The Impact of Prayer

Each week, a sermon is preached at our Saint Barbara Church. We gather to unite ourselves to God through the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and the partaking of the Holy Eucharist. It is a time of prayer, as we humble ourselves before the Lord and open our heart and mind for spiritual nourishment. Through God’s Grace we are strengthened as we reconnect ourselves to Christ and reestablish ourselves on our path towards salvation. Often times we exit God’s House on Sunday – invigorated and vitalized to begin the week with a new sense of purpose and perspective. We begin the week strong – but does it last? Are we making the time to nourish our soul on a daily basis or are we beginning to wonder, and actually wander, as the hours pass by during the coming week?

With the recent Autumn equinox, we experienced a day in which day and night are equal in length. It sets our heart to a place where we must adjust to the changing earth schedule in accordance with the sun. While this adjustment to the sun occurs twice a year, as Christians, the opportunity for regulation occurs on a daily basis as we are called to set our heart and our daily lives to evolve around The Son, and rely on Him for illumination. Not just on Sundays, but every day; every hour; every minute; every breath. Crying out to Him for strength, courage, resolve and peace.

I am including a few verses from the Paraklesis Service to Saint Barbara for you to add to your daily prayer discipline, and pray that you will find a way to read the verses with fervent supplication.

May it prepare your heart as we begin to incorporate the celebration of this beautiful prayer service into the liturgical cycle of our parish. May Saint Barbara’s ongoing prayers to God on our behalf be heard, and encourage us to be steadfast in our own lives. May we find strength in the knowledge that in all ways, and in all hours, God is with us.

In Christ,

Father Peter
Saint Barbara
Greek Orthodox Church
Thursday, October 15, 2020
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Patients Still Need Your Help
And They’ll Be So Grateful!

Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, many organizations have cancelled their annual blood drives. However, the need for blood donors remains constant.

The good news is, you can still help patients!

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
Will you sign up to give more life?

Contact the Red Cross Directly to make a reservation.

COVID-19 INFO: Donating blood products is essential to community health and eligible donors are encouraged to donate during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need. Learn more.

For the safety of our donor community and in accordance with CDC guidelines, all donors are required to wear a face covering or mask. Please bring one to your donation. If you do not have one, a mask will be provided to you.

Thanks for your ongoing support of patients in need.

Hymns from the Paraklesis Service to Saint Barbara

You are the Savior’s famous prizewinning Martyr and our helper in adverse circumstances, an ever-flowing fount of holy miracles. With undoubting faith and love we entreat you, O Barbara. Be there when we need you most, and protect us from danger, and keep us safe from illness and disease, from every hazard, disaster and dire straits.

Saint of God, intercede for us.

A fountain of cures gushes forth from you, who treat every illness of the body and soul alike of those who with ardent faith and longing seek your protection, O Great Martyr Barbara.

Saint of God, intercede for us.

O Barbara, you glow with martyric light, dispelling the darkness of unclean spirits, while you shine on us in the dark night of our troubles, giving us health, grace divine, and encouragement.

Saint of God, intercede for us.

You received the divine grace of cures and healings from Christ. Therefore I entreat you, O Martyr, to treat my brokenness and my incessant pain. And change my soul’s grief and sorrow into joy and happiness, glorious Barbara.

Saint of God, intercede for us.

You, O Martyr St. Barbara, famously finished the race on the track of martyrdom. Therefore direct us on the straight and narrow path of God’s divine commandments, away from shortcuts to perdition, by your providential grace.
"You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."
2 Timothy 2:3

«Συ ούν τέκνον κακοπάθησον ως καλός στρατιώτης Ιησού Χριστού»
β’ Τιμ. 2:3

O Απόστολος Παύλος είχε υπ’ όψιν του ότι ο καλός στρατιώτης, κατά το διάστημα που υπηρετεί ως στρατιώτης, δεν περιπλέκεται με τις φροντίδες και μέριμνες της ζωής για να ημπορεί έτσι να υπηρετή και να αρέση εις εκείνον που τον εστρατολόγησε.

