

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

- ❖ 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!

GOYA Activity

- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE!** The 1st GOYA Kick-Off Party will be Saturday, May 21st. Meet in front of the Harbormaster's office, then embark at 4 pm on Relationship for a coastal/harbor cruise followed by dinner at the Endless Summer Bar & Café.

We Need Your Talent!

We will be celebrating the talents God has blessed us with on Saturday, **March 5th 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.

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!



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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 14th day of February, we commemorate:

- Sunday of the Canaanite Woman
- Holy Father Auxentios of the Mountain
- Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles & Teacher of the Slavs
- Nicholas the New Martyr of Corinth

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

Sunday, February 14th, 2016
Sunday of the Canaanite Woman

Hymn for the Resurrection (Fourth Tone)

The women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, "Death is vanquished. Christ our God is risen, bestowing upon the world His great mercy."

Hymn for Auxentios of the Mountain (First Tone)

O our God-bearing Father Auxentios, you proved yourself, a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh and a wonder worker. Having received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigils and prayer, you heal the sick and the souls of those who in faith, turn to you. Glory to Him who gave you power, glory to Him who crowned you, glory to Him, who through you, heals all.

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 (Second Tone)

Champion of Christians not put to shame, advocate before the Maker always steadfast, do not spurn sinners' voices raised in prayer. In your goodness respond to bring help to us who devoutly petition you. Hasten your intercession and urgently make entreaty; for you unfailingly defend, Theotokos, those who honor you.

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Angelique Chuchas
English: Theophilos Lasswell

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

Prosfora: Bessie Condos

Ushers: Alex Haimanis, George Papazacharioudakis

Coffee Hour: The Daughters of Penelope

Epistle Reading - 2nd Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 14th, Sunday of the Canaanite Woman

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

Monday, February 15th

- ❖ Presidents Day- Office Closed
- ❖ DOP/AHEPA Meetings, 6:15/6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 17th

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

Sunday, February 21st, Sunday of the Prodigal Son

- ❖ Orthros, 9:00 am
- ❖ Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
- ❖ Sunday School
- ❖ Mission Awareness Luncheon