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Liturgy will be outside this Sunday!

Services are still live-streaming.

NOTE: The air quality will be "unhealthy for sensitive people."

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 13th of September, the Sunday Before the Feast of the Holy Cross, we celebrate: *(click red links to learn more about the feast)*

[Forefeast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross](#)

[The Consecration of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre](#)

[Cornelius the Centurion & Martyr](#)

[Aristides the Philosopher](#)

[Hierotheos the Righteous of Iveron Monastery, Mount Athos](#)

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

Sunday, September 13, 2020
SUNDAY BEFORE HOLY CROSS

*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 (Fifth Tone)

O Faithful, let us sing a hymn of praise and worship to the Logos who is co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of His own will, He went upon the Cross in the flesh and suffered death, to raise the dead through His glorious Resurrection.

Apolytikion for the Forefeast of the Holy Cross

The lifegiving Cross which in Your goodness You have given us, though unworthy, we offer You in intercession. Save our rulers and Your city, keeping them in peace through the Theotokos, loving Lord.

Apolytikion for the Consecration of the Holy Sepulchure

Like the splendor of the upper firmament, You demonstrated the beauty of the earthly holy dwelling place of Your glory, O Lord. Keep it firm from age to age, and accept our prayers unceasingly offered up in it, at the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You are the Life and Resurrection of all.

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

The Church has been manifested as are the heavens, proliferate with stars, illuminating all the faithful. Now, standing here within her we cry out, "Lord, make firm the foundations of this House."

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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

Brethren, 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.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - Sunday before Holy Cross

❖Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am

MEMORIAL FOR MARY SPANOS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - Feast of the Holy Cross

❖Orthros, 8am; Divine Liturgy, 9am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - Sunday after Holy Cross

❖Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am

**MEMORIALS FOR NICK MARTIN AND
ALEXIS KERAMARIS**

GOSPEL READING

John 3:13-17

The 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."



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