

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 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: Thavma July 5th; Toumba, July 12th.**
- ❖ **Santa Barbara Greek Festival August 1st & 2nd at Oak Park!** Please help us staff our booths by volunteering!

Next Sunday, July 12th

- ❖ **Next Sunday, July 12th, Metropolitan Gerasimos will make a Pastoral Visit to Saint Barbara's!** Metropolitan Gerasimos will celebrate a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, along with several visiting clergy. A Memorial Service will also take place for Presvytera Krissy Flesoras (1 year). Please come to welcome the Metropolitan Gerasimos and the visiting clergy.

Festival Pastry Workshops

- ❖ Friday, July 24, 1 p.m. Karithopita
 - ❖ Saturday, July 25, 1 p.m. Yaourttopita
 - ❖ Friday, July 31. 9 a.m., Pastry Prep Day
- To volunteer, contact Sophia Kenrick at louloudaki@gmail.com or 602-909-9859



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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 5th day of the month of July, we commemorate: our devout and God-bearing Father Athanasius of Athos.

On this day we also commemorate our devout Father Lampadus.

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

Sunday, July 5th, 2015
5th Sunday of Saint Matthew

Hymn for the Resurrection (Fourth Tone)

The women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel, the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, "Death is vanquished, Christ our God is risen bestowing upon the world His great mercy."

Hymn for St. Athanasius of Athos (Third Mode)

Angelic hosts on high were filled with wonderment, seeing your life in the flesh: how with your body you courageously went out to wrestle with invisible foes; and to the demonic hordes you inflicted serious wounds. Therefore, Athanasios, you received from the Master Christ, a wealth of gifts. Holy Father, intercede on our behalf with Christ our God, to save our souls.

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: Voula Aldrich
English: Theophilos Lasswell

Acolytes: Connor Blake, Cainan Iorio, Dimitri Richardson

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras, Brian Iorio

Coffee Fellowship: Farewell Potluck for Thomas Family

Epistle Reading - Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have You to do with us, O Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If You cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

This Week's Schedule

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

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

Sunday, July 12th, 6th Sunday of Saint Matthew

- ❖ Orthros, 8:30 am
- ❖ Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am
- ❖ Memorial Service for Presvytera Krissy Flesoras (1 year)
- ❖ Toumba Dance Practice