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*Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Saint Luke*

### FEASTS CELEBRATED TODAY

On this, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, we commemorate:

16th Sunday of Matthew

Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus

Luke of Mount Stirion

Theopemptos the Martyr & his Companions

George the New Martyr of Crete

Afterfeast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple

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

#### **Hymn for the Resurrection (*Third Tone*)**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord, by His Mighty Arm, has created a Dominion. He has conquered death by death, and become the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted the world great mercy.

#### **Hymn for the Afterfeast of the Presentation of Our Lord (*First Tone*)**

Hail Virgin Theotokos full of Grace, for Christ our God, the Sun of Righteousness, has dawned from you, granting light to those in darkness. And you, O Righteous Elder, rejoice, taking in Your arms the Deliverance of our souls, who grants us Resurrection.

#### **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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:1-10*

Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

### *Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:14-30*

The Lord said this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'" As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

### *Memorial Service*

A Memorial Service will be prayed this morning for the servant of God, **Anastasios Pappas (2 years)**, husband of Carolyn and father of Anastasia, Agaitha, Christina, Eugenia and Alex.

### *This Week's Servers*

Epistle Readers:        Greek:    George Papazacharioudakis  
                                  English:    Jackson Kwiatkowski

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

Prosfora:        Alex Chuchas

Altar Flowers:    Iris & Ian Kaminsky in honor of Sophia's birthday

Ushers:            William Poulis, Alex Haimanis

Coffee Hour:    Carolyn Pappas and family in memory of Tom

### *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!

## *This Week's Schedule*

**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> 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

**Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

- ❖ Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, Feast of St. Haralambos**

- ❖ **Orthros, 8:00 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am**
- ❖ Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Redding Education Center

**Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

- ❖ VIP Luncheon and Meeting, 12 Noon at the SB Yacht Club

**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

## *Announcements*

- ❖ **Next Friday and Saturday, Fr. Haralambos will be at FDF in Anaheim.** His son, Theo, and Andriana & Natalia Tziouvaras will be performing with the St. Demetrios dance group. Opa!
- ❖ **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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Any student who has not spoken to Fr. Haralambos regarding your topic, please do so soon.

## *Parish Activities*

- ❖ Stay with us today! Following the Divine Liturgy during coffee hour, there will be **an audio/visual presentation, "Refugee Crisis on the Greek Island of Lesbos"**, presented by island homeowners, Robin and Bob Jones of the Travel Store in Santa Barbara.
- ❖ Help us support the orphanages in India, Guatemala and Albania by attending a **fundraiser luncheon hosted by the Missions Committee on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.** Your donations are appreciated and go to a worthy cause!

## *We Need Your Talent!*

We will be celebrating the talents God has blessed us with on Saturday, **March 5<sup>th</sup> at Art, Talent and Nosh** displaying and auctioning the artistic works of Vasilios Gekis and enjoying the performances of the talented in our parish. Please contact Fr. Bob if your children (or you) have a talent to perform.