

# *The Epistle*

*May 2010*

*Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church*

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## *The Eighth "Commandment" of Saint Barbara's*

### **You Shall Wear Your Sunday Best on Sunday**

A few of years ago, when I was serving the Holy Cross parish in Belmont, California, one of the parishioners came into my office and asked me, "Father, do I *really* have to wear a suit and tie to church on Sunday? I used to wear one, but I noticed everyone else dresses down and I just followed their lead." He finished with a chuckle, "Is that bad?"

I like to answer questions of this nature, with another question, "What do you think?" Others also come to mind, "Why do you come to church? Why do you come to Communion? Is it not to be in the presence of God? Is it not to receive the holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ? How should we dress in the presence of our Lord?"

The term "Sunday Best" has unfortunately lost its meaning in modern times. We have become so lax in our church attire, that we actually notice someone who is dressed up! I often wonder if our outward appearance in Church reflects the inner state of our soul. Do you know that by entering into the church for the Divine Liturgy, we leave the world behind, and enter into the Kingdom of God? What are the words that initiate the Divine Liturgy? "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, ..." How do we come dressed to enter into the Kingdom, to be in the presence of our Lord?

There are all sorts of excuses for not dressing in a suit and tie, or a nice dress to church: "The weather in Santa Barbara is so nice all the time." "God doesn't care how I look." Whereas that may be the case, one only need to look to the Scriptures to see how God perceives things. He instructs His Temple and the Ark of the Covenant to be made of the finest gold, silver, jewels and wood. He instructs His Priests to wear the finest vestments. Is it any wonder that we built our churches to be beautiful, and furnish them with gold and silver and marble? Even the sacrifice of Cain was not accepted by God, simply because it was not of the BEST he had to offer.

Furthermore, the Scriptures teach us regarding our dress. St. Paul explains that a man should cut his hair, and a woman should have her head covered (1 Corinthians 11:2-16). Although head coverings are not necessary, neither are they discouraged. Wearing sackcloth is a sign of mourning (see Daniel 9:3), and rending our garments is a sign of hearing blasphemy (see Matthew 26:65). We are even told that God is clothed with light as with a garment (Psalm 103).

The topic of appropriate attire for church may seem to be a trivial or minor issue dealing with customs and traditions that are more a matter of personal taste and preference. However, it is in fact a very important topic that reaches to the heart of how we live our lives as Christians and how we see the nature of the human person. Our clothing reveals much about us – our lifestyle, outlook on life, and even our self-esteem. When it comes to Church attendance, our clothing can convey many messages: modesty, discretion, simplicity, indifference or vanity. As Orthodox Christians we are called to offer to Christ our best in all areas of our life, and the same is true of our attire.

# Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

*The mission of Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church is to safeguard the 2,000 year old Traditions handed down by Christ and His disciples, by encouraging members to participate actively in the Sacramental life of the Church, and by furthering our knowledge of the Faith through education. In order to realize our role as stewards of God's vineyard and to grow spiritually as individuals and as a Parish, we will share our Faith with those who seek the knowledge of God, welcome and embrace all who join us in worship and fellowship, and reach out to those in need. Fulfilling our mission will draw us closer to God and His Kingdom, and allow us to experience the love of God (Agape) in our Parish and community.*

Rev. Father Simon Thomas  
Parish Priest

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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY \* 9 A.M. – 5 P.M.

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA \* METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

## President's Report

Brothers and Sisters,

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

Holy Week services were, as usual, awe-inspiring, and this year the number of people who stayed for the Easter Liturgy was larger than usual. May we all celebrate the Resurrection together again next year! Και του χρόνου! A new tradition has begun at Saint Barbara's with this year's vigil on Holy Thursday night. Six teams (thirteen volunteers in all) read in shifts throughout the night from the Psalter and the Gospels. All were positive about this unique spiritual experience. We hope to have even more readers next year!

At its April 12 meeting, the Parish Council approved minutes of the March meeting and received reports from the Treasurer, and the Buildings and Grounds, Capital Projects and Interiors, Stewardship, Fundraising, Hospitality and Outreach, and Scholarship committees.

The Scholarship Committee presented its final report, which was accepted by the Parish Council. Look for details of the 2010 Scholarship Program in this issue of *The Epistle*.

Planning has already begun for the Saint Barbara's Feast Day in December. If you would like to participate, contact Jim Arger.

Saint Barbara's will soon have a sign visible from both directions on San Antonio Creek Road. The signage project will involve some landscaping changes and should be completed in the next few months. The Parish Council is also looking into a composting and recycling program.

If you have not already done so, please submit your stewardship commitment card for 2010, as this will assist the Parish Council in managing the annual budget.

