

The Epistle

May 2012

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

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Kyrie Eleison

It has been noted by parishioners (as well as many non-parishioners) that our Liturgy Book in the pews does not translate “Kyrie eleison” to “Lord, have mercy”. The simple explanation is that “Lord, have mercy” is not a sufficient translation for “Κυριε Ελεησον.” In fact, our Orthodox Faith has many words from the Greek that simply do not translate well into English: Ο Λυγος (the Word, but what is implied here is so much more!), Ο Θεοτοκος (the birth-giver of God, or the one who physically gave birth to God, but not simply the mother of God, as that is Ο Μητερα τον Θεος), or even το Ζεον (the hot water the priest pours into the Chalice before Holy Communion). There are many more examples, but let us look at an excerpt from an article by Dean Lomis, professor of Modern Greek at the University of Delaware, taken from page 9 of the March 21, 2012 edition of *The Hellenic Voice*:

In July 2010, I attended in Williamsport, Pa., the Roman Catholic funeral of a 95-year-old grandmother. Being Greek Orthodox and not knowing any other than the immediate family, I sat at the last row of the Cathedral’s pews witnessing the solemn ceremony. Somewhere in the middle of the service I felt jolted when I heard the priest chant: “kyrie eleison.” About a quarter of the service later he repeated the chant, as he did near the end also. After the funeral, ... I inquired of the Roman Catholic priest regarding the use of the Greek Orthodox “kyrie eleison” in a Roman Catholic Mass. His explanation was that the Anglican version of the verse does not provide the real meaning of the prayer...

Shortly after returning home a couple of days later, I looked into our Greek Orthodox Liturgy Book and realized that I went to a Roman Catholic church to hear the Greek Orthodox version of a prayer which in my Greek Orthodox Church I hear it in the Anglican version, when chanted in English. That is, I noticed that when “kyrie eleison” is chanted in English it becomes “Lord, have mercy.” Immediately I recognized that we have a serious difference with the Anglican version, for the words “mercy” and “eleison” are not compatible, lacking identical meanings. Also, searching deeper into the terminology, it became apparent that the Roman Catholic Greek Orthodox version was correct because it is not possible to translate “kyrie eleison” correctly.

Looking up “mercy” we find the meanings of “forgive, don’t punish anymore, have pity,” etc. However, “Eleison” goes beyond the punishing and asking-for-forgiveness state; “Eleison” includes “blessing, assistance, help, guidance,” which “mercy” does not. Why then should we Greek Orthodox not have our own “Missal” by always using the all-inclusive Greek Orthodox “kyrie eleison” rather than the restrictive Anglican “Lord, have mercy?”

Etymology, the science of the origin and development of words, came from the meaning of the term. Later generations, like the Anglicans translating the Greek “eleison,” could not find an all-inclusive equivalent, thus compromising with “mercy,” which truly shortchanges the praying individual who constantly thinks only of sins and seeks only forgiveness, rather than also ask for “blessing” and “guidance.” If we look carefully into the Old Testament, we are constantly reminded of God’s wrath and need for forgiveness only, whereas in the New Testament we notice also blessing and guidance.

Philologists – linguistics specialists – inform us that when we hear a word or a phrase that is not of the ordinary we have the tendency to retain it because its meaning impresses us. Philologists also tell us that the constant use of ordinary terms becomes so routine that we often neglect the meaning, or even fail to comprehend because we merely repeat them automatically without thought...

The article goes on (you are encouraged to read it in full), but shouldn’t our services be full of meaningful words that challenge us to prayer, rather than mindless repetition? Just food for thought ... Christos Anesti!

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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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| CHANTERS | ALEX TRIGONIS & RANDY LANGEL |
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| ACOLYTES | ALEX TRIGONIS & RANDY LANGEL |
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MONDAY – FRIDAY * 9 A.M. – 5 P.M.

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President's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

CHRIST IS RISEN!!

It was a beautiful HOLY WEEK!! Thank you to everyone that made it so special - Father Simon, the Choir, the Chanters, the Readers, the Acolytes, and the Faithful in the Pews! The week ended with a wonderful AGAPE PICNIC at Manning Park on Easter Sunday with a terrific turnout.

