



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 26th day of August, Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew, we celebrate:

The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalie
Our Righteous Father Joseph
Icon of the Mother of God of Vladimir

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Fourth Tone)

The women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, "Death is vanquished. Christ our God is risen, bestowing upon the world His great mercy."

Apolytikion for Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalie

O thrice blessed, you were led to saving faith, an undiminishing joy. You abandoned paternal impiety, and by following in the footsteps of the Master, you abundantly received divine gifts. O glorious Adrian, beseech Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

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

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

THIS WEEK'S SERVERS

Epistle Readers: Greek: Georgia Gastouniotis
English: Afrula Fields

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

Ushers: Bessie Condos & Afrula Fields

Prosforo: Angelique Chuchas

Flowers: Sophie Alexander and Family
In Memory of Grace Alexander

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26—Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew

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

*Memorials—Lefteris Kallonas (10 years), Adelphi Theophano (7 years)
and Errikos (Henry) Mamalakis (1 year)*

“Bagels and Baklava”

Wednesday, August 29—Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

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

Saturday, September 1—Indiction/Ecclesiastical New Year

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2—Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew

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

EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

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- 1 Corinthians 16:13

Memorials Today

LEFTERIS KALLONAS (10 years)

ADELPHI THEOPHANO (7 years)

ERRIKOS (HENRY) MAMALAKIS (1 year)

~ May Their Memory Be Eternal ~



— *Kick Off the New Ecclesiastical Year* —

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 9
“HOMECOMING”

On Sunday, September 9th, immediately following Liturgy we'll celebrate homecoming in our courtyard. Live 🎵 music, dance performance by our youth dance group, and performance by our junior choir. In addition, representatives of our many ministries will be on hand to inform you and pass on information about how you can be part of the ministries they lead.

*Join in and continue to be part of
the Parish Family!*

This will all be followed by complimentary celebration luncheon. Hopefully you'll find another ministry to share your talents. Please make every attempt to be part of this celebration. See you there!

Fun!

music!

FOOD!

DANCING!





Bagels and Baklava

Sunday, August 26th | 11:30am-2:30pm
Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

Please join us as we get to know our neighbors at Congregation B'nai B'rith (the Jewish synagogue down the street)—through fun, socializing, food and culture!

We will enjoy a bi-cultural buffet, followed by a short presentation by Fr. Bob and Rabbi Steve Cohen on wedding traditions in the Orthodox and Jewish faiths.

service *Times*

Come Worship With Us



—through Labor Day—

Summer Sunday
Liturgy times:

Orthros, 8:00 am
Liturgy, 9:00 am

MUSEUM OPEN TODAY

**THE HELLENIC CULTURAL MUSEUM
WILL BE OPEN TODAY
AFTER LITURGY**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME
AND VISIT THE MUSEUM**



Did you know...

LITURGY

Liturgy comes from the Greek word "λειτουργία" which literally means "Work of the people." The very word signifies the importance of the entire body of the Church gathering together. In ancient Greece, the word was used for a gathering of the people in a city to perform their most important work—funding the operations of the state. As Christians we gather together to perform the most important work of the Church—worshiping God and receiving Holy Communion.

There are two roles in a Liturgy—a celebrant (Bishop or Priest) and the laity (the people). A priest cannot celebrate Liturgy by himself as our Catholic brothers do as part of their daily devotions. He must have at least one other person to represent the laity, to pray with him, respond to the petitions and commune with him.

It is interesting that in modern Greek, the word "Liturgo" as a verb means "to function." The Church is truly functioning when it celebrates Liturgy, and it is not functioning if it does not!

