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Liturgy will be outside this Sunday! Services are still live-streaming.

Sunday Liturgies will be held outside.

Please call (805) 845-9475 to reserve a space!

We will continue to bring you all services via the web so that we can all continue to pray together.

To view our services on the internet, please visit

www.saintbarbara.net/live-streaming/

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 30th of August, 12th Sunday of Matthew, we celebrate:

(click on the red links to learn more about the feast)

[Apodosis of the Feast of the Forerunner](#)

[Alexander, John, and Paul the New, Patriarchs of Constantinople](#)

Phantinos the Righteous of Calabria

16 Monk-martyrs of Thebes

6 Martyrs of Melitene

[The Synaxis of the Holy Hierarchs of Serbia](#)

[The Holy New Martyrs of Serbia](#)

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

Sunday, August 30, 2020
12TH 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 (Third Tone)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord, by His Mighty Arm, has created a Dominion. He has conquered death by death, and become the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted the world great mercy.

Apolytikion for St. John the Forerunner

The just are recalled with songs of praise. But for you, O Forerunner, the Lord's testimony is enough. For you proved yourself more honored even than the Prophets, since you were found worthy to baptize in the river the One you had foretold. Thus, having more than upheld the truth, you had the joy of preaching, even to those in the Hades, the good news: of God manifested in the flesh, who takes away the sin of the world and grants us 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

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."



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Epistle Notes: Paul delivered an apostolic tradition of Christ's Resurrection, which is unchanging and sufficient for salvation. How had Paul received his gospel? By direct experience with the risen Lord, confirmed by his interactions with the original Apostles and the whole Church. It is impossible to decipher what he learned where; in Paul's mind, his gospel forms a seamless whole. "To receive" designates the passing on of tradition.

EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 - 12th Sunday of Matthew

❖Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am

MEMORIAL FOR SISTER SERAPHIMA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - Church New Year

Liturgy will be outside—call to reserve a space!

❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - 13th Sunday of Matthew

❖Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."



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