

# 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 14th day of January, Leavetaking of Theophany, we commemorate:

Agnes the Virgin-martyr  
Sabbas (Sava), Archbishop of Serbia  
The Holy Fathers slain at Sinai and Raitho  
Nina of Georgia

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018**

**Leavetaking of Theophany**

**Apolytikion\* for the Resurrection (Seventh Tone)**

By Your Cross, O Christ our God, You destroyed death. You opened paradise to the thief. You transformed the lament of the Myrrh-bearing women, and You commanded the Apostles to proclaim You are risen, granting the world Your great mercy.

**Apolytikion\* for Sunday After Theophany**

Lord, when You were baptized in the Jordan, the veneration of the Trinity was revealed. For the voice of the Father gave witness to You, calling You Beloved, and the Spirit, in the guide of a dove, confirmed the certainty of His words. Glory to You, Christ our God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

**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\***

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to you: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

*\* see definitions on last page*



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, January 14—Leavetaking of Theophany**

- ❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am
  - ❖Cutting of the Vasilopita after Liturgy
- Sunday School*

### **Tuesday, January 16—Eve of Feast of St. Anthony**

- ❖Great Vespers, 7pm in Pasadena

### **Wednesday, January 17—Feast of St. Anthony**

- ❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am
- Catechism in the Church, 5pm*

### **Wednesday, January 17—Eve of Feast of St. Athanasius**

- ❖Vespers Liturgy, 6pm in Goleta

### **Thursday, January 18—Feast of St. Athanasius**

- ❖There will be no Liturgy today—we are celebrating with St. Athanasius on Wednesday Evening
- Bible Study at the Kolendrianos Home, 6:30pm*

### **Sunday, January 21—15th Sunday of Luke**

- ❖Orthros, Divine Liturgy
- Sunday School*  
*Youth Choir*

## THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

**Epistle Readers:** Greek: Angelique Chuchas  
English: Sophia Kaminsky

**Acolytes:** Ryder Burge, Theophanis Fox, Cainan Iorio,  
Jacob Kaminsky, Xander Kolendrianos,  
Jacob Kourakis, Alex Nikolov, Zachary Nikolov

**Ushers:** Paul Tziouvaras & Alex Haimanis

**Prosforo:** Afrula Fields

**Coffee:** Earl Family

## EPISTLE READING

### Ephesians 4:7-13

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

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*"... the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the  
region and shadow of death light has dawned."*

*- Matthew 4:16*

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## GOSPEL READING

### Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

# Philoptochos Meetings

(please note new dates)

The Philoptochos Board Meeting has been rescheduled  
for Tuesday, January 16 @ 6:30pm

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The General Meeting has been re-scheduled  
for Sunday, January 21 @ 10:30am

## Bring your PLEDGE CARDS Next Sunday!

By now you should have received your 2018  
stewardship pledge card in the mail....

*Next Sunday, January 21st, we will collect  
completed pledge cards at the end of Liturgy.*

You don't need to pay the pledge on the 21st, we just  
want everyone to bring their cards so that we may  
collect them and say a blessing over them together.

Remember, the list in the Epistle is not a list of people  
who contribute, it is a list of the faithful stewards who  
have made a pledge for the upcoming year!

*Thank you and God bless you  
for your Stewardship!*

# BLESSING OF HOMES AFTER EPIPHANY

In Orthodox Christians lands, it is customary for the local Priest to bring the blessed water from Epiphany into the homes of the faithful and bless them.

If you would like Fr. Bob to come to bless your home following the feast of Epiphany, please call the church office at (805) 683-4492 to schedule your blessing for the new year! We will be blessing homes until February 16th.



## VASILOPITA CUTTING TODAY

Today, immediately following Divine Liturgy, we will be doing our parish's traditional cutting of the Vasilopita for the blessing of the New Year. In addition, Saint Barbara Philoptochos will be collecting donations for the St. Basil's Orphanage and Academy in New York. Please make a donation as you receive your "slice of the pie."

If you wish to donate for this special event and are not able to attend on Sunday, you may do so by mailing a check payable to Saint Barbara Philoptochos, with the memo line specifying Saint Basil's Donation, to the church (1205 San Antonio Creek Rd., Santa Barbara 93111). Donations will be accepted until Monday, January 29, 2018. Your generosity for Saint Basil's Academy is very much appreciated!

## HOME BIBLE STUDY

We are offering the opportunity for parishioners to open up their homes for us to gather and study the scriptures. Please join us at the home of Ernest and Andriana Kolendrianos (129 W. Valerio St.) for our very first one!

**Thursday, January 18 @ 6:30 PM**

Please call Andriana (805-685-8982) or the church office (805-683-4492) so that we know how many are planning on coming.

**Sign up for a study in your home!**

This is a beautiful opportunity to offer hospitality to a small group in your area. We would like to do one a month, at a time and day that are convenient for you. Call the church office to reserve a month today!

## Upcoming Meetings

Just a reminder that the Daughters of Penelope are holding their next meeting at 6:15PM on Monday, January 15.

—AND—

AHEPA is holding their next meeting at 6:30PM on Monday, January 15 at Harry's Café.

Everyone is welcome to join us to honor fellow parishioner and firefighter

**TOM POULOS**

together with all firefighters and emergency personnel who protected our community during the recent fires.

A NEW LIVE CALL-IN SHOW FROM ANCIENT FAITH



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Rev. Dr. Nicholas Louh

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Dr. Roxanne Louh

LIVE call-in show on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month  
A Ministry of St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church  
The show starts at 5pm Pacific / 8pm Eastern  
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Call in to 1-855-AFRADIO during the show  
(1-855-237-2346)

## APOLYTIKION

The **Apolytikion** (Greek: Ἀπολυτικίον) 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.