

Announcements

- ❖ **Coffee Fellowship during Great Lent:** Please remember that during Great Lent, no meat products should be served at Coffee Fellowship, and non-dairy options should be provided, for those who are fasting.
- ❖ **Please submit your Stewardship Commitment Card for 2015!** Cards are available in the Narthex and the Church Office.
- ❖ Our monthly bulletin, *The Epistle*, is available on the parish website and via email. Visit our [website](http://www.saintbarbara.net) www.saintbarbara.net and sign up if you would like to keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish.

Religious Education

- ❖ **Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be on March 1st at 6 pm at Saint Barbara's.** The guest speaker will be the Reverend Father Simon Thomas. Donations will be accepted for the Building Fund for the Saint Barbara Monastery.
- ❖ **Studies in the Faith, Tuesday, March 3rd, at 6:30 pm in the Orthodox Center!** We will be discussing "Holy Communion: Meaning, Preparation, & Frequency."
- ❖ **Godparent/Godchild Sunday is March 8th!** Please invite your godparents/godchildren to worship with you this day.
- ❖ **Sunday School Open House & St. John Oratorical Festival, Sunday, March 15th in the Education Center!** Come see what our Sunday School is doing, and stay to hear our young people share their faith during the Oratorical Festival!
- ❖ **Bible Study, Tuesday, March 17th, at 6:30 pm.** We will be continuing our study of the book of Revelation.

Parish Activities

- ❖ **Stewardship Sunday will be on March 8th!** Please mark your calendars to join us for this important presentation.
- ❖ **VIP Meeting & Lunch at Cody's Café on Thursday, March 12th at 12 noon.** Please join for this meeting.
- ❖ **Capital Campaign Presentation will be Sunday, March 22nd!** Please join us as we introduce our plan to address the needs of the parish.

Outside Activities

- ❖ AHEPA and the Santa Barbara Sister Cities – Patras invite you to an evening of dinner, music and dancing at **The Greek Independence Day Program and Dinner on Saturday, March 21st, at 6:00 pm.** Adults \$25/Students \$10/Under 12 free. For reservations contact Georgia Gastouniotis via email ginagaston1@gmail.com or call 805-455-6725.



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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 1st day of the month of March, we commemorate: the holy devout Martyr Evdokia the Samaritan; Saint Domnina and those with her; Saints Marcellus and Anthony died by fire; the holy Martyrs Sylvester and Sophronios died by the sword; Saint Nestorians died by the sword.

On this day, the first Sunday of Lent, we commemorate the restoration of the holy and venerable icons enacted by the ever-memorable Emperors of Constantinople, Michael and his mother Theodora, during the patriarchate of Saint Methodius the Confessor.

O unaltered Image of the Father, by the intercessions of your holy Confessors, have mercy on us. Amen.

Sunday, March 1st, 2015

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Hymn for the Resurrection (Fifth Tone)

O Faithful, let us sing a hymn of praise and worship to the Logos, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of His own will He went upon the Cross in the flesh and suffered death, to raise the dead through His glorious Resurrection.

Hymn for Sunday of Orthodoxy (Second Tone)

Your pure and holy image we honor, Gracious Lord, entreating the forgiveness of all of our sins, O Christ our God; for of Your own free will You deigned to ascend in the flesh upon the Cross to deliver Your creation from Satan's servitude. Thus with grateful hearts we proclaim to You: You have, O Savior, filled the universe with gladness by Your appearing to redeem mankind.

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 Great Lent (Eighth Tone)

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"

Please follow the prayers for St. Basil's Liturgy, and the Service of the Procession of the Icons, in booklet provided for you in the Narthex.

Great Lenten Fast This Week

This week, we abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil, Monday through Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, wine and oil are permitted.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Voula Aldrich
 English: Jackson Kwiatkowski

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

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras, George Papazacharioudakis

Prospora: Angelique Chuchas

Epistle Reading - Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Gospel Reading- John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Lenten Services

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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