



# The Epistle

March 2013

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

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## A Family of Faith

“You can choose your friends but you sho’ can’t choose your family...”

-Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

We have all heard variations of this adage. In fact, when speaking to an old friend about her problems recently, I used it myself. I also mentioned that it is why we have the Church – because that is our true family. Now I am not saying that family is bad, heaven forbid, rather I think we *can* choose our family – our family of Faith.

I was reminded of this rather forcefully last month when I celebrated services remembering the lives of four people within an 8 day period. In my 10 years as a priest, and 12 years of ministry, I am not sure I have been to that many funerals in such a short time – even when I served a parish with 800+ families. The outpouring of support from within the parish that I received for my own personal loss strengthened me as I, in turn, tried to support others who had also lost loved ones. I knew, firsthand, that the parish would be there for those families as well.

Ultimately, this is what our Parish is – a family. It is no coincidence that the relationship between two of the three Persons of the Trinity is Father and Son. Jesus Christ took on flesh to become one of us precisely so we could become sons of God and like Him, cry out, “*Abba. Father*” (Romans 8:15), and pray as He taught us to pray, “*Our Father*” (Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2). The relationship between priest and parishioner is spiritual father and son/daughter, as Saint Paul became the spiritual father of the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 4:14-15). Further, the readers of the Church address the people, when they read the Epistle, with the gender-inclusive, “Brethren”.

The fact that we address one another with familial references, however, is only a small witness to the reality that we are a family. The greater witness is when we celebrate together, mourn together, laugh and cry, argue and reconcile, always working together to the glory of God. Saint Paul again explains this way of life, “*Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer ... Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep*” (Romans 12:10-12, 15).

Our Parish Family has the characteristics of any typical family. Sure, we occasionally have our family squabbles, sibling rivalries, and the proverbial “black sheep”, but we also have strong, committed members who appreciate one another, spend time together, grow spiritually together, and address challenges together. As a result, we overcome the squabbles and rivalries. We even welcome the “black sheep” with open arms, because the truth is, we are all tarnished with the dirt of our sins.

This is why I so look forward to our regular Sunday family gatherings. Actually, if you haven’t been to one in a while, why don’t you join us for the next one?

With Love in Christ,  
Fr. Simon

# 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

PAUL TZIOUVARAS – PRESIDENT	TAYLOR CANFIELD
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## PARISH MINISTRIES

CHANTERS	ALEX TRIGONIS & RANDY LANGEL
CHOIR DIRECTOR	ANDRIANA KOLENDRIANOS
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GREEK SCHOOL TEACHERS	GEORGIA GASTOUNIOTIS
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MISSIONS	ALEX HAIMANIS
ORTHODOX SOCIAL NETWORK (OSN)	VALERIE KATSIKIS
PARISH BOOKSTORE	PATRICIA DOVAS
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V.I.P. COORDINATOR	SOFIJA NEDIC

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YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR	SOPHIA KENRICK
SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR	ANGELA CANFIELD
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	YIANNI MAGOULIAS & MARGO GEORGHIOU

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

AHEPA PRESIDENT	BILL POULIS
DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE PRESIDENT	VALERIE KATSIKIS

## OFFICE PERSONNEL

VALERIE KATSIKIS – Office Administrator

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY \* 9 A.M. – 5 P.M.

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA \* METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

## *President's Report*

Fellow Parishioners:

I would like to add to Fathers comments about choosing our family of Faith. It is a process that takes some time and effort, and involvement with the community that we participate in. The key word is **participate**. Without participation we do not reap as many of the benefits from each other and others in our community as we could have. Participation is not just about coming to church on Sundays or making coffee for coffee hour or the like. It's about bonding with Christ and each other, and understanding what that truly means for our commitment to Christ and the church. Once this is understood, the rest is simple, we make things happen out of our love for our Faith and each other.

