

Announcements

- ❖ **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 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
- ❖ **Sunday School Christmas Pageant rehearsal dates:**
Sunday, December 13th during Sunday school
Saturday, December 19th, 9:00 am

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.
- ❖ **Parish Christmas Pageant and Lunch, Sunday, December 20th**
- ❖ **St. Barbara Family New Year's Eve 2015 Party! RSVP to the church office by December 18th.** Adults \$45/Children \$20. Tickets will be **NOT** be sold at the door! For details see the flyer on the information table in the Orthodox Center.

Daughters of Penelope Activities

- ❖ **The Daughters of Penelope will be selling Greek pastries for the holidays in the Orthodox Center on the Sundays of December 13th & 20th.** Baklava, Melomakarona, Kourabiedes and Koulourakia- while supplies last!

Saint Barbara Feast Day

Please join us for our Saint Barbara Feast Day – Thursday, December 3rd, Great Vespers at 6:00 pm. 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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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 29th day of November, we commemorate:

13th Sunday of Luke

Paramonus, Philumenus, and their 370 Companion Martyrs in Bithynia
Our Righteous Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Thessalonica
Dionysios, Bishop of Corinth

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

Sunday, November 29th, 2015

13th Sunday of Saint Luke

Hymn for the Resurrection (*First Tone*)

Savior, Your tomb was sealed by the Jews with a stone. Soldiers kept watch over Your sacred body. Yet, You rose on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore the powers of heaven cried out to You, O Giver of Life, "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your Kingdom, glory to Your dispensation who alone are the Loving One."

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 (*Third Tone*)

Today the Virgin comes to the cave to ineffably give birth, to the eternal Logos. Harkening to this, rejoice, O Universe, with the angels and shepherds glorify Him, the God before all ages, who willed to be beheld as a young child.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Angelique Chuchas
 English: Ruth Angelos

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

Ushers: Bessie Condos, Alex Haimanis

Altar Flowers: Ruth Angelos in honor of Jim's birthday

Royal Door Altar Candles: Sofija Nedic in memory of her parents

Epistle Reading - Ephesians 5:8-19

Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

Gospel Reading - Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

This Week's Schedule

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- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am**
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday School/Youth Choir
- ❖ Pick-A-Sermon Sunday
- ❖ Parish Council Meeting
- ❖ **Great Vespers, 7:00 pm** (at St. Andrew's in SLO)

Monday, November 30th, Feast of Saint Andrew the 1st Called

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Wednesday, December 2nd

- ❖ Catechism Class, 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 3rd

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Friday, December 4th, Feast of Saint Barbara

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Saturday, December 5th

- ❖ **Vespers, 7:00 pm** (in Northridge)

Sunday, December 6th, 13th Sunday of Saint Luke

- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am**
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday School/Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- ❖ Jamie Chamberlin Benefit Concert, 4:00 pm

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Blessing of the Harbor

Immediately after Liturgy on **Sunday, January 10th**, our parish and the parish of St. Athanasius will join together to do a **blessing of the waters at the Santa Barbara Harbor in front of the Yacht Club**. Divers are needed to retrieve the cross! Our local AHEPA chapter will be sponsoring the event and will arrange transportation from the church along with a light lunch and gifts for the divers. Please contact the office if you have a middle-schooler or high-schooler that would like to swim for the cross. We will be blessing the fishing fleet at the same time. Please set aside this day on your calendars!

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