

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 5th** 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 and sign up if you would like to keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish.

Parish Activities

- ❖ **Festival Dance Practice Schedule: Toumba, June 28th; Thavma, July 5th.**
- ❖ **Santa Barbara Greek Festival August 1st & 2nd at Oak Park!** Please help us staff our booths by volunteering!

Other Parish Activities

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, June 28th, 4th Sunday of Saint Matthew

- ❖ **Orthros, 8:30 am**
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am**
- ❖ Toumba Dance Practice

Monday, June 29th, Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul

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

Tuesday, Feast of the Synaxis of the Apostles

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

Wednesday, July 1st through Friday, July 3rd

- ❖ Office Closed

Sunday, July 5th, 4th Sunday of Saint Matthew

- ❖ **Orthros, 8:30 am**
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am**
- ❖ Farewell Potluck Luncheon for the Thomas Family



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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 28th day of the month of June, we commemorate: the discovery of the precious relics of the Holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John; the Holy Martyr Pappios.

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

Sunday, June 28th, 2015
4th Sunday of Saint Matthew

Hymn for the Resurrection (Third Tone)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord by His Might, has created a Dominion. He has conquered death by death, and become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted the world great mercy.

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.

Modified Fast This Week

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

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Angelique Chuchas
 English: Jackson Kwiatkowski

Acolytes: Connor Blake, Cainan Iorio, Dimitri Richardson

Ushers: Bessie Condos, Art Markos

Prosfora Baker: Anna Petronakis

Epistle Reading - Romans 6:18-23

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to Him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And He said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed Him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the Kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.