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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.

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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 12th of July, the 5th Sunday of Matthew, we celebrate:

Proclus & Hilary the Martyrs of Ancyra

Our Holy Father Michael of Maleinus

Gerasimos of Byzantium and Akakios the young ascetic

Paisios the Athonite

Veronica, the woman with the issue of blood who was healed by Jesus

Andre the Commander & his Companion Martyrs

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

Sunday, July 12, 2020
5th 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 (Fourth Tone)

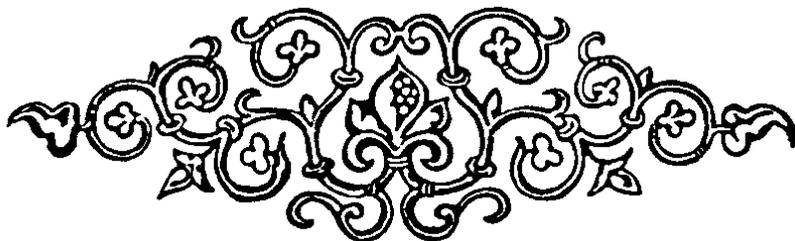
The women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, "Death is vanquished. Christ our God is risen, bestowing upon the world His great mercy."

Apolytikion for 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.



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Epistle Notes: The major theme of the letter to the Romans is God's righteousness revealed in Christ for our salvation. Christ has always been the way of salvation in both testaments. The law prepared people for Him. Christ puts an end to the law as a way for people to try to gain righteousness without Him. His righteousness is superior to that of the law. His coming is the fulfillment of God's righteousness.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JULY 12 - 5TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

❖ Orthros 9am; Divine Liturgy 10am

Friday, July 17— Feast of Saint Marina

❖ Orthros 8am; Divine Liturgy 9am

SUNDAY, JULY 12 - FATHERS OF THE 4TH COUNCIL

❖ Orthros 9am; Divine Liturgy 10am

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

*"The word is near you, on your lips
and in your heart"*

- Romans 10:8

