

Announcements

- ❖ His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos, will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy and the Service of Installation for Fr. Haralambos with us on September 27th.
- ❖ **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

- ❖ **VIP Outing** Thursday, September 10th. More information to follow.
- ❖ **Philoptochos Membership Mixer Saturday, September 12th** at 2:00 pm at 61 La Cumbre Circle.
- ❖ The **Philoptochos will be hosting a fundraiser benefitting St. Nicholas Shrine** on Sunday, September 20th in the Orthodox Center after the Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ 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 23rd, 12th Sunday of Saint Matthew

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

Monday, August 24th

- ❖ Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 pm

Saturday, August 29th, Feast of the Beheading of John the Baptist

- ❖ **Orthros, 8:00 am**

- ❖ **Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am**

Sunday, August 30th, 13th 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: Apodosis of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary
Our Holy Father Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons
Our Holy Father Kallinikos, Patriarch of Constantinople
Lupus the Martyr
Our Righteous Father Nicholas of Sikelion
38 Martyrs of Thrace
Our Holy Father Irenaeus, Bishop of Sirmium
By their holy intercessions, Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Sunday, August 23rd, 2015
12th Sunday of Saint Matthew

Hymn for the Resurrection (Third Tone)

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to 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, Friday and also in Saturday in commemoration of the Beheading of the Forerunner, John the Baptist, we observe a strict fast and abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Angelique Chuchas
English: Jackson Kwiatkowski

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

Altar Flowers: Sophie Alexander and family in memory of
Grace Alexander

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras, George Papazacharioudakis

Prospora: Sophia Kenrick

Coffee Hour: Mike & Vivian Pahos and Ernest & Andriana Kolendrianos

Epistle Reading - 1st Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."