

Announcements

- ❖ **Mocha for Missions canisters are due today! Please turn your canister in to the church office.**
- ❖ **High School and College Graduates should submit their name, bio and photo to the church office by, Tuesday, June 2nd.**
- ❖ **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

- ❖ **Studies in the Faith, Tuesday, June 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. (Final Class)**

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 Luncheon at the SB Yacht Club, Thursday, June 11th.** 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.

Other Parish Activities

- ❖ **Summer School/Camp at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church June 22nd - July 9th for children Kindergarten through 6th grade.** For more information go to: www.stathanasius.org/ministries/youth-education

Festival Pastry Workshops

- ❖ 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 31st day of the month of May, we commemorate the holy Martyr Hermias.

On this day, the eighth Sunday from Pascha, we celebrate holy Pentecost.

In a violent wind Christ distributes to the Apostles the Spirit in tongues of fire. On one great day, the Spirit is poured out on the fishermen.

By the intercessions of the holy Apostles, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Sunday, May 31st, 2015

Pentecost Sunday

Hymn for the Resurrection (Eighth Tone)

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You who made fishermen all-wise, by sending upon them the Holy Spirit and, through them, did draw the world into Your net. O Loving One, glory to You.

Kontakion for Pentecost (Eighth Tone)

When the Most High came down and confounded tongues of men, He divided the Nations. When He dispensed the Tongues of Fire, He called all to unity, and with one voice we glorify the Most Holy Spirit.

Instead of the Axion Estin (It is Truly Meet ...)

O Mother who knew no man, Virgin Theotokos, you conceived without ever experiencing corruption, and lent a body to the Logos, the Creator of all. You are a vessel and a dwelling place to your boundless and infinite Creator; we magnify you.

Fast Free This Week

This week, we do not fast from meat, dairy, fish, wine or oil in honor of the Feast of Pentecost.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Angelique Chuchas
English: Jackson Kwiatkowski

Acolytes: Connor Blake, Cainan Iorio, Dimitri Richardson

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras, Brian Iorio

Altar Flowers: Vivi Tziouvaras in memory of her father,
John Karamaras

Prospora: Anna Petronakis

Coffee Hour: Vivi & Paul Tziouvaras in memory of John Karamaris

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, May 31st, Pentecost Sunday

❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am; Kneeling Service**

❖ Sunday School

Tuesday, June 2nd

❖ Studies in the Faith, 6:30 pm (Last Class)

Sunday, June 7th, Sunday of All Saints

❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am**

❖ Sunday School Graduation and Promotion / BBQ

Epistle Reading - Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Gospel Reading - John 7:37-52; 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priest and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."