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Sunday after Epiphany

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 Sunday after Epiphany (*First Tone*)

Lord, when You were baptized in the Jordan, the veneration of the Trinity was revealed. For the voice of the Father gave witness to You, calling You Beloved, and the Spirit, in the guise of a dove, confirmed the certainty of His words. Glory to You, Christ our God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

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 You appeared to the world, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us as in fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: George Papazacharioudakis
 English: Jackson Kwiatkowski

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

Prosfora: Valerie Katsikis

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras, George Papazacharioudakis

Coffee Hour: Epiphany Celebration at the SB Yacht Club

Epistle Reading - Ephesians 4:7-13

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Blessing of the Harbor/Epiphany Dive for the Cross, January 10th

Immediately after Liturgy on **Sunday, January 10th**, our parish and the parish of St. Athanasius will join together to do a **Blessing of the Water at the Santa Barbara Harbor in front of the Yacht Club**. Our local AHEPA chapter will be sponsoring the event and will arrange a light lunch with gifts for the divers. We will be blessing the fishing fleet at the same time

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, January 10th, Sunday after Epiphany

- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday School
- ❖ **Blessing of the Water** (Santa Barbara Harbor)

Tuesday, January 12th

- ❖ Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 14th

- ❖ VIP Seniors Lunch and Meeting, 12 noon

Saturday, January 16th

- ❖ **Vespers for St. Athanasius, 6:00 pm** (in Goleta)

Sunday, January 17th, 12th Sunday of Saint Luke

Feast of Saint Anthony

- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday School/Youth Choir

Announcements

- ❖ **2016 Pledge Cards have been distributed**, if you have not received yours in the mail, please call the church office.
- ❖ 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

- ❖ **Bible Study of the Gospel of Saint John will begin Wednesday, January 20th, at 6:30 pm in the Redding Education Center.**
- ❖ **The Saint Barbara Parish St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is Sunday, April 3rd.** Any student who has not spoken to Fr. Haralambos regarding your topic, please do so soon.

Parish Activities

- ❖ **The VIP Seniors will have their first lunch meeting of 2016 on Thursday, January 14th, 12 noon at Mackenzie Market.** Please contact Sofija Nedic at 967-2680 for more details and to rsvp.
- ❖ **Philoptochos will have their first general meeting of the 2016 year on Sunday, January 17th, following Coffee Hour.**
- ❖ **The Stewardship Committee will be hosting a luncheon to kick off the New Year on Sunday, January 31st, in the Orthodox Center after Liturgy.**
- ❖ **Help us support the orphanages in India, Guatemala and Albania by attending a fundraiser luncheon hosted by the Missions Committee on Sunday, February 21st.** Your donations are appreciated and go to a worthy cause!