

Announcements

- ❖ **Today is Stewardship Sunday.** Please join us in the Orthodox Center for a short presentation and refreshments and Stewardship packets will be distributed.
- ❖ **Parish Council Elections are also today in the Orthodox Center from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm.**
- ❖ **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

- ❖ **Catechism class will resume Wednesday, December 2nd 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

Parish Activities

- ❖ **Jamie Chamblerin will be performing in the Orthodox Center on December 6th at 4:00 pm.** Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased online through the church website with proceeds benefitting the Saint Barbara parish.

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 22nd day of November, we commemorate:

9th Sunday of Saint Luke

Archippus the Apostles, Philemon the Apostle & his wife, Apphia,

Onesimos the Disciple of Paul

Holy Martyr Cecilia and those with her

Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

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

Sunday, November 22nd, 2015

9th Sunday of Saint Luke

Hymn for the Resurrection (*Eighth Tone*)

O merciful One, You came from on high, and condescended to Your three-day burial to save us from passions. You are our life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to You.

Hymn for Philemon & Archippus of the 70 (*Third Tone*)

O Holy Apostles, 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.

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: Alex Trigonis
 English: Theophilos Lasswell

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

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras, Brian Iorio

Prospora: Valerie Katsikis

Coffee Hour: The Stewardship Committee

Epistle Reading - Ephesians 4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Gospel Reading - Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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