

The Epistle

May 2011

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

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A Crisis for Israel - A Crisis for Christianity

Christ is Risen! As we celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, one can easily put oneself in the shoes of the Apostles. While the Good News of the Resurrection is swirling about them, they are still in the midst of a people hostile towards them. On the one hand, their Teacher has just been executed and their lives are in jeopardy, and on the other hand, the person of they believed to be the Messiah was just killed, and reports of His Resurrection from the dead throws confusion on everything they believed. Yet, this is not the first time Jews have had a crisis of Faith, calling into question their belief in God.

In 586 BC, Jerusalem fell to King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians. Not only were many of the Jews deported to Babylon, but the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed, and the Ark of the Covenant carried off to Babylon. The significance of this event lies in the fact that the Israelites believed that their God resided in the Temple in Jerusalem, in the Holy of Holies where the Ark was placed. The Ancient Near Eastern understanding was that a deity's fate was linked to his city and temple, and the fall of Jerusalem forced the Israelites to confront the conclusion that the Lord Himself was no better than any other deity.

The emergence of the Prophet Ezekiel from Babylon, and not from the Holy City of Jerusalem, helped shift Jewish theology from prophetic influence to more of an emphasis on the Torah. There was no Temple in which to offer sacrifice, so worship shifted from sacrifice in the Temple, to instruction in the synagogue. The crisis produced a change in Judaism, and a change in how they viewed and understood God.

So too, the Apostles were confronted with a similar crisis when their Messiah was arrested, beaten, crucified, and died. Not only was their deity not any better than any other deity – their God was dead! That crisis, however, took a dramatic turn when Christ rose from the dead. Suddenly their expectations of the Messiah, God, and their own lives – everything having to do with their Faith – were turned upside down. Just as Israel's faith had to develop and grow as a result of their crisis, so too by necessity the Jewish faith of the Apostles was going to grow and develop.

The faith of the Apostles, and subsequent followers of Christ, shifted from one where God was linked to a city on Earth, to a God who is enthroned in Heaven. This is why Christians seek no worldly kingdom, only the Kingdom of God, where His love, protection, and salvation are ever present.

It took two crises to produce a change in mankind's understanding of God. The third crisis will likely be when Christ returns to judge the living and the dead. In the meantime, as we continue through this Paschal season, perhaps we could search within ourselves for a "mini-crisis" in order that we might grow and develop in our own personal faith in Christ Jesus. May the Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ be for each and every one of you an event that brings you closer to God, in ways that you never understood before. Let this "crisis of faith" be a means for salvation and everlasting life.

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

The mission of Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church is to safeguard the 2,000 year old Traditions handed down by Christ and His disciples, by encouraging members to participate actively in the Sacramental life of the Church, and by furthering our knowledge of the Faith through education. In order to realize our role as stewards of God's vineyard and to grow spiritually as individuals and as a Parish, we will share our Faith with those who seek the knowledge of God, welcome and embrace all who join us in worship and fellowship, and reach out to those in need. Fulfilling our mission will draw us closer to God and His Kingdom, and allow us to experience the love of God (Agape) in our Parish and community.

Rev. Father Simon Thomas
Parish Priest

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President's Report

Brothers and Sisters,

CHRIST IS RISEN! ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

At its regular meeting on April 11, the Council approved minutes of the March meeting, reviewed financial reports, and received reports from the Buildings and Grounds and Rentals Committees. We have a new landscape maintenance service, and after Easter, work will begin on the water damage in the nave. We plan to replace the chairs in the Orthodox Center in the near future to enhance the appearance of the Center, as bookings are coming in for both 2011 and 2012.

St. Barbara's Parish Council was well represented with nine members in attendance at the Metropolis workshop on Parish Leadership in Redondo Beach on April 9. It was good to meet members of other Parish Councils in Southern California, to discuss various approaches to stewardship, and to recognize common challenges.

Planning for the 2011 Greek Festival has begun. See Chair Eleni Tziouvaras with ideas and offers to work. Remember that the success of the Festival depends on the hard work of each one of us!

Thanks to the Philoptochos Society for a delicious Palm Sunday luncheon, especially the cooking, serving and cleanup crews.

See you at the Parish Assembly on May 1.

