#### Announcements

- **\*** The Parish General Assembly is Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> following Liturgy in the Orthodox Center.
- ❖ An Altar Boy retreat is scheduled for Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 2 pm in the church. All past, present or brand new altar boys are invited. Lunch will be provided.
- **❖** 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** <u>www.saintbarbara.net</u> 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 <a href="http://www.saintbarbara.net/ministries/sunday\_school/registration.php">http://www.saintbarbara.net/ministries/sunday\_school/registration.php</a>
- **❖** Catechism classes are Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Choir Loft.

## Parish Activities

❖ The Saint Barbara and Saint Demetrios VIPs are invited to Sunstone Vineyards and Winery for food, wine, fellowship (and maybe dancing), Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Cost is \$10. Please contact Sofija Nedic for information and to RSVP at 967-2680.

## Philoptochos Activities

❖ The Saint Barbara Philoptochos is presenting a **Master Class Presentation and Cooking Demonstration with Diane Kochilas on November 15<sup>th</sup> 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** 

### AHEPA Activities

- ❖ The Santa Barbara Ahepa chapter 243 invites you to OXI! (No!) Day of Remembrance on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11:45 a.m. in the Orthodox Fellowship Center. There will be a program and luncheon.
- ❖ The Archaeological Institute of America and the UCSB Classics Department along with Santa Barbara AHEPA Chapter 243 are sponsoring a free lecture on "The Hanging Garden of Babylon: An Elusive World Wonder Traced" on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 pm at the Karpeles Manuscript Library, 21 East Anapamu Street.

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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 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, we commemorate:

Luke the Evangelist Martyr Marinos the Elder

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

# Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 <u>Feast of Saint Luke</u>

#### Hymn for the Resurrection (Third Tone)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord, by His Mighty Arm, has created a Dominion. He has conquered death by death, and become the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted the world great mercy.

#### **Hymn for Saint Luke the Evangelist (Third Tone)**

O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede to our merciful God, that He may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

#### 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)**

Champion of Christians not put to shame, advocate before the Maker always steadfast, do not spurn sinners' voices raised in prayer. In your goodness respond to bring help to us who devoutly petition you. Hasten your intercession and urgently make entreaty; for you unfailingly defend, Theotokos, those who honor you.

### This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Alex Trigonis

English: Jackson Kwiatkowski

Acolytes: Connor Blake, Theophanis Fox, Cainan Iorio,

Dimitri Richardson

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras, Brian Iorio

Prosphora: Sophia Kenrick

Altar Flowers: Olya Benbow in honor of Olivia's birthday

Vivi & Paul Tziouvaras in honor of Natalia's birthday and Xeni's birthday

## Modified Fast This Week

On Wednesday of this week, we observe a strict fast and abstain from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. On Friday, we abstain from meat, dairy, and fish, with wine and oil permitted, in honor of Saint James (Iakovos) the Brother of the Lord.

# Epistle Reading - Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18

BRETHREN, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. Tychicos will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimos, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchos my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justos. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippos, "See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

## Gospel Reading - Luke 10:16-21

The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name! " And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven. " In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

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

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❖ DOP/AHEPA Meetings, 6:15 pm/6:30 pm

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- \* Orthros, 8:00 am
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