

## Announcements

- ❖ **Farewell & Appreciation Community Potluck Luncheon** to bid farewell and good wishes to Father Simon and family as they move on to their parish in Memphis, TN, **on July 5<sup>th</sup>** following Liturgy in the Orthodox Center.
- ❖ **Summer Hours:** Orthros 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am.
- ❖ **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.

## Parish Outreach

- ❖ **Saturday, June 27, at 10 am to 1 pm at Casa Esperanza Community Kitchen** we will be volunteering to feed the homeless. Please contact Alex Chuchas at 916-206-3709 or [ajchuchas@gmail.com](mailto:ajchuchas@gmail.com)

## Parish Activities

- ❖ **Festival Dance Practice Schedule: Thavma, June 21<sup>st</sup>; Toumba, June 28<sup>th</sup>**
- ❖ **After Liturgy next Sunday, there will be a presentation on the Life-Giving Spring Monastery in the Orthodox Center.**
- ❖ **Outreach Activity at Casa Esperanza's Community Kitchen is scheduled for Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 1 pm. For information call Alex Chuchas at 916-206-3709.**
- ❖ **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

- ❖ **The St. Demetrios Greek Festival** will be held at Freedom Park in Camarillo on **June 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>**.
- ❖ **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

- ❖ Friday, July 24, 1 p.m. Karithopita
- ❖ Saturday, July 25, 1 p.m. Yaourttopita



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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 21<sup>st</sup> day of the month of June, we commemorate: the Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia; the holy Martyr Aphrodisios; the Holy Priest-martyr Terence, Bishop of Iconium; the holy New-Martyr Nikitas from Nisyros, who witnessed on Chios in the year 1732 died by the sword.

By their holy intercessions, Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

*Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Saint Matthew*

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

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, then, the light of Your divinity destroyed Hades. When You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out, "Glory to You our Christ, the Giver of Life."

**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 for the Theotokos (Second Tone)**

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto you: Hasten to intercession and speed now to make supplication, O you who does ever protect, O Theotokos, those who honor you.

*Apostles Fast This Week*

This week, we fast from meat & dairy on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday with fish, wine & oil permitted in honor of the Apostles. On Friday, we fast from meat, dairy, fish, wine & oil.

*This Week's Servers*

Epistle Readers:      Greek:      Alex Trigonis  
                                 English:      Randy Langel

Acolytes: Connor Blake, Cainan Iorio, Dimitri Richardson

Ushers:              William Poulis, Alex Haimanis

*This Week's Schedule*

**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Saint Matthew**

❖ **Orthros, 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am**

❖ Thavma Dance Practice

❖ Presentation on the Life-Giving Spring Monastery

**Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

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

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Saint Matthew**

❖ **Orthros, 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am**

❖ Toumba Dance Practice

*Epistle Reading - Romans 5:1-10*

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His Blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

*Gospel Reading - Matthew 6:22-33*

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."