

The Epistle

December 2011

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

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The Eucharist Cannot Be Abandoned

Every year as I celebrate Thanksgiving, I am always reminded that Holy Communion is properly called the Eucharist (Ευχαριστία). That the Gift of gifts, the Body and Blood of Christ, is our true Thanksgiving has been documented since the time of the Apostles. Justin the Martyr describes how the Eucharist is celebrated in the mid 2nd century. It was the Eucharist that became the central gathering point for Christians, and that today must once again be the very thing that unites us as the Body of Christ.

I would like to share an eyewitness account from the beginning of the 4th century – the height of Christian persecution. It describes the trial of a group of Christians in a town in North Africa. Two of the martyrs give testimony about the Eucharist that is important for us to hear today.

The Roman Proconsul asked Saturninus, the priest and leader of the Christians, “Did you, contrary to the orders of the emperors, arrange for these persons to hold an assembly?” He replied, “Certainly. We celebrated the Eucharist.”

“Why?” asked the proconsul. “Because the Eucharist cannot be abandoned,” was the response. As soon as he said this, the proconsul ordered him to be put immediately on the rack to be tortured.

Then Felix, a son of Saturninus and a reader in the Church, came forward to the contest. Whereupon the proconsul inquired of him, “I am not asking you if you are a Christian. You can hold your peace about that! But were you one of the assembly; and do you possess any copies of the Scriptures?”

“As if a Christian could exist without the Eucharist, or the Eucharist be celebrated without a Christian!” answered Felix. “Don’t you know that a Christian is constituted by the Eucharist and the Eucharist by a Christian? Neither avails without the other. We celebrated our assembly right gloriously. We always convene at the Eucharist for the reading of the Lord’s Scriptures.” Enraged by the confession, Anulinus the proconsul ordered Felix to be beaten with clubs.

Since I was a teenager, I have never understood those who claimed to be Christians but never participated in the Liturgy or the Eucharist. Reading these stories at the seminary and as a priest only validated this reasoning. I have heard all kinds of excuses why people choose not to come to church – and some people even have valid concerns. Regardless of the situation, the truth of the matter is – *“The Eucharist cannot be abandoned!”*

Certain provisions are made for those who for reasons such as health, military service, or imprisonment are unable to come to the church, in which instances the Eucharist is brought to them. However, the words of the martyr Felix ring true for us even today, *“Don’t you know that a Christian is constituted by the Eucharist and the Eucharist by a Christian?”*

As we prepare to receive the King of kings at Christmas this year, what better way is there to truly give Him thanks than to participate in the Eucharist? In fact, as witnessed to above, our participation in the Eucharist defines whether or not we can be called a Christian.

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

SAINT BARBARA PARISH COUNCIL

THEONY CONDOS – President	CONNIE PAPPAS HILLMAN
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

CHANTERS	ALEX TRIGONIS & RANDY LANGEL
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YOUTH PROGRAMS

ACOLYTES	ALEX TRIGONIS & RANDY LANGEL
DANCE GROUP DIRECTOR	FATHER SIMON THOMAS
YOUTH PROGRAMS	TBD
SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR	ANGELA CANFIELD
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YOUNG COUPLES	FATHER SIMON & PRESVYTERA STEPHANIE

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

AHEPA PRESIDENT	BILL POULIS
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VALERIE KATSIKIS RICHARDSON – Office Administrator

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY * 9 A.M. – 5 P.M.

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President's Report

Brothers and Sisters,

At its November 14 meeting, the Parish Council approved minutes of the October meeting and heard reports from the Treasurer and the Rentals Committee.

Reminder that Stewardship packets have been distributed. As mentioned in last month's President's Report, the members of the Parish Council have taken their role as stewards to heart and have committed to increasing their pledges to at least the suggested 2% level for 2012. We hope that parishioners will be inspired to follow their example.

Congratulations to newly-elected member of the Parish Council Alex Chuchas. The following three Council members were re-elected: Ruth Angelos, Taylor Canfield and Theony Condos.

The Council looks forward to seeing all parishioners during our Feast Day celebration.

