

Announcements

❖ We welcome Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, the Very Rev. Fr. Dean Moralis, Fr. Peter Salmas, Fr. Chris Flesoras, Fr. Bill Tragus, Fr. Jason Roll, Deacons Chrysostom Panos and Joseph Ruocco-Brown this morning as they celebrate the Divine Liturgy with us.

❖ **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 & Toumba, July 12th; Thavma, July 19th.**

❖ **Santa Barbara Greek Festival August 1st & 2nd at Oak Park!** Please help us staff our booths by volunteering!

Festival Pastry Workshops

❖ Friday, July 24, 1 p.m. Karithopita

❖ Saturday, July 25, 1 p.m. Yaourtopita

❖ 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/chrisdated 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 12th day of the month of July, we commemorate: the holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilary; our devout Father Michael Maleinus, the spiritual father of Saint Athanasius of Athos; the holy Martyr Serapion; the holy Martyrs Andrew the Commander, Heraclius, Faustus, Menas, and their company; the holy Martyr Mamas, over in Sigma; Saint Veronica, the woman with the flow of blood whom Christ cured, reposed in peace; our devout father Paisios the New of the Holy Mountain Athos, who reposed in peace in the year 1994. By their holy intercessions, Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Sunday, July 12th, 2015
6th Sunday of Saint Matthew

Hymn for the Resurrection (Fifth Tone)

O Faithful, let us sing a hymn of praise and worship to the Logos, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of His own will He went upon the Cross in the flesh and suffered death, to raise the dead through His glorious Resurrection.

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.

Limited Fast This Week

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

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Nick Pappas
English: Ruth Angelos

Acolytes: Connor Blake, Cainan Iorio, Dimitri Richardson

Ushers: Bill Poulis, Alex Haimanis

Prospora: Connie Pappas Hillman

Coffee Hour: Fr. Christopher Flesoras and Renee Kyriazis Ivey
in memory of Presvytera Krissy

Memorial Service

A memorial service will be prayed today for the handmaid of God, **Presvytera Krissy Flesoras (1 year)**, wife of Rev. Fr. Christopher of Saint Anna Church, Roseville, mother of Constantine and Gianna, and sister of Renee Ivey who celebrated her wedding yesterday at our Parish.

Epistle Reading - Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, My son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" -- He then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

This Week's Schedule

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

- ❖ **Orthros, 8:30 am**
- ❖ **Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am**
- ❖ **Memorial Service**
- ❖ Memorial Luncheon for Presvytera Krissy Flesoras
- ❖ Thavma & Toumba Dance Practice

Monday, July 13th

- ❖ Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 pm

Sunday, July 19th, Sunday of the Holy Fathers

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