

## Announcements

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

- ❖ Registration is open and available online at [http://www.saintbarbara.net/ministries/sunday\\_school/registration.php](http://www.saintbarbara.net/ministries/sunday_school/registration.php)
- ❖ Catechism classes are Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Choir Loft.

## Parish Activities

- ❖ Please join us for a fundraiser benefitting St. Nicholas Shrine in N.Y.C. today in the Orthodox Center after the Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ The Sunday School will be having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, at 8 am -3 pm in the Redding Education Center to benefit the Tanzania Rubale School for their computer needs. Donations will be accepted until 9/23. If you would like to volunteer to work at the rummage sale, please contact Alexandra Iorio at 705-8522. Please take flyers available in the Orthodox Center to promote and advertise this event.

## This Week's Schedule

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

- ❖ Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- ❖ Sunday Church School
- ❖ A Coney Island Feast to benefit St. Nicholas Shrine

**Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

- ❖ DOP/AHEPA Meetings, 6:15 pm/6:30 pm

**Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- ❖ Catechism Class, 6:30 pm in the Choir Loft

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

- ❖ Sunday School Rummage Sale in the Redding Center, 8:00 am

**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Saint Luke**

- ❖ Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
- ❖ Installation of Fr. Haralambos Fox by His Eminence Gerasimos
- ❖ 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

Sunday after Holy Cross

Eustathios the Great Martyr, his wife and two children

Our Righteous Father Eustathios, Archbishop of Thessolonica

Hilarion the New Martyr of Crete

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

*Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015*  
*Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

**Hymn for the Resurrection (*Seventh Tone*)**

Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and didst bid Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

**Hymn for the Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
*(First Tone)*

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.

**Hymn for the Feast of Saint Eustathios and His Companions**  
*(Fourth Tone)*

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

**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 Resurrection (*Fourth Tone*)**

Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries. May Your alliance be for them a weapon for peace, an invincible standard.

*Modified Fast This Week*

Wednesday this week, we observe a modified fast in honor of the Conception of John the Forerunner and abstain from meat, dairy and fish with wine and oil permitted. On Friday, we observe the regular 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, Theophanis Fox, Cainan Iorio,  
                                 Dimitri Richardson

Ushers:              William Poulis, Bessie Condos

Prospora:          Angelique Chuchas

Coffee Hour:      A Coney Island Feast

*Epistle Reading - Galatians 2:16-20*

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

*Gospel Reading - Mark 8:34-38; 9:1*

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."