

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

- ❖ **Philoptochos Meeting today after Fellowship.**
- ❖ **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 will host an OXI Day event on Sunday, November 1st, following Liturgy in the Orthodox Center.**

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 11th, 2nd Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am**
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday School
- ❖ Philoptochos Meeting (after Fellowship)

Monday, October 12th, Columbus Day

- ❖ Office Closed
- ❖ Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 14th

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

Sunday, October 18th, Feast of Saint Luke

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



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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 11th day of October, we commemorate:

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Philip the Apostle of the 70, one of the 7 Deacons
Theophanes the Confessor, Bishop of Nicaea
Holy Martyrs Zenais and Philonilla
Our Holy Father Nectarius, Arsacuis and Sisinius, Patriarchs of Constantinople

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

Sunday, October 11th, 2015
Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Hymn for the Resurrection (Second Tone)

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Hymn for the 7th Ecumenical Council (Eighth Tone)

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

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: Alex Trigonis
English: Randy Langel

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

Ushers: Bessie Condos, Art Markos

Prospora: Valerie Katsikis

Coffee Hour: Philoptochos

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 - Titus 3:8-15

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Reading - Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

40 Day Blessing

A 40 Day blessing will be prayed this morning for **Amelia Ivey Withers**, daughter of Peter & Marika Batalas Withers.