

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 Form for 2015!** Forms 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 13th!** 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 30th, 13th Sunday of Saint Matthew

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

Tuesday, September 1st

- ❖ **Orthros, 8:00 am**
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am**

Sunday, September 6th, 14th 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. Haralambos, 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.

FEASTS CELEBRATED TODAY

Apodosis of the Feast of the Beheading of the Forerunner; Alexander, John and Paul the New, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Phantinos the Righteous of Calabria; 16 Monk-Martyrs of Thebes; 6 Martyrs of Melitene; The Synaxis of the Holy Hierarchs of Serbia; The Holy New Martyrs of Serbia

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

Sunday, August 30th, 2015
13th Sunday of Saint Matthew

Hymn for the Resurrection (Fourth Tone)

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Hymn for the Apodosis of the Forerunner (Second Tone)

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since thou was granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.

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 (Fourth Tone)

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our 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: Voula Aldrich
 English: Theophilos Lasswell

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

Altar Flowers: Vivi & Paul Tziouvaras in honor of Natalia's Name Day

Ushers: William Poulis, Brian Iorio

Prospora: Valerie Katsikis

Coffee Hour: George & Mary Mamalakis

Epistle Reading - 1st Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it was marvelous in our eyes?'"