In His Service,  
Theony Condos

## Liturgical Calendar

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

Orthros – 9 am

Divine Liturgy – 10 am

**Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Feast of Saint Irene**

Orthros – 8 am

Divine Liturgy – 9 am

**Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday of the Blind Man**

Orthros – 9 am

Divine Liturgy – 10 am

**Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Feast of the Ascension**

Orthros – 8 am

Divine Liturgy – 9 am

**Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday of the Fathers of the First Council**

Orthros – 9 am

Divine Liturgy – 10 am

**Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Feast of Saints Constantine & Helen**

Orthros – 8 am

Divine Liturgy – 9 am

**Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Saturday of the Souls**

Orthros – 8 am

Divine Liturgy – 9 am

**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Pentecost Sunday**

Orthros – 9 am

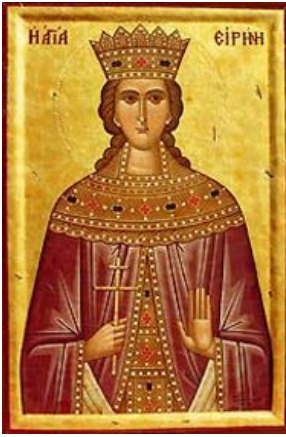
Divine Liturgy – 10 am

**Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**All Saints Sunday**

Orthros – 9 am

Divine Liturgy – 10 am



## St. Irene the Great Martyr

May 5<sup>th</sup>

The holy Great Martyr Irene was born in the city of Magedon in Persia during the fourth century. She was the daughter of the pagan king Licinius, and her parents named her Penelope. She was very beautiful, and her father kept her isolated in a high tower from the time she was six so that she would not be exposed to Christianity. He also placed thirteen young maidens in the tower with her. An old tutor by the name of Apellian was assigned to give her the best possible education. Apellian was a Christian, and during her lessons, he told the girl about Christ and taught her the Christian Faith and virtues.

When Penelope reached adolescence, her parents began to think about her marriage. One day, a dove flew through the window carrying an olive branch in its beak, depositing it upon a table. Then an eagle swooped in with a wreath of flowers in its beak, and also placed it upon the table. Finally, a raven flew in carrying a snake, which it dropped on the table. Penelope was puzzled by these events and wondered what they meant. Apellian explained that the dove signified her education, and the olive branch stood for the grace of God which is received in Baptism. The eagle with the wreath of flowers represented success in her future life. The raven and the snake foretold her future suffering and sorrow.

At the end of the conversation Apellian said that the Lord wished to betroth her to Himself and that Penelope would undergo much suffering for her heavenly Bridegroom. After this Penelope refused marriage, was baptized by the priest Timothy, and she was named Irene (peace). She even urged her own parents to become Christians. Shortly after this, she destroyed all her father's idols.

Since St Irene had dedicated herself to Christ, she refused to marry any of the suitors her father had chosen for her. When Licinius learned that his daughter refused to worship the pagan gods, he was furious. He attempted to turn her from Christ by having her tortured, but she was preserved by the grace of God. Seeing this, Licinius and his wife, and many of the people, believed in Christ and turned from the pagan gods. Resigning his administrative duties, Licinius devoted himself to the service of Christ. St Irene lived in the house of her teacher Apellian, and she began to preach Christ among the pagans, converting them to the path of salvation.

The new prefect of the city, Sedicius, summoned Irene to him and urged her to stop preaching about Christ. He also attempted to force her to sacrifice to the idols. St Irene staunchly confessed her faith before the prefect, not fearing his wrath, and prepared to undergo suffering for Christ, from which she was again preserved.

Next, the saint went to the city of Callinicus. The ruler of that place was King Numerian, the son of Sebastian. When she began to teach about Christ, she was arrested and tortured by the pagan authorities. Sensing the approach of death, Numerian instructed his eparch Babdonus to continue torturing the saint in order to force her to sacrifice to idols. Once again, the tortures were ineffective, and many people turned to Christ.

Wishing to convert even more pagans to Christianity, St Irene went to Ephesus, where she taught the people and performed many miracles. The Lord revealed to her that the end of her life was approaching. Then St Irene left the city accompanied by six people, including her former teacher Apellian. On the outskirts of the town, she found a new tomb in which no one had ever been buried. After making the Sign of the Cross, she went inside, directing her companions to close the entrance to the cave with a large stone, which they did. When Christians visited the cave four days later, they did not find the body of the saint.

The holy, glorious Great Martyr Irene is invoked by those wishing to be married. In Greece, she is also the patron saint of policemen. St Irene is also one of the twelve Virgin Martyrs who appeared to St Seraphim of Sarov and the Diveyevo nun Eupraxia on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1831. By her holy prayers, may the Lord have mercy upon us and save us.

# Santa Barbara Greek Festival

July 31<sup>st</sup> & August 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

Festival time is just around the corner!

**FESTIVAL MEETING:** A Festival Meeting will be taking place soon, please plan on attending. Your input is valued. Agenda items are: Identifying booth chair people, grounds layout, drawing prices, expense budget.

