

# The Epistle

July 2011

*Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church*

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## Creation Explained

*Excerpted from a talk by Metropolitan Anthony (Bloom) of Sourozh*

Vladimir Lossky in particular, as well as other theologians, insists on the fact that there is an important difference between the words 'person' and 'individual' in theological usage. The individual, as the word indicates, is the last term of division. One can speak of mankind, one can speak of nations, one can speak of races, of families, and then what is left is a unit, because if one were to go on dividing it, it would no longer be a living person, but a corpse and a departed soul.

So the individual is the result of fragmentation. We are all individuals to the extent to which we are alienated one from another, separated from God, and broken up within ourselves. We are not a whole, either as humanity or as individual persons, and this we must take into account when we think of ourselves, as well as when we think of the Church and mankind in general. We cannot have an optimistic vision of the Church without remembering that the Church is *also* a fragmented body. In each of us the mind, the heart, the body, the passions, do not all concur to form one powerful stream of life and of spiritual life in particular.

Thinking not only of society, but let us speak of the Church, we are people who are divided within ourselves, divided between good and evil, between our intellectual perceptions and our experiential knowledge; we are divided among ourselves because to a very great extent we are alien one to another. We do not understand one another, we do not approve of one another, we do not like one another, we do not love one another. And the whole Church, however much it is a unity in God, the whole Church in its individuals is a fragmented body.

When we speak, therefore, of the human person we must realize that we speak of the holiest thing there is within us, of something which God alone knows, of the image of God, not simply as an imprint, but as a living power within us that transforms, transfigures and makes us gradually, progressively, partakers of the divine nature. And yet we carry this holy thing in broken vessels, in what we are as individuals. It is important for us to remember this, because only then can we see its implications. We can see, for instance, that when we try to create relationships we cannot create them artificially without transcending the brokenness of the individual.

We read in the Old Testament that in the beginning man (meaning human being) was created. Certain Fathers of the Church say that Adam, who was taken from the soil, made of the earth, the basic, the essential substance of the created world, contained within himself all the potential of a human being. He was neither male nor female, he was 'total man' and it is gradually, as he was developing to maturity, from innocence towards saintliness, from being a child into becoming an adult human being, that gradually there was within him a polarization that required the separation of the two elements. And the moment came when God divided that unique human being into two beings, but two who were still totally one. In the Old Testament we find this moment when God divided in the primeval human, man from woman.

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# 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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Neither the English nor the Church Slavonic translation is very satisfactory. We read of God taking a rib. A rabbi was once asked by one of his people, “Why did God take a rib and not a head, which would have been so useful, or the arms could have been so useful as well?” And the rabbi answered, “Because the rib is that part of man which is nearest to his heart”. So, according to this terminology, woman was created from the part nearest to the heart of man — I do not think this is a very brilliant and unique explanation! Very often in ancient languages, certainly in Church Slavonic, ‘rib’ or ‘ribcage’ was used to denote the side, and God was perceived as dividing into two the original total being by dividing one side from another. And when Adam saw Eve face to face, he exclaimed, “She is bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh”. And the English text says, “I am man, she shall be called woman”, which is not very clear, but the Hebrew text uses a word which shows that the one is the masculine and the other the feminine of the same being – ‘ish’ and ‘ishshah’. “I am *ish*, she is *ishshah*. She is the feminine of me, I am the masculine of her”.

At that moment it is one undivided being in two persons, because the Fall has not yet divided mankind from God and one human being from another. And it is only after the Fall that Adam and Eve look at one another and see themselves divided and different one from another. There is a passage in the works of Saint Methodius of Patara which, in the Latin translation, sounds like this: Adam looks at Eve and says, “She is my *alter ego*, the other myself”, indicating thereby total, radical otherness and yet the fact that she is himself at the same time. Speaking of the Fall and the dividedness of Adam and Eve, Methodius says that when they fell away from God they lost the binding power between the two: Adam looked at Eve and Eve looked at Adam and said, “I am *ego*, I; he is *alter*, he is the other.” They have become a broken couple, and the notion of the individual is apparent. It will grow and become deeper. It will become more destructive with time, but at that moment it has already happened. They are no longer two persons being one unit that is a human being. They are two persons into which individuality has entered. It is the moment of tragedy, because the two will somehow have to be kept together, because if they are not kept together then they will be separated for ever. Dividedness always grows, dividedness does not alter spontaneously.

