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Sunday, January 31st, 2016 *15th Sunday of Saint Luke*

Feasts Celebrated Today

On this, the 31st day of January, we commemorate:

15th Sunday of Saint Luke

Cyrus & John the Unmercenarys

Holy Women Martyrs Theodote, Theoktiste and Eudoxia

Our Righteous Holy Father Arsenius of Parus

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

Hymn for the Resurrection (*Second Tone*)

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, then the light of Your divinity destroyed Hades. When You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out, "Glory to You, O Christ our God, the Giver of Life."

Hymn for Unmercenarys Cyrus and John (*Fifth 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 (*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 4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Gospel Reading - Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Voula Aldrich
 English: Randy Langel

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

Prosfora: Valerie Katsikis

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras, Brian Iorio

Coffee Hour: The Stewardship Committee

This Week's Schedule

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

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

Tuesday, February 2nd, Presentation of Our Lord

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

Wednesday, February 3rd

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

Saturday, February 6th, Feast of Saint Photios

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

Sunday, February 7th, 16th Sunday of Saint Luke

- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday School
- ❖ Presentation of the Refugee Crisis on the Island of Lesbos

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 is 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

- ❖ Today the Stewardship Committee will be hosting a luncheon to kick off the New Year 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!

We Need Your Talent!

We will be celebrating the talents God has blessed us with on Saturday, March 5th! Please contact Fr. Bob if your children (or you) have a talent to perform.