



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 5th day of August, Tenth Sunday of Matthew, we celebrate:

Eusignius the Martyr of Antioch

Forefeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Our Righteous Father Eugene of Aitola

Euthymios, Patriarch of Constantinople

Christos the New Martyr of Prevezis

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018
TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (First Tone)

Savior, Your tomb was sealed by the Jews with a stone. Soldiers kept watch over Your sacred body. Yet, You rose on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore the powers of heaven cried out to You, O Giver of Life, "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your Kingdom, glory to Your dispensation who alone are the Loving One."

Apolytikion for The Forefeast of the Transfiguration

You were transfigured on the Mount, Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your disciples, insofar as they could comprehend. Illuminate us sinners also with Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. Giver of light, 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

On this day of the Holy Transfiguration all mortal nature divinely shines forth crying out in joy, "Christ is transfigured saving all."

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 5—Tenth Sunday of Matthew

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

Special General Assembly Meeting

Monday, August 6—Holy Transfiguration

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

❖ **Paraklesis Service, 6:30pm**

Wednesday, August 8

❖ **Paraklesis Service, 6:30pm**

Friday, August 10

❖ **Paraklesis Service, 6:30pm**

Sunday, August 12—Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

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

Katina Demourkas Memorial (40 days)

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Readers: Greek: Alex Trigonis
English: Alex Nikolov

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

Ushers: William Poulis & Brian Iorio

Prosforo: Andriana Hohlbauch

Coffee Hour: Earl Family

The August Lenten Fast in Honor of the Theotokos

The period from August 1st to the 14th is a fasting period in the Church as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

EPISTLE READING

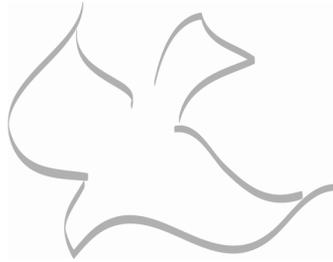
I Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."



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- Matthew 17:20

Special Collection for Fire Victims in Greece

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, along with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, are asking each parish in our Metropolis to offer a special collection to aid the victims of the recent wildfires in Greece in rebuilding their homes and livelihoods. Today we will pass a second tray for donations. Checks may be made payable to:

*Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
Memo: Attica Fires Relief Fund*

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are suffering, and for the eternal rest of the victims of this devastation.

Your generosity is appreciated.

"PEACE" SEMINAR

Saturday, August 11

St. Athanasius Orthodox Church

All women are invited to attend a seminar presented by Fr. Nicholas Speier on "The peace that passes all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). The cost is \$10 per person, and is for women only. Below is the schedule for the day:

8:30am	Light Refreshments
9:00am	First Session
10:15am	Break with Light Refreshments
10:45am	Second Session
12:15pm	Lunch

Please RSVP by Thursday, August 9 (805.685.5400)

Sponsored by St. Athanasius Women's Fellowship

We hope to see you there!

Bagels 'n Baklava is back!

Sunday, August 26th After Liturgy

This is an opportunity to have fellowship with our neighbors down the hill and to share our cultures with each other

We will go to Congregation B'nai B'rith—1000 San Antonio Creek Road—to share a meal, then Fr. Bob and Rabbi Steve Cohen will do a presentation on wedding traditions in our two faiths.

And then the dancing begins! Keep posted for more details....

Paraklesis Services

This most beautiful prayer service to the Theotokos will take place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 PM as we prepare for the great feast of the Dormition on August 15th. Please join us as we pray for the intercession of the Mother of God. Please bring the names of anyone in need of prayers.

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Come Worship With Us



Summer Sunday
Liturgy times:

Orthros, 8:00 am

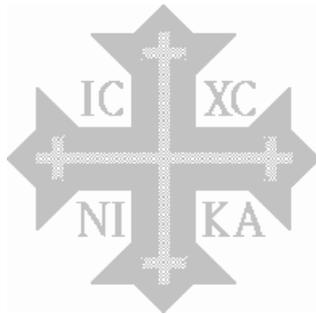
Liturgy, 9:00 am

The Directories have arrived!

If you and/or your family posed for a photo or submitted one for inclusion in our new Directory, please stop by following this morning's service and pick up your copy!

AFTER FESTIVAL PASTRY SALE

Baklava 6-Packs will be available for sale at a reduced rate of \$15, and other pastries will also be available for sale (\$2/each) following this morning's service. Pick up one or two to eat or treat and/or to freeze!



The office will be closed on
Wednesday • August 15

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos
and Ever Virgin Mary

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at
6:00pm on Tuesday, August 14

Did you know....

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. The Greek word for the feast is the “Κοίμησις (Kimisis)” which literally means “falling asleep” or “repose.” This has the same meaning as “Dormition,” which is the Latin word originally used for the feast in the Catholic Church. This is proper, as the Church always celebrates Saints on the day of their death. The Catholic Church later made it an official dogma that the Theotokos was “Assumed bodily” into heaven, meaning her body was taken into Heaven, and they changed the name of the feast to the “Assumption.” While the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven remains a pious tradition in the Orthodox Church, we have not made it official dogma, meaning that it is not an article of faith that is required of every believer. (So technically, churches named after the Kimisis should be called “Dormition of the Virgin Mary,” but if they use the term “Assumption,” we know what they mean!) May we all have a beautiful celebration of this feast, and a blessed name day to all who celebrate this great and first among the Saints – Marys, Marias, Panagiotas and Panagiotis!

