

Announcements

- ❖ **The May Parish General Assembly is today following Liturgy. Lunch will be served.**
- ❖ **Please submit your Stewardship Commitment Card for 2015!** Cards are available in the Narthex and the Church Office.
- ❖ 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

- ❖ **Sunday School Graduation/Promotion is June 7th.** We will be honoring our graduates and students after Liturgy. Please join us afterwards for a parish BBQ in the Orthodox Center.
- ❖ **VIP Seniors Picnic is Saturday, June 13th.** Contact Sofija Nedic for details.
- ❖ **Santa Barbara Greek Festival August 1st & 2nd at Oak Park!** Please help us staff our booths by volunteering!

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, June 13, 8 a.m. Melomacarona
 - ❖ Friday, July 24, 1 p.m. Karithopita
 - ❖ Saturday, July 25, 1 p.m. Yaourttopita
- To volunteer, 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 17th day of the month of May, we commemorate: the holy Apostles Andronicus and Junia; the holy Martyr Solochon and those with him, Pamphamer and Pamphylon; Saints Theophanis and Nektarios, founders of the holy Varlaam Monastery at Meteora.

On this day, the sixth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the miracle that our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ performed on the man born blind.

In Your infinite mercy, O Christ our God and Giver of light, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Sunday, May 17th, 2015
Sunday of the Blind 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 (Fifth Tone)

O Faithful, let us sing a hymn of praise and worship to the Logos, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of His own will He went upon the Cross in the flesh and suffered death, to raise the dead through His glorious Resurrection.

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: Nick Pappas
English: Ruth Angelos

Acolytes: Connor Blake, Cainan Iorio, Dimitri Richardson

Ushers: William Poulis, Brian Iorio

Altar Flowers: Sophie Alexander & family in memory of Alex Alexander

Prospora: Connie Pappas Hillman

Coffee Hour: Daughters of Penelope/AHEPA

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.

Epistle Reading - Acts 16:16-34

In those days, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Memorial Service

A memorial service will be prayed this morning for the servant of God, **Theony Condos (3 years)**, sister of Bessie Condos. May her memory be eternal!

Also, a memorial service will be prayed for **members of AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope** who have fallen asleep in the Lord. May their memories be eternal!

Gospel Reading – John 9:1-38

At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As He said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel!

You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to Him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe": and he worshiped Him.

Modified Fast This Week

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, May 17th, Sunday of the Blind Man

- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am;**
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday school
- ❖ AHEPA Sunday
- ❖ Parish General Assembly

Monday, May 18th

- ❖ AHEPA/DOP Meetings

Tuesday, May 19th

- ❖ Bible Study, 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 21st, Feast of the Ascension/Sts. Constantine & Helen

- ❖ **Orthros, 8:00 am**
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy 9:00 am**

Sunday, May 17th, Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Council

- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am**
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday School/Youth Choir