In His service,
Theony Condos

Liturgical Calendar

Saturday, December 3rd

Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 4th

Feast of Saint Barbara

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Monday, December 5th

Great Vespers for Saint Nicholas – 7:00 pm

(in Northridge)

Tuesday, December 6th

Feast of Saint Nicholas

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Sunday, December 11th

Eleventh Sunday of Saint Luke

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Monday, December 12th

Feast of Saint Spyridon

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Saturday, December 17th

Feast of Saint Dionysios

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Sunday, December 18th

Sunday Before the Nativity

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Friday, December 23rd

Royal Hours – 9:00 am

Saturday, December 24th

Eve of the Nativity

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Sunday, December 25th

Feast of the Nativity

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 27th

Feast of Saint Stephen

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am



Saint Stephen, the First Martyr and Archdeacon

December 27th

The Holy First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen was the eldest of the seven deacons, appointed by the Apostles themselves, and therefore he is called “archdeacon.” He was a Jew by race, and as some say, a disciple of Gamaliel, the teacher of the Law mentioned in Acts 5:34 and 22:3. He was the first Christian martyr and he suffered for Christ when he was about thirty. In the words of Asterias, he was “the starting point of the martyrs, the instructor of suffering for Christ, the foundation of righteous confession, since Stephen was the first to shed his blood for the Gospel.”

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Saint Stephen preached Christianity and defeated Jewish teachers of the Law in debate. The Jews maligned Saint Stephen, saying that he had uttered blasphemy against God and against Moses. Saint Stephen came before the Sanhedrin and the High Priest to answer these charges. He gave a fiery speech, in which he recounted the history of the Jewish nation, and denounced the Jews for persecuting the prophets, and also for executing the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ (Acts chapter 7).

During his speech, Saint Stephen suddenly saw the heavens opened and Jesus Christ standing at the right hand of God. The Jews shouted and covered their ears, and rushed at him. They dragged him out of the city and stoned him, but the holy martyr prayed for his murderers. Far off on the heights stood the Mother of God with the holy Apostle John the Theologian, and she prayed fervently for the martyr. Before his death Saint Stephen said, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. O Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.” Then he joyfully gave up his pure soul to Christ.

The body of the holy First Martyr Stephen, left to be eaten by beasts, was secretly taken up by the Jewish teacher Gamaliel and his son Habib, who buried Stephen on his estate. They both believed in Christ, and later received holy Baptism.

Great Blessing of the Water And Diving for the Cross at Goleta Beach

On Sunday, January 15, 2012, we will join St. Athanasius parish for the Great Blessing of the Water (and diving for the cross) at Goleta Beach. All are invited to participate in a picnic lunch at the beach after the blessing. Subway sandwiches, chips and drinks will be available for purchase. Please R.S.V.P. to the Church Office by Wednesday, January 4th if you would like to participate in the lunch.





*LET US CELEBRATE OUR **SAINT BARBARA***

Saturday, December 3rd 2011

Great Vespers beginning at 5:00 pm

Followed by a Lenten Meal at 6:00 pm
(Fish, rice, vegetables, salad, bread & Melomakarona)

Special Musical Entertainment and Presentations
Adults - \$15; Students - \$7; Children under 6 - Free



Saturday, December 4th, 2011

Orthros – 9:00 am; Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am,
followed by a Community Brunch

A Free-will Donation is Appreciated!

For information on all events contact Church Office at 805-683-4492 or

E-mail @ office@saintbarbara.net

Parish, Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Studies in the Faith Class

Our next class will be **Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 pm**, in the **Redding Education Center**. The topic will be Orthodoxy. Bring your friends and your questions! For more info, please contact the Church Office.

Catechism Class

If you are interested in becoming an Orthodox Christian, or simply learning more about the basics of the Faith, this class is for you! We will be reading and studying Clark Carlton's book, *The Faith*. The 20 chapters in this book will introduce you to the fundamental beliefs and practices of the Orthodox Church. Classes began in September, and are on various **Saturdays at 3:30 pm**, concluding with the service of Great Vespers at 5 pm. If you are interested in the class, please contact Fr. Simon. The book will be available in the bookstore.

Young Couples Social

Thank you to all the Couples who joined us at the last gathering in November at The Boathouse at Hendry's Beach. We had a great time getting to know each other! We look forward to meeting new couples on **December 2nd**! More info to come by email. All couples are welcome, from the not yet newly wed to those with children almost as tall as they are.

VIP's

The V.I.P.s had a very successful "Thanksgiving Feast" in November, and are going dark for December due to the holidays. We will be back in January with some new plans. We wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Christmas Caroling & Potluck Dinner

Please join us for our annual Christmas caroling and potluck dinner. We will meet at church on **December 10th at 4pm** and carpool to homes, sing carols and then we return back to the Orthodox Center for a potluck dinner and family gathering. If you are interested in participating please RSVP to Presvytera Stephanie at 805-685-5751 or s_c_thomas@yahoo.com. We need lots of musical voices!

Sunday School

'Tis the Season to be Merry and teach our children the true meaning of Christmas and the joy of giving!

The Sunday School has been invited to make Nativity themed Christmas ornaments to help decorate the Metropolis Christmas tree. We will be making and sending 10 homemade ornaments.

The Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be on December 18th and we encourage you all to come and hear the joyful sound of our children singing carols.