Οταν έγραφε λοιπόν την Δευτέρα του Επιστολή προς τον μαθητή του Τιμόθεον του συνηστά και τον προτρέπεται να ενδυναμώνεται με την θείαν χάριν, πού χαρίζει ο Ιησούς Χριστός για να λαμβάνει την δύναμιν να κακοπαθή ως καλός στρατιώτης Ιησού Χριστού και γιά να εκπληρώση έτσι την θείαν αποστολήν του.

Η νουθεσία και προτροπή αυτή του Αποστόλου Παύλου, την οποίαν ο ιδίος με το παράδειγμά του ετήρησε, όταν έγραφε «κακοπαθώ μέχρι δεσμών ως κακούργος βρήκε μεγάλην απήχησιν μεταξύ των πρώτων οπαδών του Χριστού, όπου πολλοί ετήρησαν το παράδειγμά του, ειδέχθησαν μαρτυρικόν θάνατον και προσέφεραν το αίμα τους υπέρ της Εκκλησίας του Χριστού.»

Μεταξύ αυτών είναι και ο Άγιος Δημήτριος. Προσπαθεί και επιτυγχάνει να ταπεινώση τον εαυτόν εις το θέλημα του Παναγάθου Θεού.

Αν και είναι νέος και κατάγεται από επιφανή οικογένεια πού είναι δυνατόν να επιδειώξη κάθε κοσμικήν ευχαρίστησιν εν τούτοις όμως προτιμά και επιβάλει εθελουσίως εις τον ευατόν του και κακοπαθή τον Θεού για να αναδειχθή ευάρεστος ενώπιον του Θεού.

Αγωνίζεται δεύτερον και κακοπαθεί εις τον αγώνα κατά του κόσμου. Να προφυλαχθή έτσι από τον φοβερόν κίνδυνον του κόσμου της αμαρτίας. «ο κόσμος όλος εν τω πονηρώ» λέγει η Αγία Γραφή. Αντιμετοπίζει γενναίως όλους τους πειρασμούς και ασεβείς επιθέσεις των ειδωλολατρών για να αναδειχθή πιστός και αντάξιος στρατιώτης του Ιησού Χριστού.

Τέλος δέχεται αγωγγύστως τον θάνατον μέσα εις την φυλακήν, ως καλός στρατιώτης Ιησού Χριστού, διότι πιστεύει απολύτως εις την πέραν του τάφου ζωήν, εις την αιωνιώτητα και εις την επουράνιον βασιλεία του Κυρίου μας.

Ο χριστιανός, αδελφοί μου, δεν είναι άρνησις, αλλά χαρά και ευχαρίστησις. Είναι αγιασμός και τελειότης. Ζητεί και θέλει απ’ όλους μας πού πολιτογραφήκαμε εις τα δελτία της χριστιανικής μας Εκκλησίας, να κακοπαθήσωμε τον εαυτόν μας, όπως ο Άγιος Δημήτριος, όμως δι’ άλλον λόγον, αλλά διά να νικήσουμε τις αδυναμίες μας, να αρνηθούμε τον κόσμο του υλισμού και της αμαρτίας, να παύσουμε να ζούμε με συμβιβασμούς και συνθικολογήσεις, διά να τελειοποιηθούμε ηθικώς και πνευματικώς «ως καλλοί στρατιώτες Ιησού Χριστού.»

Υπό Πρεσβ. Ι. Ορφανάκου
Odyssey Express A Smashing Success!
By: Dorothy Daniel

Labor Day weekend looked very different at 480 Racebrook Road this year. Our St. Barbara community rose to the challenge to bring a bit of the joy and fellowship that comes from our annual Odyssey festival amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. As a St. Barbara family, we had to consider our responsibility to provide for our parish’s needs, as well as what Odyssey means to the greater community who visits the festival every year. Even more important, yet easily overlooked in favor of the more practical, is the special spark that comes from each member of St. Barbara’s participating in Odyssey in their own way—dedicating time and talents to our collective effort to make the event a success. The loss of our own parish fellowship would have been just as tragic as any monetary one.

