

Announcements

- ❖ Next week we return to Regular Hours:
Orthros 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
- ❖ His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos, will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy and the Service of Installation for Fr. Haralambos with us on September 27th.
- ❖ 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

- ❖ 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, 12 noon at Cody's Cafe
- ❖ Philoptochos Membership Gathering Saturday, September 12th at 1:00 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, September 6th, 14th Sunday of Saint Matthew

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

Monday, September 7th

- ❖ Labor Day – Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8th, Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

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

Thursday, September 10th

- ❖ VIP Seniors lunch and meeting at Cody's Café, 12 noon

Saturday, September 12th

- ❖ Philoptochos Membership Gathering, 1:00 pm

Sunday, September 13th, Sunday before Holy Cross

- ❖ Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am

- ❖ Sunday School



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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

The Commemoration of the Miracle Wrought by Archangel Michael in Colossae (Chonae)
Holy Martyr Calodote

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

Sunday, September 6th, 2015
14th Sunday of Saint Matthew

Hymn for the Resurrection (Fifth Tone)

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

Hymn for Miracle of Michael in Colossae (Fourth Tone)

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of Heavens, we, the unworthy, importune and beseech thee that by thy supplications thou encircle us in the shelter of the wings of thine immaterial glory, guarding us who now fall down and cry to thee with fervour: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great marshal of the heavenly hosts on high.

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."

Modified Fast This Week

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

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Nick Pappas
 English: Ruth Angelos

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

Ushers: Bessie Condos, Art Markos

Prosphora: Bessie Condos

fEpistle Reading - 2nd Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me - it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 22:2-14

The Lord said this parable, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."