In His service,
Theony Condos

GREEK FESTIVAL

July 30th & 31st

Festival time is around the corner in no less than 90 days!

Festival Meeting: There will be a Festival meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 PM in the Orthodox Center. Please plan on attending. Your input is valued. Agenda items are: Identifying booth chair people, grounds layout, drawing prices, expense budget.

Booth Managers: All Booth Managers need to communicate with the Chairperson. We also need a Booth Manager for each of the two Soda Booths.

Booth Sponsors: Booth Sponsorships are available for most Festival Booths. Booth Sponsors are recognized and acknowledged in the brochure. In addition, a sign identifying the sponsor is displayed in the booth.

Volunteers: Never helped at the Greek Festival? Not sure where you might fit in? Please speak with a Booth Manager, the Festival Chairperson, or Father Simon about where you can help at the Festival!

Please get involved, we need your help. Please call **Eleni Tziouvaras @ 805.455.7723**, or get in touch with Father Simon and offer your talents.

Saints Constantine & Helen Equal to the Apostles

May 21st



This great and renowned sovereign of the Christians was the son of Constantius Chlorus (the ruler of the westernmost parts of the Roman Empire), and of the blessed Helen. He was born in 272, in (according to some authorities) Naissus of Dardania, a city on the Hellespont. In 306, when his father died, he was proclaimed successor to his throne. In 312, on learning that Maxentius and Maximinus had joined forces against him, he marched into Italy, where, while at the head of his troops, he saw in the sky after midday, beneath the sun, a radiant pillar in the form of a cross with the words: “By this you shall conquer.” The following night, our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him in a dream and declared to him the power of the Cross and its significance.

When he arose in the morning, he immediately ordered that a labarum be made (which is a banner or standard of victory over the enemy) in the form of a cross, and he inscribed on it the Name of Jesus Christ. On the 28th of October, he attacked and mightily conquered Maxentius, who drowned in the Tiber River while fleeing. The following day, Constantine entered Rome in triumph and was proclaimed Emperor of the West by the Senate, while Licinius, his brother-in-law, ruled in the East. But out of malice, Licinius later persecuted the Christians. Constantine fought him once and again, and utterly destroyed him in 324, and in this manner he became monarch over the West and the East. Under him and because of him all the persecutions against the Church ceased. Christianity triumphed and idolatry was overthrown.

In 325 he gathered the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, which he himself personally addressed. 318 bishops attended this Council. Among its participants were confessor-bishops from the period of the persecutions and many other luminaries of the Church, among whom was St Nicholas of Myra in Lycia, St Spyridon of Trymythous, and St Athanasius the Great. The heresy of Arius was condemned, and a Symbol of Faith (Creed) was composed, in which was included the term “consubstantial with the Father,” confirming the truth of the divinity of Jesus Christ, Who assumed human nature for the redemption of the entire human race. One might possibly be surprised by St Constantine’s grasp of theological issues during the discussions at the Council. The term “consubstantial” was included in the Symbol of Faith at his insistence.

In 324, in the ancient city of Byzantium, he laid the foundations of the new capital of his realm, and solemnly inaugurated it on May 11, 330, naming it after himself, Constantinople. Since the throne of the imperial rule was transferred there from Rome, it was named New Rome, the inhabitants of its domain were called Romans, and it was considered the continuation of the Roman Empire. Falling ill near Nicomedia, he requested to receive divine Baptism, according to Eusebius (The Life of Constantine, Book IV, 61-62), and also according to Socrates and Sozomen; and when he had been deemed worthy of the Holy Mysteries, he reposed in 337, on May 21 or 22, the day of Pentecost, having lived sixty-five years, of which he ruled for thirty-one years. His remains were transferred to Constantinople and were deposited in the Church of the Holy Apostles, which had been built by him (see Homily XXVI on Second Corinthians by Saint John Chrysostom).

As for his holy mother Helen, after her son had made the Faith of Christ triumphant throughout the Roman Empire, she undertook a journey to Jerusalem and found the Holy Cross on which our Lord was crucified. After this, Saint Helen, in her zeal to glorify Christ, erected churches in Jerusalem at the sites of the Crucifixion and Resurrection, in Bethlehem at the cave where our Savior was born, another on the Mount of Olives whence He ascended into Heaven, and many others throughout the Holy Land, Cyprus, and elsewhere. She was proclaimed Augusta, her image was stamped upon golden coins, and two cities were named Helenopolis after her in Bithynia and in Palestine. Having been thus glorified for her piety, she departed to the Lord being about eighty years of age, according to some in the year 330, according to others, in 336.

