

Announcements

- ❖ We welcome Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges this morning for services!
- ❖ Today is "Support a Mission Priest Sunday". The tray will go to support the priest at St. Barbara's in Kazinga, Tanzania.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ Information about **St. Barbara's Scholarship Program** will be in the *April Epistle*. Applications will be available March 29th and are due May 11th.
- ❖ 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.

Religious Education

- ❖ **Bible Study, Tuesday, April 21st, at 6:30 pm.** We will be continuing our study of the book of Revelation.

Parish Activities

- ❖ **Saturday of Lazarus** breakfast and family activity day is **April 4th**. Please join us for Liturgy at 9 am followed by a Lenten waffle breakfast with fresh fruit and fresh juice and fun Easter activities for all ages.
- ❖ If you would be interested in participating in an **All-Night Vigil on Holy Thursday night**, please contact Sophia Kenrick at louloudaki@gmail.com or call 967-1470.
- ❖ If you are able to **dye one, two or more dozen eggs** for the Resurrection Service and the Agape Picnic, please call the Church Office. Red dye is available in the Church Office.

Metropolis Activities

- ❖ **Summer Camp at St. Nicholas Ranch!** Four sessions to choose from! For more information visit www.gosfyouth.com

Pascha Flower & Icon Decorating

- ❖ Many hands will be needed to decorate our beautiful "Kouvouklion-Tomb of Christ" with flowers. **Philoptochos** is inviting parishioners to assist with the **decoration of the Kouvouklion**, on **Holy Friday, April 10th, beginning at 8:00 am.** Please contact Catherine McDavid Smith at Catherine.mcdavid@icloud.com, if you are interested in participating.



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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 29th day of the month of March, we commemorate: the holy martyrs Mark, Bishop of Arethusa, Cyril the deacon, and many others; the holy martyrs Jonah, Barachisios, and the seven martyrs with them; our devout father and confessor Eustathios of Bithynia.

On this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, we have been enjoined to observe the memory of our devout Mother Mary of Egypt.

By her intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Sunday, March 29th, 2015
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Hymn for the Resurrection (First Tone)

Savior, Your tomb was sealed with a stone. Soldiers kept watch over Your sacred body. Yet, You rose on the third day giving life to the world. Wherefore the powers of heaven cried out, "O Giver of Life, glory to Your Resurrection O Christ; glory to Your Kingdom, glory to Your dispensation who alone are the Loving One."

Hymn for St. Mary of Egypt (Eighth Tone)

The image of God was faithfully preserved in you, O Mother. For you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By your actions you taught us to look beyond the flesh for it passes, rather to be concerned about the soul which is immortal. Wherefore, O Holy Mary, your soul rejoices with the angels.

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 (Second Tone)

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto you: Hasten to intercession and speed now to make supplication, O you who does ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor you.

Please follow the prayers for St. Basil's Liturgy, in booklet provided for you in the Narthex.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Angelique Chuchas
 English: Jackson Kwiatkowski

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

Ushers: Bill Poulis, Alex Haimanis

Prophora: Bessie Condos

Epistle Reading - Hebrews 9:11-14

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Gospel Reading- Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Lenten Fast This Week

This week, we fast from meat, dairy, fish, wine & oil. On Saturday, wine and oil are permitted. On Sunday, fish, wine and oil are permitted.

This Week's Schedule

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- ❖ Sunday School
- ❖ Support a Mission Priest

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- ❖ **Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00 pm**
- ❖ Lenten Dialogue & Meal

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- ❖ Lenten Waffle Breakfast and Activities, 10:00 am

Sunday, April 5th, Palm Sunday

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- ❖ Sunday School
- ❖ Palm Sunday Luncheon
- ❖ **Bridegroom Service, 6:00 pm**

Lenten Dialogues

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Meal: George Papazacharioudakis

Easter Koulourakia Sale

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