With that said, I am very proud to serve with our current (and many past) members of the parish council of this church. I have served in the PC for several years now, and I am grateful not just to be a servant of the church, but to be able to experience how the belly of church really functions, and how much the PC members (past, present, and future) contribute behind the scenes. For a long time, I did not want to be president, knowing that the position would take time from me and my family and my business and my friends, and that would keep me from doing a good job. As the years went by, and I have to say by God's grace, I embraced the idea as an opportunity, learning experience and obligation to my church and my faith, and that God would just take care of the rest. I have come to believe that many if not most parishioners should become members in the PC and get into the business of the church. Only then do we see where the first stone should or should not be cast.

I want to make sure you all see the beautiful sign that identifies the church at the corner entrance of our church (been done a while now) and the huge improvement of the corner fire hydrant enclosure. This has been a 25 year eye sore that Ernest Kolendrianos has been able to remove by redoing the concrete enclosure with a very nice stucco finish and better shape. Work is almost done, thank you Ernest.

Also I would like to thank Sofia Nedic for checking and maintaining the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on a monthly basis. This is an important task that serves the entire parish.

The Clergy Laity conference is coming up at the end of February at Saint Nicholas Ranch in Dunlap, CA. Father Simon and I will be representing our parish.

Ministries and Chair Persons: We have some awesome volunteers and faithful servants of the church that need to be acknowledged for their work. Please read their contributions in the Epistle.

Some highlights of the February PC meeting held Feb 13, 2013:

George Papador met with the Parish Council and I am pleased to report that he will chair the Festival this year. Thank you, George.

Thanasi Batalis offered his maintenance services to the church now that he is retired. We will be discussing details further. Many thanks to Thanasi.

Michael Osborne (PC Member on the facilities committee) is heading up the parking lot re-paving ideas and possibilities. Thank you, Michael.

Please see official meeting minutes for any discrepancies here. The official minutes are the only true minutes.

In the name of our Lord,  
Paul Tziouvaras

## *Happy Name Day!*

17<sup>th</sup> - **St. Alexis** – Alex Trigonis

- **St. Patrick** – Pat Dovas

25<sup>th</sup>- **Annunciation** – Evelyn Georghiou, Eve Konstantine, Lia Papador

As we are determining all the Names Days of our parishioners due to the many variations of names and baptismal names, please bear with us and inform the office if your name is omitted or listed on the wrong day to be added to future lists.

## *Liturgical Calendar*

### **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

### **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Sunday of The Prodigal Son**

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

### **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Saturday of Souls**

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

### **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Judgement Sunday**

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

### **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Saturday of Souls**

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

### **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Forgiveness Sunday**

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Forgiveness Vespers

### **Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Great Compline – 6:00 pm

### **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Presanctified Liturgy – 6:00 pm

### **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

First Salutation to the Virgin Mary – 6:00 pm

### **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Saturday of Souls**

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

### **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Sunday of Orthodoxy**

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Vigil for the Annunciation – 6:00 pm

(Annunciation, Santa Maria)

### **Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Feast of the Annunciation**

Orthros – 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Great Compline – 6:00 pm

### **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Presanctified Liturgy – 6:00 pm

### **Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Second Salutation to the Virgin Mary – 6:00 pm

### **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Great Vespers – 5:00 pm

### **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Sunday of Saint Gregory of Palamas**

Orthros – 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

## *Saint Barbara Prayer List*

*Please contact the Church Office to add/remove someone from the list.*

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Archbishop Demetrios of America

Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco

Metropolitan Jeronimos of Mwanza

Father Simon & Presvytera Stephanie and children

Parishioners of St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

Parishioners of St. Barbara's in Kazinga, Tanzania

Father James King (heart surgery)

Monsignor John Yanek (surgery)

Presvytera Krissy Flesoras (health)

