

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 to worship in person, please go to saintbarbara.net 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 continue to be broadcast on the internet, please visit www.saintbarbara.net/live-streaming/ 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 21st of June, the 2nd Sunday of Matthew, we celebrate:

Julian the Martyr of Tarsus

Terentios, Bishop of Iconium

Nikitas the New Martyr of Nisyros

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

TOGETHER BECOMING ONE IN CHRIST

Sunday, June 21, 2020
2ND 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 (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 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...

Fr. Bob will be out of town from Wednesday, June
24th through Saturday, June 27th. Please call Fr. Nicholas at
St. Athanasius or Fr. Gary at St. Demetrios in Camarillo for any
urgent needs.

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or just TEXT "saintbarbara" to 77977. Choose "Stewardship" as
the fund. Thank you!

Epistle Notes: Even as believing Christians, we must not take the outcome of God's final judgment for granted. In every Divine Liturgy Orthodox Christians pray, "For a good defense before the dread Judgment Seat of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: Lord have mercy." Romans 2:2-16 describes God's righteous judgment, showing how we can prepare ourselves for it.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 - 2ND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

❖Orthros 9am; Divine Liturgy 10am

❖*Father's Day*

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 - 3RD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

❖Orthros 9am; Divine Liturgy 10am

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

*"FOLLOW ME,
and I will make you fishers of men"*

- Matthew 4:19



We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. - *Romans 5:3*