

Announcements

- ❖ **Vespers for Saint Demetrios will be held at St. Demetrios Church in Camarillo this evening at 7:00 pm.**
- ❖ Please be reminded of the time change next week and set your clocks back one hour.
- ❖ **The Parish General Assembly is Sunday, November 8th following Liturgy in the Orthodox Center.**
- ❖ **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](http://www.saintbarbara.net) 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

- ❖ **Feast of Saint Demetrios, Monday, October 26th: Orthros, 8:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am**
- ❖ 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. All are welcome!**

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 12th 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 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

AHEPA/Daughters of Penelope Activities

- ❖ **The Daughters of Penelope are taking orders for their Annual Holiday Bake Sale!** Order forms are available on the information table in the Orthodox Center and must be submitted by November 3rd.
- ❖ The Santa Barbara Ahepa chapter 243 invites you to **OXI! (No!) Day of Remembrance on Sunday, November 1st, at 11:45 a.m.** in the Orthodox Fellowship Center. There will be a program and luncheon.



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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 25th day of October, we commemorate:

6th Sunday of Luke

The Holy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrios the Notaries

Tabitha, who was raised from the dead by Peter the Apostle

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

Sunday, October 25th, 2015

6th Sunday of Saint Luke

Hymn for the Resurrection (Fourth Tone)

The women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, "Death is vanquished. Christ our God is risen, bestowing upon the world His great mercy."

Hymn for Martyrs Marcian and Martyrios (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 (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: Voula Alrich
 English: Theophilos Lasswell

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

Ushers: William Poulis, Alex Haimanis

Prospora: Anna Petronakis

Altar Flowers: Sophie Alexander and family in memory of
 George Sefer, Adamanda Sefer and Robert Sefer

Coffee Hour: Terry Keramaris and Tom Panages in celebration of their
 recent marriage

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 - Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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