Mary Papador Mendoza reports that the renovation work at the Loyola House is nearing completion and it should be ready to be rented sometime in May. The next Parish Council meeting will be held at the Loyola House.

We are all sorry that Theony Condos is stepping down from the Parish Council for health reasons. However, the good news is that we will still have Theony's input and wisdom as we continue our important work on the PC.

As always, please give us your thoughts on the direction of our Parish.

In His Service,
Jim Peters

Saint Barbara Church Directory *Now Available!!!*

Please stop by the designated "Directory Table" to get your family's copy. One Directory per Steward/Family. A donation of \$5 is requested to cover materials and printing.

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, May 6th
Sunday of the Paralytic
Orthros – 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Wednesday, May 9th
Feast of Mid-Pentecost
Orthros – 8:00 am
Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Saturday, May 12th
Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 13th
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Orthros – 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Saturday, May 19th
Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 20th
Sunday of the Blind Man
Orthros – 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Monday, May 21st
Feast of Saints Constantine & Helen
Orthros – 8:00 am
Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

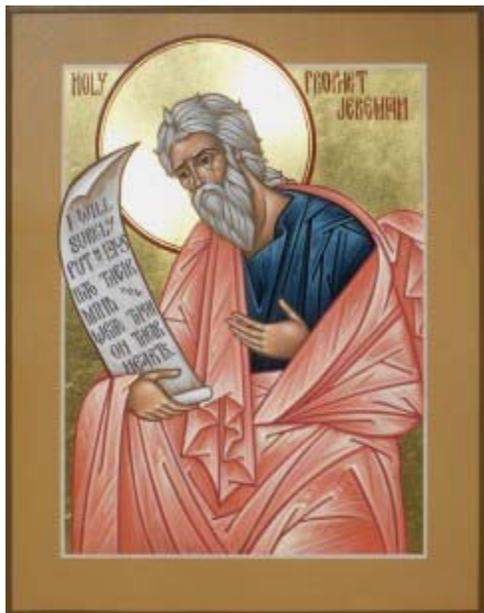
Thursday, May 24th
Feast of the Ascension
Orthros – 8:00 am
Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Saturday, May 26th
Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 27th
Sunday of the Fathers of the First Council
Orthros – 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

The Holy Prophet Jeremiah

May 1st



The Holy Prophet Jeremiah, one of the four great Old Testament prophets, was son of the priest Helkiah from the city of Anathoth near Jerusalem, and he lived 600 years before the Birth of Christ, under the Israelite king Josiah and four of his successors. He was called to prophetic service at the age of fifteen, when the Lord revealed to him that even before his birth the Lord had chosen him to be a prophet. Jeremiah refused, citing his youth and lack of skill at speaking, but the Lord promised to be always with him and to watch over him.

He touched the mouth of the chosen one and said, “Behold, I have put My words into your mouth. Behold, I have appointed you this day over nations and kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to rebuild, and to plant” (Jer. 1:9-10). From that time Jeremiah prophesied for twenty-three years, denouncing the Jews for abandoning the true

God and worshipping idols, predicting sorrows and devastating wars. He stood by the gates of the city, and at the entrance to the Temple, everywhere where the people gathered, and he exhorted them with oaths and often with tears. The people, however, mocked and abused him, and they even tried to kill him.

Depicting for the Jews their impending enslavement to the king of Babylon, Jeremiah first placed on his own neck a wooden, and then an iron yoke, and thus he went about among the people. Enraged at the dire predictions of the prophet, the Jewish elders threw the Prophet Jeremiah into a pit filled with horrid, slimy creatures, where he almost died. Through the intercession of the God-fearing royal official Haldemelek, the prophet was pulled out of the pit, but he did not cease his prophecies, and for this he was carted off to prison. Under the Jewish king Zedekiah his prophecy was fulfilled.

Nebuchadnezzar came, slaughtered many people, carried off a remnant into captivity, and Jerusalem was pillaged and destroyed. Nebuchadnezzar released the prophet from prison and permitted him to live where he wanted. The prophet remained at the ruins of Jerusalem and bewailed his nation’s misfortune. According to Tradition, the Prophet Jeremiah took the Ark of the Covenant with the Tablets of the Law and hid it in one of the caves of Mount Nabath (Nebo), so that the Jews could no longer find it (2 Maccabees 2). Afterwards, a new Ark of the Covenant was fashioned, but it lacked the glory of the first.

