



# 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 9th day of September, Sunday Before Holy Cross, we celebrate:

The Holy & Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna  
Severian the Martyr of Sebastia

Theophanes the Confessor

Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Memory of the Third Holy Ecumenical Council in Ephesus

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**  
**SUNDAY BEFORE HOLY CROSS**

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

O Christ, the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the guards were as dead, and Mary stood by the grave, seeking Your sacred body. You destroyed Hades, yet remained untouched by it. You encountered the Virgin and, through her, bestowed Life. "Glory to You who have risen from the dead!"

**Apolytikion for Nativity of the Theotokos**

Your birth, O Theotokos, brought joy to the whole world, for from you dawned the sun of righteousness, Christ our God. Freeing us from the curse, He gave us His blessings. Abolishing death, He granted us eternal life.

**Apolytikion for Saints Joachim and Anna**

O Lord, celebrating the memory of the righteous divine ancestors, we beseech You through them to save 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: Angelique Chuchas

English: Olivia Benbow

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

**Ushers:** William Poulis & Alex Haimanis

**Prosforo:** Afrula Fields

**Coffee Hour:** HOMECOMING

**Flowers:** Vivi Katsioularis

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—Sunday Before Holy Cross**

❖ **Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am**

*Memorials—Alexis Keramaris (1 year) & Victor Varonich (8 years)*

*HOMECOMING*

**Friday, September 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

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

*Strict Fast Day*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16—Sunday After Holy Cross**

❖ **Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am**

*Sunday School Blessing / Parent Meeting*

*Philoptochos General Meeting*

*Epistle Notes: How does one boast in the Cross? Throughout the history of the Church, Christians have preached the Cross, displayed the Cross in their homes and altars, venerated the Cross in the Liturgy, and signed themselves with the Cross in worship of the Holy Trinity during times of fear or temptation.*

## EPISTLE READING

**Galatians 6:11-18**

**B**rethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

## GOSPEL READING

### John 3:13-17

**T**he Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

### *Memorials Today*

ALEXIS KERAMARIS (1 year)  
VICTOR VARONICH (8 years)

*~ May Their Memory Be Eternal ~*

## Sunday School Blessing

We ask all kids from pre-school through High School *and their parents* to join us on the solea for the blessing of the water after Liturgy, and then follow us to the Education Center for a parents' meeting.

### *After-Festival Pastry Sale*

Delicious pastries—Baklava, Melomacaronā, Kourabiedes, Walnut and Yogurt Cake—are available for sale at After-Festival Price\$, in variety 6-packs. Stop by the Orthodox Center following services this morning and pick up a pack or two to take home!

*Your family and guests are cordially invited to our  
HOMECOMING and complimentary luncheon!*