Physical distancing limitations and heightened health and safety precautions presented challenges to our typical Odyssey layout. Ever resilient, our community rallied together to create a new format, allowing us to safely serve our customers and keep our tradition alive—Odyssey Express. We embraced the digital world, creating a user-friendly website to bridge physical distance and ensure safety. Customers would then be able to drive onto the St. Barbara campus and pick up their orders contact-free, with the new ordering system in place.

The amount of logistical coordination this effort required was great, matched only by the amount of community involvement needed to run it smoothly. Even behind masks, gloves, aprons and gallons of hand sanitizer, the pure joy in being together was evident. Volunteers spanned generations, from food runners to packagers, greeters, traffic coordinators and our incredible command center and kitchen crew. Each person played an important role in making the weekend a success. We learned quickly and adapted to better meet the needs of our customers and our teams. There is something truly electric about a group of people trying something very new and growing together.

Customers driving through to pick up their food continuously mentioned how glad they were that we kept the tradition alive amidst such trying times. Countless people shared how much they enjoy coming to our parish year after year—an event they look forward to as they round out their summers. Bringing joy to our greater community through delicious Greek food is a key pillar of our Odyssey tradition. We were able to provide a little sense of normalcy, safely. Positive reviews received via email and social media praising how delicious and easy the experience made our efforts even sweeter.

It is wonderful that we were able to lovingly prepare food to raise money for our church, but more importantly, that weekend our incredible facility was filled with one big extended family who could finally come together to do something really special for our church. The Church has done so much in providing comfort for us all as we navigate the new ways paved by pandemic precautions. We are living in an unprecedented time and are facing challenges and situations we could have never imagined one year ago. And yet, we had the opportunity to take the tools and talents of our parishioners and lean into some of the benefits that technology offers us—in our case, the safety of contact-free preordering to allow us to prepare and package food for easy customer pickup.

We all should feel proud that hundreds of happy customers drove through Odyssey Express and...
went on to enjoy a delicious Greek meal made with love and care. This adapted festival is another living example of the incredible things our community can accomplish when working together towards a common goal.

Simply Amazing!
“Your Odyssey set-up was just amazing! Kudos to all of your incredibly hard-working volunteers. The process from ordering through pick-up was flawless. I can’t imagine how much planning that took, but you should all be thrilled. Of course, the food was delicious as always. It made me feel a little more normal to know that you were having the festival this year. I hope it was a profitable venture.”

Enjoyed Odyssey! Just a little different this year!
“We went at 4 pm, and everything was smooth and well organized. The food was delicious and it was great to have the reheating instructions.”

“Driving to pick up our food... very, very excited!!”

Very Well Done!
“I was awed at the organization, the unity, everybody (young and old) that came and stayed together. Very well done!”

Inspiring!
“What was amazing to me was the organization and how smoothly everything ran. The energy and dedication of the teenagers - they were so enthusiastic, filling orders and running outside to deliver bags. It was inspiring!”

Awesome!
“Everything was so incredibly well run - I couldn’t get over how we were able to all adjust to the current circumstances in such a safe and efficient manner - it was awesome!”

Working Together!
“Generations working together for Saint Barbara.”

“The closeness of seeing people who we haven’t seen for months was incredibly moving.”

Amazing!
“I was not sure how we were going to be able to do this, but it was AMAZING!!”
ODYSSEY EXPRESS... Expressing Appreciation!
By: Presbytera Vangie Orfanakos

We thank the Chairpersons of Odyssey Express and every volunteer, as well as all those who showed support by purchasing food or pastry this year! No small event...a huge event of the heart. From the outside, it was relatively quiet...at least the two times Fr. Peter and I drove through the Drive-Thru of Odyssey Express. Yet the order, safety and sheer choreography of service - from the inside out - gives another story to this volunteer event. Not only in fellowship, but with fun, not only in comradery but in care, not only in Hellenic pride, but in the strength of our countless forefathers and foremothers of our Holy Church and of Saint Barbara Parish did this epic event take place in the midst of a pandemic.

