

Announcements

- ❖ We welcome Fr. Michael State from St. Nicholas in Northridge this morning as he celebrates the Divine Liturgy with us. We also welcome Archimandrite Nikiforos Milovic, Protosynkellos of I.M. Budimlje and Niksic in Montenegro, Serbian Orthodox Church.
- ❖ 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.

Religious Activities

- ❖ The Small Paraklesis Service will be celebrated on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from August 1st through August 13th. This service is a supplication service to the Most Holy Theotokos for the health of our souls and bodies, in preparation for the Feast of her Dormition on August 15th. These services will begin at 6 p.m.

Parish Activities

- ❖ Festival Dance Practice Schedule: Toumba, July 26th
- ❖ Santa Barbara Greek Festival August 1st & 2nd at Oak Park! Please help us staff our booths by volunteering!
- ❖ Monday, July 28th, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm, Festival Clean up at Oak Park and Saint Barbara's

Festival Pastry Help Needed!

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 26th, 8th Sunday of Saint Matthew

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

Friday, July 31st

- ❖ Festival Pastry Prep, 9:00 am, Orthodox Center
- ❖ Festival Setup, Oak Park

Saturday, August 1st

- ❖ Greek Festival at Oak Park, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 2nd, 9th Sunday of Saint Matthew

- ❖ Orthros, 8:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am
- ❖ Greek Festival at Oak Park, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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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 the Parish 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 26th day of the month of July, we commemorate: the holy Priest-martyrs Hermolaus, Hermippus, and Hermocrates; the holy Great Martyr Paraskeve; the holy Martyr Oraiozela; the devout Ignatius Steironites; and the consecration of the church Archangel Gabriel over in Chaldae; and Saints Appion and Jerusalem.

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

Sunday, July 26th, 2015
8th Sunday of Saint Matthew

Hymn for the Resurrection (Seventh Tone)

By Your Cross, O Christ our God, You destroyed death. You opened paradise to the thief. You transformed the lament of the Myrrh-bearing women, and You commanded the Apostles to proclaim You are risen, granting the world Your great mercy.

Hymn for the Martyr Paraskeve (First Tone)

Your diligence corresponded to your name, Paraskeve, which denotes preparedness. Through faith you inherited the promised dwelling that was prepared for you, O prize-winning Martyr. Therefore you pour out cures and healings, and you intercede on behalf of 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.

Dormition Fast Begins This Week

This week on Wednesday and Friday, we observe a strict fast and abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. On Saturday and Sunday, we abstain from meat, dairy and fish with wine and oil permitted.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Angelique Chuchas
English: Jackson Kwiatkowski

Acolytes: Connor Blake, Cainan Iorio, Dimitri Richardson

Altar Flowers: Jim & Ruth Angelos
in honor of Lauren and Ruth's birthdays

Ushers: William Poulis, Brian Iorio

Prospora: Valerie Katsikis

Coffee Hour: Vivian Pahos, Voula Aldrich and Vivi Tziouvaras
in honor of their Name Day for St. Paraskeve

Epistle Reading - Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 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 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.