



# 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 12th day of August, Eleventh Sunday of Matthew, we celebrate:

The Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetus of Nicomedia

Soldier-martyrs of Crete

Sergios, Stephen and Kastor

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Palamon, Elder of Saint Pachomius the Great

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018**  
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Second Tone)**

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, then the light of Your divinity destroyed Hades. When You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out, "Glory to You, O Christ our God, the Giver of Life."

**Apolytikion for 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**

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 SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, August 12—Eleventh Sunday of Matthew**

❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am

*Katina Demourkas Memorial (40 days)*

**Monday, August 13**

❖Paraklesis Service, 6:30pm

**Wednesday, August 15—The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady  
the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary**

❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am

**Sunday, August 19—Twelfth Sunday of Matthew**

❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am

*Ioannidis Family Memorial*

## THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

<b>Epistle Readers:</b>	Greek: Angelique Chuchas English: Randy Langel
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Theophanis Fox, Jacob Kaminsky, Xander Kolendrianos, Jacob Kourakis, Alex Nikolov, Zachary Nikolov
<b>Ushers:</b>	Paul Tziouvaras & Alex Haimanis
<b>Prosforo:</b>	Anna Petronakis
<b>Coffee Hour and Flowers:</b>	John P. and Dana Demourkas Mary, John and Katina Fictum <i>In Memory of Katina Demourkas (40 days)</i>

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## EPISTLE READING

### I Corinthians 9:2-12

**B**rethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

## GOSPEL READING

### Matthew 18:23-35

**T**he Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

*"... should not you have mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?"*

- Matthew 18:33

## Memorial Today

KATINA DEMOURKAS (40 days)

~ May Her Memory Be Eternal ~

## 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.

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



## 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!



## Bagels and Baklava

Sunday, August 26th After Liturgy  
Orthodox Center at St. Barbara

*Please join us as we get to know our neighbors at  
Congregation B'nai B'rith—through fun,  
socializing, food and culture!*

Fr. Bob and Rabbi Steve Cohen will discuss various aspects of  
our two faiths—including different wedding traditions.

*And then the dancing begins!*

*Please call (805.683.4492) or email ([office@saintbarbara.net](mailto:office@saintbarbara.net))  
the office to RSVP.*

## AFTER FESTIVAL PASTRY SALE

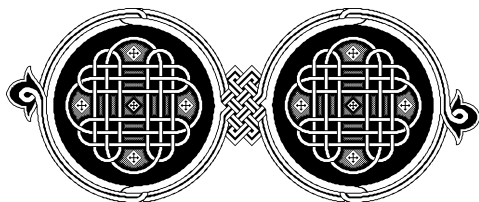
*Baklava 6-Packs will be available for sale at a  
reduced rate of \$15, and other pastries will also  
be available for sale (\$2/each) following this  
morning's service. Pick up one or two to eat or  
treat and/or to freeze!*

## *Did you know....*

### PARAKLESIS

The word “Paraklesis” comes from “parakaleo”, which is a compound of παρά (near) and καλέω (to call) so it means literally “to call near.” A “Paraklesis” is a “calling near”, as in calling to someone to help. It can be translated as “intercession”, “supplication”, “appeal” or “request”, but it can also mean “comfort” or “consolation” – which is the result when we call out to God to come near to us in affliction.

There are many Paraklesis services that have been written to many different Saints, asking them to pray for the faithful in time of despair or desperation. By far the most popular service is the Paraklesis to the Mother of God. This hymn can be prayed or chanted privately at any time for comfort, or sung liturgically with supplications for all of the faithful. It is especially sung during the first 14 days of August, as we prepare for the grand feast day of the Falling Asleep (Dormition) of the Theotokos – The Mother of God, the Virgin Mary. The hymn is beautiful and comforting in either Greek or English – please come and pray the service at least once during this time of preparation for the Dormition!



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*Come Worship With Us*



Summer Sunday  
Liturgy times:

**Orthros, 8:00 am**

**Liturgy, 9:00 am**