**FESTIVAL BROCHURE:** Over 40,000 brochures are distributed as inserts in the local newspaper. The pacing item for the brochure is the advertising it contains. Last year's Brochure was very successful, and thanks to you it could be so this year. We need your help in soliciting sponsors for ads in the brochure.

**BOOTH SPONSORS:** Booth Sponsorships are available for most Festival Booths. Booth Sponsors are acknowledged in the brochure. In addition, a sign identifying the sponsor is displayed in the booth.

**BROCHURE ADS:** Over 40,000 brochures will be distributed throughout SB County. Camera-ready art is desired. Minor corrections can be made to the ads if needed. For pricing please contact Terry Keramaris.

Please get involved! We need your help! Contact Nick Ioannidis @ 604-0309, or [nick@koolcomechanical.com](mailto:nick@koolcomechanical.com), or get in touch with Father Simon in the Church Office and offer your talents!

## Easter Donations and Volunteers

### ***Decorating the Icons and the Tomb of Christ:***

Tom & Krista Blake	Pat Dovas	Lisa Markos	Catherine McDavid Smith
Alex Chuchas	Connie Hillman	Linda Peters	Bob & Christy Swider
Theony Condos	Barbara Hunt	Anna Petronakis	Pres. Stephanie Thomas
Bessie Condos	Ernest Kolendrianos	Lana Phillips	
Katina Demourkas	Theophilos & Dorothea Lasswell	Stella Pollalis	

*A wonderful luncheon prepared by Alex Haimanis and John Demourkas.*

### ***Flower Donations:***

Orchid Sprays for Tomb, Relics and Icons - Stella Pollalis

Rosemary for Tomb - Swider Family

Asters below Icons - Catherine McDavid Smith

### ***Pall Bearers for the Tomb of Christ on Holy Friday Night-***

Paul Tziouvaras	Andrew Petronakis
Nick Hillman	Nicholas Petronakis
Alex Ioannidis	

### ***Gospel Readers for the Agape Vespers at the Easter Picnic-***

Fr. Simon Thomas	-	English	Theophilos Lasswell	-	Slavonic, Northwegian
Olya Benbow	-	Bulgarian	Ted Martin	-	Spanish
Theony Condos	-	Latin	Sofija Nedic	-	Serbian
Iuliana Earl	-	Rumanian	Bill Tragos	-	French
Alex Haimanis	-	Greek	Lilli Tragos	-	Danish
Cherif Khoury	-	Arabic	Tuyen Velliotes	-	Vietnamese
Randy Langel	-	German			

### ***Donations for Liturgical Items for the Holy Week Services-***

Bessie Condos	Gordon & Iuliana Earl	Valerie Katsikis Richardson
Theony Condos	George & Mary Mamalakis	Ahileas & Polixeni Tziouvaras
Art & Elaine Daniels	Nick Martin	Paul & Vivi Tziouvaras
John & Dana Demourkas	Mike & Vivian Pahos	Nick & Nina Varnava
Hugh & Angie Dyer	Gicas & Stella Pollalis	Presvytera Mona Zozos

## Parish Ministries & Organizations

### **Philoptochos**

The Philoptochos would like to thank everyone who gave their time and gifts to decorate the Kouvouklion for Holy Friday services and for the dozens of red eggs that were given at the conclusion of Resurrection Liturgy and at the Agape picnic.

We will be assisting the Greek Historical Society with their reception at the upcoming screening of **“The Pioneers” at UCSB on May 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Philoptochos will be organizing “emergency kits” for the IOCC’s ongoing outreach to international communities that are suffering from natural disasters and oppression.

New members are always welcome, so please join us at our next meeting. Thank you for your support!

### **VIP's/The Young and The Restless**

Our last meeting was held at Cody’s Restaurant on April 15<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to form a committee to plan our exchange with the seniors from St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Las Vegas. Helen Stathis, Vivian Pahos and Sofija Nedic will present plans for the trip regarding transportation, hotels, restaurants, and sightseeing trips. We were advised to wait till the hot weather ends before starting our trip.

This should be a great trip as the seniors at St. John’s will host us for dinner and help make our show arrangements. Our next meeting will be announced in the Epistle as we will not meet in May. Our planning committee will meet and report to us at our next meeting. If you would like to be involved in the planning of this trip please contact me or a committee member. All ideas are welcome.

### **MS Walk**

Our Saint Barbara Team this year raised a total of **\$1,760.00** for Multiple Sclerosis and was the 6<sup>th</sup> largest team contributor at the event! This past April 10<sup>th</sup> we had 15 participants (1 runner, 11 walkers, 2 strollers plus 1 baby carrier). Thank you for your generous sponsorship for our team in supporting MS Walk-Santa Barbara 2010! A special thank you goes to our walkers: Stephanie Braun, Alex Chuchas, Barbara Fakinos (with Sara Flora), Diana Georghiou (Top fundraiser again! Yea, Great Job!), Margo Georghiou, Barbara Hunt, Sophia Kenrick, Joseph & Kendall Muzik (with Mateo), Christina Papazacharioudakis, Fr. Simon & Pres. Stephanie Thomas (with Elpinike & Demetri).

