

Announcements

- ❖ **Regular Hours resume: 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](http://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

- ❖ **Today is the First Day of Sunday School!** Registration is open and available online at http://www.saintbarbara.net/ministries/sunday_school/registration.php
- ❖ **Catechism classes begin this Wednesday, September 16th, at 7:00 in the Redding Education Center.**
- ❖ **Metropolitan Gerasimos will officially install Fr. Haralambos at the end of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 27th.**

Parish Activities

- ❖ Please join us for 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 Education 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 13th, Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am**
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday Church School

Monday, September 14th, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Wednesday, September 16th

- ❖ Catechism Class, 7:00 pm in the Redding Education Center

Thursday, September 17th, Feast of the Saint Sophia

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

Sunday, September 20th, Sunday after Holy Cross

- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday School
- ❖ St. Nicholas Shrine Fundraiser, A Coney Island Event



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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

Sunday before Holy Cross

Forefeast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross

The Consecration of the Church of the Holy Resurrection (Holy Sepulchre)

Cornelius the Centurion & Martyr

Aristides the Philosopher

Hierotheos the Righteous of Iveron Monastery, Mount Athos

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

Sunday, September 13th, 2015
Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Hymn for the Resurrection (*Sixth Tone*)

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Hymn for the Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
(Second Tone)

We offer Thee in mediation the life-giving Cross which, of Thy goodness, Thou hast given unto us, the unworthy, O Lord. Save Thy hierarchs and Thy flock, and grant Thou peace through the Theotokos, O only friend of man.

Hymn for the Temple of the Resurrection (*Fourth Tone*)

Thou hast shown the earthly beauty of the holy tabernacle of Thy glory to be like unto the splendour of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. Strengthen it for ever and ever, and accept our prayers which we unceasingly offer therein unto Thee, through the Theotokos, O Thou Who art the Life and Resurrection of all.

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 Exaltation of the Holy Cross (*Fourth Tone*)

The Church is shown to be a many-lighted heaven that doth shine a guiding light upon all them that do believe; wherein while standing we cry aloud: Do Thou Thyself now establish this house, O Lord.

Modified Fast This Week

Monday of this week, we observe a strict fast in honor of the Holy Cross and abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. We also follow our regular fast on Wednesday and Friday.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Alex Trigonis
 English: Randy Langel

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

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras, Brian Iorio

Prosphora: Anna Petronakis

Coffee Hour: Sunday School Ice Cream Social

Epistle Reading - Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel Reading - John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."