Among the Jews remaining in their fatherland there soon arose internecine clashes: Hodoliah, Nebuchadnezzar’s viceroy, was murdered. The Jews, fearing the wrath of Babylon, decided to flee into Egypt. The Prophet Jeremiah disagreed with their intention, predicting that the punishment which they feared would befall them in Egypt. The Jews would not listen to the prophet, however, and taking him along by force, they went into Egypt and settled in the city of Tathnis. There the prophet lived for four years and was respected by the Egyptians, because by his prayers he killed crocodiles and other creatures infesting these parts. When Jeremiah prophesied that the King of Babylon would invade Egypt and annihilate the Jews living there, the Jews murdered him. In that very same year the Saint’s prophecy was fulfilled. There is a tradition that 250 years later, Alexander the Great transported the relics of the holy Prophet Jeremiah to Alexandria.

The Prophet Jeremiah wrote his Book of Prophecies and also the Book of Lamentations about the desolation of Jerusalem and the Exile. The writings of the times in which he lived and prophesied are described in 4/2 Kings (Ch. 23-25) and in the Second Book of Chronicles (36:12) and in 2 Maccabees (Ch. 2).

In the Gospel of Matthew it is said that the betrayal of Judas was foretold by the Prophet Jeremiah, “And they took thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom the sons of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me” (Matthew 27:9-10). Perhaps Jeremiah 32:6-15 is meant. Even after his death, the Prophet Jeremiah was regarded as a wonderworker.

Easter Donations and Volunteers

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

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| Krista Blake | Connie Hillman | Dimitri Richardson |
| Katina Demourkas | Lisa Markos | Francesca Richardson |
| Pat Dovas | Linda Peters | Catherine McDavid Smith |
| Margo Georgiou | Anna Petronakis | Presvytera Stephanie Thomas |

Thank you for the Flower Donations:

Orchid Spray- Katina Demourkas
Rose Petals- Penny Cocores Papazacharioudakis
Orchid sprays and Calla lilies for Tomb- Stella Pollalis
Rose petals - Presvytera Stephanie Thomas

Thank you to Anna Petronakis for coordinating lunch with the assistance of Sam!

John Demourkas for the Greek salad
Pat Dovas for the chickpea soup
Alex Haimanis for the lentil soup

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

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| Paul Tziouvaras | Jason McGillivray | Costa Frangos | Tom Blake |
| Pete Stathopoulos | Jackson Kwiatkowski | David Filice | Alex Ioannidis |

Gospel Readers in their Native Language for the Agape Vespers-

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| Fr. Simon Thomas | – | English | Francesc Roig | – | Catalan |
| Olya Benbow | – | Bulgarian | Lilli Tragos | – | Danish |
| Alex Haimanis | – | Greek | Tuyen Velliotes | – | Vietnamese |
| Sofija Nedic | – | Serbian | | | |

Donations for Liturgical Items for the Holy Week Services-

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| Pam Alexander | Ted Martin |
| Bessie Condos | Philoptochos of St. Barbara |
| Alex & Angelique Chuchas | Mike & Vivian Pahos |
| Art & Elaine Daniels | Gicas & Stella Pollalis and family |
| Brian & Paula Edmonds | Valerie Katsikis Richardson |
| Chris & Connie Hillman | Francesc & Kathy Roig |
| Sophia Kenrick | Andrea Spanos |
| Randy & Patti Langel | Nick & Nina Varnava |
| George & Mary Mamalakis | |

PENNIES & PRAYERS

Pennies & 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. I'd 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, I'd 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 3rd). The canisters are located in the Narthex. We've collected \$421.61 so far, and I'm hoping we will be able to send in \$500 this year. Thank you for your support.

Parish, Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Studies in the Faith Class

Our next class will be **Tuesday, May 1st 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.

Philoptochos

2012 membership dues are currently being collected! We ask that you keep in mind the first \$20.00 goes to our "per capita" tax to both the National and Metropolis offices. Please send your check to either the Church Office or to Vivian Pahos (2121 Chapala St., CA 93105) for "Philoptochos" in memo you may write Stewardship.