### **Orthodox Christianity 101**

Our next class will be **Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**, at the **Faulkner Gallery of the Santa Barbara Public Library**. The topic will be “Orthodox Iconography.” Bring your friends and your questions! For more info, please see enclosed flyer.

### **Mission Luncheon Update**

The Missions Committee would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Parish for making the Mission Awareness Luncheon a success. So far we have raised \$3,360. Many thanks to Bill Poulis for preparing the meal and donating the rice and bread, Bill Pertsulakes for donating the meat, George and Stacie Anthes for donating the salad, Stan and Lori Nicolaidis for donating the feta, Ellen Fenger for the cookies and collecting the donations, and Presvytera Mona Zozos for providing the flowers. Thank you all for helping the orphans of India, Guatemala, Albania, and Ghana.

## Santa Barbara Choral Society

### **62<sup>nd</sup> Season Program: 2010**

#### **A Sea Symphony**

In conjunction with the Sea Festival

Vaughn-Williams *A Sea Symphony*

The Granada Theatre

Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8 pm \* Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 pm

#### **Fourth of July Concert**

With the Santa Barbara Symphony

Santa Barbara County Courthouse Sunken Gardens

# Youth & Young Adult Programs

## **Young Adult League**

Meetings will be held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening from 7pm - 9pm at the Redding Center (Sunday School classrooms) behind the church OR at a local YAL member's home. If you are new to Santa Barbara/St. Barbara GOC please contact Diana Georghiou at [dolfingearge@hotmail.com](mailto:dolfingearge@hotmail.com) or [st.barbarayalcentralcoast@gmail.com](mailto:st.barbarayalcentralcoast@gmail.com) or mobile (805) 284-8455 so we can place you on our contact list. We also have a St. Barbara YAL group created on Google Groups - find us and receive all updates, a calendar of events, etc.

### **May Meeting Dates: May 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

For meeting location(s) contact Diana Georghiou

### **Upcoming YAL Events:**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>:** First Central Coast YAL Retreat "SPF 2010: Simply Put on Faith" @ St. Barbara's

**Friday-Sunday \$150 (Includes accommodations and all meals)**

**Saturday Only/No lodging needed \$50 (Includes meals)**

If you are interested in attending the whole weekend or just one day contact Diana Georghiou ([dolfingearge@hotmail.com](mailto:dolfingearge@hotmail.com)) to reserve your spot and receive registration information OR pick-up registration information in the entrance to the hall @ St. Barbara GOC.

## **Dance Program**

Christos Anesti!

The dance groups have started their new year and everyone interested is welcome to join! We practice after church every Sunday. Zoi ages are 7-11 and they will be learning dances from Florina and Peloponisos. Thavma ages are Jr. High and High School and Pnevma is College and up. They will be leaning dances from Karparthos and Cypress. Thavma and Pnevma will also be learning a Taverna Suite for fun! The May practices scheduled are as follows:

May 2, 16, 23 and 30 - Practice

May 9 (Mother's Day) no practice

OPA!!!

## **Sunday School**

We are in our last month of Sunday School, and summertime is almost here! We are still going strong and sowing seeds for Christ. Why don't you ask your kids about what sowing seeds means to them? Their answers may be enlightening...

Dates to Remember:

### **MAY 2010**

5/02/10 SUNDAY SCHOOL

5/09/10 SUNDAY SCHOOL

**(Mother's Day)**

5/16/10 SUNDAY SCHOOL

5/23/10 SUNDAY SCHOOL

(7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades meet with Fr. At 12:30pm)

**(PENTECOST)**

5/30/10 SUNDAY SCHOOL

**(Last Day! Memorial Day Weekend!)**

### **JUNE 2010**

6/13/10 GRADUATION IN CHURCH

(Church BBQ!!!!)

6/26/10 Rummage Sale Fundraiser  
in Ed Center

\*\* Please note that the graduation ceremony has been rescheduled for June 13! There will be no graduation ceremony on June 6!

\*\* Please also note that the Rummage Sale Fundraiser has been postponed until June 26. We need rummage! Please bring items for donation on Sundays (so we can store them) *or* call Alexandra Iorio at 708-8522 or Stephanie Braun at 680-3576 to arrange another time. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Sunday School and Ed Center. Thank you!! Have a blessed May!

## **Greek Language Program**

Greek language classes at various levels will be offered once again this year. Please sign up on the sheet in the Orthodox Center. If you have questions, contact Georgia Gastouniotis (683-4919). **The last day of class is Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.**

# Community Organizations

## Order of AHEPA

### Santa Barbara Chapter 243

**“Promoting the Harmony of Greek Culture, Service, and Community”**

[www.ahepa20.org/chapters](http://www.ahepa20.org/chapters) E-mail [ahepa243@gmail.com](mailto:ahepa243@gmail.com)

On April 19<sup>th</sup> we had a wonderful Chapter gathering at the St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church. New and long-standing Members had a chance to learn a little more about one another and a fantastic educational presentation was given by a past Supreme Ahepa President Dr. James Dimitriou who spoke about AHEPA and the Future of Hellenism in America.