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, May 1st

Thomas Sunday

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Sunday, May 8th

Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Sunday, May 15th

Sunday of the Paralytic

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Saturday, May 21st

Saints Constantine & Helen

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Sunday, May 22nd

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Sunday, May 29th

Sunday of the Blind Man

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Easter Donations and Volunteers

Thank you to all those who helped with decorating the Icons and the Tomb of Christ:

Krista Blake

Alex Chuchas

Theony Condos

Georgia Gastouniotis

Evelyn & Margo Georghiou

Eleni Goumas

Connie Hillman

Randy & Patti Langel

Kendall & Joseph Muzik

Linda Peters

Stella Pollalis

Catherine McDavid Smith

Presvytera Stephanie Thomas

Thank you for the Flower Donations:

Orchid sprays and Calla lilies for Tomb, Rose petals - Stella Pollalis

Rose petals - Presvytera Stephanie Thomas

Thank you for Material Donations:

Catherine McDavid Smith

Thank you for the use of the Extreme Humility Icon hand painted by Kendall Muzik!

Thank you for lunch Randy and Patti Stathis-Langel!

Pall Bearers for the Tomb of Christ on Holy Friday Night-

Paul Tziouvaras

Pete Stathopoulos

Nick Hillman

Michael Osborn

Joseph Muzik

Jason McGillivray

Jackson Kwiatkowski

Joseph Papador

Gospel Readers for the Agape Vespers-

Fr. Simon Thomas – English

Olya Benbow – Bulgarian

Theony Condos – Latin

Terry Keramaris – Greek

Elias Khoury – Arabic

Randy Langel – German

Theophilos Lasswell – Slavonic

Joseph Muzik – Spanish

Tuyen Velliotes – Vietnamese

Donations for Liturgical Items for the Holy Week Services-

Bessie Condos

Theony Condos

Art & Elaine Daniels

John & Dana Demourkas

Katina Demourkas

Randy & Patti Langel

George & Mary Mamalakis

Mike & Vivian Pahos

Gicas & Stella Pollalis

Valerie Katsikis Richardson

Francesc & Kathy Roig

Cy & Helen Stathis

Dave Thomas & Georgianna McDonald

Nick & Nina Varnava

Thank you Connie Pappas Hillman for the Easter candy!

Parish, Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Early Christian History Class

This class explores the first three hundred years of Christian history and presents the remarkable people, the ancient places, and the events that changed history. **This month's class will take place at Saint Barbara's, due to renovation at the Faulkner Gallery.** This class will be **Tuesday, May 10th, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.** Please join us!

Philoptochos

Philoptochos was honored to host the Palm Sunday Luncheon. Thanks to all those who joined us!

The next Philoptochos **meeting will be Sunday, May 22nd** directly following Liturgy. We will be setting a time to gather to put together hygiene kits to support Japan Disaster Relief.

The deadline for the Santa Barbara themed **KidsNCancer gift basket** donations was April 30th. Call Connie Hillman for more information or if you missed the deadline.

Also, Philoptochos continues to work with **Soles for Souls** and the Deckers Corporation in collecting old shoes. Look for a collection bin soon for your donations.

As always, Philoptochos welcomes new members. Please contact Kara Osborn if you are interested in getting involved!

Young Adult League

May – Evening activity in Santa Barbara, Place and Time: TBD (Look for YAL email with updates). If you would like to be added to the YAL list, please contact Father Simon in the Church Office.

Sunday school

Happy Spring! It has been such a blessing to listen to the joyful noises coming from the Sunday School classrooms this past season. From diving into the Liturgy and discovering the symbolism in our Church to discussing common struggles we all face, the Sunday Scholars have been hard at work learning about our faith. **Sunday School Graduation** will be **Sunday, June 5th**. Please mark your calendars!