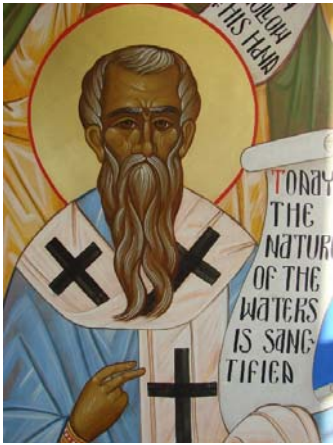
Vasili Economidou (cancer)

Bill & Helen Gekis (health)

Sorel (Sophia) Kolendrianos (Rett Syndrome)

Jheri E. Redding (Lyme Disease)

Glenn Ritsema (health)



## *Saint Sophronius,* *Patriarch of Jerusalem*

March 11<sup>th</sup>

Saint Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem, was born in Damascus around 560. From his youth he was distinguished for his piety and his love for classical studies. He was especially proficient in philosophy, and so he was known as Sophronius the Wise. The future hierarch, however, sought the true philosophy of monasticism, and conversations with the desert-dwellers.

He arrived in Jerusalem at the monastery of Saint Theodosius, and there he became close with the priest-monk John Moschus, becoming his spiritual son and submitting himself to him in obedience. They visited several monasteries, writing down the lives and spiritual wisdom of the ascetics they met. From these notes emerged their renowned book, the “Leimonarion” or “Spiritual Meadow,” which was highly esteemed at the Seventh Ecumenical Council.

To save themselves from the devastating incursions of the Persians, Saints John and Sophronius left Palestine and went to Antioch, and from there they went to Egypt. In Egypt, Saint Sophronius became seriously ill. During this time he decided to become a monk and was tonsured by Saint John Moschus.

After Saint Sophronius recovered his health, they both decided to remain in Alexandria. There they were received by the holy Patriarch, Saint John the Merciful, to whom they rendered great aid in the struggle against the Monophysite heresy. At Alexandria Saint Sophronius had an affliction of the eyes, and he turned with prayer and faith to the holy Unmercenary Saints Cyrus and John, and he received healing in a church named for them. In gratitude, Saint Sophronius then wrote the Lives of these holy Unmercenaries.

When the barbarians began to threaten Alexandria, Patriarch John, accompanied by Saints Sophronius and John Moschus, set out for Constantinople, but he died along the way. Saints John Moschus and Sophronius then set out for Rome with eighteen other monks. Saint John Moschus died at Rome. His body was taken to Jerusalem by Saint Sophronius and buried at the monastery of Saint Theodosius.

In the year 628, Patriarch Zacharias of Jerusalem returned from his captivity in Persia. After his death, the patriarchal throne was occupied for two years by Saint Modestus. After the death of Saint Modestus, Saint Sophronius was chosen Patriarch. Saint Sophronius toiled much for the welfare of the Jerusalem Church as its primate.

Toward the end of his life, Saint Sophronius and his flock lived through a two year siege of Jerusalem by the Moslems. Worn down by hunger, the Christians finally agreed to open the city gates, on the condition that the enemy spare the holy places. But this condition was not fulfilled, and Saint Sophronius died in grief over the desecration of the Christian holy places.

Written works by Patriarch Sophronius have come down to us in the area of dogmatics, and likewise his “Excursus on the Liturgy,” the “Life of Saint Mary of Egypt”, and also about 950 troparia and stikheras from Pascha to the Ascension.

While still a priest-monk, Saint Sophronius reviewed and made corrections to the Rule of the monastery of Saint Sava the Sanctified. The saint’s three Odes Canons for the Holy Forty Day Great Fast are included in the contemporary Lenten Triodion.

## 2013 Offering Opportunities for Pascha

The following is a list of items needed for the special services during Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha. Your donations are much appreciated and add to the beauty of our services. Please let us know if you would like to make a donation toward any of the items listed below.

