

Announcements

- ❖ We welcome Fr. Haralambos Fox this morning as he celebrates the Divine Liturgy with us. Please make him feel welcome!
- ❖ **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 19th; Toumba, July 26th.**
- ❖ **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. Yaourttopita
 - ❖ Friday, July 31. 9 a.m., Pastry Prep Day
- To volunteer, contact Sophia Kenrick at louloudaki@gmail.com or 602-909-9859

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, July 19th, Sunday of the Holy Fathers

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

Monday, July 20th

- ❖ AHEPA Meeting, 6:30 pm

Friday, July 24th

- ❖ Festival Bake Shop, 1 p.m., Karithopita

Saturday, July 25th

- ❖ Festival Bake Shop, 1 p.m., Yaourttopita

Sunday, July 26th, 8th Sunday of Saint Matthew

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



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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.

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 19th day of the month of July, we commemorate: the devout Macrina, sister of St. Basil the Great; our devout Father Dios the Wonderworker; the four holy Ascetics who reposed in peace; our Father among the saints Theodore, who lived in asceticism in the Lavra of Saint Sabbas, and later became Archbishop of Edessa; the 630 God-bearing Fathers who convened in Chalcedon for the holy Fourth Ecumenical Council.

By the intercessions of the holy Fathers, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Sunday, July 19th, 2015
Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Hymn for the Resurrection (Sixth Tone)

O Christ, the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the guards were as dead, and Mary stood by the sepulcher, seeking Your sacred body. You destroyed Hades yet remained untouched by it. You encountered the Virgin and through her, bestowed Life. Glory to You who has risen from the dead!

Hymn for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers (Eighth Tone)

You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.

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 and fish with wine and oil permitted. 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: Paul Tziouvaras, George Papazacharioudakis

Prospora: Bessie Condos

Coffee Hour: Nicky Gekis in memory of his mother, Helen Gekis
The Parish Council to welcome Fr. Bob and his family

Epistle Reading - Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to His disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Memorial Service

A memorial service will be prayed this morning for:

The servant of God, **Helen Gekis (40 days)**, wife of William Gekis and mother of Nicky and Theodore,

The servant of God, **Penelope "Lopa" Anastasia Constantaras (40 days)**, grandmother of Angelique Chuchas,

The servant of God, **Nick Tragos (3 years)**, brother of William Tragos,

The **brothers and sisters in Christ who sacrificed their lives defending the island of Cyprus 41 years ago** during the Turkish invasion.