We were also overjoyed to have our Brother Dr. James Angelos back home safe and sound. It takes a man of special character to volunteer to work and offer greatly needed help in a war torn country knowing that he could be gravely injured and would need to be away from his family for long periods of time. Our Chapter is amazed by his work and dedication of civic responsibility to America and its people.

Summer Solstice is rapidly approaching. Our Chapter will be hosting a booth at the festival. More details will be forthcoming. With that said, it seems that the smell of Gyros will be in the air!

Our Chapter is on the move this year! Be on the lookout for more exciting Educational Hellenic events! Information and applications for various Ahepa programs are available online. We welcome all who wish to maintain and support Hellenism and Education throughout the world to join our chapter. Ask an Ahepan or contact us through our e-mail site.

### **“GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION – LETTER OF THANKS”**

The Greek Independence Day celebration on March 21<sup>st</sup> was a successful event for our AHEPA Chapter and the whole Greek Parish in general. The celebration program was pretty interesting, having a new keynote speaker, Dr. Katerina Zacharia, a nice presentation about Haiti from Anthoula Randopoulos, Vice President, Direct Relief and a nice Hellenic cultural program with poems, National Anthems and dance performance from our young community members. All attended, including Supervisors Carbajal and Wolf and Greek Consulate Press Attache Mrs. Eleni Vryniotis enjoyed the delicious Lenten fish luncheon and the warm Greek atmosphere. The special fundraiser for Haiti raised about \$2000 from group or individual donations, including Dr. Zacharia’s 20% of her book sales during the celebration.

We, as AHEPA chapter members, really want to thank all of you, Parishioners, who contributed to the event success by attending the celebration and giving money out of your pocket for either Haiti donations or supporting Dr. Zacharia’s book sales (which also contributes to Haiti fundraiser cause). We want also to thank the Church’s ministries (YAL, Philoptochos, VIP and DOP) that happily supported the fundraiser, Karen Carralejo for singing the US National Anthem, and Helen Ioannidis for having the dance groups performing, although they have their "spring break" through Easter.

Finally we want to thank Fr. Simon and the Church Office for helping in the event promotion and preparation. Such a successful event motivates AHEPA, as a Santa Barbara Greek Community ministry, to work harder on promoting Hellenism, Greek culture and identity in our local community.

### **Daughters of Penelope**

### **Santa Barbara Chapter Delos 103**

[www.dophq@ahepa.org](http://www.dophq@ahepa.org)

Christos Anesti! We trust you had a blessed Pascha. The Daughters want to thank you greatly for supporting our Koulourakia bake sale and hope you, your family and friends enjoyed them. On Monday, April 19, several members of the DOP participated in the Record-A-Thon for the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic. This is an exciting and worthwhile project providing a much needed service to those with limited vision or the dyslexic. On Saturday, May 8, the Daughters will host breakfast for the Central Coast YAL retreat.

Please look ahead and join us in commemorating AHEPA Sunday on May 16 to pay tribute to those AHEPANs and Daughters of Penelope who have fallen asleep in the Lord. We will be hosting coffee hour that day. This year’s District Convention will be held in Palm Springs, June 11-13. We will have several Past District Governors, District Officers and Delegates participating. We look forward to this event!

The El Camino Real District 20 AHEPA Scholarship Foundation offers scholarships to worthy students graduating from High School and those College students currently in their sophomore and junior year. Eligible students must be a child of a Daughter of Penelope or AHEPAN. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2010. Please contact Lisa Stathopoulos (967 -1025) or Helen McGillivray (965 -6727) for information and applications. If you are interested in becoming a Daughter in our local Chapter, please contact any DOP or Helen McGillivray at 965-6727.

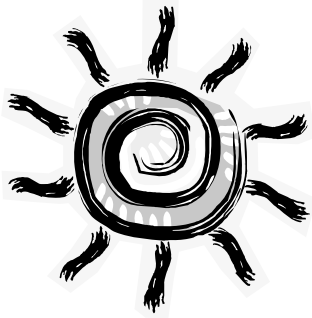
**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE BAPTISM  
OF  
DIMITRI ALAN NICOLAOU**

**Sunday, May 2, 2010**  
**Following the Divine Liturgy**



**A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED  
FOLLOWING THE BAPTISM**

**Jaime & Soteris Nicolaou**  
**Godparents Vivi & Paul Tziouvaras**



# SPF 2010: SIMPLY PUT ON FAITH

A Young Adult Retreat for the  
Central Coast  
May 7-9, 2010



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Hosted by  
St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Young Adult League  
Santa Barbara, CA

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*What harmful rays are raining down on you?  
Are you applying enough Sunscreen?*

Share in **faith** and **fellowship** with young adults from around the Central Coast.  
Reflect, refresh, and rejuvenate under the Santa Barbara sun.



