

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

- ❖ **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."

Parish Activities

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Stewardship Sunday will be on March 8th!** Please mark your calendars to join us for this important presentation.
- ❖ **Capital Campaign Presentation will be Sunday, March 22nd!** Please join us as we introduce our plan to address the needs of the parish.

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 some.

Lenten Services begin February 23rd

- Mondays – Great Compline, 6 pm
- Wednesdays – Ninth Hour Service, 5:40 pm; Presanctified Liturgy, 6 pm
Lenten Dialogue, 7:30 pm
- Fridays – Salutations to the Virgin Mary, 6 pm



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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/chrisdated 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 15th day of the month of February, we commemorate: the holy Apostle Onesimos, disciple of the holy Apostle Paul; the holy martyr Major who died by torture; our devout father Efsevios.

On this day, we also remember the second and impartial coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Your ineffable love for humanity, O Christ our God, make us worthy of Your auspicious voice, number us among those at Your right hand, and have mercy on us. Amen.

Sunday, February 15th, 2015

Judgment Sunday

Hymn for the Resurrection (Third Tone)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord by His Might, has created a Dominion. He has conquered death by death, and become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted the world 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 the Judgment Sunday (First Tone)

O God, when You come upon the earth in glory, the whole world will tremble. A river of fire will bring all before Your Judgment Seat and the books will be opened, and everything in secret will become public. At that time, deliver me from the fire which never dies, and enable me to stand by Your right hand, O Judge most just.

Meatfare This Week

This week, we observe a modified fast and abstain from meat, with dairy, eggs, fish, wine and oil permitted.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Terry Keramaris
English: Ruth Angelos

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras, Brian Iorio

Prospora: Bessie Condos

Altar Flowers: In memory of Tom Pappas by his daughters,
Agathia (New York) and Christina (Denver)

The Pantages family in honor of Helen Goumas' birthday

Coffee Hour: The Daughters of Penelope in honor of
Helen Goumas' 90th birthday

Memorial Service Today

A Memorial Service will be prayed following Liturgy for the servant of God, **Anastasios "Tom" Pappas (1 year)**, husband of Carolyn, father of Anastasia, Agathia, Christina, Eugenia, and Alex, and grandfather of Socrates, Hawkins, Leilani and Corbeau.

Epistle Reading - 1st Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Gospel Reading- Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of Man comes in His glory and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at His left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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