

Announcements

- ❖ We welcome Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges this morning as he celebrates 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.

Religious Education & Services

- ❖ **Beginning of the Indiction- Ecclesiastical New Year, Tuesday, September 1st, Orthros at 8:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am**
- ❖ **The First Day of Sunday School is September 7th!** Registration is open and available online at http://www.saintbarbara.net/ministries/sunday_school/registration.php

Parish Activities

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

This Week's Schedule

- Sunday, August 16th, 11th Sunday of Saint Matthew**
 - ❖ **Orthros, 8:30 am**
 - ❖ **Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am**
- Sunday, August 23rd, 12th 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 16th day of August, we commemorate: the Afterfeast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, the Translation of the Holy Mandilion containing the Image of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, Diomedes the Physician & Martyr of Tarsus, Timothy of Euripus, founder of the Monastery of Pentele, Nicodemus the New Martyr of Meteora, Gerasimos the New Ascetic of Cephalonia, and the Holy Monk Penteles

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

Sunday, August 16th, 2015
11th Sunday of Saint Matthew

Hymn for the Resurrection (Second Tone)

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Hymn for the Holy Mandilion (Seventh Tone)

We worship Thine immaculate icon, O Good One, asking the forgiveness of our failings, O Christ our God; for of Thine own will wast Thou well-pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, that Thou mightest deliver from slavery to the enemy those whom Thou hadst fashioned. Wherefore, we cry to Thee thankfully: Thou didst fill all things with joy, O our Saviour, when Thou camest to save the world.

Hymn for the Dormition of the Theotokos (First Tone)

In giving birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity; in thy dormition, thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated unto life, since thou art the Mother of Life; and by thine intercessions dost thou redeem our souls from death.

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 Dormition of the Theotokos (Second Tone)

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

Regular Fast This Week

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

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Alex Trigonis
 English: Randy Langel

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

Ushers: William Poulis, Alex Haimanis

Prophora: Connie Pappas Hillman

Epistle Reading - 1st Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."