So God establishes between them a mutual attraction. They are attracted to one another both psychologically and physically. They long for one another, because deep down in themselves they know that they are one and belong together, although experientially they know that something has happened to separate them. One of the spiritual writers says that the world could not have subsisted without a sacrament, a sacrament being a binding power that links beings with God and beings with one another. So, from the very beginning of the world God established marriage: not marriage as we know it now as an ecclesiastical, liturgical celebration, but as an event which brings two beings, otherwise separated, into oneness, into a degree of oneness accessible to both of them. It may be total, it may be partial, it may be full of crisis, it may be a glorious growth into oneness. But marriage is the only sacrament which subsisted in the world of the Bible and in the pagan world, preventing individuals from breaking away from one another and the human race from being finally destroyed.

Do you really think of yourselves, of me, of anyone except the great saints, as people who have looked at another person and said, “She or he is my other myself, my *alter ego*. I exist only in relation to this person. I exist only as a motion towards this person. I exist only with, for this person. Apart from this person I do not exist”? Because that is love. In the beginning of Saint John’s Gospel we are told; “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God...” The Greek text does not say ‘with God’. It uses the words ‘*pros ton Theon*’ which means towards, not with God. It speaks of the Word of God in a rush towards the Father. He is moving Fatherwards because in Himself, separated from the Father, He has no meaning, no presence, no existence.

This is what love should be between human beings, and not only the love that unites married people one to another. I am speaking of love as the way in which humans could relate to one another if the person predominated over the individual in them, if it was not the individual who was to the fore in the person, and if the individual was not something which is like a screen, like a fog, to be pierced through, seen through, pushed aside, so that the relationship should be that of two persons, not of two beasts of prey, or parasites, but of people who exist for each other and see no reason to exist otherwise.

## *President's Report*

Brothers and Sisters,

At its regular meeting on June 13, the Parish Council approved minutes of the May meeting, reviewed financial reports, and received reports from the Buildings and Grounds, Stewardship, Real Estate, Scholarship, and Rentals Committees.

The Council approved the appointment of Tom Kapernekas and Taylor Canfield to fill two unexpired terms of two and one-half years and six-months, respectively. We look forward to welcoming Tom and Taylor at our July meeting.

As you know, the Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly was held at Saint Nicholas Ranch on May 16-17 (under heavy drizzle). In addition to Father Simon, Paul Tziouvaras and I attended. The Assembly was convened on Monday afternoon with a prayer service, and a keynote address, "Living Your Calling," by Metropolitan Gerasimos. Vespers at the monastery of the Holy Life-Giving Spring were followed by dinner and a talk by Bill Marianes of Atlanta "Living your Stewardship Calling," in which he suggested a holistic understanding of the "time-talent-treasure" formula. The next day began with Divine Liturgy at the monastery, followed by a six-year memorial service for Bishop Anthony and a two-month memorial for Father John Asimacopoulos, breakfast, and the business session of the conference, which included an Archdiocese Report, the Report of the Metropolis Council, the Metropolis financial report, and review and approval of the Metropolis budget. A report on Youth Ministry was presented by Deacon Niko Bekris. Copies of all reports are available for viewing in the church office.

Greek Festival pastry workshops have begun and will continue in July. We need to increase the quantity of pastries, as last year most were sold out by early Sunday afternoon. Please plan to help! See Andriana Kolendrianos to volunteer for any of the July workshops (kourambiedes, karidopita, yiaourtopita).

In His service,  
Theony Condos

### *Saint Nicholas Ranch Summer Camp*

Each summer, some 400 young people from all over our Metropolis attend Saint Nicholas Ranch summer camp, a wonderful youth ministry of our Metropolis, in which young people can enjoy a week of fun, fellowship and growing in their faith. **This year, all of Saint Barbara's youth aged 8-17 are encouraged to attend the first week of camp, Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.** Fr. Simon will be joining at camp during this time. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Simon.

