

## Announcements

- ❖ **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](http://www.saintbarbara.net) [www.saintbarbara.net](http://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 this week on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup>.** This service is a supplication service to the Most Holy Theotokos, seeking her intercession for the health of our souls and bodies, in preparation for the Feast of her Dormition on August 15<sup>th</sup>. These services will begin at 6 p.m.
- ❖ **We encourage all to celebrate the Feast of the Dormition at St. Athanasius Antiochian Orthodox Church on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 am. There will be no services at Saint Barbara on this day.**

## Parish Activities

- ❖ **The Sunday School will be having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, in the Redding Center** to benefit the Tanzania Rubale School for their computer needs. Please contact Alexandra Iorio at 705-8522 if you have items to donate for the sale.

## This Week's Schedule

**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Saint Matthew**

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

**Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

- ❖ **Paraklesis, 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

- ❖ **Paraklesis, 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**

- ❖ **Divine Liturgy, 8:00 am, at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church**

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Saint Matthew**

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



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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. While we are joyful that you have come to join us in worship, we must let you know that the sacraments are reserved for those who are Baptized and Chrismated in the Orthodox Faith. Though we may share a common belief in the Holy Trinity, not all churches are 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 in every divine service of the Orthodox Church. While visitors from other faiths are not able to receive Holy Communion today, we welcome all to receive the blessed bread that is distributed by the Priest at the end of the service. Feel free to contact Fr. Bob, if you desire to learn more about the 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, we commemorate: the Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Holy Apostle Matthias, the one chosen to replace Judas, and Anthony the Martyr of Alexandria.

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

*Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015*  
*10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Saint Matthew*

**Hymn for the Resurrection (First Tone)**

Savior, Your tomb was sealed by the Jews with a stone. Soldiers kept watch over Your sacred body. Yet, You rose on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore the powers of heaven cried out to You, O Giver of Life, "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your Kingdom, glory to Your dispensation who alone are the Loving One.

**Hymn for the Transfiguration of our Lord (Seventh Tone)**

You were transfigured on the Mount, Christ God revealing Your glory to Your disciples, insofar as they could comprehend. Illuminate us sinners also with Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. Giver of light, 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 Transfiguration (Seventh Tone)**

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.

*Dormition Fast This Week*

This week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, we observe a strict fast and abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. On Saturday and Sunday, we abstain from nothing in honor of the Dormition.

*This Week's Servers*

Epistle Readers:    Greek:    Nick Pappas  
                          English:    Ruth Angelos

Acolytes: Connor Blake, Theo Fox, Cainan Iorio, Dimitri Richardson

Ushers:            Bessie Condos, Brian Iorio

Prosphora:        Angelique Chuchas

*Epistle Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:9-16*

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

*Gospel Reading - Matthew 17:14-23*

At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day."