

## Announcements

- ❖ **Stewardship Sunday is November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- ❖ **Parish Council Elections will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- ❖ **St. Barbara Community Christmas Card deadline is Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.** 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](http://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

- ❖ **Catechism class will resume Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm in the choir loft.**
- ❖ Sunday school registration is open and available online at [http://www.saintbarbara.net/ministries/sunday\\_school/registration.php](http://www.saintbarbara.net/ministries/sunday_school/registration.php)

## Parish Activities

- ❖ **Jamie Chamblerin will be performing in the Orthodox Center on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.** Tickets are \$50 with proceeds benefitting the Saint Barbara parish.

## Philoptochos Activities

- ❖ The Saint Barbara Philoptochos presents a **Master Class Presentation and Cooking Demonstration with Diane Kochilas today** at 1:00 pm in the Saint Barbara Event Center. Tickets are \$65 at the door.
- ❖ **Please remember to bring your items for the Domestic Violence Solutions “Wishing Tree” next week, Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## Daughters of Penelope Activities

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



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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 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, we commemorate:

8th Sunday of Luke

Guria, Shamuna, & Habib, Martyrs & Confessors of Edessa

Thomas, Archbishop of Constantinople

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

*Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015*  
*8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Saint Luke*

**Hymn for the Resurrection (Seventh Tone)**

By Your Cross, O Christ our God, You destroyed death. You opened paradise to the thief. You transformed the lament of the Myrrh-bearing women, and You commanded the Apostles to proclaim You are risen, granting the world Your great mercy.

**Hymn for the Martyr Gouria & Companions (First Tone)**

Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties, scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou alone art good and the Friend of man.

**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.

**Seasonal Kontakion (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:    Nick Pappas  
                          English:    Jackson Kwiatkowski

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

Ushers:            Bessie Condos, Art Markos

Prospora:        Bessie Condos

Coffee Hour:    The Daughters of Penelope in honor of Founders' Day  
(coffee hour to be served in the Redding Education Center)

***Epistle Reading - Ephesians 2:14-22***

BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

***Gospel Reading - Luke 10:25-37***

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am**
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**
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- ❖ DOP Founders Day
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