If the Church is a ship and Fr. Peter its captain (as our example in Christ shows us) then you would be amazed of what was going on inside the hull of our ship, as together, we sailed through Odyssey Express, in the midst of Covid-19 precautions. By the grace and mercy of God and through the protection of the Most Holy Theotokos and by the intercessions of our Patron Saint Barbara, everyone was kept safe.
The “OPA” style Odyssey masks were donned by many, as I passed through the inner areas that held the “crew” safely inside. There were many people peacefully working in the brigade of the assembly lines that were set-up, making it appear as a well-oiled machine (even though we have never done anything like this before).

The work that went into the development of a state-of-the-art online ordering system was incredible. Tracey Dabakis Wachter shared her talents in creating the online shopping site. The non-stop work of so many of the Young Adults, held up the ‘senior’ adults that were able to volunteer.

Each generation saw the other generations working. This fed each soul to strive even harder, to accomplish anything and everything for our Church and for the greater community, as we once again offered hospitality on the grounds of Saint Barbara Church. It was a sharing, not only of the rich authentic cuisine, we are known for, but also the energy of vibrant youth, the dedication of tireless adults and the vision of the Young Adults emerging with talent and showing us they are ready, they are going full steam ahead and they are preparing to be at the helm leading us into the future of many Odyssey’s ahead.

I can say with the utmost confidence that what I witnessed, as I walked through the Grand Ballroom, where packages were being assembled, or in the Pastry room where Glyka was being packaged, or the Kitchen where hot fresh foods were prepared, or the outdoor grilling station where souvlaki was steaming hot on a bed of charcoal, was incredible. The ‘Central Command Station’ of the operation where all the orders were being processed on multiple computers and laptops, while order forms were being processed one at time with love, care and a Grecian bit of OPA was inspiring! A “thank-you” offered to every customer at the drive-thru pickup station, quietly with masks, and efficiently, with fervor, topped off each meal. As the previous article mentions there were many comments and appreciation offered.

In all honesty, we did have a timing glitch on Saturday evening for about 45 minutes, which caused a slight delay in our pick-up times. But as each one of us knows, we can live and learn. Seeing this was our first “express” experience, it was truly an amazing feat. Everything we do at our church always aims for improvement because we never really do cross the same path twice – what we do is we continue to evolve. We forgive, we repent, we continue. This is our Christian way, this is our hope for the future.
We are blessed to have had fellowship in masks, yet obvious unhidden resources that we all gave from our hearts for Odyssey Express to happen this year. May God bless each of the people. Senator Blumenthal toured the Odyssey Express event on Sunday afternoon, September 6th, and he left with a feeling of upliftedness from the warm hospitality shared with him that day. Thank you to each and every one of you who participated in any way. We could not have done this without you! Keep smiling (under those masks!) and may the Light of the Glory of God shine upon your face and your life to warm you from the inside out, so you are ready again… next year, when Odyssey (or Odyssey Express) rolls around once again!

In closing, I hope this overview took all of the readers of the article on a journey through Odyssey Express. It just would not be the same without you! Thank you!
On September 9th and 10th His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros convened the 45th Clergy-Laity Congress of the Holy Archdiocese of America. This was the first ever virtual congress and was attended by almost 1200 registered delegates from over 500 parishes, the Metropolises and the Archdiocese. The delegates from our parish of Saint Barbara included Father Peter; Steven Yates; Melissa Papantones, Vice President of the Parish Council; and this writer. The virtual format of the congress provided for presentations, discussion, debates and voting on the many motions that came before the assembled congress in the plenary sessions.

In his keynote address the Archbishop set the theme of the congress based on the verse from Saint Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians: “…and the greatest of these is love.”