*— 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!**

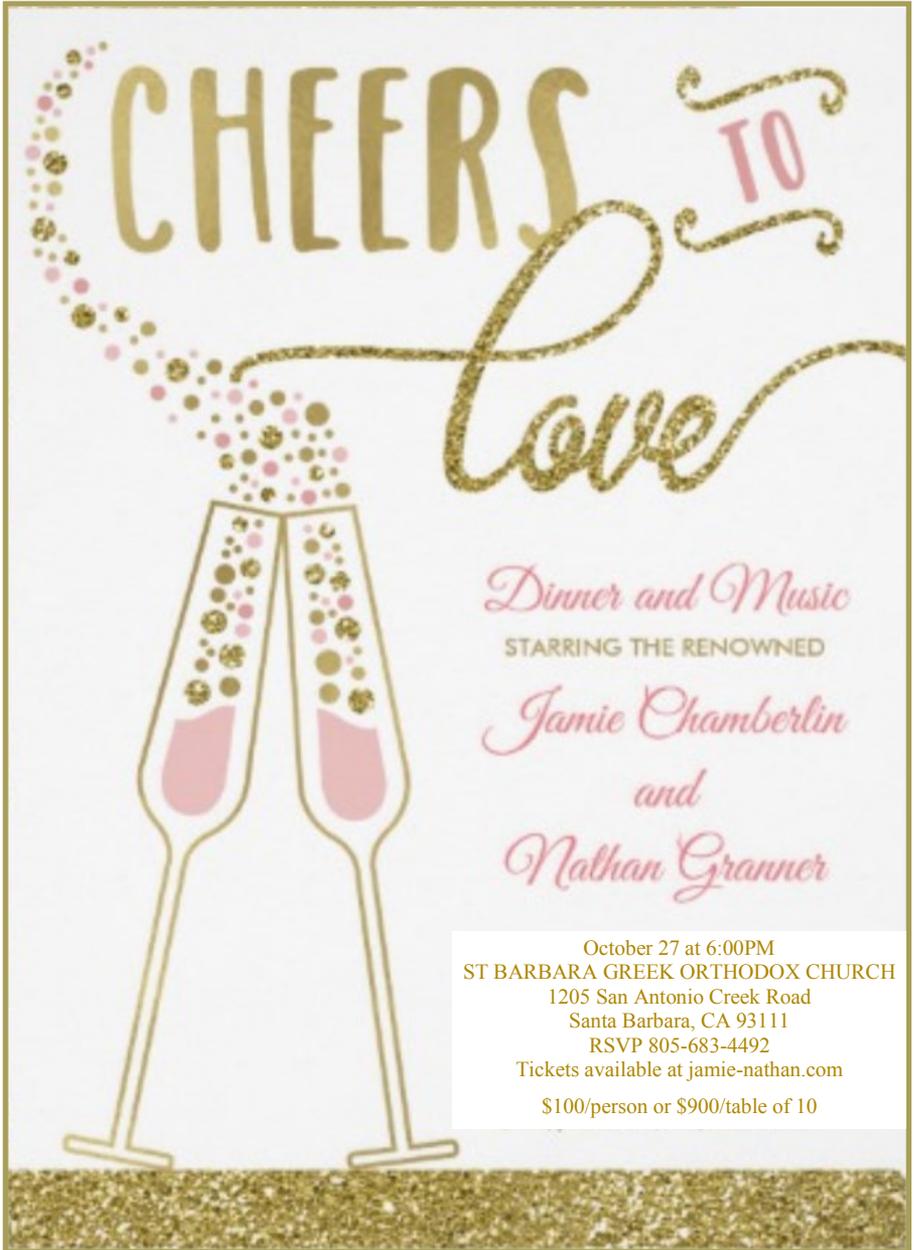
**FOOD!**

**music!**

**DANCING!**



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## Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at 6:00pm on Tuesday, September 11.

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## The Directories have arrived!

You may remember that the photo directory company (LifeTouch), offered a free photo and directory for everyone who sat for a photo. 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! If you would like to order one, at a nominal fee, we'll be happy to take your order.

*Did you know...*

### ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Elevation of the Holy Cross is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on September 14. This feast is also referred to as the Exaltation of the Cross. This is also a popular name day for Stavroula/Stavros (from "stavros" meaning cross).

This feast commemorates two events:

- The finding of the Cross by the Empress Helen (the mother of St. Constantine the Great) on Golgotha in 326 AD, the place where Christ was crucified.

On the spot where the Cross was discovered, St. Helen had found a hitherto unknown flower of rare beauty and fragrance, which has been named "Vasiliko," or Basil, meaning the flower of royalty. Note that the word "Vasiliko" means "of the King," since the word "Basileus" in Greek means "King"; so, the plant Vasiliko, Basil, is tied to the Precious Cross of the King of Glory, our Lord Jesus Christ.

- The recovery of the Cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified from the Persians. The Persians had captured the True Cross as a prize of war when they sacked Jerusalem in 614 AD. It was recovered by the forces of the Byzantine Empire (Eastern Roman Empire) in 627 AD

This is one of the two feast days which is held as a strict fast. The other is the commemoration of the Beheading of St. John the Forerunner on August 29.