

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 17th day of September, Sunday After the Holy Cross, we commemorate:

Sophia & her three daughters: Faith, Hope, and Love
Herakleides & Myron, Bishops of Crete
Afterfeast of the Holy Cross

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
Sunday After the Holy Cross

Apolytikion* for the Resurrection (Sixth Tone)

O Christ, the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the guards were as dead, and Mary stood by the grave, seeking Your sacred body. You destroyed Hades, yet remained untouched by it. You encountered the Virgin and, through her, bestowed Life. "Glory to You who have risen from the dead!"

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*

Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries. May Your alliance be for them a weapon for peace, an invincible standard.

* *(please see back cover)*

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Readers: Greek: Voula Aldrich
English: Theo Fox

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

Prosfora: Anna Petronakis

Ushers: William Poulis & Pete Stathopoulos

Coffee Hour: Earl Family

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 17—Sunday After the Holy Cross

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

Sunday School Kick-Off & Parent Meeting

Thursday, September 21

Bible Study, 1pm, Redding Center

Sunday, September 24—First Sunday of Luke

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



Epistle Notes: What does it mean to be justified? Faith in Jesus Christ is grammatically parallel to the works of the law, and should be translated, "the faith of Jesus Christ." The faith of Christ is the gospel.

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

*"For whoever would save his life will lose it;
and whoever loses his life for my sake
and the gospel's will save it."*

- Mark 8:35

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!

Sunday School Kick-Off

—REMINDER—

Today's Schedule:

Orthros at 8am

Liturgy at 9am



Parents, teachers and students should be on the solea after Liturgy for the Blessing of the Water



We will bless the classrooms together and then have a parent meeting

10 Commandments Feasts The Bible Christian Values


Beatitudes Lent

Liturgy Sacraments

Lord's Prayer Creed

Scriptures Pascha

Saints Nativity



*Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it.
- Proverbs 22:6*

WELCOME COMMITTEE

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.

DAUGHTERS of PENELOPE

DOP members are scheduled to meet in the
Orthodox Center at 6pm on Monday, September 18.

Parish Council Meeting

The next parish council meeting is scheduled for
6:00pm on Tuesday, September 19.

AHEPA Meeting

The next AHEPA meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on
Monday, September 18, at Harry's Plaza.

At the meeting we will welcome
Peter Megariotis, who is a professional hockey player
with the Anaheim Ducks.

As always, our meetings are open to the public.

LAST CHANCE TO BE PART OF THE PARISH DIRECTORY

Today will be the final opportunity for individuals/families to sign up in person in the Orthodox Center and be included in Saint Barbara's soon-to-be-published Directory! You may also sign up online by going to the Church website at www.saintbarbara.net and clicking on the "Photography Scheduling" link. Or, call or email Helen McGillivray directly this week at 965.6727, 453.4282 or helenmcgillivray@cox.net. This is the final week, so book now so you won't be left out. 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.

By signing up 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. 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 helenmcgillivray@cox.net with your questions.



**CHURCH
DIRECTORIES
AND PORTRAITS**

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.

