

# SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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 December, the 11th Sunday of St. Luke, we celebrate:

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

Christ's forefathers according to the flesh

[Herman the Wonderworker of Alaska & First Saint of America](#)

[The Holy Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and](#)

[Orestes of Greater Armenia](#)

[Lucia the Virgin-martyr](#)

Gabriel the Hieromartyr, Archbishop of Serbia

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



**Sunday, December 13, 2020**

**11TH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

*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 the Forefathers of Christ**

You justified the forefathers in faith and, through them, betrothed yourself aforetime to the Church taken from out of the Gentiles. The saints boast in glory. For from their seed, there exists a noble crop, it is she, who without seed, has given You birth. By their intercessions, O Christ our God, save our souls.

**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**

Today the Virgin comes to the cave to ineffably give birth, to the eternal Logos. Harkening to this, rejoice, O Universe, with the angels and shepherds glorify Him, the God before all ages, who willed to be beheld as a young child.



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*Epistle Notes: True asceticism: As baptized Christians, we are becoming in practice what we are already in spirit. As we died with Christ, so we must will to experience death daily by “killing” old sinful and disintegrating passions (vv. 5–9). As we were raised with Christ, so we must will to experience life daily by the virtuous and unifying desires of the new man we all are in the body of Christ (vv. 10–14).*

## EPISTLE READING

### Hebrews 13:17-21

**B**rethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 - 11th Sunday of St. Luke**

❖Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am

**MEMORIAL FOR STEFKA PETROVA - 90 DAYS**

**MEMORIAL FOR ATHENA CHULEAS - 40 DAYS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 - Sunday before the Nativity**

❖Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

*"Go out to the highways and hedges,  
and compel people to come in,  
that my house may be filled."*

*Luke 14:23*