The Archbishop then went on to outline his three top priorities: 1) the Saint Nicholas Church and National Shrine, 2) Hellenic College and Holy Cross Theological Seminary, and 3) the Pension Plan for the clergy and lay employees of the Archdiocese. Each of these had been adversely impacted by financial mismanagement under prior administrations. The Archbishop has led a restructuring of the finance and administrative functions of the Archdiocese and put in place a new, highly qualified management staff. The finance team has taken several difficult but necessary steps to stabilize the financial condition of the Archdiocese including:

1. Completing the audits of the Archdiocese financial reports for 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 within 24 months. These had been left undone by the previous administration. The internal controls and procedures implemented by the new staff are so effective that the external auditor issued an unqualified opinion as there were no deficiencies or material weaknesses identified.

2. Operating expenses at the Archdiocese have been significantly curtailed. Full time equivalent headcount has been reduced from 108 in 2017 to 46 in 2020. This is a minimal staffing level and the question remains how the Archdiocese can conduct national ministries with so few resources. Still, reducing expenses is essential to balancing the budget and remaining fiscally sound.

3. With the audited financial statements available, the Archdiocese was able to obtain a mortgage on the Archdiocese office building in New York City for $5 million. The proceeds of that loan were used to repay an advance that had been taken from funds raised for the construction of Saint Nicholas. The loan proceeds were also used to reset restricted donations and to fund Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

4. The Archdiocese secured a $2.5 million loan under the Federal government’s Paycheck Protection Plan. The finance team indicates that the Archdiocese has adhered to all provisions of the program and will soon be applying to have the loan converted to a grant which will be forgiven and no payments will be needed. This was another important step in increasing the liquidity of the Archdiocese’s finances.

With the Archdiocese finances untangled from the Saint Nicholas construction funds, the Archbishop turned over the financing and construction of the Saint Nicholas Church and National Shrine to the group named Friends of Saint Nicholas. They raised $45 million to restart the construction of the church which is slated for completion next year with a dedication ceremony set for September 11, 2021. (Editor’s Note: Covid-19 restrictions faced in NYC earlier this year – may impact the construction completion date by a few months). The first of the
Archbishop’s priorities is under control with a clear path forward.

Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology is the place that educates the priests and many lay ministry workers who will guide the parishes of the Archdiocese into the future. The school had fallen on difficult times in the last number of years due to many factors. They include a decrease in the number of attending students, an increase in federal requirements on Institutions of Higher learning (which means the need to hire additional administrative personnel to fill those requirements), and financial constraints that come from a lack of funding from private donors to help support the mission and work of the School. The Archdiocese has always provided the school with funding but has needed to increase its financial support of the last few years as the agencies which establish accreditation for colleges had threatened to withdraw the accreditation for Hellenic College/Holy Cross if financial support was not forthcoming. Using some of the proceeds from the loan the Archdiocese secured, monies were advanced to the college. Also, with the clean audited financial statements the Archdiocese has provided, the bank has made available a $2 million line of credit for the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese finance team has indicated it does not expect to draw on the line of credit. But the Archdiocese unrestricted cash reserves together with the availability of the line of credit has demonstrated to the accrediting agencies that the Archdiocese has sufficient liquidity to support Hellenic College/Holy Cross if financial support was not forth coming.

The Pension Plan covering the clergy and the Archdiocese lay employees is a major issue for all the clergy across the country and is a source of anxiety and frustration for the beneficiaries. The funding for the pension liability comes from three sources: 1) the Archdiocese makes direct contributions, 2) the clergy have been asked to make personal contributions, and 3) each parish is assessed a flat amount based on how many priests serve the parish. The problem is the Archdiocese for at least 18 years did not make any contributions to the pension fund. Also as many as 90 parishes across the country are not making their requisite payments to fund the pension benefit. As a result, the pension assets are only sufficient to cover about one-half of the present value of the pension liability, a short fall of over $65 million in assets. With the savings from reduced operating expenses and the loan proceeds the Archdiocese made $1 million contributions to the pension fund in each of the last two years. This covers the current accrued pension liability due but does nothing to fund the past liabilities. So the Archbishop’s third priority is defined. The Archdiocese had acknowledged the liability it has and has committed to finding resources to close the funding gap.

