

Announcements

- ❖ Please submit your Stewardship Commitment Card for 2015!
- ❖ 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

- ❖ Sunday school registration is open and available online at http://www.saintbarbara.net/ministries/sunday_school/registration.php
- ❖ Catechism classes are Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Choir Loft.

Parish Activities

- ❖ The VIP's will be having their luncheon meeting at MacKenzie Market on Thursday, October 8th, at 12 noon.
- ❖ Philoptochos Meeting Sunday, October 11th
- ❖ The Saint Barbara Philoptochos is presenting a Master Class Presentation and Cooking Demonstration with Diane Kochilas on November 15th at 1:00 pm in the Saint Barbara Event Center. Tickets are \$60 in advance. For reservations contact Georgia Gastouniotis at 455-6725 or by email ginagaston1@gmail.com

Other Activities

- ❖ The Santa Barbara AHEPA Chapter 243 invites you to "A Celebration for the Community Glendi" on October 10th for Food, Music, Dancing, 50/50 Raffle. Adults \$25, Students \$12, Kids 5 & Under FREE. To RSVP please contact Jim Arger 310-903-2688 or William Poulis at 682-4733

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 4th, 2nd Sunday of Saint Luke

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

Wednesday, September 30th

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

Thursday, October 8th

- ❖ VIP's, 12 noon at MacKenzie Market

Saturday, October 10th

- ❖ AHEPA Glendi, 6:00 pm in the Orthodox Center

Sunday, October 11th, Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

- ❖ Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
- ❖ Sunday School
- ❖ Philoptochos Meeting



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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

On this, the 4th day of October, we commemorate:

2nd Sunday of Luke
Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens
Domnina the Martyr and her daughters
John the Hermit

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

Sunday, October 4th, 2015
2nd Sunday of Saint Luke

Hymn for the Resurrection (First Tone)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

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 (Second Tone)

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Nick Pappas
English: Ruth Angelos

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

Ushers: William Poulis, Brian Iorio

Prospora: Bessie Condos

Altar Flowers: Vivi & Paul Tziouvaras in honor of Andriana's birthday

Regular Fast This Week

On Wednesday and Friday of this week, we observe the regular strict fast and abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil.

Epistle Reading - 2nd Corinthians 9:6-11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Gospel Reading - Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."