DECEMBER:

- 12/03/11 Sunday School Program Practice
- 12/04/11 No Sunday School- in church for Feast Day
- 12/11/11 Sunday School ~ Christmas Program Practice
- 12/18/11 Christmas Pageant ~ Santa Visits
- 12/25/11 No Sunday School

Have a Blessed Advent and a very Merry Christmas!

Dance Program

Toumba practices directly following Sunday School, in the Redding Center, and Thavma practices in the Orthodox Center. All children ages 2-8 are welcome to join Toumba at any time, and while Thavma is for those aged 9 and up! See Presvytera Stephanie or Fr. Simon for further information or questions.

The practice schedule for December and January is as follows:

- December 4 – No Practice
- December 11 – Toumba & Thavma Practice
- December 18 – No Practice
- December 25 - No Practice
- January 1 - No Practice
- January 8 – Thavma Practice (No Toumba!)
- January 15 - No Practice
- January 22 – Toumba & Thavma

Saint Barbara Church Directory

Coming Soon!!! What is going to be inside?

* Parish Information

* Address & Phone Directory

* Parishioners Photos - Family Pictures with names (individuals; parents and children)

* Business Directory of Parish Stewards

Thank you to all the families who had their pictures taken for our Church Directory! It is currently being assembled and should be ready soon.

Mission News

It was a blessing to have with us for a week the most humble man Archbishop Jeronymos. A big thank you to: Fr. Simon and Presvytera for hosting Archbishop Jeronymos during his visit with us; Connie Hillman for all her help and advice with getting Archbishop Jeronymos' visa to ensure his visit to the United States and the opportunity to meet him; and Sophie Alexander for hosting the coffee hour when His Eminence was here. Also, thank you to everyone who donated money to Archbishop Jeronymos and the ministries of the Metropolis. We were able to collect over \$5000 to help him continue to do God's work in Tanzania.

The Missions Committee would also like to thank Chris Hillman, Herb Pedersen, Bill Bryson and Larry Park for putting on a fantastic concert. We can't thank Chris enough for donating his time and talent to help us raise money for Archbishop Jeronymos and the Orthodox Church in Tanzania's well drilling project. Thank you also to Connie Hillman for all her hard work and support, Philoptochos for their donation to help pay for the food, Presvytera for her help with our "Help Us Help Them" brochure, and Stan Nicolaides for his help preparing the food. Thank you to the following for all the items they donated - Pam Alexander, Sophie Alexander, Lexy and John Carroll/Carroll & Co., George Fakinos/Santa Barbara Winery, Alex and Linda Gorbenko, Chris and Connie Hillman, Jack and Emilie Sears/Café del Sol, Philoptochos, John Scott/Harry's Plaza Café, and John and Sandra Zahoudanis/Demetria Estate. A very grateful thank you to our fantastic, hardworking group of volunteers at the concert that night - Pam Alexander, Alex & Angelique Chuchas, Georgia Gastouniotis, Alex Haimanis, Mike and Kara Osborn, Greg Pantages, Nick Pappas, Tina Pearson-Winford, Bob Swider, Marina Vogel, Mona Zozos, and Matthew. Thank you to the Parish of the Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, for all their hard work and for sharing the concert with us. Thank you to the Saint Barbara Parish for all their support, and for donating items left over from the Festival. Thank you to all who purchased tickets or made a donation. Finally, thank you to Valerie for her office support and help with ticket sales.

2011 PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

This year we will once again offer the opportunity to send out a Community Christmas Card. With this card, you have the opportunity to exchange Christmas and New Year greetings with the entire parish. This card is professionally done and inscribed with greetings along with the names of all the contributors. **You can be included by donating \$25.00** to the St. Barbara Community Christmas Card. The deadline to return this form with your check to the church office is **Monday, December 5th**. Please **print your name** below just as you want it to appear on the card.

Please make your check **payable to St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church** in the amount of \$25.00

Community Organizations

Order of AHEPA, Santa Barbara Chapter 243

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

AHEPA continues to be a vibrant organization. The mission of the AHEPA Family of Santa Barbara is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility and Individual Excellence. Santa Barbara Chapter 243 has a goal to expand and strengthen its educational efforts and the lifelong development of mind and body, the classic Hellenic definition of Paideia. We have our meetings on the third Monday of the month, usually at Harry's Plaza Café in the Ranchero Room, starting at 6:30 p.m.

We are open to new members who want to be a part of our organization. If you are interested in joining, or attending a meeting to see if you would like to join our Ahepa, please call Bill Poulis at (805) 682-4733.