St. Nicholas Ranch is still looking for more applications from senior counselors (21+). If you are interested in helping at the Ranch this summer, and love helping our youth have fun and grow in their faith, please apply as we'd love to hear from you. There are a total of four sessions, each a week long, from July 10-August 6. Sessions 2-4 (July 17-August 6) are especially important. A stipend of \$200 will be given per week. For more information, please email Michael Pappas, the Director of the Summer Camp, at [info@stnicholasranch.org](mailto:info@stnicholasranch.org), or Deacon Niko Bekris, the Metropolis Youth Director, at [sfyouth@sanfran.goarch.org](mailto:sfyouth@sanfran.goarch.org). Thanks!

### *Have You Noticed What's New?*

Our new website has been launched! Please go to [www.saintbarbara.net](http://www.saintbarbara.net) to see the new site. Content is being added weekly, so please check it regularly to keep up with what is happening at the church. Inquiries have already been received from the new site, and we are reaching a whole new section of the online population.

We also have a new voicemail system in place. The antiquated answering machine has been retired in favor of a voice mailbox system that will allow you to leave a secure message for Father Simon, a message for Valerie regarding church business, or a message regarding the rental of our facilities.



## Saint Athanasius of Athos

July 5<sup>th</sup>

Saint Athanasius of Athos, in holy Baptism named Abraham, was born in the city of Trebezond. He was orphaned at an early age, and being raised by a certain good and pious nun, he imitated his adoptive mother in the habits of monastic life, in fasting and in prayer. After the death of his adoptive mother, Abraham was taken to Constantinople, to the court of the Byzantine emperor Romanus the Elder, and was enrolled as a student under the renowned rhetorician Athanasius. In a short while the student himself became an instructor of youths. Reckoning as the true life that of fasting and vigilance, Abraham led a strict and abstinent life, he slept little and then only sitting upon a stool, and barley bread and water were his nourishment. When his teacher Athanasius through human weakness became jealous of his student, blessed Abraham gave up his teaching position and went away.

During these days there had arrived at Constantinople St Michael Maleinos, abbot of the Kyminas monastery. Abraham told the abbot about his life, and revealed to him his secret desire to become a monk. Abraham was consumed by his zeal for the monastic life. Having forsaken everything, he went to the Kyminas monastery and, falling down at the feet of the holy abbot, he begged to be received into the monastic life. The abbot fulfilled his request with joy and tonsured him with the name Athanasius.

Athanasius soon attained permission from the abbot to live in silence in a solitary place not far from the monastery. Later on, having left Kyminas, he made the rounds of many desolate and solitary places, and guided by God, he came to a place called Melanos, at the very extremity of Athos, settling far off from the other monastic dwellings. Here the monk made himself a cell and began to live an ascetical life in works and in prayer, proceeding from exploit to exploit towards higher monastic attainment. During this time, the emperor Nicephorus Phocas, having had enough of military exploits, remembered his vow to become a monk and from his means he besought St Athanasius to build a monastery, i.e., to build cells for him and the brethren, and a church where the brethren could commune of the Divine Mysteries of Christ on Sundays.

Tending to shun cares and worries, St Athanasius at first would not agree to accept the hateful gold, but seeing the fervent desire and good intent of Nicephorus, and discerning in this the will of God, he set about the building of the monastery. He built a large church in honor of the holy Prophet and Forerunner of Christ, John the Baptist, and another church at the foot of a hill, in the name of the Most Holy Theotokos. Around the church were the cells, and a wondrous monastery arose on the Holy Mountain. In it were a trapeza (dining area), a hospice for the sick and for taking in wanderers, and other necessary structures. Brethren flocked to the monastery from everywhere, not only from Greece, but also from other lands, simple people and illustrious dignitaries, desert-dwellers having labored in asceticism for long years in the wilderness, abbots from many monasteries and hierarchs wanting to become simple monks in the Athos Lavra of St Athanasius.

