



Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday, January 24th, 2016

14th Sunday of Saint Luke

Feasts Celebrated Today

On this, the 24th day of January, we commemorate:

14th Sunday of Saint Luke

Xenia, Deconess of Rome

Vavylas the Holy Martyr

Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ

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

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 (First Tone)

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and fittingly blessed the hands of Symeon. You have now come and saved us O Christ, our God. In troubled times, as the only loving One, give peace to Your commonwealth and strength to those in civil authority, whom You love.

Epistle Reading - 1st Timothy 1:15-17

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

Gospel Reading - Luke 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Nick Pappas
 English: Ruth Angelos

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

Prosfora: Sophia Kenrick

Ushers: Bessie Condos, Art Markos

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, January 24th, 14th Sunday of Saint Luke

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

Monday, January 25th, Feast of Saint Gregory

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

Wednesday, January 27th

- ❖ Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Redding Education Center

Saturday, January 30th, Feast of the Three Hierarchs

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

Sunday, January 31st, 15th Sunday of Saint Luke

- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday School
- ❖ Stewardship Luncheon

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 are Wednesdays 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 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!
- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, February 7th!** Following the Divine Liturgy during coffee hour, there will be an audio/visual presentation, "Refugee Crisis on the Greek Island of Lesvos" presented by island homeowners, Robin and Bob Jones of the Travel Store in Santa Barbara.

Icon Flower Decorating Workshop

Have you ever wondered what it takes to decorate an icon or make a beautiful floral arrangement? You can learn how! Join us in the Redding Center on Sunday, February 28, after Liturgy, to see how our icons are decorated and floral arrangements are made. Just in time for Lent, you can experience the joy in venerating our icons in this traditional manner. Please contact Catherine McDavid Smith at (805)886-8056 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!