

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 10th day of September, Sunday Before the Holy Cross, we commemorate:

Menodora, Metrodora, & Nymphodora the Martyrs
Poulcheria the Empress
Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
Sunday Before the Holy Cross

Apolytikion* for the Resurrection (Fifth Tone)

O Faithful, let us sing a hymn of praise and worship to the Logos who is co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of His own will, He went upon the Cross in the flesh and suffered death, to raise the dead through His glorious Resurrection.

Apolytikion* for The Theotokos

Your birth, O Theotokos, brought joy to the whole world, for from you dawned the sun of righteousness, Christ our God. Freeing us from the curse, He gave us His blessings. Abolishing death, He granted us eternal life.

Apolytikion* 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 Kontakion*

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."

** (please see back cover)*

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Readers: Greek: Alex Trigonis
English: Afrula Fields

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

Prosfora: Alexandra Trigonis

Ushers: Paul Tziouvaras & Brian Iorio

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 10—Sunday Before the Holy Cross

❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am

Memorial for Viktor Varonich and Adelphi Theophano

There will be no Liturgy for the Holy Cross on Thursday.

Sunday, September 17—Sunday After the Holy Cross

❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am



Epistle Notes: Paul is no hypocrite or coward. He has persevered through much for what he is teaching, and he bears in his body the marks to prove it. (Note: Paul refers to the Church as "the Israel of God.")

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit,

GOSPEL READING

John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."



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that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life."*

- John 16

Memorial Today

VIKTOR VARONICH (7 Years)
ADELPHI THEOPHANO (6 Years)

May Their Memory Be Eternal

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 today. Please commit to making this a weekly part of your children's formation!

GOYA PARENT MEETING

Please join the GOYA advisors following Liturgy today (Sept. 10) to discuss what's coming up for the 2017/18 school year! We need parent support and input!

PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING

The Philoptochos Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 PM in the Orthodox Center.

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!

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.

A Note from Fr. Bob:
IOCC's Hurricane Harvey Response
—Schedule Changes—

As a member of the "IOCC Frontliners" —a group that responds to domestic crises for International Orthodox Christian Charities—I will be flying to Houston this Saturday the 9th to help with the Hurricane Harvey relief effort.

I apologize for the following changes that this necessitates:

- This Sunday Fr. Jon-Stephen Hedges will celebrate the Divine Liturgy. (He is also an IOCC Frontliner and is returning from the first week of duty.)
- There will be no Liturgy on Thursday, September 14th for the Feast of the Holy Cross.
- Catechism class is cancelled for Thursday the 14th.
- The Parish Council meeting on Tuesday the 12th is being rescheduled, most likely for the following Tuesday the 19th.
- The GOYA parent meeting will still take place on Sunday—please attend!

I will return on the evening of Friday September 15th. In the meantime, please call Fr. Gary at St. Demetrios in Camarillo or Fr. Nicholas Speier at St. Athanasius with any pastoral concerns. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we minister to the people whose lives were upended by this terrible storm. Please pray for them and us!

With love in Christ ~~~`Fr. Bob

V.I.P. SENIORS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A "NO HOST" LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 14 @ 11:30 am

Moby Dick Restaurant at Stearns Wharf

Please call Sofija Nedic (805-967-2680)

RSVP deadline is Tuesday, September 12

APOLYTIKION

The Apolytikion (Greek: Ἀπολυτίκιον) or Dismissal Hymn is a troparion (hymn) said or sung at Orthodox Christian worship services. The apolytikion summarizes the feast being celebrated that day. It is chanted at Vespers, Matins and the Divine Liturgy; and it is read at each of the Little Hours. The name derives from the fact that it is chanted for the first time before the dismissal (Greek: *apolyxis*) of Vespers. In the Orthodox Church, the liturgical day begins at sunset, so Vespers is the first service of the day.



KONTAKION

A **Kontakion** (plural "kontakia") is a type of thematic hymn in the Orthodox Church. Originally, the kontakion was an extended homily in verse consisting of one or two preliminary stanzas followed by several verses—usually between 18 and 24—called "oikoi" (singular "oikos"). The kontakia were so long that the text was rolled up on a pole for use in the services—the genesis of the name kontakion, which means "from the pole" in Greek. In current practice, the kontakion has been greatly abbreviated. Only the first preliminary stanza and first verse are sung or read after the sixth ode of the canon at orthros. The preliminary stanza alone is sung at the Divine Liturgy, following the apolytikia.



St. Athanasius
2017 Howard Shannon
Golf Tournament & Dinner
September 15

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