



SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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We welcome you to Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church and are blessed that you have come to our worship service. We hope that this worship experience is both enlightening and inspirational. Each Sunday is the day in which we commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. The Christian Orthodox Church is the Church of the Resurrection and we rejoice in the Lord's triumph over death.

If you are a visitor to our Parish we encourage you to follow the Divine Liturgy book to assist you in following the Liturgy. While we are joyful that you have come to join us in worship, we must let you know that the sacraments are reserved for those who are Baptized and Chrismated in the Orthodox Faith. Though we may share a common belief in the Holy Trinity, not all churches are one in faith and practice. We believe that Holy Communion is not the means to Christian unity but it is in fact the fullest expression of that unity. We fervently pray for this unity in every divine service of the Orthodox Church. While visitors from other faiths are not able to receive Holy Communion today, we welcome all to receive the blessed bread that is distributed by the Priest at the end of the service. Feel free to contact Fr. Haralambos, if you desire to learn more about the Orthodox Church, the Church of the New Testament.

We would like to remind all Orthodox Christians to be spiritually prepared and in proper canonical standing with the Church in order to partake of the Holy Eucharist.

FEASTS CELEBRATED TODAY

On this, the 25th day of June, Third Sunday of Matthew, we commemorate:

The Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist
Prokopios the New Martyr
Dionysius & Dometios the Righteous of Mount Athos
The Righteous Martyr Febronia

By their holy intercessions, Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017
Third Sunday of Matthew

Hymn for the Resurrection (Second Tone)

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, then the light of Your divinity destroyed Hades. When You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out, "Glory to You, O Christ our God, the Giver of Life."

Hymn for Saint Barbara

Let us honor Saint Barbara; for the all-modest one prevailed over the snares of the enemy, and was freed from them as a sparrow, with the Cross as aid and weapon.

Seasonal Hymn

Champion of Christians not put to shame, advocate before the Maker always steadfast, do not spurn sinners' voices raised in prayer. In your goodness respond to bring help to us who devoutly petition you. Hasten your intercession and urgently make entreaty; for you unfailingly defend, Theotokos, those who honor you.

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Readers:	Greek: Voula Aldrich English: Afrula Fields
Acolytes:	Connor Blake, Theophanis Fox, Cainan Iorio, Jacob Kaminsky, Alex Nikolov, Zachary Nikolov
Prosfora:	Anna Petronakis
Ushers:	William Poulis & Alex Haimanis
Coffee Hour:	Mace and Phyllis Matiosian
Flowers:	Earl Family <i>In memory of Alex Bulboaca (6 years)</i>

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 25—Third Sunday of Matthew

❖ **Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am**

Thursday, June 29

❖ **Bible Study, 1pm, Redding Center**

Sunday, July 2—Fourth Sunday of Matthew

❖ **Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am**

Memorial-Alex Bulboaca (6 years)

Epistle Notes: Faith in Christ makes us justified—in a right and faithful relationship with God—and therefore at peace with God. Faith is the conviction that something is true; faithfulness is loyalty and obedience to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:I-10

BRETHREN, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

*The Lord is my strength and my song.
The Lord has chastened me sorely.*

- Psalm 117.14,18

WE WANT YOU IN THE PARISH DIRECTORY!

Thanks to everyone who has climbed onto the Directory bandwagon, made an appointment, and is having their portrait taken this weekend! A new and final session has been scheduled in September, so be sure to make your appointment soon as the slots are filling up quickly.

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES AND TIMES

Saturday, September 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 24th from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sign up in person in the Orthodox Center following Liturgy on Sundays, or by going online to the Church website at www.saintbarbara.net and clicking on the "Photography Scheduling" link.

Remember, that by doing so, you will receive a complimentary 8"x10" color portrait and Directory, and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your session.

You are also invited to purchase an ad to advertise a local business, service and/or personal message, which will also be included in the Directory. Business card size ads (3.5" x 2") are available for \$100; full, half or quarter page ads are also available. The deadline for submitting these ads has been extended to September 1st. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to include your ad in the Directory and to assist with costs of publication. Your consideration is appreciated.

Please be sure to contact Helen McGillivray at 805.453.4282 or helenmcgillivray@cox.net with any questions you may have.

SANTA BARBARA'S
ANNUAL
GREEK FESTIVAL



Please join us at the next Festival Meeting!

Tuesday, July 18 @ 6:30 PM

Please note: This meeting is mandatory
for all food booth managers, as the
Health Department will be doing training.

FESTIVAL BAKING

Please join us as we make delicious pastries for the Greek Festival!

BAKING DATES: Saturday July 8
 Friday July 21
 Saturday July 22



To find out how you can help,
please contact Andriana Kolendrianos

ST. ATHANASIUS SUMMER SCHOOL!

St. Athanasius Orthodox Church
2017 Summer School
June 19-July 6

Registration forms are available on the church website
<https://www.stathanasius.org/ministries/youth-education/summer-school/>

FR. BOB OUT OF THE OFFICE

June 26–July 15

Fr. Bob will be away on vacation for two weeks, and then will be attending the youth Summer Camp at Saint Nicholas Ranch.

If you have an emergency need for a Priest, please call Fr. Nicholas Speier @ (805) 698-4139

or

Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges at (805) 456-9768

service *Times*



Come Worship With Us

NEW LITURGY TIMES !

Please note that our Sunday
Liturgy times are:

Orthros, 8:00 am

Liturgy, 9:00 am

BIBLE STUDY ... NEW START TIME!

Please note that our Thursday afternoon Bible Study sessions now begin at 1pm (in the Redding Center).