### **General Items:**

- 10 Containers of Olive Oil (\$30 each) – \$300
- 3 Boxes of Charcoal (\$30 each) – \$90
- 4 Beeswax Candles for Solea (\$50 each) – \$200

### **Great Lent:**

- Flowers for the Icon of the Annunciation - \$100

### **Palm Sunday:**

- Palm Plants for Palm Sunday – \$100
- Flowers for Icon of the Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem – \$100

### **Bridegroom Services:**

- Flowers for Nymphios Icon – \$100

### **Holy Wednesday Unction Service:**

- Olive Oil for Holy Unction – \$30
- 7 Beeswax Candles (\$10 each) – \$70

### **Holy Thursday Crucifixion Service:**

- 3 Candles for the Cross of Christ (\$25 each) - \$75
- 12 Candles for Gospel Readings (\$10 each) – \$120
- Flowers for the Icon of the Crucifixion – \$100
- Wreath for the Cross of Christ – \$100

### **Holy Friday Apokathelosis Service:**

- New White Linen Sheet for the Body of Christ – \$25
- Rose Petals – \$30

### **Holy Friday Lamentation Service:**

- Rose Petals – \$30
- Rose Water – \$25
- Flowers for the Epitaphion – \$600
- Orchid for the Gospel – \$25

### **Holy Saturday Divine Liturgy:**

- Rose Petals – \$30

### **Holy and Great Pascha:**

- 3 Beeswax Candles for the Resurrection (\$25 each) – \$75
- Flowers for the Resurrection Icon – \$100
- 12 Easter Lilies (\$25 each) – \$300
- 8 Orchids for Resurrection (\$40 each) – \$320

*May you have a blessed Lent*

# Parish, Youth & Young Adult Ministries

## **Philoptochos**

All meetings are held in the Education Center on Sundays following the Divine Liturgy.

MEETING DATES JANUARY - APRIL 2013

Mar. 03 12:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
Mar. 17 12:00 p.m. General Meeting  
Apr. 07 12:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
Apr. 21 12:00 p.m. General Meeting & Election

## **Youth Choir**

The youth choir will be meeting to discuss future plans for Lent and Pascha. Keep an eye on the weekly bulletin for practice schedule. Practice is open to all Sunday School children. For more information, contact Sophia Kenrick at 967-1470 or [louloudaki@gmail.com](mailto:louloudaki@gmail.com).

## **Toumba**

We will be performing for the March 25th Greek Independence Day Celebrations on Saturday, March 23rd! **Practices will be after church on Sunday 3rd, 10th and 17th.** If your child wants to dance on the 23rd, please be at the practices! I need to know how many children to prep costumes for and make sure they are familiar with the dances! OPA!

## **Greek School**

Greek classes for children and adults are offered weekly at the Redding Education Center. We meet every Tuesday with first level beginning at 6:00 pm and second level at 7:00 pm.

Many of the students from Greek School and members from our Parish are starting rehearsals for a play to be performed **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, celebrating the **Greek Independence Day**. Please join us for a fun evening with food, dancing and a good time. See the enclosed flyer for details.

Questions regarding Greek classes contact Georgia at [ginagaston@verizon.net](mailto:ginagaston@verizon.net)

## **Sunday School**

The past few weeks have been exciting in Sunday school with many new families attending regularly.

The open house was a lot of fun, especially with the return of our Saint Barbara Oratorical Festival. Presvytera Stephanie led the students, who did an excellent job writing and presenting their speeches on various topics about their faith and church. It was great to have the parish witness and support the hard work and dedication that our teachers and students put forth during the past few months. Thank you to all families and students who participated at the open house, and to the Oratorical Judges: Bessie Condos, Evelyn Georghiou, and Alex & Angelique Chuchas.

Congratulations to all the students who participated competitively and non-competitively: Elementary Level - Olivia Benbow and Natalia Tziouvaras

Junior Division - Dimitri Richardson, Canian Iorio, Andriana Tziouvaras and Elena Velliotes  
Senior Division - Serene Fairbanks and Elsa Fryer

Congratulations to the finalists who will compete at the District level at St. George Church in Downey on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Junior Division - Andriana Tziouvaras and Dimitri Richardson  
Senior Division – Serene Fairbanks

All students were awarded a \$25.00 gift certificate to iTunes for their participation.