Thank you to all the volunteers decorating Icons and the Tomb! They all looked beautiful honoring Christ.

Kids 'n' Cancer Event is coming up in Marina Del Ray on May 6th! We have donated items in the past to fill 2 Beautiful "Santa Barbara" style gift baskets to ship down for the silent auction. Thank you for your donations!

Couples Social Group

Last month's outing to Avant Tapas and Wine in Buellton was very enjoyable. We tasted a number of wines with lunch and had a private tour of the facilities by the owner where we got a behind the scenes look at how grapes are processed into wine and barreled. Check your inbox for May's outing hosted by Elaina & Ergi Thanasko. All couples are welcome, from the not yet newlywed to those with children taller than they are.

VIP's

During the February meeting a decision was made to go dark during the period of Great Lent and the V.I.P. Seniors did not have any meetings during the months of March and April. Be sure to look for the next announcement on the May activities. Plans are in works for the Ventura Harbor cruise aboard a private boat.

Sunday School

Enormous thanks to all the Sunday School teachers, families, and students for making the journey through Great Lent and Holy Week a fruitful experience which prepared us for Pascha - Easter.

Thanks to all the families taking time to attend services, events, and assisting. The children and teens learned about and were reminded of the joy of the Resurrection and its central importance in our Orthodox faith and culture. The kids also had lots of fun at the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday!

Sunday School teachers have been teaching and discussing the purpose of Lent and self-examination, the meaning of fasting, the raising of Lazarus, the celebration on Palm Sunday, repentance and the Resurrection.

Thanks to all those who participated in the Saturday of Lazarus family activity day and Lenten waffle breakfast! There were about 70 people enjoying waffles, fresh strawberries, and fresh squeezed orange juice. There were 16 teens working with Greg Pantages learning the Ukrainian egg design process, and 8 preschoolers and kindergarteners painting and designing wooden Easter eggs and baskets with Christina Rottman. Much fun was had by all those working and playing!

In the weeks to come the teachers will be teaching the renewal of our faith. If your children haven't been joining us, it's never too late!

MAY 2012

5/06 Sunday School
5/13 Sunday School ~ Mother's Day
5/20 Sunday School
5/27 Sunday School ~ Last Day of Class

GREEK FESTIVAL 2012

July 28th & 29th

Preparations for the Greek Festival have already begun!! **The next Festival meetings are scheduled for May 8th & 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Orthodox Center.** Please plan on attending, as we need your input on important decisions regarding this year's Festival. This will be our 40th Annual Greek Festival!

This year's Booth Managers (*Please confirm with George Papador*):

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| Bar #1 – Maria Tziouvaras | Mousaka, Spanakopita/Tyropita, Dolmathes – Michael Osborn |
| Bar#2 – Jack Sears | Pastry – Andriana Kolendrianos |
| Beer – Peter Stathopoulos | Soda/Water #1 – Brooke McGillivray |
| BBQ – Brian Iorio | Soda/Water #2 – Margo Georghiou |
| Chicken Gyro - Sotiris Nicolaou | Parish Bookstore – Cynthia Jensen/Pat Dovas |
| Coffee – Connie Hillman | Posters – Mary Papador Mendoza |
| Food Line – Alexandra Iorio | Loukoumades - ? |
| Barbeque – Brian Iorio | Feta Fries - ? |
| Gyro – George Mamalakis | Other - ? |

2012 Festival Pastry Workshops

Please call to volunteer. Spread the word and bring an apron and a friend.

All workshops will begin at 8 a.m. this year. We start at 6 a.m. and by 8 a.m. we are ready for your helping hands to shape and bake! Mark your calendars and let us know the times you are available.

Saturday, May 5, Koulourakia

Saturday, May 19, Kourabiedes

Saturday, June 2, Melomakarona

Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21, Walnut and Yogurt Cakes

Friday, July 27, Festival prep day

This is an equal employment opportunity - no gender, ethnic or age discrimination! We offer something for everyone: scoop and shape cookies, for the strong - lifting the heavy Hobart mixing bowl, taking trays in and out of ovens, lifting boxes to clean and assemble for storing of pastries and more! Everything we know about pastries we learned from St. Barbara pastry workshops! So come and learn!

