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Sunday, February 28th, 2016 *Sunday of the Prodigal Son*

FEASTS CELEBRATED TODAY

On this, the 28th day of February, we commemorate:

Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Basil the Confessor
Kyranna the New Martyr of Thessaloniki
Jonah the Righteous Martyr of Lerios

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

Hymn for the Resurrection (*Sixth Tone*)

O Christ, the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the guards were as dead, and Mary stood by the grave, seeking Your sacred body. You destroyed Hades, yet remained untouched by it. You encountered the Virgin and, through her, bestowed Life. "Glory to You who have risen from the dead!"

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 (*Third Tone*)

O Father, foolishly I ran away from Your glory and, in sin, squandered the riches You gave me. Wherefore, I cry out to You with the voice of the Prodigal, "I have sinned before You, Compassionate Father. Receive me in repentance and take me as one of Your hired servants."

Epistle Reading - 1st Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Gospel Reading - Luke 15:11-32

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Voula Aldrich
 English: Randy Langel

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

Prosfora: Connie Pappas Hillman

Ushers: Bessie Condos, Art Markos

Coffee Hour: Polyxeni Tziouvaras and family

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 today in the Redding Education Center 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.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 28th, Sunday of the Prodigal Son

❖ Orthros, 9:00 am

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

Saturday, March 5th, Saturday of Souls

- ❖ **Orthros, 8:00 am**
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am**
- ❖ Art, Talent & Nosh, 3:00 pm

Sunday, March 6th, Judgment (Meatfare) Sunday

- ❖ **Orthros, 9:00 am**
- ❖ **Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am**
- ❖ Sunday School
- ❖ Philoptochos Meeting

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

- ❖ **There will be no Bible Study class on Wednesday, March 2nd**. The last class for Spring will be on Wednesday, March 9th, 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

- ❖ Join us for an afternoon of **Art, Talent and Nosh Saturday, March 5th, at 3 pm with music by the George Mamalakis Trio**.
- ❖ **Godparent/Godchild Sunday is Sunday, March 13th**. Please attend Liturgy with your Godparent and prepare to receive communion together.

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.

Outside Activities

- ❖ AHEPA and the Santa Barbara Sister Cities – Patras invite you to an evening of dinner, music and dancing at **The Greek Independence Day Program and Dinner on Saturday, March 26th, at 6:00 pm**. Adults \$35/Students \$10/Under 12 free. For reservations contact Georgia Gastouniotis via email ginagston1@gmail.com or call 805-455-6725.

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.



METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO
SUMMERCAMP
AT SAINT NICHOLAS RANCH



METROPOLIS SUMMER CAMP 2016
"EARLY REGISTRATION" PRICES END FEBRUARY 29!

2016 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Counselor Orientation: July 5 – 9

Session I: July 10 – 16 *(80 spots left)**

Session II: July 17 – 23 *(44 spots left)**

Session III: July 24 – 30 *(28 spots left)**

**as of February 25, 2016*

INFORMATION AND ONLINE REGISTRATION:

<http://www.youth.sanfran.goarch.org/editor/summer-camp/>

**THE SAINT BARBARA PARISH COUNCIL
INVITES YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO A CELEBRATION
OF STEWARDS OFFERING THEIR TALENTS TO THE CHURCH**

**ART SHOW AND AUCTION*
OF
ORIGINAL PAINTINGS DONATED BY ARTIST**

VASILIOS GEKIS



**A TALENT SHOW OF OUR
SAINT BARBARA YOUTH**

A COMPLIMENTARY RECEPTION



**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016, 3 P.M.
IN THE ORTHODOX CENTER**

**RSVP TO CHURCH OFFICE, 805 683-4492
BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2**

***PROCEEDS FROM ART PURCHASES BENEFIT
SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

*SANTA BARBARA-PATRAS SISTER CITIES
AND AHEPA SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER #243*



*PROUDLY PRESENT
GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION & GLENDI*

Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 6:00 pm

*Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Event Center
1205 San Antonio Creek Road, SB 93111 805-683-4492*

*To benefit: Santa Barbara-Patras Sister Cities,
People to People Programs*

And The AHEPA Scholarship Foundation

Appetizers & a Greek Lenten Fish Dinner and dessert will be served

Live Music by "The Greeks"

Speakers

*Introducing: The Honorable Mayor
Helene Schneider*

Adults \$35.00 / Students \$10.00 / Under 12 years free of charge

Please RSVP by March 17th--At the door will be \$40.00 / Students \$15.00

For reservations: Email Georgia ginagaston1@gmail.com or call 805-455-6725