The Heavenly Patroness of Athos, the All-Pure Mother of God Herself, was graciously disposed towards the saint. Many times he was privileged to see Her with his own eyes. By God's dispensation, there once occurred such a hunger, that the monks one after the other quit the Lavra. The saint remained all alone and, in a moment of weakness, he also considered leaving. Suddenly he beheld a Woman beneath an ethereal veil, speaking to him, "Who are you and where are you going?" St Athanasius from an innate deference halted. "I am a monk from here," St Athanasius replied, and spoke about himself and his worries. "Would you forsake the monastery which was intended for glory from generation unto generation, just for a morsel of dry bread? Where is your faith? Turn around, and I shall help you." "Who are you?" asked Athanasius. "I am the Mother of the Lord," She answered, and bid Athanasius to strike his staff upon a stone. From the fissure there gushed forth a spring of water, which exists even now, in remembrance of this miraculous visitation.

The brethren grew in number, and the construction work at the Lavra continued. St Athanasius, however, was called to a greater glory, as he perished when the roof collapsed on him during construction.

## Liturgical Calendar

**Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Third Sunday of Saint Matthew**

Orthros – 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am

**Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

**Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Fourth Sunday of Saint Matthew**

Orthros – 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am

**Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Feast of St. Euphemia**

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

**Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

**Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday of the Holy Fathers**

Orthros – 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am

**Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Feast of Saint Elias the Prophet**

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

**Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

**Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Sixth Sunday of Saint Matthew**

Orthros – 8:30 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am

**Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Feast of Saint Paraskevi**

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

**Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Feast of Saint Panteleimon**

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

**Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Seventh Sunday of Saint Matthew**

(Services at Oak Park)

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

## NEWS & NOTES

### ***Births...***

**Anisia Amalia**, June 16<sup>th</sup>, daughter of Matt & Stefanie Kourakis

### ***Baptism...***

**Becker Nicholas Tyler**, on June 18<sup>th</sup>, the sponsor is Lindsey Pearson

### ***Weddings...***

**Jason Argyropoulos & Adriana McElwain**, on June 4<sup>th</sup>, the sponsors are Demetri Argyropoulos and Nicole Argyropoulos

### ***Memorials ...***

**Dan Baskous** (40 days), on June 5<sup>th</sup>, husband of Jeanette Baskous

### ***In Memory of...***

**Dan Baskous**, by Mike & Vivian Pahos, Patti & Randy Langel

**Grant Matosian**, by Nick Matosian

# GREEK FESTIVAL

July 30th & 31st

ST. BARBARA'S FESTIVAL IS HERE !! **The next festival meeting is scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Orthodox center.** Please plan on attending, as this will be the last meeting before the festival. Please contact a booth manager listed below and offer your volunteer time for the weekend. Your time will be greatly appreciated. We are still in need of 2 more Managing Angels this year.....1 for the Soda/Water booth and 1 for Dolmathes. If we are not able to fill these booth manager needs, we may be deleting these booths all together. So please, if anyone is willing and able to manage one of these booths, PLEASE CALL ELENI ZIOUVARAS.

Thank you in advance to all of St. Barbara's Angels for their combined efforts and volunteering for the church's 39<sup>th</sup> annual Greek Festival ! See you there!

## BOOTH MANAGING ANGELS:

Bar #1 – Maria Tziouvaras  
Bar#2 – Jack Sears  
Beer – Peter Stathopoulos  
BBQ – Brian Iorio  
Chicken Gyro - Sotiris Nicolaou  
Coffee – Connie Hillman  
Dolmathes – AVAILABLE  
Food Line – Alexandra Iorio  
Gyro – George Mamalakis  
Mousaka, Tiropita & Spanakopita – Michael Osborn  
Pastry – Andriana Kolendrianos & Georgia Gastouniotis  
Soda/Water #1 – Chris and Brooke McGillivray  
Soda/Water #2 – AVAILABLE  
Agora – Nick Ioannidis  
Posters – Mary Mendoza

## IN ADDITION, OUR SPECIALTY ANGELES:

Legal/Set-ups – Randy & Patti Langel, Paul Tziouvaras, Theony Condos, Eleni Tziouvaras, Nick & Helen Ioannidis  
Venders – George Papazacharioudakis  
Entertainment – Patti-Stathis Langel  
Advertising – George Mamalakis  
Raffle – Dr. Ernest Kolendrianos  
Food Suppliers – Nick Ioannidis

PLEASE CALL Eleni Tziouvaras @ 805-445-7723 or e-mail at [eleni@esalonsb.com](mailto:eleni@esalonsb.com) OR Fr. Simon and offer your talents. We need everyone's help with this year's festival.