Please contact: Helen McGillivray 965-6727, Georgia Gastouniotois 683-4919 Andriana Kolendrianos 685-8982, and for Melomakarona, Terry Keramaris 886-4104

Missions Update

“As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead” (James 2:26)

The Missions Committee thanks you all once again for your generosity at the 36th annual Mission Awareness Luncheon this year. We raised \$3,500, and will be sending the money to the three orphanages in Guatemala, India, and Albania. Special thanks to the Philoptochos for their generous donation, and to all of you. Many thanks to Bill Poulis, Brian and Alexandra Iorio, Mike & Kara Osborn, Ernest and Andriana Kolendrianos, Kathy Roig, Emilie and Jack Sears, Marina Vogel, Xeni, Andriana and Natalia Tziouvaras.

As you know, the Saint Barbara church in Kazinga, Tanzania is finished and will be consecrated in September (14th-24th). Fr. Simon will lead the group going to Tanzania. If you are interested in going, hurry up and sign up with Fr. Simon. Alex Haimanis is planning to go back to Tanzania with a medical team, and check on the progress of the water project.

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.

Ahepa will also sponsor Ahepa Sunday on May 20th, 2012, a date set by the Archdiocese for a Memorial Service for departed members of the Family of Ahepa and sponsor the coffee hour as well.

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 Ahepa, please call Bill Poulis at (805) 682-4733.

Daughters of Penelope, Santa Barbara Chapter Delos 103

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

We welcome our newest Sister, Dana Demourkas, who was initiated into our Chapter at our April meeting on the 16th. We look forward to her participation in our organization and know she will be an asset to our group.

Thank you to all who purchased koulourakia from the Daughters and to all the Sisters who worked so hard to make it a success! We sold out on the first day of pickups. Remember to place your order early next year the guarantee you get some of these delicious cookies. **We donated 35 dozen koulourakia to the church for the Resurrection Meal and the Agape Picnic.**

The Annual **Sisterhood Conference** was hosted this year by our own District 20 at the Doubletree Hotel in Torrance, CA on April 21st. This year 5 Districts (#'s 17, 19, 20, 21 & 22) were extended invitations to participate in this event originating over 25 years ago in Santa Barbara. 5 sisters from our chapter attended for the one day event.

AHEPA Family Day is May 20th. We will hold a Memorial Service following Liturgy in memory of all our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the Lord and we will be hosting coffee hour along with our brother Ahepans.

In June, the District 20 Convention will take place in Phoenix, AZ at the Biltmore Hotel. The annual business of the District will be debated. 4 Sisters from the Santa Barbara chapter will be in attendance.

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.

NEWS & NOTES

Baptism...

Alison Alexa Berrett, on April 28th, the Godparents are Art & Lisa Markos

Memorial Service...

Dan Baskous (1 yr), on April 29th, husband of Jeanette Baskous

In Memory...

Irene Santoli, by Sofia & Guiseppe Santoli

Debbie Pappas, by Bill Poulis and Pam Alexander to Mission Tanzania, Gicas & Stella Pollalis, Ted Martin, Ellen Fenger

Steve Katsikis, by George & Pat Dovas

Scholarship Program 2012

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the Scholarship Program guidelines for 2012. Applications can be picked up in the church office from April 15 until May 15. 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 2011 and 2012. ("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 15, 2012.** No late materials will be accepted, and none will be returned. All information received will be kept strictly confidential.

Volunteers for May 2012

Epistle Readers:

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| 6 | Greek: Terry Keramaris | English: George Ioannidis |
| 13 | Greek: Nick Pappas | English: Theophilos Lasswell |
| 20 | Greek: Theony Condos | English: Ruth Angelos |
| 27 | Greek: Angelique Chuchas | English: Tasso Ioannidis |

Acolytes:

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

Ushers:

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

Prosporo Bakers:

6 Angelique Chuchas
13 Helen Ioannidis
20 Valerie Katsikis Richardson
27 Sophia Kenrick

Altar Flowers:

