

Announcements

- ❖ Today is National Philoptochos Sunday and we honor their ministry.
- ❖ The Parish General Assembly is Sunday, November 8th following Liturgy in the Orthodox Center.
- ❖ The Santa Barbara Ahepa chapter 243 invites you to their OXI! (No!) Day of Remembrance presentation today at 11:45 a.m. in the Orthodox Fellowship Center. There will be a program and luncheon.
- ❖ Please fulfill your Stewardship Commitment 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 class is postponed until Wednesday, November 18th.

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.
- ❖ VIP Thanksgiving Dinner, Saturday, November 14th, at The Tee Off, 5:30 pm. Please make your reservation by November 6th with Sofija Nedic 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.



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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 1st day of November, we commemorate:

5th Sunday of Luke

Cosmas & Damian the Holy Unmercenaries of Asia, & their mother,

Theodota

David the Righteous of Evia

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

Sunday, November 1st, 2015

5th Sunday of Saint Luke

Hymn for the Resurrection (Fifth Tone)

O Faithful, let us sing a hymn of praise and worship to the Logos who is co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of His own will, He went upon the Cross in the flesh and suffered death, to raise the dead through His glorious Resurrection.

Hymn for Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian (Eighth 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: George Papazacharioudakis

English: Ruth Angelos

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

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras, George Papazacharioudakis

Prospora: Angelique Chuchas

Coffee Hour: AHEPA

Epistle Reading - 1st Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Gospel Reading - Luke 6:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazaros, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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