

## 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** is in the *April Epistle*. **Applications 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

- ❖ **Studies in the Faith, Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.**
- ❖ **Bible Study, Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.** We will be continuing our study of the book of Revelation.

## Parish Activities

- ❖ Please support the **Sunday School** students with their **fundraiser BBQ and Bake Sale to benefit the Rubale School in Tanzania** today following Liturgy in the Orthodox Center.
- ❖ **Youth Sunday will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Students will assist with the services, and present their Oratorical Festival speeches.
- ❖ **Wine to Water** to benefit the Mission Tanzania Water Project is **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm in the Orthodox Center**. Please contact Alex Haimanis for reservations at 683-0595. Space is limited!

## St. Demetrios Agape Center Opening the Doors

His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos, will be present for the weekend. The schedule for the weekend includes:

- ❖ **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** – Open House from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm for parishioners and the community at large to tour the Agape Center.
- ❖ **Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** – Procession to the property at 4:00 pm from Padre Serra Parish in Camarillo to the Church. Great Vespers at 5:00 pm, followed by a Gala Dinner at 6:30 pm at the Padre Serra Catholic Church, Serra Center Banquet Room.
- ❖ **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** – Hierarchical Liturgy with Orthros at 9:00 am, followed by the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. A luncheon on the grounds of the Church will follow.

## Metropolis Activities

- ❖ **Metropolis Clergy-Laity April 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> at St. Nicholas Ranch.** The Clergy Retreat will follow on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Summer Camp at St. Nicholas Ranch!** Four sessions to choose from! For more information visit [www.gosfyouth.com](http://www.gosfyouth.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/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 26<sup>th</sup> day of the month of April, we commemorate: the holy Priest-Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasia; Saint Glaphyra died in peace; devout Saint Justa died in peace; devout Saint Nestor, who left his parents and became a monk, died in peace

On this day, the third Sunday reckoned from Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the holy Myrrh-bearing Women. Furthermore, we commemorate Joseph of Arimathea, who was a secret disciple; and also Nicodemus, the disciple by night.

At the intercession of the holy Myrrh-bearers, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

*Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015*  
*Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women*

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

**Hymn for the Myrrh-Bearing Women (Second Tone)**

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, then, the light of Your divinity destroyed Hades. When You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out, “Glory to You our Christ, the Giver of Life.”

**Hymn for Joseph of Arimathea (Second Tone)**

The noble Joseph, taking Your immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

**Hymn for the Holy Myrrh-bearers (Grave Tone)**

Standing by the tomb the angel said to the Myrrh-bearing women: “Myrrh is for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself stranger to death.”

**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 of Great & Holy Pascha (Eighth 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.

*Memorial Service*

Following Liturgy this morning, a memorial service will be prayed for the servant of God, **Gilbert George Langel (15 years)**, father of Randy Langel. May his memory be eternal!

*Modified Fast This Week*

On Wednesday and Friday of this week, we fast from meat, dairy and fish with wine and oil permitted.

*Epistle Reading - Apostles 6:1-7*

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

*Gospel Reading- Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8*

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether He was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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