

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 3rd day of September, Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew, we commemorate:

Anthimos, Bishop of Nicomedeia

Holy Father Theoctistos and his fellow struggler Euthymios the Great
Polydoros the Martyr of New Ephesus

Translation of the relics of St. Nektarios the Wonderworker

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017
Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew

Hymn for the Resurrection (Fourth Tone)

The women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, "Death is vanquished. Christ our God is risen, bestowing upon the world His great mercy."

Hymn for St. Anthimos

You were prepared to shed your blood for your flock as its resolute protector. Undaunted by the threats of enemies, rejoice now in the heavenly kingdom beside the throne of the Triune Godhead. Glory be to Christ who strengthened you; glory be to your courage; glory be to your brave martyrdom O Anthimos.

Hymn for St. Theoctistos

With the rivers of your tears, you have made the barren desert fertile. Through sighs of sorrow from deep within you, your labors have borne fruit a hundredfold. By your miracles you have become a light, shining upon the world. O Theoctistos, our Holy Father, intercede to Christ our God, to save our souls.

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

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Readers: Greek: Alex Trigonis
English: Randy Langel

Acolytes: Connor Blake, Theophanis Fox, Cainan Iorio,
Jacob Kaminsky, Alex Nikolov, Zachary Nikolov

Prosfora: Afrula Fields

Ushers: William Poulis & Pete Stathopoulos

Coffee Hour: - *Coffee Hour will be in the Redding Center today* -

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 3—Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew

❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am

Thursday, September 7

Bible Study, 1pm, Redding Center

Catechism Class, 6:30pm, Choir Loft

Friday, September 8—Nativity of the Theotokos

❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am

Sunday, September 10—Sunday Before the Holy Cross

❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am

Memorial for Viktor Varonich (7 years)

Epistle Notes: Paul's displeasure with Corinth does not affect his joy for certain Corinthians. These men apparently were the carriers of the letter which Paul answers in chapters 7-15.

EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

New Hours!

Many people liked the idea of keeping summer hours throughout the year so that they can have more of the afternoon to enjoy with their families, so the parish council suggested a change.....

This year, we will not be changing the time for Liturgy on the first day of Sunday School.

Our schedule until further notice is:
Orthros 8:00 AM • Liturgy 9:00 AM

May it continue to be a blessing to our parish
and increase our attendance!

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 through Thursday, September 14. Even though it is a basic class, it is good for everyone—no matter how long you've been Orthodox!

COFFEE HOUR *in the* REDDING CENTER



Today's coffee hour will be in the Redding Center.
A private event is taking place in the Orthodox Hall.

Office Closed on Monday

In honor of the Labor Day holiday, the office will be closed this Monday, September 4. We will re-open on Tuesday for regular office hours.

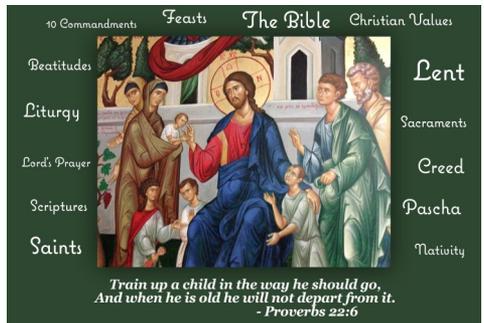
Sunday School

First Day - September 17th!

We ask all kids from pre-school through High School *and their parents* to join us on the solea for the blessing of the water after Liturgy, and then follow us to the Education Center for a parents' meeting.

PLEASE REGISTER!

Our teachers will be at coffee hour to gather all of your information after Liturgy on September 3rd and 10th. Please commit to making this a weekly part of your children's formation!



TIME IS RUNNING OUT – BOOK NOW TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PARISH DIRECTORY

The weekend of September 23rd and 24th will be the final opportunity for individuals and families to be included in Saint Barbara's soon-to-be-published Directory! Book now so you won't be left out—available times are quickly filling up!

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES AND TIMES

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

Sunday, Sept. 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sign up in person today in the Orthodox Center following Liturgy, or go online to the Church website at www.saintbarbara.net and click on the "Photography Scheduling" link. By doing so, you will receive a complimentary 8"x10" color portrait and Directory. Additional portraits may also be ordered the day of your session. All photography will take place in the adjacent Redding Education Center.

In addition to Parish community photos and roster, the Directory will also include a section advertising local businesses, services, and personal messages. You may be included 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 has been extended to September 15th. Take advantage of this opportunity to include your ad in the Directory and also assist with costs of printing.

Call Helen McGillivray at 805.965.6727 or 805.453.4282 and/or email her at helenmccgillivray@cox.net with your questions.

Saint Demetrios Golf Classic **stands out from the crowd**



Monday, September 11, 2017

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TOURNAMENT
& DINNER

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