The Sunday school excitement and enthusiasm continues with the preparation for Sunday of Orthodoxy and Choir practice. Choir practice will now be integrated with the Sunday school curriculum under Sophia Kenrick's supervision. Twice a month following a short lesson, the students will gather together and learn various hymns that are sung during liturgy such as the Communion Hymn "Praise the Lord" and the Trisagion Hymn "Holy God."

Bring your children and don't miss out on the fun!

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3/03/13 Sunday School  
3/10/13 Sunday School  
3/17/13 Sunday School  
3/24/13 Sunday School  
3/31/13 Sunday School

## VIP's

The next meeting is scheduled for **March 14, 2013 at Saint Barbara Greek Church - Orthodox Center**. Look for the upcoming flyer for more information.

### Orthodox Social Network

All are welcome - singles, couples, or just friends! A great opportunity to socialize together outside of Sundays! *If you have not received an Evite for these events, this means we do not have your email address on file. Please submit your email to the*

*Church Office so we can include you in future events! Looking forward to your company!*

Our last social gathering before Great Lent has been **changed from March 2nd to March 9th, 5pm Vespers and 6pm in the Redding Center at Church**. *This is a Wine and Cheese Party! Bring a bottle of your favorite wine, your own glass(es) and a cheese appetizer* (when RSVP'ing please mention if you are bringing red or white and the type of cheese appetizer).

## 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)

The Mission of the Family of AHEPA, Santa Barbara Chapter 243, is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family and Individual Excellence. The Goal of AHEPA Chapter 243 is to expand and strengthen its educational efforts and the lifelong learning of mind and body, the Classic Hellenic definition of PAIDEA.

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.

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013, our guest speaker was Dr. Helen Morales, Argyropoulos Professor in Hellenic Studies at UCSB, who spoke about the ancient Greek goddess "Aphrodite".

AHEPA plans future events including a Santa Barbara Channel cruise and luncheon on the boat of Brother Bill Pertsulakis, a visitation to the studio of Sculptor Aris Aristedes and a program at the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society entitled "How to discover your ancestry". More details will be provided in upcoming Epistles.

Each of the meetings with a guest speaker will be open to members of the community and we invite you to join us, have dinner, and listen to an inspiring and informational speaker. We try to have the names and topics of the speakers announced in the Epistle in advance so that members of the community will be advised and may attend.

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 President Bill Poulis at (805) 682-4733.

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

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

**As previously noted, the big Apokreatiko Glendi planned for March 9<sup>th</sup> has been canceled out of respect to our sister, Lisa Stathopoulos, went to be with the Lord last month.**

Our annual **Easter Koulourakia Sale** is approaching. Please complete the order form included in this Epistle! Sale dates are Saturday of Lazarus, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and Palm Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Applications for the **AHEPA District 20 Scholarship** are now available on the information table in the Orthodox Center or by contacting Helen McGillivray, Scholarship Foundation Secretary. **The deadline to submit your application is April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

For more information about the Daughters of Penelope you can visit the national website at [www.daughtersofpenelope.org](http://www.daughtersofpenelope.org), as well as our 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.



## **Santa Barbara-Patras Sister Cities Group**

If you have not driven to the Santa Barbara Airport recently, just take a u-turn from where ever you are and drive by. You will see the Greek Flag hanging high in front of the Airport entrance. If you do not see it, don't worry it will go up again. They take turns with the other Sister Cities' flags. It is emotional and exciting at the same time. A world plaque with all the Sister Cities flags is hanging upstairs in the new lobby of the Santa Barbara Airport. Santa Barbara-Patras Sister Cities Group is continuing strong.