*Participate in several workshops with fellow young adults.  
Contemplate Creation on a guided hike or along the beach.  
Bring your dancing shoes for a great Saturday night glendi!*



Check-in begins at 6:00 PM on Friday, May 7  
**Register before April 19 for \$150\***

Registrations received after April 19 - \$175\*

\*Registration fees include lodging in a beautiful Santa Barbara vacation rental home and all meals.  
There is a **reduced rate of \$50 for those that do not need lodging**  
(ie. live in town or only coming for Saturday)

RSVP to [StBarbaraYALcentralcoast@gmail.com](mailto:StBarbaraYALcentralcoast@gmail.com)  
Send registration form and fee to  
Diana Georghiou  
1249 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura, CA 93001  
Space is limited.

Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

*SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH*  
*PARISH ASSEMBLY*  
*MAY 16, 2010*

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Election of Chair and Secretary
- IV. Approval of November 2009 Assembly Minutes
- V. Clergy Report
- VI. Report of the President (to cover: 2010 Greek Festival Chair; plantation shutters in Corning Gallery; procedures to insure the accuracy of recording contributions from all sources; new scholarship guidelines; Wolff bequest)
  - a. Recommendation regarding Wolff bequest\*
  - b. Recommendation/policy regarding future unrestricted bequests\*
- VII. Report of the Treasurer
  - a. Final 2009 Financial Statement
  - b. Year to date (March) 2010 Financial Statement
- VIII. Report of the Stewardship Committee Chair
- IX. Report of the Building and Maintenance Committee Chair
- X. Ministry Reports
  - a. Sunday School
  - b. Youth Groups
  - c. Dance Program
  - d. Young Adults
  - e. Greek School
  - f. Choir
  - g. VIP's
- XI. Other Business
- XII. Closing Prayer – Adjourn

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\* Saint Barbara's has received an unrestricted bequest of \$240,100 from the Jonathan Wolff estate.

The Parish Council recommends

- that 10% of that bequest be contributed to a local charity or charities
- that the remainder of the bequest be utilized for the following capital improvements: OC kitchen upgrade; sanctuary doors; signage; sanctuary sound system, with any remaining funds to go toward
- endowment

The Parish Council further recommends that future unrestricted bequests be allocated as follows (in priority order):

- tithe to a local charity or charities
- outstanding debts
- capital projects
- endowment

# NEWS & NOTES

## ***Births***

**Gretchen Roen**, daughter of Curtis & Gina Roen, on February 25<sup>th</sup>

## ***Memorials***

**Eftim Petrov (5 years)**, father of Olya Benbow, on April 25<sup>th</sup>

## ***In Memory of...***

Donations were made for Easter in memory of **Arguiro Frangoudakis Mamourian, Aram Mamourian, Karo Mamourian, Lousaper Matosian, Gregor Matosian** by Nick Matosian

## *Volunteers for May 2010*

### **Epistle Readers:**

2 Greek: Alex Trigonis	English: George Ioannidis
9 Greek: Terry Keramaris	English: Theophilos Lasswell
16 Greek: Tom Pappas	English: Dean Papazacharioudakis
23 Greek: Nick Pappas	English: Nick Stathopoulos
30 Greek: George Mamalakis	English: Randy Langel

### **Acolytes:**

Nicholas Stathopoulos (Captain), George Ioannidis, Tasso Ioannidis, Cainan Iorio, Jacob Kaminsky, Dean Papazacharioudakis, Dean Richardson & Dimitri Richardson, Jack & William Rottman

### **Ushers:**

2 Jim Arger, Alex Haimanis, William Poulis, Cy Stathis  
9 Paul Tziouvaras, Terry Keramaris, George Papazacharioudakis, Jim Peters  
16 Peter Stathopoulos, Mary Mendoza, Richard Mendoza, Nick Pappas  
23 George Mamalakis, Theony Condos, Mary Mamalakis, Art Markos  
30 Jim Arger, Alex Haimanis, William Poulis, Cy Stathis

### **Prophoro Bakers:**

2 Connie Hillman  
9 Helen Ioannidis  
16 Georgia Gastouniotis  
23 Sophia Kenrick  
30 Connie Hillman

### **Coffee Fellowship Hosts:**

2 Jaime & Soteri Nicolaou  
9 YAL Retreat  
16 AHEPA/DOP  
23 Bob & Christy Swider  
30 Available

### **Altar Flowers:**

2 Available  
9 Ian & Iris Kaminsky  
16 Sophie Alexander  
23 Bob & Christy Swider  
30 Available

## Scholarship Program 2010

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the Scholarship Program guidelines for 2010. Applications can be picked up in the church office from April 18 until May 16. They can also be requested by email. Applicants must be high school seniors or students enrolled in a postsecondary institution who are, or whose parents/legal guardians are, stewards in good standing of Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church during 2009 and 2010. ("Good standing" is defined in the Uniform Parish Regulations, or UPR, as being current in stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish, abiding by all the regulations in the UPR and the Parish Bylaws, and cooperating in every way toward the welfare and well being of the Parish.)

