



# 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.

## **FEAST CELEBRATED TODAY**

On this, the 6th day of August, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ.

*As this is one of the twelve great feasts of the Church,  
no other Saints are celebrated on this day.*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017**

**Holy Transfiguration**

**Hymn for the Holy Transfiguration**

You were transfigured on the Mount, Christ God revealing Your glory to Your disciples, insofar as they could comprehend. Illuminate us sinners also with Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. Giver of light, glory to You.

**Seasonal Hymn for the Transfiguration**

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.

**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.

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, August 6—Holy Transfiguration**

❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am

*Blessing of the Grapes*

**Monday, August 7**

❖Paraklesis Service, 6:30pm

**Wednesday, August 9**

❖Paraklesis Service, 6:30pm

**Thursday, August 10**

❖Catechism, 6:30pm

**Friday, August 11**

❖Paraklesis Service, 6:30pm

**Sunday, August 13—Tenth Sunday of Matthew**

❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am

*Angie Redding Memorial (1 year)*

## THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

<b>Epistle Readers:</b>	Greek: Voula Aldrich English: Randy Langel
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Connor Blake, Theophanis Fox, Cainan Iorio, Jacob Kaminsky, Alex Nikolov, Zachary Nikolov
<b>Prosfora:</b>	Anna Petronakis
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bessie Condos & Brian Iorio
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	Earl Family

## EPISTLE READING

### II Peter 1:10-19

BRETHREN, be more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

## GOSPEL READING

### Matthew 17:1-9

At that time, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."

*"This is my beloved Son, with whom  
I am well pleased; listen to him."*

- Matthew 17:5

## Paraklesis Services

This most beautiful prayer service to the Theotokos will take place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 PM as we prepare for the great feast of the Dormition on August 15th. Please join us as we pray for the intercession of the Mother of God. Please bring the names of anyone in need of prayers.

## Catechism Classes

Thursdays @ 6:30pm

Classes will be held in the choir loft of the church, they will last an hour and will run for 7 weeks (through Thursday, September 14). We have a good group of inquirers that signed up at the festival, please feel free to join them! Even though it is a basic class, it is good for everyone—no matter how long you've been Orthodox!

## The August Lenten Fast in Honor of the Theotokos

The period from August 1st to the 14th is a fasting period in the Church as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.



Do you consider yourself Friendly? Active? Welcoming?

Do you love your Church?

If so, would you like to be a member of our parish Welcoming Committee? Please call Fr. Bob if you're interested in joining and/or for more information.

## **SIGN UP AND BE IN THE PARISH DIRECTORY**

A new and final photography weekend has been scheduled in September, so make your appointment soon, as available times are filling up quickly.

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### **PHOTOGRAPHY DATES AND TIMES**

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

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

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Sign up in person today in the Orthodox Center following Liturgy, or go online to the Church website at [www.saintbarbara.net](http://www.saintbarbara.net) and click on the "Photography Scheduling" link. By doing so, you will receive a complimentary 8x10" color portrait and Directory, and also have the opportunity--should you wish--to purchase additional portraits on the day of your session.

You may also advertise a local business, service, and/or personal message in the Directory by purchasing a business card size ad (3.5 x 2") for \$100; full, half or quarter page ads are also available. The deadline for submitting these ads is September 1st. Take advantage of this opportunity to include your ad in the Directory and assist with costs of publication.

Call Helen McGillivray at 805.453.4282 or email her at [helenmcgillivray@cox.net](mailto:helenmcgillivray@cox.net) with your questions.



**CHURCH**  
DIRECTORIES  
AND PORTRAITS

## Parish Council Meeting

The next parish council meeting is scheduled for 6:00pm on Tuesday, August 8

## THE PRIEST IS "IN"

Although the parish office hours are from 10am-2pm, Fr. Bob is ALWAYS available at 818-536-9122 (cell)

## PACIFIC OPERA PROJECT

—Featuring Parishioner Jamie Chamberlin—



Join St. Barbara's own rising opera star, Jamie Chamberlin, for a very special role debut as the title character in Donizetti's Bel Canto masterpiece, Lucia di Lammermoor, with cutting-edge opera company Pacific Opera Project. Featuring the renowned

"mad-scene," Lucia will be Jamie's most challenging and important role to date!

Jamie's performance dates are September 9, 15, and 17, all at 7pm. This exciting production will be presented outdoors at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale. Tenor Nathan Granner, from last October's Opera on the Sea concert also stars as Lucia's star-crossed love, Edgardo. It will surely be an unforgettable evening!

Seating is extremely limited. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.pacificoperaproject.com](http://www.pacificoperaproject.com) or call (323)739-6122.