Daughters of Penelope, Santa Barbara Chapter Delos 103

www.dophq@ahepa.org; www.dopdistr20.org

Thanks to all who placed orders for our **Greek Pastry Holiday Sale**. Please remember to pick up your orders Sunday, December 18th. If you missed out on ordering check the pickup table as there are a limited number of extra packages remaining to be sold.

In November, the Daughters of Penelope hosted coffee hour commemorating our Founders' Day and celebrating 82 years. We hope you were able to view our information table and learn a little more about our philanthropic organization.

We look forward to spending time together this month to relax and enjoy each other's company during the holidays at our **Annual Christmas Breakfast and White Elephant Exchange**. We will be meeting at Eladio's **on December 10th at 10:00 am**.

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

BLESSING OF HOMES FOR THEOPHANY 2012

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

WHAT IS A CONVENIENT TIME/DATE THAT YOU WILL BE HOME? _____

(Please try to schedule times during the day)

(Fr. Simon will bring basil and Holy Water. Please have a bowl of water prepared for the service.)

Volunteers for December 2011

Epistle Readers:

4	Greek: George Mamalakis	English: Yianni Magoulis
11	Greek: Angelique Chuchas	English: Randy Langel
18	Greek: Theony Condos	English: George Ioannidis
25	Greek: Terry Keramaris	English: Theophilos Lasswell

Acolytes:

George Ioannidis (co-captain), Dean Papazacharioudakis (co-captain), Tasso Ioannidis, Cainan Iorio, Jacob Kaminsky, Dean Richardson, Dimitri Richardson, Jack Rottman & William Rottman

Ushers:

4	Paul Tziouvaras, Terry Keramaris, George Papazacharioudakis, Jim Peters, Connie Hillman
11	Peter Stathopoulos, Mary Mendoza, Richard Mendoza, Nick Pappas, Tom Kapernekas
18	George Mamalakis, Theony Condos, Mary Mamalakis, Art Markos, Taylor Canfield
25	Jim Arger, Alex Haimanis, William Poulis, Cy Stathis, Bob Swider

Prosphoro Bakers:

4	Georgia Gastouniotis
11	Connie Pappas Hillman
18	Sophia Kenrick
25	Penny Papazacharioudakis

Altar Flowers:

4	John & Catherine Anderson
11	Bessie and Theony Condos Jim & Linda Peters
18	Available
25	Available

Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

4	Feast Day Celebration
11	Available
18	Christmas Program
25	Available

NEWS & NOTES

Births...

Christina Eleni Mamalakis, daughter of Jeff & Melenie, on November 28^{ht}

Baptism...

Melina Jade Ramirez, daughter of Alexandra & Michael Ramirez, on November 26th, sponsored by Jeff, Connie and Demetra Rishwain

Weddings...

Nick Angelis & Jodie Howard, on November 11th, sponsored by Dean Angelis

Deaths...

Effie Chtouros, on November 19th, Helen Ioannidis's mother

Memorials...

Peter Demourkas (3 years) on November 20th, husband to Katina Demourkas and father of John Demourkas and Mary Demourkas Fictum

Koula Garas (40 days) on November 20th, sister to Katina Demourkas, Ahileas Tziouvaras & Agnes Pappas

Constantine W. Chouleas (1 year) on November 20th, Phyllis Matiosian's father

In Memory of...

Schema Nun, Sister Theophano, by Ted & Christine Cocores

Isabelle & Louis Anderson, by John & Catherine Anderson

Richard Ryan, by Ellen Fenger

Effie Chtouros, by George & Pat Dovas

2011 Stewardship

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT- OCTOBER 24, 2011

Total Pledges: 154 active pledges (5 additional are contributing, but have not signed pledge cards)

Total pledged: \$146,971

Total received: \$138,255

Goal 2011: \$170,000

Pledge levels:

0	to \$ 99	67	\$ 2,500	to \$ 4,999	7
\$ 100	to \$ 249	32	\$ 5,000	to \$ 8,999	1
\$ 250	to \$ 999	71	\$ 9,000	to \$ 10,000	1
\$ 1,000	to \$ 2,499	35			

If you have not done so already, please complete your Stewardship pledge. If you have not signed a pledge card for this year, please do so to support your Parish. All are invited to the Stewardship Sunday and coffee hour, following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 30.

"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.
For Authorized St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Personnel Only.

FAMILY INFORMATION- PART 2

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

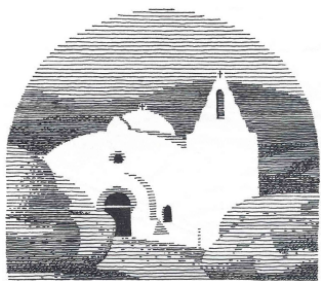
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TIME & TALENTS SURVEY FORM - PART 3

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/Welcoming | <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 |
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