Patras was chosen to be the Sister City due to the similarities with Santa Barbara, geographically, culturally, tourism, and higher education. Patras has an indigenous cultural scene that revolves around annual music, drama, and poetry festivals. The Carnival attracts thousands of tourists from throughout Europe. The two Universities, a Technological Institution and their connected research institutes, Patras is an important scientific center like UCSB. The region in Patras retains some of its traditional winemaking and a small agricultural and fishing sector. The Achaia Clauss winery, founded in 1861, produces and exports wines of excellent quality throughout the world.

Our advocate group is increasing with members of different origins of Greece and non-Greeks and we meet every other month. We welcome everyone, Greek or non-Greek to join our group. For a Membership Application and more information, please contact Georgia Gastouniotis, President at [ginagaston@verizon.net](mailto:ginagaston@verizon.net), Vivi Tziouvaras, Vice President at [v.tzaxan@gmail.com](mailto:v.tzaxan@gmail.com) or George Papazacharioudakis, Secretary at [gpapazach@msn.com](mailto:gpapazach@msn.com).

## **Missions**

Thank you for supporting the Annual Mission Awareness Luncheon for 37 years. We will let you know in next month's Epistle how much we were able to raise for the orphans in India, Guatemala, and Albania this year.

## **MS WALK Santa Barbara 2013**

It is that time of the year again for our annual MS Walk Santa Barbara! This is a wonderful opportunity for our Saint Barbara Community to show our support for other local and national non-profits! Please join me on **Saturday, April 27th at Leadbetter Beach** for either a run, walk or stroll. I look forward to your company! If you have any questions about how to join our Church Team, contact Presvytera Stephanie Thomas at [s\\_c\\_thomas@yahoo.com](mailto:s_c_thomas@yahoo.com) or 805-685-5751.

## **2013 Church Directory**

If you already have a 2012 Church Directory you will be receiving an update in the mail to add to your current binder. If you would like a Church Directory look in our bookstore Sunday's after church or contact the church office during the week. (We are requesting a \$5 donation for the initial purchase of the binder and to off-set costs of printing.)

## NEWS & NOTES

### *Deaths...*

**Art Daniels**, January 30<sup>th</sup>

**Lisa Stathopoulos**, February 1<sup>st</sup>

**Mary Stamos**, February 9<sup>th</sup>

### *Memorial Services...*

**Irene Zygoraki (40 days)**, **Theodora Chlentzos (11 years)** – **Mother**, **Tasia Liapaki (3 years)**,

**Eleni Papaconstantinou (22 years)**, **Terpsichore Kakloudis (27 years)**, **Vasiliki Papaconstantinou (40 years)** – **Grandmother**, by Terry Keramaris

### *In Memory of...*

**Mary Stamos**, by George & Pat Dovas, Ellen Fenger, The Chachakos family to the Hellenic Cultural Museum

**Lisa Stathopoulos**, by Ann Dervis, Christine Lerma, Rosemary Peters, Mike & Vivian Pahos, Patti & Randy Langel, Alex Haimanis to Mission Tanzania, Bill Poulis, Pam & Tom Martinez, Nicholas & Maria Olbrantz, Verna Anderson, Ann Burnett-Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Wall, Jim & Linda Peters, The Boysel family, The Chachakos family to the Hellenic Cultural Museum

**Art Daniels**, by Francisc & Kathy Roig to Mission Tanzania, Dana Penoff, Ann Dervis, Mary Gavrilis, Mike & Vivian Pahos, Bessie Condos, Patti & Randy Langel, Bill Poulis

**Photini Plouffe**, by Ellen Fenger

## Volunteers for March 2013

### Epistle Readers:

3	Greek: Terry Keramaris	English: Randy Langel
10	Greek: Nick Pappas	English: Theophilos Lasswell
17	Greek: Angelique Chuchas	English: Ruth Angelos
24	Greek: Voula Aldrich	English: Yianni Magoulis
31	Greek: Tom Pappas	English: Dean Papazacharioudakis

### Acolytes:

Connor Blake, Costa Gastouniotis, Cainan Iorio, Dean Richardson, Dimitri Richardson

