

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 today**. 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. There will be music by the George Mamalakis Trio from 3-4:00 pm. 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 21st day of February, we commemorate:

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Timothy the Righteous
John III, Patriarch of Constantinople
Eustathios, Bishop of Antioch
Zachariah, Patriarch of Jerusalem

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

Sunday, February 21st, 2016
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Hymn for the Resurrection (Fifth Tone)

O Faithful, let us sing a hymn of praise and worship to the Logos who is co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of His own will, He went upon the Cross in the flesh and suffered death, to raise the dead through His glorious 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 (Fourth Tone)

Let us flee from the boasting of the Pharisee and learn through our own sighs of sorrow the humility of the Publican. Let us cry out to the Savior, "Have mercy on us, for through You alone are we reconciled."

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: George Papazacharioudakis
 English: Ruth Angelos

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

Prosfora: Anna Petronakis

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

Ushers: William Poulis, Brian Iorio

Coffee Hour: Missions Committee

Epistle Reading - 2nd Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading - Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 21st, Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

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

Wednesday, February 24th

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

Sunday, February 28th, Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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