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News & Announcements

July 19, 2026

Sunday of the Holy Fathers
Κυριακή τῶν Ἁγίων Πατέρων



Macrina the Righteous, sister of St. Basil 7/19/2026

Dius, Abbot of Antioch 7/19/2026

Saint Theodore, Bishop of Edessa 7/19/2026

Translation of the Holy Relics of Righteous Seraphim of Sarov 7/19/2026

Matins – 9:00 a.m.
Great Doxology 9:50
Morning Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

To Our Visitors and Guests

We welcome you to worship with us today, whether you are an Orthodox Christian or this is your first visit to an Orthodox Church, we are pleased to have you with us. Although Holy Communion and other Sacraments are offered only to be baptized and chrismated (confirmed) Orthodox Christians in good standing with the Church, all are invited to receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) from the priest at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The Antidoron is not a sacrament, but it is reminiscent of the agape feast that followed worship in the ancient Christian Church. After the Divine Liturgy this morning please join us in the Church Hall for fellowship and refreshments. We would appreciate you completing a stewardship form before you leave today and give it to one of the parish council members after the service or mail it to the Church Office at your convenience.

The Sunday Epistle Reading

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous.

Verse: Blessed are they whose transgressions have been forgiven.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**Εὐφράνθητι ἐπὶ Κύριον, καὶ ἀγαλλιᾶσθε δίκαιοι.
Στίχ. Μακάριοι, ὧν ἀφέθησαν αἱ ἀνομίαι.**

Πρὸς Τίτον 3:8-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιουῖσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις ἡ μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιίστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἁμαρτάνει, ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἡ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἀσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

The Gospel According to Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα 5:14-19**

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Ὑμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου. οὐ δύναται πόλις κρυβῆναι ἐπάνω ὄρους κειμένη· οὐδὲ καίουσι λύχνον καὶ τιθέασιν αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τὸν μόδιον, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ τὴν λυχνίαν, καὶ λάμπει παῖσι τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ. οὕτω λαμψάτω τὸ φῶς ὑμῶν ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὅπως ἴδωσιν ὑμῶν τὰ καλὰ ἔργα καὶ δοξάσωσι τὸν πατέρα ὑμῶν τὸν ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς. Μὴ νομίσητε ὅτι ἦλθον καταλῦσαι τὸν νόμον ἢ τοὺς προφῆτας· οὐκ ἦλθον καταλῦσαι, ἀλλὰ πληρῶσαι. ἀμὴν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἕως ἂν παρέλθῃ ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ, ἰῶτα ἓν ἢ μία κεραία οὐ μὴ παρέλθῃ ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου ἕως ἂν πάντα γένηται. ὃς ἐάν οὖν λύσῃ μίαν τῶν ἐντολῶν τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων καὶ διδάξῃ οὕτω τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, ἐλάχιστος κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν· ὃς δ' ἂν ποιήσῃ καὶ διδάξῃ, οὗτος μέγας κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν.

***SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS
OF THE 4TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL***

In the Orthodox Church, this feast commemorates the 630 God-bearing Fathers who convened at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 AD. It is celebrated annually on the Sunday that falls between July 13th and 19th. The council defined that Jesus Christ is one person with two complete natures: fully divine and fully human, without confusion or division.

The occasion marks a profound historical and theological cornerstone of the Christian faith. The primary focus of the Council of Chalcedon was to refute the Monophysite heresy, which falsely claimed that Christ's human nature was completely absorbed or dissolved into His divine nature, resulting in only one nature.

Convened by Emperor Marcian, this historic gathering finalized the Christological teachings established by previous councils to ensure a uniform, orthodox understanding of Christ's identity.

During the Divine Liturgy, the assigned Gospel reading often features the "Light of the World" passage, praising the Fathers as beacons of truth who illuminated the world with the correct doctrines.

PLEDGE APPEAL CAMPAIGN

Dear St. Barbara Parishioners,

Thank you for being a part of the St. Barbara's stewardship family. We are thankful for your time, talents, and treasures. As stewards we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from God.

We have had many added expenses this year: water damage, air conditioning, a new roof, and security to name a few. Prices have gone up, as we all are experiencing. It is the same for our beloved church. Our collective spiritual home belongs to all of us. We are hoping that you will prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship and mortgage fund contributions.

Stewardship covers the operating fund of the church allowing us to pay Father Stavroforos and run the parish. The mortgage fund pays our 1.6 million dollar mortgage and keeps the doors open. While our festival and Taste of Greece help with our finances, they don't begin to cover our operating expenses and mortgage.

We are experiencing cash shortfalls and we are asking you, our stewards, to help us through this time of need. We are grateful for your continued giving and appreciate your willingness to consider increasing your contributions.

