

Announcements

- ❖ Join us for the Parish General Assembly today following Liturgy
- ❖ Stewardship Sunday is November 22nd.
- ❖ Parish Council Elections will be held on November 29th.
- ❖ St. Barbara Community Christmas Card deadline is Monday, December 7th. Forms can be found on the Orthodox Center info table.
- ❖ 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

- ❖ Two part Advent Seminar in preparation for the Incarnation of Christ, Friday, November 13th at 7 p.m. "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Christ is born anew in us!) and Saturday, November 14th, 9-11:00 a.m. "The Role of the Virgin Mary in our Lives" at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church. All are encouraged to participate!
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Stewardship
- ❖ Jamie Chamblerin will be performing in the Orthodox Center on December 6th at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$50 with proceeds benefitting the Saint Barbara parish.

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

Daughters of Penelope Activities

- ❖ The Daughters of Penelope Holiday Pastry Bake Sale dates are Sunday November 22nd and December 13th and 20th.



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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 8th day of November, we commemorate:

7th Sunday of Luke

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers

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

Sunday, November 8th, 2015

Synaxis of the Archangels

Hymn for the Resurrection (Sixth Tone)

O Christ, the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the guards were as dead, and Mary stood by the grave, seeking Your sacred body. You destroyed Hades, yet remained untouched by it. You encountered the Virgin and, through her, bestowed Life. "Glory to You who have risen from the dead!"

Hymn for Synaxis of the Archangels (Fourth Tone)

O Commanders of the Heavenly Host, we the unworthy beseech you, that through your entreaties you will fortify us, guarding us in the shelter of the wings of your ethereal glory, even as we fervently bow before you crying: "Deliver us from all danger, as Commanders of the Powers on high!"

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 Entrance of the Theotokos (Fourth Tone)

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Voula Aldrich
English: Randy Langel

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

Ushers: William Poulis, Brian Iorio

Prospora: Connie Pappas Hillmans

Altar Flowers: Mona Zozos in honor of Michael's Name Day

Coffee Hour: The Canfield and Blake families

Epistle Reading - Hebrews 2:2-10

BRETHREN, if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his own will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou carest for him? Thou didst make him for a little while lower than the angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, November 8th, Synaxis of the Archangels

- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday School
- ❖ Parish General Assembly

❖ **Vespers at St. Nektarios (in Covina),**

Monday, November 9th, Feast of Saint Nektarios

- ❖ **Orthros, 8:00 am; Divine Liturgy 9:00 am**

Wednesday, November 11th

- ❖ Veterans' Day – Office Closed

Thursday, November 12th

- ❖ VIP Winery Outing, 12 Noon

Friday, November 13th, Feast of Saint John Chrysostom

- ❖ **Orthros, 7:30 am; Divine Liturgy 8:30 am**

Saturday, November 14th, Feast of Saint Phillip the Apostle

- ❖ **Orthros, 8:00 am; Divine Liturgy 9:00 am**

- ❖ VIP Thanksgiving Dinner, 5:30 pm

Sunday, November 15th, 8th Sunday of Saint Luke

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

- ❖ Sunday School/Youth Choir

- ❖ DOP Founders Day

- ❖ Diane Kochilas Cooking Presentation and Cooking Demonstration

Gospel Reading - Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Modified Fast This Week

On Wednesday of this week, we observe the regular strict fast and abstain from meat, dairy, fish wine and oil. On Friday, we abstain from meat, dairy, fish with wine and oil permitted in honor of St. John Chrysostom.

Saint Barbara Feast Day

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Friday, December 4th, Orthros, 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am.** His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, is scheduled to be with us!

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