On Wednesday this week, we fast from meat, dairy and fish with wine and oil permitted. On Friday, we observe a strict fast and abstain from meat, dairy, fish wine and oil.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Alex Trigonis
 English: Theophilos Lasswell

Ushers: Bessie Condos, Art Markos

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

Prospora: Valerie Katsikis

Coffee Hour: Philoptochos fundraiser

Epistle Reading - 1st Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 8th, Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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

Monday, February 9th

- ❖ Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 10th, Feast of Saint Haralambos

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

Thursday, February 12th

- ❖ VIP Seniors, Lunch & Meeting, 12 noon at Cody's Cafe

Saturday, February 14th, Saturday of Souls

- ❖ Orthros, 8:00 am
- ❖ Liturgy, 9:00 am
- ❖ Memorial Service, 10:00 am

Sunday, February 15th, Judgment Sunday

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

Gospel Reading- Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

40 Day Blessing

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