Much of the dialogue of the congress was driven by the relationship between the parishes and the Archdiocese as manifested in the Total Commitment program wherein the parishes fund the Archdiocese through assessments determined under a formula. The Total Commitment program is the primary means for funding the Archdiocese budget which is proposed by the finance team and voted on by all the delegates to the congress.

The Total Commitment allocations are significant line items in each parish’s expense budget. In this year of extraordinary stresses on all parishes with suspended then reduced services, the stopping of many ministries, the loss of festivals and other activities that are the heart of the communities and a means for raising critically needed funds, there has been push back from parishes, including Saint Barbara’s, and a reduction in payments made toward the allocation. The Archdiocese’s Total Commitment budget has been frozen for four years and will likely be frozen for the next two years as well. The resolution for this will require the return to normal conditions when parishes can once again enjoy the full range of their activities and ministries with concomitant restoration of funds raising and being
able to meet their Total Commitment allocations.

The congress also had several webinars conducted concurrently with the business presentations that covered a variety of areas including: Center for Family Care, Youth Safety, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Stewardship, Greek and Religious Education, Church Music and others.

The congress concluded with the Archbishop’s prayer of thanks for all the delegates for their work and understanding on the issues facing the Archdiocese. He then expressed his determination to see as many as possible at the dedication of the Saint Nicholas Shrine and in 2022 at the next Clergy-Laity Congress.

To view any of the ministry reports and financial statements of the Archdiocese please visit: https://www.clergylaity.org/documents-presentations

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**AHEPA Golf Tournament**

Saint Barbara parishioners and friends from throughout the State gathered to participate in the annual AHEPA Golf Tournament at Orange Hills Golf Course on Racebrook Road on a beautiful September morning. Scratch golfers as well as those who have only played once or twice in their lives, formed teams for a wonderful cause, as the proceeds from the event benefited the scholarship program of Chapter #98. Prizes were awarded for closest drive to the pin, longest drive and the three lowest scoring teams.

The sold-out tournament has become a well-anticipated event in the parish’s calendar.

Many thanks to James Bitzonis who served as the event chairman, as well as the dedicated members of the committee, for putting together such a wonderful event! Much appreciation is also extended to the individuals and businesses who sponsored Tee Signs and donated raffle prizes.

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**Parents - Grandparents - Godparents Caregivers**

The excerpt below is from an article written by Rev. Ireneaus Cox, who is the Priest at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Nassau, Bahamas. May it give you some spiritual support and insight as you endeavor to care for the precious souls in your care.

“A parent who can’t answer their child’s question and says “Go and ask the priest,” has inadvertently told the child that the beliefs of the Orthodox faith are not important or are not serious. This is very damaging. The parent should say, “That is a good question. Let me get back to you on that because I should look that up so I can know myself.” Then he or she may go to the Priest and get the answer for their child. When it comes from mom or dad, the answer is more meaningful and shows the value of the faith to the children. Knowing the faith and discussing it with one’s children at home makes Orthodoxy more pertinent and galvanizes everyone’s connection to the Church. Families who pray together and who discuss the Epistle and Gospel readings on their way home, for example, will have stronger ties to the faith than those who forget everything before they sit down for snacks at coffee hour.”

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6
Parishioner Publishes New Book

Dr. Artemis Morris is pictured wearing a mask hand-made by her mother, Joy (Hara) Morris, from the parachute that saved Artemis’ father’s life in World War II when his aircraft was shot down and he landed safely in the Pacific Ocean and was rescued by an American Submarine, the USS Cobia.

