SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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ST. BARBARA'S IS OPEN!

We welcome back all of you who are ready to come back and worship. In order worship in person, please go to <u>saintbarbara.net</u> and read the "Worship Guidelines", then call the number provided to reserve a seat. Someone will call you to confirm your reservation before you come.

All of our services will be broadcast on the internet, please visit <u>www.saintbarbara.net/live-streaming/</u> to join in.

If there is any way that we can minister to you or your family, please call the church office or Fr. Bob and we will do everything in our power to meet your needs.

During these challenging times, we pray that the Church will be a vehicle of solace and peace for everyone!

FEASTS CELEBRATED TODAY

On this, the 28th of June, the 3rd Sunday of Matthew, we celebrate:

Finding of the Relics of Cyrus and John the Unmercenaries Pappias the Martyr Fathers Sergius and Herman, Founders of Valaam Monastery Synaxis of the Icon of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos Paul the Physician of Corinth Sergios the Magister

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

Sunday, June 28, 2020 3RD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

These hymns are sung after the Priest enters the Altar carrying the Gospel. The Apolytikion for the Resurrection is sung once in Greek at the exit, and it is repeated in English after the entrance.

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 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

Champion of Christians not put to shame, advocate before the Maker always steadfast, do not spurn sinners' voices raised in prayer. In your goodness respond to bring help to us who devoutly petition you. Hasten your intercession and urgently make entreaty; for you unfailingly defend, Theotokos, those who honor you.

Please Note...

The liturgy on JUNE 30 for the Synaxis of the 12 Apostles will be for higher-risk individuals only, please only reserve a spot if you are 65 or older or have a pre -existing medical condition that makes you more susceptible to the COVID virus.

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Epistle Notes: Those who appropriate Christ's love are reconciled to God. "To reconcile" means to change or reestablish, as in a broken friendship—to return to peace and communion.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:1-10

rethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 - 3RD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW *Orthros 9am; Divine Liturgy 10am

Monday, June 29— Feast of Saints Peter and Paul & Orthros 8am; Divine Liturgy 9am

Tuesday, June 30 - Synaxis of the 12 Holy Apostles HIGHER-RISK PARISHIONERS ONLY!! *Orthros 8am; Divine Liturgy 9am

SUNDAY, JULY 5 - 4TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW *Orthros 9am; Divine Liturgy 10am

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:22-33

he Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear? For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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