The following pastry workshops have been scheduled:

Saturday July 9, 9AM KOURAMBIEDES  
Friday July 15, 9AM YOGURT CAKE  
Saturday July 16, 9AM WALNUT CAKE  
Friday July 29 Pastry Prep Day 9AM

# Parish, Youth & Young Adult Ministries

## **Philoptochos**

Philoptochos had its first Retreat on June 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the future direction of the group. Thank you to all who donated to the disaster relief Hygiene Kits for IOCC! Look for announcements about Philoptochos fundraisers and opportunities in the next Epistle.

As always, Philoptochos welcomes new members, please contact Kara Osborn at [kara.hanchett@gmail.com](mailto:kara.hanchett@gmail.com) if you are interested in getting involved!

## **Dance Groups**

St Barbara's Festival is here!

The dance practice schedule for July is as follows:

July 3, NO PRACTICE

July 10, 17, and 24 Practice

Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> practice at Oak Park :

10:00 AM Zoi

10:30 AM Thavma and Zoi

11:00 Festival Starts! OPA!

## **Missions**

In mid-June, we shipped the drilling rig and tools to Tanzania. They will arrive in Mombasa Kenya the first part of August. Thank you to all the donors for their generosity! They made this \$73,000 project possible.

We will still need to assist them with supplying parts and training, but each community that receives a well will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep. We ask God for continued guidance to further help our brothers and sisters in Tanzania that they may have clean water and not be affected by worms, malaria, and other diseases.

St. Paul's in Irvine had Jamie Chamberlin perform at a fundraising concert on June 4<sup>th</sup>, and they raised \$40,000. They will use the money to buy a truck for the drilling rig. Glory to God!

Wishing you a blessed summer full of joy, may God continue to bless you with His love, and good health.

*We also received this letter from one of the orphanages we support with the Missions Luncheon:*

Dear Fr. Simon:

First let me thank you and all of the parishioners of St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church for your support of the children of the Hogar Rafael Ayau. I have just received the very generous donation from the Mission Awareness Luncheon hosted by Alex Haimanis. The letter requests some pictures and I write to see if you might allow me to send those to you via e-mail. Also, if Mr. Haimanis has e-mail I could send them directly to him.

Yours in Christ,  
Harriet Stratis  
FHRA Treasurer



## Community Organizations

### **Order of AHEPA, Santa Barbara Chapter 243**

[www.ahepa20.org/chapters](http://www.ahepa20.org/chapters) E-mail [ahepa243@gmail.com](mailto:ahepa243@gmail.com)

Santa Barbara, California AHEPA has a full schedule of events for the remainder of this year. All college students will be our guests at a social event in October. Our annual family Dinner Glendi with dancing will occur in October. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Santa Barbara International Marathon will be happening in November as well as our participation in the Avocado Festival. Our members also congratulate the new election of AHEPA Chapter Officers: Bill Poulis - President, Jim Angelos - Vice President, Chris Compogiannis - Treasurer, and Mike Osborn - Secretary.

### **Daughters of Penelope, Santa Barbara Chapter Delos 103**

[www.dophq@ahepa.org](mailto:www.dophq@ahepa.org); [www.dopdistr20.org](http://www.dopdistr20.org)

As we come to the conclusion of our year and go "dark" for the summer a big thank you is due to our outgoing president, Lisa Stathopoulos, and her outgoing board. We welcome our new officers in the Fall.

