

SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Welcome to our Greek Festival! This festival is hosted by Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, and we 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 non-Orthodox visitor to our Liturgy, we encourage you to pray along with us during the service. While we are joyful that you have come to join us in worship, we must let you know that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is 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 29th day of July, Ninth Sunday of Matthew, we celebrate:

The Holy Martyr Callinicus
Pious King Theodosius the New
Seraphima the Virgin-martyr of Antioch
Holy Virgin Martyr Theodota
Constantine III, Patriarch of Constantinople
Theodota the Martyr and her Children

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

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018
NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Eighth Tone)

O merciful One, You came from on high, and condescended to Your three-day burial to save us from passions. You are our life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to You.

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 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.



THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Readers: Greek: Voula Aldrich
English: Randy Langel

Acolytes: Theophanis Fox, Jacob Kaminsky,
Xander Kolendrianos, Jacob Kourakis,
Alex Nikolov, Zachary Nikolov

Ushers: Bessie Condos & Pete Stathopoulos

Prosforo: Sophia Kenrick

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 29—Ninth Sunday of Matthew
—LITURGY IN OAK PARK—
❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am

Wednesday, August 1
Paraklesis Service, 6:30pm

Friday, August 3
Paraklesis Service, 6:30pm

Sunday, August 5—Tenth Sunday of Matthew
❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am
Special General Assembly Meeting



EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

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- Matthew 14:32

SPECIAL PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NEXT SUNDAY | AUGUST 5 | after Liturgy

**Special assembly with one (1) agenda item:
Replacement of carpet in the Orthodox Center**

All Parishioners of St. Barbara are encouraged to attend.