

## Announcements

- ❖ **Remember to return your Mocha for Missions canisters next Sunday!**
- ❖ **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](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, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. (Final Class)**

## Parish Activities

- ❖ **Sunday School Graduation/Promotion is June 7<sup>th</sup>.** 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 13<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Sofija Nedic for details.
- ❖ **Santa Barbara Greek Festival August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.gosfyouth.com).

## Other Parish Activities

- ❖ **Summer School/Camp at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church June 22<sup>nd</sup> - July 9<sup>th</sup> for children Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.** For more information go to: [www.stathanasius.org/ministries/youth-education](http://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. 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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> day of the month of May, we commemorate: our devout Father Symeon of Wonder Mountain; the holy Martyrs Meletios the Commander and those with him: John, Stephen, Serapion the Egyptian, Kallinicus the Magus, and twelve Counts and Tribunes: Faustus, Festus, Marcellus, Theodore, Meletius, Sergius, Marcellinus, Felix, Photinus, Theodoriscus, Mercurius, and Didymus; three women: Marciana, Palladia, and Susanna; two infants: Kyriacus and Christian; and another 11,208 who witnessed with them; the service in their honor is celebrated in the Temple of the holy Martyr Plato, found in the vestibule called Dominus, in Constantinople. On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea of the 318 God-bearing Fathers. By the intercession of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

*Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015*  
*Sunday of the Fathers of the First Council*

**Hymn for the Resurrection (Sixth Tone)**

O Christ, the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the guards were as dead, and Mary stood by the sepulcher, seeking Your sacred body. You destroyed Hades yet remained untouched by it. You encountered the Virgin and through her, bestowed Life. Glory to You who has risen from the dead!

**Hymn for the Ascension (Fourth Tone)**

O Christ our God, You ascended in Glory and gladdened Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Your blessing assured them that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

**Hymn for the Fathers of the First Council (Eighth Tone)**

You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.

**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 the Ascension (Second Tone)**

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

***Modified Fast This Week***

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

***This Week's Servers***

Epistle Readers: Greek: Alex Trigonis  
English: Randy Langel

Acolytes: Connor Blake, Cainan Iorio, Dimitri Richardson, Demetri Thomas

Ushers: Bessie Condos, Art Markos

Prosphora: Angelique Chuchas

Coffee Hour: No Host

***Epistle Reading - Acts 20:16-18, 28-36***

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which He obtained with the blood of His own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

***Gospel Reading - John 17:1-13***

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

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