The District AHEPA Convention was held in Palm Springs during June and we had 4 sisters represent our chapter, 3 a Past District Governors and 1 as a District Lodge officer. We certainly make a good showing. We participated on committees and saw to it that the business of the Daughters of Penelope continues. The National AHEPA Convention will be this month in Miami, FL. Good deliberations are wished for all!

In addition, we will be setting our calendar this summer so make sure to take note of our Annual Garage Sale and Holiday Bake Sales.

For more information about the Daughters of Penelope you can visit the national as well as district website at [www.dopdistr20.org](http://www.dopdistr20.org). If you are interested in becoming a Daughter, please call Helen McGillivray at 965-6727.

## Volunteers for July 2011

### Epistle Readers:

3 Greek: Alex Trigonis	English: Dean Papazacharioudakis
10 Greek: Theony Condos	English: Nick Stathopoulos
17 Greek: Terry Keramaris	English: Randy Langel
24 Greek: Nick Pappas	English: George Ioannidis
31 Greek: Voula Aldrich	English: Theophilos Lasswell

### Acolytes:

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

### Ushers:

3 Peter Stathopoulos, Mary Mendoza, Richard Mendoza, Nick Pappas
10 George Mamalakis, Theony Condos, Mary Mamalakis, Art Markos
17 Jim Arger, Alex Haimanis, William Poulis, Cy Stathis
24 Paul Tziouvaras, Terry Keramaris, George Papazacharioudakis, Jim Peters
31 Peter Stathopoulos, Mary Mendoza, Richard Mendoza, Nick Pappas

### Prosporo Bakers:

3 Connie Pappas Hillman
10 Sophia Kenrick
17 Theony Condos
24 Connie Pappas Hillman
31 Reserve

### Altar Flowers:

5 Available
10 Available
17 Available
24 Vivi & Paul Tziouvaras
31 Available

### Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

3 Available
10 Available
17 Available
24 Available
31 Greek Festival

## 2011 Stewardship

Aldrich, Voula	Fisher, Cleo	Papazacharioudakis,
Alexander, Pam	Galanoplis, Beatrice Peg	Penny Cocores
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Alexandra, Brenna	Georghiou, Diana	Pappas, Anastasios & Carolyn
Anderson, John & Catherine	Georghiou, Margo	Pappas, Nick
Angelos, Dr. James & Ruth	Haimanis, Alex	Pearson, Lindsey
Anthes, George & Stacie	Hanges, Andrew & Georgia	Penoff, Dana
Anthimiades, Dorothy	Hanges, Paul	Penoff, Nadya
Anton, Alice	Hayes, Chuck & Nikki	Peters, Jim & Linda
Arger, Jim & Carol	Hillman, Catherine	Petronakis, Sam & Anna
Argyropoulos, Demetri	Hillman, Chris & Connie	Phillips, Emanuel
Argyropoulos, Elias & Tina	Hroundas, George, JoAnn &	Phillips, Lana Marme
Argyropoulos, Jason	Angelos	Pollalis, Gicas & Stella
Argyropoulos, Symeon & Antoinette	Hull, Dorothy	Poulakos, Jennifer
Ballas, Gus	Ioannidis, Nick & Helen	Poulos, Steve
Barth, Charles & Pam	Jensen, Cynthia	Poulos, Tom & Isabel
Baskous, Dan & Jeanette	Kallas, Anthony & Agnes	Ramirez, Michael & Alexandra
Batalas, Marika & Peter Withers	Kaminsky, Ian & Iris	Redding, Angie
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Bocek, Dan & Christina	Kenrick, Sophia	Rishwain, Jeff & Connie
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Carralejo, Karen Stathis	Khoury, Cherif	Roig, Francesc & Kathleen
Carroll, John & Lexy	Kingsbury, John & Katina	Santoli, Guiseppe & Sofia
Casserly, Terrence & Eugenia	Kolendrianos, Chris & Megan	Scarvelis, George & Alexandra
Chachakos, Bill	Kolendrianos, Ernest & Andriana	Sears, Jack & Emilie
Chachakos, Jim	Konstantine, Eve	Smith, Catherine McDavid
Chuchas, Alex	Kourakis, Matt & Stefanie	Sinis, Phaedon & Tanya Sleiman
Cocores, Ted & Christine	Kwiatkowski, Jackson	Stathis, Cy & Helen
Compogiannis, Chris	Langel, Randy & Patti Stathis	Stathopoulos, Pete & Lisa
Condos, Bessie	Lasswell, Theophilos & Dorothea	Stavros, Terilee Anastasia
Condos, Theony	Laury, John & Helen	Swider, Bob & Christy
Cosmides, George & Nasia	Magoulias, Yianni	Theofanous, Theo & Danae
Costas, Meronie	Mamalakis, George & Mary	Thomas, Fr. Simon & Pres. Stephanie
Daphne, Laurel	Markos, Art & Lisa	Towle, James & Rose Marie
Davlantes, Constantine	Martin, Nick	Tragos, Bill & Lilli
Demourkas, John & Dana	Martin, Ted	Tragos, Christian & Tracy
Demourkas, Katina	McFadden, Timotheos	Tragos, Nicholas
Demourkas, Matina	McGillivray, Helen Condon	Trigonis, Alex & Alexandra
Demourkas, Nicholas	Mendoza, Alexis	Tullis, Bud & Barbara
Dimitriou, Michael & Jasmine	Mendoza, Richard & Mary	Tyler, Max & Marisa
Dovas, George & Pat	Nedic, Sofija	Tziouvaras, Ahileas & Polyxenie
Dyer, Hugh & Angie	Nicolaou, Jaime & Soteris	Tziouvaras, Eleni
Earl, Gordon & Iuliana	Osborn, Michael & Kara	Tziouvaras, Paul & Vivi
Fakinos, George & Barbara	Pahos, Mike & Vivian	Velliotes, Louie
Fell, Ryan & Anastasia	Papador, George & Tracy	Vogel, Marina
Fenger, Ellen	Papador, Georgia	Winford, Stamatina & Gerald
Fictum, Jeff, Mary & Katina	Papazacharioudakis, George	Zettas, Paul & Jennie