In His Name,

The Parish Council



Today's Coffee Hour Hosts 7/19

Litsa and Gus Bouloubasis

Today's Memorials

3 yrs-Hercules Amprazis

15yrs-Eleni Amprazis

Today's Scheduled Narthex Greeters for 7/19

John Valakas

Thecky Pappas

Our Chanter

Gus Bouloubasis

Volunteer Choir Director Directing Today

Panos Messis

Asst. Volunteer Choir Director /Church Office Asst.

Costa Constantinou

Volunteer Organist

Eleni Christakos

COMMUNITY NOTES

AHEPA NEWS

There will be an Ahepa meeting **TODAY** after church on Sunday. There will be election of officers at this meeting. A presentation is planned for their Scholarship recipient, Vlad Federovskyi **TODAY** directly after the liturgy.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Our next Philoptochos Membership Meeting will be held on **August 23** in the conference room after church services. There will be lots to discuss as we begin preparations for our upcoming events scheduled for the fall and winter.

Below is the coffee hour schedule for July through September. As a reminder, group responsibilities include making coffee, set-up, providing food/drink items and clean-up. The Designated Team Leader (*) will coordinate the coffee hour. If you cannot participate in your scheduled coffee hour, please try to change months with another member to ensure there are enough people for set-up and clean-up.

- July 12, Group D – Anne Dennos *, Catherine Mariakakis, Hope Odzak, Nikie Esquivel, Sharan Dababnah
- August 9, Group E - Maria Easton *, Cindy Paliouras, Evelyn Panos, Iman Salib, Cleopatra Papanikas
- September 13, Group F – Catherine Wilson *, Amy Glekas, Evelyn Zehia, Rebecca Theophanous, Theky Pappas

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

There will be a Taste of Greece/Festival Recap meeting for **ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** on **July 26** at **12:15** after church. We encourage anyone with new ideas and thoughts to make our endeavor the best success ever!

BULLETIN SPONSOR

Do you have a business or a profession you would like to promote to over 300 individuals who will read your advertisement??!! You could be a **BULLETIN SPONSOR**. Keep your eyes on the next weekly bulletin on how you can be a SPONSOR.

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"Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you."

— 1 PETER 3:15

"Ignorance of spiritual matters is a darkness that creeps into the soul... We must learn, so that our faith is not just a habit, but a living, burning fire."

— SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS

INFORMED ORTHODOXY

For Present and Future Orthodox Christians

Inspired by the beautiful iconography and deep traditions of our sanctuary, Saint Barbara's is starting a new parish study series to bring the rich reality of our ancient faith into clear focus for all.

Informed Orthodoxy provides a welcoming, open forum to examine Holy Tradition, early Church history, the depth of our liturgy, and the practical rhythm of an intentional Orthodox life in a fast-changing world.

Whether you were raised cradle-born in the Church and want a powerful spiritual refresher, are newly illumined seeking a firmer theological foundation, or are a catechumen taking your very first steps, this class is built for you!

WHEN: Every Tuesday Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM

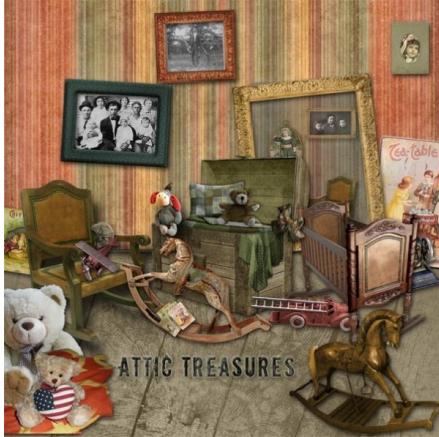
WHERE: The Church Fellowship Hall

LOCATION: Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church (Durham, NC)

COME WITH QUESTIONS. DISCOVER YOUR FAITH.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served in the hall.

Contact Kohl Wouters to be added to the groupchat @ (440)789-8569



*It's That Time
Again!*

We are once again seeking donations for the
ATTIC TREASURES SALE!

This successful fund-raising event has always been loved
by our patrons who come to the Taste of Greece event.

St. Barbara's Church welcomes your donations of a variety of items, in
excellent condition, for sale to the public at our
Attic Treasures Sale during the
Taste of Greece, October 10th and 11th, 2026.

If you are moving, downsizing or simply decluttering, this is a great
opportunity to donate your no longer wanted or needed items and to help
make this event a success! We are thankfully accepting:

Objects of Art, Greek Themed Items, Crystal, Silver, China, Icons, Jewelry,
Collectables, Hand-Made Items, Etc...

For easy drop off, special-labeled boxes are available for your donations
in the St. Barbara Storage Room.

Please contact Lisa Bouloubasis at lisa.bouloubasis@gmail.com or text
or call at 336-817-6090 with any questions.

Donation receipts for tax purposes
will be given upon request.

Thank you for your "Attic Treasures" donations!