

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 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

- ❖ The **Metropolis Strategic Plan Presentation will be Sunday, April 19th**, after Liturgy in the Orthodox Center.
- ❖ **Festival Meeting, Thursday, April 23rd, at 6:30** in the Orthodox Center.
- ❖ Please support the **Sunday school** students with their **fundraiser BBQ and Bake Sale to benefit the Rubale School in Tanzania on Sunday, April 29th**, following Liturgy in the Orthodox Center.

Metropolis Activities

- ❖ **Summer Camp at St. Nicholas Ranch!** Four sessions to choose from! For more information visit 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. Yaourttopita
- ❖ Volunteer for a joyous day of fun, fellowship and baking. Please call Sophia Kenrick at 967-1470



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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 12th day of the month of April, we commemorate: our holy Father Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium; in the year 942, the precious Belt of our most-holy Lady Theotokos, was transferred from the Diocese of Zela to Constantinople, during the reign of Constantine and Romanos Porphyrogenitoi; our devout Mother Anthousa, daughter of Emperor Constantine V; the holy Martyrs Demes and Proteon; the holy Priest-Martyr Artemon; the holy three Martyrs Menas, David, and John; the devout Akakios the New, who lived as an ascetic on Mount Athos in the Skete of Kavsokalybia, was perfected in peace in the year 1730.

On the holy and great Sunday of Pascha we celebrate the very life-bearing Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the dominion to the ages of ages. Amen.

Sunday, April 12th, 2015
Great and Holy Pascha

*Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death,
and to those in the tombs He has granted life.*

Hymn for Great & Holy Pascha (Second Tone)

They, who were with Mary came before dawn, in finding the stone rolled away from the Sepulcher heard from the Angel: "Why do you seek as man among the dead, Him, Who dwells in Light Eternal? Behold the burial shroud; make haste to proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, putting Death to death; for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

Kontakion of Great & Holy Pascha (Second Tone)

Even though You descended into the grave, O Immortal One, You destroyed the power of Hades; You arose as a victor, O Christ our God, and sing to the Myrrh-bearing Women, "Hail!" and to Your Apostles granting peace; You also grant resurrection to the fallen.

Instead of the Trisagion (Holy God, Holy Mighty,...): All those who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!

Instead of the "Axion Estin" (It is Truly Meet ...): The Angel cried out to the one full of grace: "Rejoice! Holy Virgin, and again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the Tomb on the third day." Shine, shine, the new Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. Rejoice now and be glad, O Zion; and you, O All-pure Theotokos, delight in the Resurrection of Him, to Whom you gave birth.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Nick Pappas
English: Ruth Angelos

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

Ushers: Taylor Canfield, Bessie Condos, Alex Haimanis, Brian Iorio, Ernest Kolendrianos, Art Markos, Mary Mendoza Papador, George Papazacharioudakis, Nick Pappas, William Poulis, Paul Tziouvaras, Marina Vogel

Prospora: Valerie Katsikis

Bright Week - Fast Free Week

This week do not fast from meat, dairy, fish, wine or oil in honor of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Epistle Reading - Apostles 1:1-8

In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His Passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the Kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "you heard from Me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

Gospel Reading- John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.'") And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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