



# *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 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, we commemorate:

9th Sunday of Matthew

The Holy Apostle Thaddaeus

The Holy Martyr Bassa and Her Sons:

Theognis, Agapius, and Pistus

Afterfeast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady

the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

Athanasios Patelaros, Patriarch of Constantinople

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

*Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016*  
*The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew*

**Hymn for the Resurrection (Eighth Tone)**

O merciful One, You came from on high, and condescended to Your three-day burial to save us from passions. You are our life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to You.

**Hymn for the Dormition (First Tone)**

In birth, you preserved your virginity; in death, you did not abandon the world, O Theotokos. As mother of life, you departed to the source of life, delivering our souls from death by your intercessions.

**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)**

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

*This Week's Servers*

Epistle Readers:      Greek:              Alex Trigonis  
                                 English:             Jackson Kwiatkowski

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

Prosfora:    Valerie Katsikis

Ushers:      Paul Tziouvaras, Brian Iorio

*This Week's Schedule*

**Sunday, August 21<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

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

**Sunday, August 28<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

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

## *Epistle Reading - First Corinthians 3:9-17*

BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder. I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.



## *Gospel Reading - Matthew 14:22-34*

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

## Stay in Touch

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.

## OFFICE HOURS/NEW ASSISTANT

The Church Office Hours are:

10 to 2, Monday-Friday

Our new Office Assistant is Alisa. Please welcome her to our church!

## FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

There will be a festival wrap-up meeting Thursday, August 25th at 6:30pm. Bring your ideas for next year!

## Philoptochos Meeting Today

Today after Liturgy, there will be a General Philoptochos meeting.

Please meet in the Orthodox Center.



**Homecoming!**

**Brownies!**

**Ice Cream!**

**Games!**

**Coney Island Hot Dogs!**

**Amazing Raffle Baskets!**

**Prizes!**

**ON SEPTEMBER 11th**

Please join the Saint Barbara family and celebrate the beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year and the start of Sunday School!

Following Divine Liturgy

**Carnival fun, games and prizes for the kids!**

Movie Theater  
Popcorn Machine!

**BACK TO SCHOOL**



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