Dance Groups

Xristos Anesti !!! And here we go again! Our new dance year has begun, with new materials to be learned and with our major focus of preparing for St. Barbara's Festival this July. The practice schedule is as follows:

May 1, 8 and 15 No Practice
May 22 and 29 Practice

For all new dancers coming in this year, we meet after Liturgy every Sunday. Zoi practices first, followed by Thavma and Pnevma in a joint practice. SEE YOU THERE! OPA!

2011 Mission Luncheon Update

The Missions Committee would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the Parish of Saint Barbara for making the Mission Awareness Luncheon a success. So far we've raised \$3,500. A special thank you to Philoptochos for always donating to the orphans, and especially for their generous donation of \$1,000 this year. Many thanks to Bill Poulis for providing and preparing the delicious meal, and to Dr. Athanasakis for a very interesting talk. Thank you also to Pam Alexander, Jim Arger, Chris Compogiannis, Ellen Fenger, Brian and Alexandra Iorio, Tom Kapernekas, Ernest Kolendrianos, and George Papazacharioudakis for all their help and support. Thank you all for helping the orphans of India, Guatemala, and Albania. Make God continue to bless you. Christ is Risen!

May Day Celebration

The Greek Heritage Society of Southern California celebrates its 25th Anniversary with a May Day Celebration Πρωτο Μαΐτικο Πανηγύρι! **Sunday, May 1, 2011, 5:00 p.m. at St Nicholas Church, 9501 Balboa Boulevard, Northridge, California.** Buffet Dinner * Dancing * Λαχειό Tickets are \$30/adults (\$40 at the door) and \$20/children. Reservation deadline is April 30th. See the flyer on the information table in the hall or for more information call 310-528-8214.

Community Organizations

Order of AHEPA, Santa Barbara Chapter 243

www.ahepa20.org/chapters E-mail ahepa243@gmail.com

Our organization continues to be involved in current community issues. On April 10 at the Redding Center we sponsored a guest speaker, Dr. Theo Theofanous, UCSB Professor of Chemical and Mechanical Engineering and Director of the Center for Risk Studies and Safety, speaking on the timely topic of Nuclear Energy. Scholarship applications have recently been submitted to our District and National offices for deserving College Students that are seeking financial aid from our organization. AHEPA is proud to help our young people follow their dreams by aiding them with their tuition expenses. If anyone is interested in joining our organization please call Jim Arger at 310-903-2688.

Daughters of Penelope, Santa Barbara Chapter Delos 103

www.dophq@ahepa.org

Thank you to all of you who supported our Easter koulourakia sale. We sold out of all the cookies we baked! If you were not able to purchase any hopefully, you enjoyed them at the Resurrection Meal or the Agape picnic as we donated 35 dozen koulourakia to the church for these events.

Please join us for coffee hour May 15th as we sponsor this coffee hour with our brother AHEPAns in remembrance of AHEPA Memorial Day.

In June and July, we will be sending delegates from our chapter to both District and National Conventions. For more information about the Daughters of Penelope you can visit the national as well as district website at www.dopdistr20.org If you are interested in becoming a Daughter, please call Helen McGillivray at 965-6727.

Volunteers for May 2011

Epistle Readers:

1 Greek: Constantine Davlantes	English: Michael Osborn
8 Greek: Alex Trigonis	English: Dean Papazacharioudakis
15 Greek: Theony Condos	English: Yianni Magoulis
22 Greek: Terry Keramaris	English: Randy Langel
29 Greek: Nick Pappas	English: George Ioannidis

Acolytes:

George Ioannidis (Captain), Dean Papazacharioudakis (Assistant Captain), Tasso Ioannidis, Cainan Iorio, Jacob Kaminsky, Dean Richardson, Dimitri Richardson, Jack Rottman & William Rottman

Ushers:

1 Paul Tziouvaras, Terry Keramaris, George Papazacharioudakis, Jim Peters
8 Peter Stathopoulos, Mary Mendoza, Richard Mendoza, Nick Pappas
15 George Mamalakis, Theony Condos, Mary Mamalakis, Art Markos
22 Jim Arger, Alex Haimanis, William Poulis, Cy Stathis
29 Paul Tziouvaras, Terry Keramaris, George Papazacharioudakis, Jim Peters

Prosporo Bakers:

1 Sophia Kenrick
8 Theony Condos
15 Connie Pappas Hillman
22 Helen Ioannidis
29 Georgia Gastouniotis

Altar Flowers:

1 George & Mary Mamalakis
8 Available
15 Sophie Alexander & family
22 Available
29 Available

Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

1 Parish Council
8 George Papazacharioudakis
15 DOP/AHEPA
22 Available
29 Available

Scholarship Program 2011

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the Scholarship Program guidelines for 2011. Applications can be picked up in the church office from April 17 until May 16. They can also be requested by email. Applicants must be high school seniors or students enrolled in a postsecondary institution who are, or whose parents/legal guardians are, stewards in good standing of Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church during 2010 and 2011. ("Good standing" is defined in the Uniform Parish Regulations, or UPR, as being current in stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish, abiding by all the regulations in the UPR and the Parish Bylaws, and cooperating in every way toward the welfare and well-being of the Parish.)

Selection criteria, in order of priority, are the following:

(1) **Church Involvement:** Young people who are actively involved in the life of the parish will be given preference over those who don't participate or do so only marginally. Students who are attending college in another city and who participate in the life of the parish near their college will likewise be given preference over those who don't participate or do so only sporadically.

(2) **Financial Need:** Some students who are very active in the parish may not need financial help, while for others a parish scholarship may be a tremendous blessing. Thus applicants will be asked what they anticipate their financial need to be, whether they are applying for financial aid at their college or university, and whether they are currently receiving financial aid.

(3) **Academic Record:** This criterion includes grade point average as well as extracurricular activities.

(4) **Community Service.**

All materials must be received in the **Church Office by 5:00 P.M. on May 17, 2010**. No late materials will be accepted, and none will be returned. All information received will be kept strictly confidential.

NEWS & NOTES

Birth ...

Penelope Carralejo on March 29th, daughter of Adam and Ana Carralejo

Baptisms ...

Tom Blake, on April 2nd, his sponsor is Alex Trigonis

Krista (Mary) Blake, on April 2nd, her sponsor is Presvytera Stephanie

Connor (Matthew) Blake, on April 2nd, his sponsor is Michael Osborn

Sophia Blake, on April 2nd, her sponsor is Margo Georghiou

Chrismation...

Jackson Kwaitkowski, on April 3rd, his sponsor is Joseph Muzik

Wedding...

Tom & Krista Blake, on April 2nd, the sponsors are Presvytera Stephanie and Alex Trigonis

Death...

Dan Baskous, on April 22nd, husband of Jeanette Baskous

Memorial ...

Joseph Khoury, 40 days, on April 10th

In Memory of...

Joseph Khoury, by his parents, Elias & Arwa Khoury

Arguiro Frangoudakis (grandmother), Aram Mamourian (grandfather), Garo Mamourian (uncle),