Year-	2011 (year to date)	2010 (year to date)	2010 (total for year)
Pledging Families	136	139	159
Amount Pledged	\$117,405	\$101,035	\$147,120

# "Come and See"

SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

## 2011 CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD

Please complete and return this card to St. Barbara's.

Individual or Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**In gratitude for God's blessings I/we make the following financial commitment to the ministries of St. Barbara's:**

- \$50/mo. (\$600/yr.)  \$75/mo. (\$900/yr.)  \$100/mo. (\$1200/yr.)  \$200/mo. (\$2400/yr.)  
 \$300/mo. (\$3600/yr.)  \$500/mo. (\$6000/yr.)  Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

I would like to pay with  Cash  Check  Automatic Bill Pay (EFT Debit), or  Credit Card.

**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.  
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### FAMILY INFORMATION- PART 2

	You	Spouse	Children / Age
Name:	_____	_____	_____ /
Home Phone:	_____	_____	_____ /
Cell Phone:	_____	_____	_____ /
Work Phone:	_____	_____	_____ /
Email:	_____	_____	_____ /
Occupation:	_____	_____	_____ /

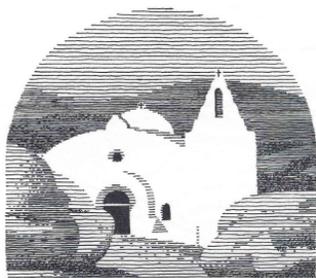
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### TIME & TALENTS SURVEY FORM - PART 3

**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                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retreats/Church Camp             | <input type="checkbox"/> Philoptochos Society            | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Repair              |
| <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    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching/Sunday School/Nursery   | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions/Philanthropy           | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical Assistant/Office Help   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Tree                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek School: Teacher or Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushering/Welcome                | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/Chanting                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer: General/Web Site Mgt  | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Directory                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Activities/YAL       | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical/Plumbing/Electrical  | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Public Relations       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors: Activities/Visitations  | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader (in Divine Liturgy)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/Baking                   |  |   |



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