### Ushers:

3	Paul Tziouvaras, George Papazacharioudakis
10	Alex Haimanis, Nick Pappas
17	Jim Peters, Peter Stathopoulos
24	William Poulis, Brian Iorio
31	George Mamalakis, Art Markos

### Prosporo Bakers:

3	Georgia Gastouniotis
10	Angelique Chuchas
17	Sophia Kenrick
24	Valerie Katsikis
31	Connie Pappas Hillman

### Altar Flowers:

3	Available
10	Available
17	Available
24	Available
31	Available

### Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

3	George & Mary Mamalakis
10	Peter Stathopoulos & family
17	The Yazadzhev family
24	Presvytera Stephanie & Elaine Daniels
31	Philotochos

## Stewardship 2013

\*Aldrich, Voula  
Alexander, Pam  
Alexander, Sophie  
\*Angelos, Dr. James & Ruth  
Anthes, George & Stacie  
Anthimiades, Dorothy  
\*Anton, Alice  
Argyropoulos, Symeon & Antoinette  
Ballas, Gus  
Baskous, Jeannette  
\*Canfield, Taylor & Angela  
Carlton, Gary & Karen Stathis  
Carralejo, Adam & Ana  
Carroll, John & Lexy  
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Condodina, Alice  
\*Condos, Bessie  
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Tripodes, Nikitas & Dena  
\*Tullis, Bud & Barbara  
\*Tziouvaras, Paul & Vivi  
Weeks, Michael & Jan Costopoulos  
Zozos, Presvytera Mona

**\*Indicates Stewards contributing at or above the 2% level**

# Stewardship 2013

## March Stewardship Notes

A heartfelt thanks and congratulations from the Stewardship Committee to all who have turned in their completed 2013 Stewardship Commitment Cards! Of the 82 stewards who have turned in Commitment Cards, 29 stewards (35%) have joined us in our drive to give at least 2% of our gift of treasure back to Christ and His Church. We are continuing to compile the information from the "Time and Talent" forms, but please let us know if you have any questions about a particular ministry with which you want to get involved.

### 2013 Stewardship commitments as of Feb. 17

Annual Stewardship	Number of Stewards		
	2012	2013	
<b>\$0-\$149</b>	15 (10%)	6 (7%)	Minimum: \$50
<b>\$150-\$299</b>	21 (14%)	12 (15%)	
<b>\$300-\$499</b>	26 (18%)	10 (12%)	25 <sup>th</sup> percentile: \$300
<b>\$500-\$749</b>	30 (21%)	17 (21%)	Median: \$600
<b>\$750-\$999</b>	7 (5%)	3 (4%)	
<b>\$1000-\$1249</b>	18 (12%)	11 (16%)	
<b>\$1250-\$2999</b>	19 (13%)	12 (15%)	75 <sup>th</sup> percentile: \$1430
<b>\$3000-\$4999</b>	6 (4%)	6 (7%)	
<b>\$5000-\$5999</b>	0 (0%)	3 (4%)	
<b>\$6000+</b>	3 (2%)	2 (2%)	Maximum: \$8000
<b>Total</b>	145: \$144,200	82: \$105,982	

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## 2013 Stewardship Commitment Card

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please check if address has changed

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

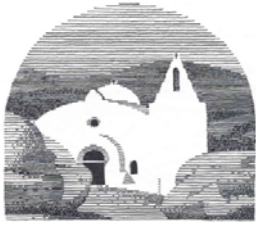
Commit to Stewardship in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and His Church for Jan–Dec 2013, in gratitude for the gifts He has bestowed upon us. This Commitment will be paid in installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on a (*please circle one*) weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis.

The amount being committed is 2% or more of our annual household income.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

The dollar amounts above are CONFIDENTIAL.

You are advised to consult your CPA or other tax advisor regarding the deductibility of all or part of this gift.  
*For Authorized Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Personnel Only*



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