

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 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

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

Parish Activities

- ❖ **Today is Youth Sunday!** The 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 16th, 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 29th** – Open House from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm for parishioners and the community at large to tour the Agape Center.
- ❖ **Saturday, May 30th** – 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. Tickets are \$125.
- ❖ **Sunday, May 31st** – 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

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

Other Parish Activities

- ❖ **Summer School/Camp at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church June 22 - July 9th for children Kindergarten through 6th grade.**

For more information go to:

www.stathanasius.org/ministries/youth-education



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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 3rd day of the month of May, we commemorate: the holy Martyrs Timothy and Maura; our righteous Father, Peter the Wonderworker, Bishop of Argos; the twenty-seven holy Martyrs died by fire.

On this day, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we remember the Paralytic, and appropriately celebrate the miracle worked on him.

In Your infinite mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Sunday, May 3, 2015
Sunday of the Paralytic Man

*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 Resurrection (Third Tone)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord by His Might, has created a Dominion. He has conquered death by death, and become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted the world great mercy.

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.

Epistle Reading - Acts 9:32-42

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Gospel Reading- John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Modified Fast This Week

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

Memorial Service

Following Liturgy this morning, a memorial service will be prayed for the servants of God:

James Peters (40 days), husband of Linda Peters;

Jaboor Khoury, father of Elias Khoury.

May their memory be eternal!

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