Mary Mamourian (aunt) and Afat Eleftheria Mafanfian (aunt), by Nick Matosian

Irena Angela Santoli, by her parents, Sofia & Guiseppe Santoli

2011 Stewardship

Alexander, Pam	Earl, Gordon & Iuliana	Mendoza, Richard & Mary
Alexander, Sophie	Fakinos, George & Barbara	Nicolaou, Jaime & Soteris
Anderson, John & Catherine	Fell, Ryan & Anastasia	Osborn, Michael & Kara
Angelos, Dr. James & Ruth	Fenger, Ellen	<u>Pahos, Mike & Vivian</u>
Anthes, George & Stacie	Fictum, Jeff, Mary & Katina	Papador, Georgia
Anthimiades, Dorothy	Fisher, Cleo	Papazacharioudakis, George
Anton, Alice	Galanoplis, Beatrice Peg	Pappas, Anastasios & Carolyn
Arger, Jim & Carol	Gastouniotis, Dean & Georgia	Pappas, Nick
Argyropoulos, Demetri	Georghiou, Margo	Penoff, Dana
Argyropoulos, Elias & Tina	Haimanis, Alex	Peters, Jim & Linda
Argyropoulos, Symeon & Antoinette	Hanges, Andrew & Georgia	Petronakis, Sam & Anna
Ballas, Gus	Hanges, Paul	Phillips, Emanuel
Barth, Charles & Pam	Hayes, Chuck & Nikki	Pollalis, Gicas & Stella
Baskous, Dan & Jeanette	Hillman, Chris & Connie	Poulakos, Jennifer
Batalas, Marika & Peter Withers	Hroundas, George, JoAnn & Angelos	Poulis, William
Benbow, Peter & Olya	Hull, Dorothy	Poulos, Steve
Bocek, Dan & Christina	Jensen, Cynthia	Ramirez, Michael & Alexandra
Campbell, Gordon & Elene	Kallas, Anthony & Agnes	Redding, Stephen & Angie
Carralejo, Karen Stathis	Kaminsky, Ian & Iris	Rishwain, Jeff & Connie
Carroll, John & Lexy	Kapernekas, Tom & Sasha	Roen, Curtis & Georgina
Chachakos, Bill	Kenrick, Sophia	Roig, Francesc & Kathleen
Chachakos, Jim	Keramaris, Terry	Santoli, Guiseppe & Sofia
Cocores, Ted & Christine	Khoury, Cherif	Sears, Jack & Emilie
Condos, Bessie	Kolendrianos, Chris & Megan	Smith, Catherine McDavid
Condos, Theony	Kolendrianos, Ernest & Andriana	Stathis, Cy & Helen
Cosmides, George & Nasia	Konstantine, Eve	Stavros, Terilee Anastasia
Daphne, Laurel	Kwiatkowski, Jackson	Swider, Bob & Christy
Davlanges, Constantine	Langel, Randy & Patti Stathis	Theofanous, Theo & Danae
Demourkas, John & Dana	Laury, John & Helen	Thomas, Fr. Simon & Pres. Stephanie
Demourkas, Katina	Mamalakis, George & Mary	Trigonis, Alex & Alexandra
Demourkas, Matina	Martin, Nick	Tullis, Bud & Barbara
Demourkas, Nicholas	Martin, Ted	Tziouvaras, Ahileas & Polyxenie
Dimitriou, Michael & Jasmine	McFadden, Timotheos	Tziouvaras, Paul & Vivi
Dovas, George & Pat	Mendoza, Alexis	

Saint Barbara MS Walk 2011

Thank you to our *Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Team!* This year we had many of our previous participants unable to join us due to other obligations, so our team dwindled in participant numbers, however we are very happy to report despite that we were able to raise **\$655** this year! *Thank you to all of our contributors!* It is your support of our Team that sets a wonderful example for others to follow in giving back to our local community. The National MS Society and our local chapter are very grateful for our continued support and they expressed that to us. Thank you and we look forward to next year!

PENNIES & PRAYERS IN THE HOME

Pennies and Prayers is a joint program of the Philoptochos and the Commission for Orthodox Missions and Evangelism. The money is used to support Mission Parishes in our Metropolis. Our parish has chosen to make this a year-round program. The idea being to take a canister home, bring it back each month (or when it's full) and exchange it for an empty canister. We would like to thank all of you who participate in this program. Traditionally, Easter season is designated as the time for the Pennies & Prayers program. So, we would like to ask those of you who do not participate in our year-round program to consider taking a canister home with you this month and bringing it back on Pentecost (June 12th). The canisters are located in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

"Come and See"

SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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My/our pledge will be paid in installments of \$ _____ on a (circle one) weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis.

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Signature _____

Date _____

The dollar amounts above are **CONFIDENTIAL**. You are advised to consult your CPA or tax professional regarding the deductibility of all or part of this gift.
For Authorized St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Personnel Only.

FAMILY INFORMATION- PART 2

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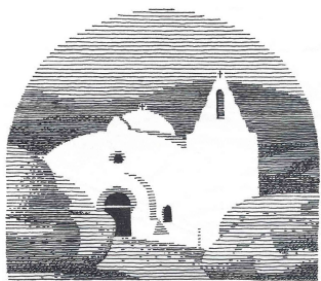
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TIME & TALENTS SURVEY FORM - PART 3

Please check ✓ those items in which you or a member of your family has some expertise or interest.

If not listed, please add on the line labeled "Other".

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry: GOYA, JOY, HOPE | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Newsletter |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Folk Dancing: Teacher or Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Volunteer Drivers | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Night Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening/Grounds Maintenance |
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