Selection criteria, in order of priority, are the following:

- (1) **Church Involvement:** Young people who are actively involved in the life of the parish will be given preference over those who don't participate or do so only marginally. Students who are attending college in another city and who participate in the life of the parish near their college will likewise be given preference over those who don't participate or do so only sporadically.
- (2) **Financial Need:** Some students who are very active in the parish may not need financial help, while for others a parish scholarship may be a tremendous blessing. Thus applicants will be asked what they anticipate their financial need to be, whether they are applying for financial aid at their college or university, and whether they are currently receiving financial aid.
- (3) **Academic Record:** This criterion includes grade point average as well as extracurricular activities.
- (4) **Community Service.**

All materials must be received in the **Church Office by 5:00 P.M. on May 17, 2010**. No late materials will be accepted, and none will be returned. All information received will be kept strictly confidential.

Lisa Markos and Kathleen Roig, Co-Chairs

## Stewardship Report

BRAVO to all of you! We in the Parish Council send our gratitude and thanks to each one of you. Without you, we could not grow into this vibrant church that feeds and nourishes us all and builds a legacy for our children. Your loving commitment to the church demonstrates that you value St. Barbara's and have a heart to support her with your time, talents and treasure. I am so grateful!

Stewardship commitment cards continue to be submitted. We are getting closer to our 2010 stewardship goal:

### 2010 Annual Stewardship Summary:

GOAL:	175 stewards	\$167,000 annual pledge
ACTUAL:	137 stewards	\$138,755 annual pledge

We will be calling on you soon to begin using your volunteer talents which you indicated on the Stewardship Commitment Card check-boxes. Mike Osborn, Parish Council Hospitality Chairman will contact you. Mike is an energetic member of our church with a heart for service. The Scriptures say, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God" [Romans 8:28]. Thank you all in advance for your kind willingness to work together for good along side the Lord! In Him, we can do great things!

## 2010 Stewardship

Aldrich, Voula  
Alexander, Pam  
Alexander, Sophie  
Angelos, Dr. James & Ruth  
Angelos, Nicholas  
Anthimiades, Dorothy  
Anton, Alice  
Arger, Jim & Carol  
Argyropoulos, Demetri  
Argyropoulos, Symeon & Antoinette  
Athanassakis, Apostolos  
Balboa, Stella Laspitis  
Ballas, Gus  
Barth, Charles & Pam  
Batalas, Thanasi & Nancy  
Benbow, Peter & Olya  
Berrett, Sam & Julie Angelos  
Blake, Tom & Krista  
Bocek, Dan & Christina  
Campbell, Gordon & Elene  
Canfield, Taylor & Angela  
Carralejo, Karen Stathis  
Carroll, John & Lexy  
Casserly, Terence & Eugenia  
Chachakos, Bill  
Chachakos, Jim  
Chamberlin, Artis  
Chuchas, Alex  
Condodina, Alice  
Condos, Bessie  
Condos, Theony  
Cosmides, George & Nasia  
Costas, Meronie  
Davlantes, Constantine  
Demourkas, John & Dana  
Demourkas, Katina  
Demourkas, Nicholas  
Demourkas, Matina  
Dimitriou, Michael  
Dyer, Hugh & Angie  
Earl, Gordon & Iuliana  
Fakinos, George & Barbara  
Fell, Ryan & Anastasia  
Fictum, Jeff & Mary  
Fisher, Cleo  
Galanoplis, Beatrice Peg  
Gastouniotis, Dean & Georgia  
Gekis, Vasilios & Helen  
Goumas, Helen  
Haimanis, Alex  
Hanges, Andrew & Georgia  
Hayes, Chuck & Nikki  
Hillman, Catherine  
Hillman, Chris & Connie  
Hrondas, George, Angelo & Jo-Ann  
Hull, Dorothy  
Hunt, Barbara  
Ioannidis, Nikolaos & Helen  
Iorio, Brian & Alexandra  
Kallas, Anthony & Agnes  
Kaminsky, Ian & Iris  
Katsikis, Steve  
Kenrick, Sophia  
Keramaris, Terry  
Kolendrianos, Chris & Megan  
Kolendrianos, Ernest & Andriana  
Kourakis, Matthew & Stephanie  
Langel, Randy & Pattis Stathis  
Laspitis, Koula  
Lasswell, Theophilos & Dorothea  
Laury, John & Helen  
Mamalakis, George & Mary  
Marcoulides, Katerina  
Markos, Art & Lisa  
Martin, Nick  
Martin, Ted  
Matiosian, Mace & Phyllis  
McFadden, Timotheos.  
McGillivray, Chris & Brooke Uyesaka  
McGillivray, Helen  
McGillivray, Jason & Jill  
Mendoza, Richard & Mary  
Mitroulias, Panagiotis  
Muzik, Joseph & Kendall  
Nedic, Sofija  
Osborn, Michael & Kara  
Pahos, Mike & Vivian  
Pantages, Greg & Dr. Rea Goumas  
Papador, George & Tracy  
Papador, Georgia  
Papazacharioudakis, George  
Pappas, Alexander & Sydney  
Pappas, Anastasios & Carolyn  
Pappas, Debra  
Pappas, Nick  
Penoff, Dana  
Pertsulakes, Bill & Carol  
Peters, Jim & Linda  
Petronakis, Sam & Anna  
Petros, John & Margo  
Phillips, Lana Marme  
Plouffe, Photini  
Pollalis, Gicas & Stella  
Poulakos, Jennifer  
Poulis, William  
Poulos, Steve  
Ramirez, Michael & Alexandra  
Redding, Stephen & Angie  
Rishwain, Jeff & Connie  
Roen, Curtis & Georgina  
Roig, Francesc & Kathleen  
Rottman, David & Christina  
Sears, Jack & Emilie McMinn  
Sinis, Phaedon & Tanya Sleiman  
Smith, Catherine McDavid  
Solomon, Karen  
Stathopoulos, Carol  
Stathopoulos, Pete & Lisa  
Svolos, Artemis  
Swider, Bob & Christy  
Thanasko, Ergi & Elaina  
Theofanous, Theo & Danae  
Thomas, Fr Simon & Pres Stephanie  
Tragos, Bill & Lilli  
Tragos, Christian & Tracy  
Tragos, Nick  
Trigonis, Alex & Alexandra  
Tripodes, Nikitas & Dena  
Tullis, Bud & Barbara  
Tziouvaras, Ahileas & Polixeni  
Tziouvaras, Eleni  
Tziouvaras, Maria  
Tziouvaras, Vivi & Paul  
Velliotes, Louie  
Winford, Stamatina & Gerald  
Zettas, Paul & Eugenia  
Zozos, Pres. Mona

