



Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

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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 7th day of August, we commemorate:

7th Sunday of Matthew

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

The Holy Righteous Martyr Dometius

Our Holy Father Nicanorus the Wonderworker

Theodosius the New

Sozon of Nicomedeia

The Holy Ten Thousand Ascetics of Thebes

Narcissus the Hieromartyr of Jerusalem

Joseph Gerontogiannis of Lithines Sitia

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

Sunday, August 7th, 2016
The 7th Sunday of Matthew

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 the Transformation (Seventh Tone)

You were transfigured on the Mount, Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your disciples, insofar as they could comprehend. Illuminate us sinners also with Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. Giver of light, glory to You.

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 (Seventh Tone)

You were transfigured upon the mount O Christ our God and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.



This Week's Servers

Epistle Readers: Greek: Voula Aldrich
 English: Ruth Angelos

Acolytes: Connor Blake, Theophanis Fox, Cainan Iorio,
 Jacob Kaminsky, Alex Nikolov, Zachary Nikolov

Prosfora: Andriana Hohlbauch

Ushers: William Poulis, Brian Iorio

40-Day Blessing

Elaina and Ergi Thanasko's baby Athena

**Epistle Reading - St. Paul's Letter to the
Romans 15:1-7**

BRETHREN, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of your Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Calendar Meeting

It's almost time! This coming **Saturday, August 13th**, we are looking forward to seeing the Ministry Leaders at a parish-wide calendar meeting at 10 AM with notes and to discuss the coming year!

Paraclesis

This most beautiful prayer service to the Theotokos will take place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 PM beginning on Monday, August 1st as we prepare for the great feast of the Dormition on the 15th.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, August 7th - 7th Sunday of Matthew

❖ Orthros 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

Monday, August 8th

❖ Paraclesis, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 10th

❖ Paraclesis 6:30 pm

Friday, August 12th

❖ Paraclesis, 6:30 pm

Sunday, August 14th - 8th Sunday of Matthew

❖ Orthros, 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

❖ Vespers in Long Beach, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 7:00 pm

Coffee Hour After Liturgy

After Liturgy this morning, the Parish Council will be hosting a Coffee Hour in honor of Father Haralambos's one year anniversary at Saint Barbara.



Announcements

❖ 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.

Parish Ministries

❖ All of our parish ministries are taking a break for the summer. Ministry leaders, we will see you at our parish-wide calendar meeting on August 13th! Make sure that you are putting together dates for all of your activities so we can co-ordinate. We wish you all a wonderful summer!

Women's Fellowship Group

❖ There's been a time change for the Women's Fellowship Group meeting. On Saturday, August 20, the Women's Fellowship group will be meeting in the Church Hall, at 9:30 am. After discussing their book, they will be doing jazzercise with CeCe. Call Alexandra with any questions at (805)450-8208.