

Announcements

- ❖ **The May Parish General Assembly is Sunday, May 17th, following Liturgy. Lunch will be served.**
- ❖ **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

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

Parish Activities

- ❖ **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!

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 info go to: www.stathanasius.org/ministries/youth-education

Festival Pastry Workshops

SAVE THE DATES & MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

- ❖ Saturday, June 13, 8 a.m. Melomacarona
 - ❖ Friday, July 24, 1 p.m. Karithopita
 - ❖ Saturday, July 25, 1 p.m. Yaourtopita
- Volunteer for a joyous day of fun, fellowship and baking. Please call Sophia Kenrick at 967-1470

ORANGES NEEDED!

We are in need of orange juice and orange rind for our melomacarona and cake workshops. If you have an orange tree and are able provide oranges and to help, please contact Sophia Kenrick at 967-1470 or 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/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 10th day of the month of May, we commemorate: the holy Apostle Simon the Zealot; the holy Martyrs Alphaeus, Philadelphus, and Cyprinus; our devout Father Hesychius the Confessor; our devout Father Laurence reposed in peace.

On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman.

By the intercessions of Your Martyr Photini, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Sunday, May 10th, 2015
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

*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 (Fourth Tone)

The women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel, the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, "Death is vanquished, Christ our God is risen bestowing upon the world His great mercy."

Hymn for Mid-Pentecost (Eighth Tone)

Midway in the feast, refresh my thirsty soul with the flowing waters of piety. For You cried out to all, O Savior, "Let him who thirsts come to me and drink." You, O Christ our God, are the Fountain of Life, glory to You.

Hymn for the Patriarchs of Constantinople (First Tone)

O illustrious leaders and shepherds of Byzantium, you have been regarded throughout different ages as wise Hierarchs. Wherefore, the Church of Christ praises the manner of your life. Through her, as eminent luminaries, you give light to those who cry out, "Glory to her who aided you, glory to Him who crowned you, glory to Him who, through you, affirmed the Orthodox Faith."

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.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Voula Aldrich
English: Theophilos Lasswell

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

Ushers: Alex Haimanis, George Papazacharioudakis

Prospora: Bessie Condos

Coffee Hour: Mariella & Steve Stockmal

Epistle Reading - Acts 11:19-30

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for His own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, May 10th, Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

- ❖ Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
- ❖ Sunday school/Youth Choir
- ❖ Happy Mother's Day!!

Monday, May 11th

- ❖ Scholarship Application Deadline, 5:00 pm in the Church Office
- ❖ Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 12th

- ❖ Philoptochos Board Meeting, 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 14th

- ❖ VIP Seniors at Beachside Bar & Café, 12 noon

Saturday, May 16th

- ❖ Wine for Water, 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 17th, Sunday of the Blind Man

- ❖ Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
- ❖ Sunday School
- ❖ AHEPA/DOP Sunday
- ❖ Parish General Assembly

St. Demetrios Agape Center Opening the Doors

- ❖ **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** – 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 will follow.

Gospel Reading- John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here. "The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and Truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when He comes, He will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

Just then His disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did.

Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the disciples besought Him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

Modified Fast This Week

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

Saint Photini, the Samaritan Woman

The holy Martyr Photini was the Samaritan Woman, with whom the Savior conversed at Jacob's Well. During the time of the emperor Nero, who displayed excessive cruelty against Christians, Saint Photini lived in Carthage and fearlessly preached the Gospel there. Reports of this reached Nero, and he commanded that Photini and her sons be brought to him at Rome. The emperor ordered the saints to be brought before him and he asked them whether they truly believed in Christ. All the confessors refused to renounce the Savior.

Nero ordered that Saint Photini and her five sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskeva and Kyriake be sent to the imperial court under the supervision of Nero's daughter Domnina; and her sons Photinus and Joses to be thrown in prison. St Photina converted both Domnina and all her servants to Christ.

After three years of torture, Nero asked if she and the others would now relent and offer sacrifice to the idols. The martyrs refused, and Nero gave orders to again throw them down a well to their deaths.