If we have *mistakenly* left your name off the list, please contact the Church Office!

# "Come and See"

SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

## 2010 CONFIDENTIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD – PART 1

Please complete and return this card to St. Barbara's.

Individual or Family Name (first & last): (Please Print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip

### In gratitude for God's blessings I/we make the following financial commitment to the ministries of St. Barbara's:

- \$50/mo. (\$600/yr.)  \$75/mo. (\$900/yr.)  \$100/mo. (\$1200/yr.)  \$200/mo. (\$2400/yr.)  
 \$300/mo. (\$3600/yr.)  \$500/mo. (\$6000/yr.)  Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

My/our pledge will be paid in installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on a (circle one) weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis.

I would like to pay with  Cash  Check  Automatic Bill Pay (EFT Debit),  Direct Deposit, or  Credit Card.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The dollar amounts above are **CONFIDENTIAL**. You are advised to consult your CPA or tax professional regarding the deductibility of all or part of this gift.  
For Authorized St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Personnel Only.

### FAMILY INFORMATION– PART 2

	You	Spouse	Children / Age
Name:	_____	_____	_____ /
Home Phone:	_____	_____	_____ /
Cell Phone:	_____	_____	_____ /
Work Phone:	_____	_____	_____ /
Email:	_____	_____	_____ /
Occupation:	_____	_____	_____ /

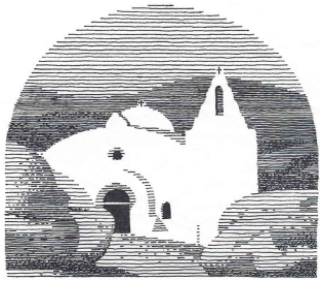
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### TIME & TALENTS SURVEY FORM – PART 3

**Please check ✓ those items in which you or a member of your family has some expertise or interest.**

If not listed, please add on the line labeled "Other".

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry: GOYA, JOY, HOPE | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Repair              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retreats/Church Camp             | <input type="checkbox"/> Philoptochos Society            | <input type="checkbox"/> Folk Dancing: Teacher or Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate Management           | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening/Grounds Maintenance    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Volunteer Drivers | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Night Events             | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical Assistant/Office Help   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching/Sunday School/Nursery   | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions/Philanthropy           | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Tree                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek School: Teacher or Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushering/Welcoming              | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Directory                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/Chanting                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer: General/Web Site Mgt  | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Public Relations       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Activities/YAL       | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical/Plumbing/Electrical  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors: Activities/Visitations  | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader (in Divine Liturgy)      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/Baking                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Newsletter               |   |



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