

## Announcements

- ❖ **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 29<sup>th</sup> and are due May 11<sup>th</sup>.**
- ❖ 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.

## Religious Education

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

## Parish Activities

- ❖ If you would be interested in participating in an **All-Night Vigil on Holy Thursday night**, please contact Sophia Kenrick at [louloudaki@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- ❖ **Agape Vespers & Picnic** 12 noon next Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Manning Park. Tickets are: Adults \$25, Children \$12.
- ❖ **Metropolis Strategic Plan Presentation** Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Fellowship. Come see what the Metropolis is working on, and how it can assist our parish!

## Metropolis Activities

- ❖ **Summer Camp at St. Nicholas Ranch!** Four sessions to choose from! For more information visit [www.gosfyouth.com](http://www.gosfyouth.com).

## Festival Pastry Workshops

### **SAVE THE DATES & MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!**

- ❖ Saturday, April 18, 9 am. Koulourakia
- ❖ Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m. Kourabiedes
- ❖ Saturday, June 13, 0 a.m. Melomacarona
- ❖ Friday, July 24, 9 a.m. Karithopita
- ❖ Saturday, July 25, 9 a.m. Yaourtopita

Volunteer for a joyous day of fun, fellowship and baking. Please call Sophia Kenrick at 967-1470, or email her at [louloudaki@gmail.com](mailto:louloudaki@gmail.com).



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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 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month of April, we commemorate: the holy martyrs Claudius, Diodoros, Victor, Victorinus, Pappias, Serapion, and Nikephoros; our devout mother Theodora of Thessaloniki; the holy martyrs Theodora and Didymos; the holy martyr Thermos; the holy women, a Lady and her Servant; the holy martyr Pompey; Saint Zeno died after they smeared him with pitch, threw him into fire, and ran him through with a spear while he was in the fire; the holy martyrs Maximus and Terence; the holy five young women martyrs of Lesbos; Saint George the New-martyr, who contested in New Ephesus in the year 1801, died by the sword. On this day, Palm Sunday, we celebrate the resplendent and glorious feast of the entry of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. In Your ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over the irrational passions, and make worthy to see Your manifest victory over death and Your joyous, life-giving Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.

*Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

***Palm Sunday***

**Hymn for Palm Sunday (First Tone)**

O Christ our God, before Your Passion, You raised Lazarus from the dead to confirm the common Resurrection for all. Therefore, we carry the symbols of victory as did the youths, and we cry out to You, the victor over death, "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

**Hymn for Palm Sunday (Fourth Tone)**

O Christ, Our God, we have been Buried with You through Baptism, and by Your Resurrection made worthy of Life immortal. Praising You, we cry out, "Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

**Kontakon for Palm Sunday (Sixth Tone)**

In Heaven, He is seated upon a Throne and on earth He rides upon a foal. O Christ our God, accept the praise of the Angels and the hymn of the Children who cry out to You, "Blessed are You who comes to recall Adam."

***This Week's Servers***

Epistle Readers:

Greek: Voula Aldrich

English: Theophilos Lasswell

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

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras, George Papazacharioudakis

Prosphora: Anna Petronakis

***Holy Week Fast This Week***

Today, Palm Sunday, we fast from meat & dairy, with fish, wine & oil permitted. This week, we observe a strict fast for Holy Week by abstaining from meat, dairy, fish, wine & oil Monday through Saturday.

***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 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 am.** Please contact Catherine McDavid Smith at [Catherine.mcdavid@icloud.com](mailto:Catherine.mcdavid@icloud.com) to participate.

***Epistle Reading - Philippians 4:4-9***

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

***Gospel Reading- John 12:1-18***

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples (he who was to betray Him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign.

## *This Week's Schedule*

### **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday**

- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday School
- ❖ Palm Sunday Luncheon

### ❖ **Bridegroom Service, 6:00 pm**

### **Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Holy Monday**

- ❖ **Bridegroom Service, 6:00 pm**

### **Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Holy Tuesday**

- ❖ **Bridegroom Service, 6:00 pm**

### **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Holy Wednesday**

- ❖ **Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 am**
- ❖ Decorate Icons & Wreath
- ❖ **Holy Unction, 6:00 pm**

### **Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Holy Thursday**

- ❖ **Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil, 9:00 am**
- ❖ **Passion Service of the 12 Gospels, 6:00 pm**
- ❖ **All Night Vigil**

### **Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Holy Friday**

- ❖ Decoration of the Tomb of Christ, 8:00 am
- ❖ **Royal Hours, 9:00 am**
- ❖ **Descent from the Cross, 3:00 pm**
- ❖ **Lamentations Service, 6:00 pm**

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- ❖ **Divine Liturgy of St. Basil – Vigil of the Resurrection, 9:00 am**
- ❖ **Canon of the Resurrection, 11:00 pm**
- ❖ **Resurrection Service, 12 am**
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