6 Available
13 Sophie Alexander & family
20 Available
27 Available

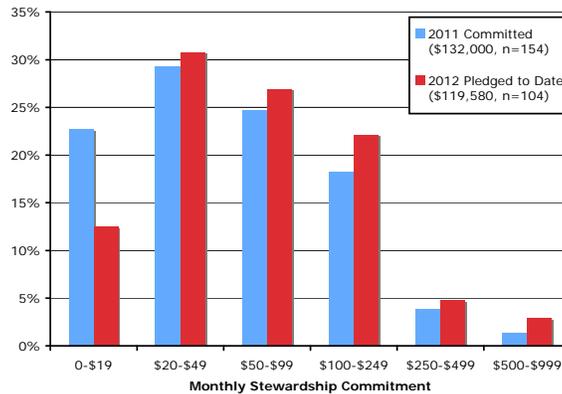
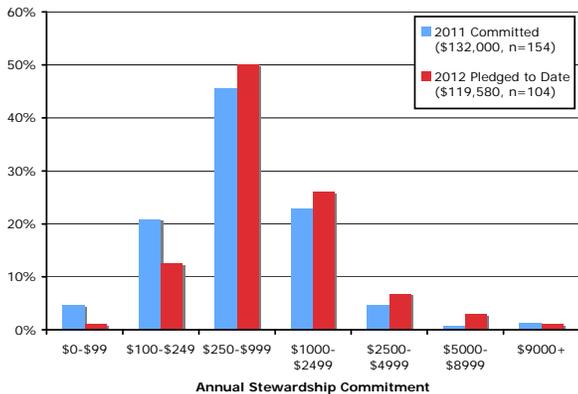
Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

6 Stathis, Langel, Carrelejo
13 Kwiatkowski/Georghiou
20 AHEPA/DOP
27 Available

Stewardship 2012

Χριστος Ανεστη! The New Year of Stewardship is fully underway. In the Paschal Season, devote your stewardship to glorifying Christ who is Risen from the dead! Now that we have come one-third of the way through 2012, please take the opportunity to take stock of your blessings and make sure that you are current with your stewardship. Consider committing a portion of your tax refund toward flowers, candles, or other items required for Holy Week. Let's continue to come together to support our Church and our St. Barbara family!

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all those stewards who have filled in their commitment cards for 2012. Even if you are giving regularly to the church, filling out the Stewardship Commitment Card is an important part of devoting our time, talent, and treasure.



“Come and See”

SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

2012 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) _____

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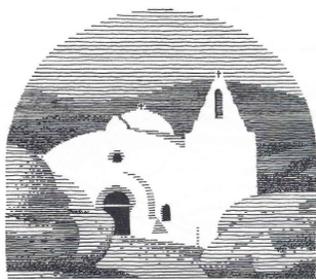
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Saint Barbara MS Walk 2012



JOIN US TO CREATE
A WORLD FREE OF MS.

Mark your Calendars! May 5th, 2012 Santa Barbara MS Walk!

Join our Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Team to walk, run or stroll! If the date doesn't work for you, please consider making a contribution to support our Team that day!

For more information call Presvytera Stephanie - 805-685-5751

Date - Saturday, May 5, 2012

Location - Leadbetter Beach

Start/Finish Line

The start/finish line will be at Leadbetter Beach

Address

801 Shoreline Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Directions

From the 101 North: Take the 101S,
exit Castillo St. Turn right. Go to Cabrillo Blvd.
Turn right onto Loma Alta. Turn left to the Beach.

From the 101 South: Take the 101N. exit Cabrillo Blvd.
Follow 3 miles to Loma Alta Dr. Turn left to the Beach.

Times

8:00 am - Check-In

9:30 am - Opening Ceremonies

10:00 am - Official Start

NOTE- To avoid check-in lines arrive before 9am! Check in and find our team!

Walk Route

Choose a 1 mile, 5k or 10k walk/run option on beautiful Cabrillo Boulevard. Enjoy the sites as you gaze at the ocean and hear the sounds of the animals as you walk by the Santa Barbara Zoo. Refreshing rest stops along the way help rejuvenate you with snacks and drinks. When you return from the walk, enjoy music, and local vendor booths. Prizes will be awarded to the "best dressed" and "most spirited" teams and the "most inspirational" walk participant.