A Naturopathic Doctor’s Guide to Wellness For Immune Support

“We are at a time of collective transition in healthcare where we realize not only have our choices made us vulnerable to stressors, but that that fragility extends from the individual through families and whole communities. The system that got us here will be unable to improve our resilience, and so are forced to look at other ways of working, and ultimately of being, to create the more sustainable system our hearts know is possible. Naturopathic Medicine has much to offer in this regard…”—James Maskell

The latest book, by Saint Barbara parishioner, Dr. Artemis Morris, uses the principles of Naturopathic Medicine to provide you and your family with safe and natural ways to protect and enhance your health and well-being. Dr. Artemis Morris presents information to illustrate that it is imperative that we do all we can to prevent disease by taking care of ourselves naturally. This includes correcting any nutrient deficiencies which compromise our health, following protocols which support our immune system’s ability to respond to illness, and keeping ourselves out of the hospital by reducing the danger of viral transmission.

This approach offers a combination of traditional knowledge and wisdom from holistic therapies alongside the latest breakthroughs in evidence-based medicine as well as clinical experience gained by healthcare professionals.

The book is available on amazon.com

Golden Year’s Ministry

Encourage one another…for this is of God.

Let us continue to do our best and keep connected to the older members of our extended Saint Barbara family by taking the time to speak to them by phone. The ‘fluctuating’ Coronavirus protocols coupled with limited social opportunities and gatherings have certainly placed an added importance to the need for us to stay connected with each other.

We encourage Golden Years aged parishioners to pick up the phone and call one another. Isolation is an issue facing many senior aged Saint Barbara parishioners at this time. Try to reach out once a week to call a friend or family member, or a Golden Years “buddy” to stay close in Christ, close in heart, or simply extend a friendly hello to help break up your day with the gift of friendship.

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”—Philippians 2:4
Reader’s Corner
Hope you find the time to strengthen your soul with reading this recently published book by an Orthodox priest. Your purchase of this book, or icons, from our Saint Barbara Book and Icon Store is another show of support of our church ministries that is still possible throughout the Pandemic.

EXCERPT FROM BACK COVER: “I’ve often bitten off more than I can chew in my spiritual life. Fr. Evan’s Toolkit for Spiritual Growth is a helpful reminder to get back to the basics and re-energize the practices that shape my relationship with both God and neighbor. And if you’re new to the Church, I have no doubt that Fr. Evan’s book will be a practical way to begin developing the core habits of an intentional, healthy Christian life. All readers will benefit from this simple, helpful guidebook.”
Steven Christoforou, Director of Y2AM

EXCERPT FROM INTRODUCTION: Christ’s teaching on prayer, fasting and almsgiving form the basis for our spiritual life as Christians. These three disciplines lead to our transformation, and they are the basis for the life of the believing community, the Church. Everything else we do in this life and in the Church that leads to eternal life is built on them. It is important that the reader understand that when practiced over time and with love, these spiritual disciplines libertate us. They free us form a disfigured way of life, what we would commonly call sin. Sin not in the sense of “doing something deserving punishment,” but sin as something that defaces the image of God in us.

This small book seeks to provide practical and simple direction in a person’s pursuit of God.

If interested in purchasing a copy of this book, contact Lea at the Church Office, to schedule a payment and a pickup time of your purchase.
Thank you!

Please Help The Saint Barbara Philoptochos Society
Keep Our Neighbors Warm This Winter!
We will be collecting coats for ‘One Warm Coat’ and you can help!
One Warm Coat is a national non-profit organization that works to provide a free, warm coat to any person in need, and raises awareness of the vital need for warm coats. The coats we collect will be distributed here in our local community, to any person in need, without charge, discrimination or obligation. Children’s coats, hats, mittens, and gloves are especially welcome.
You can help us spread warmth! Bring your gently worn coats for adults and children to the Church. We will be collecting them on Saturday, October 3rd from 10 am -2 pm and Sunday, October 4th from 11:30 am - 3 pm.
Thank you for your consideration and help!

Learn more about One Warm Coat by visiting www.onewarmcoat.org

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—Gary Chapman, PhD, author of The Five Love Languages

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A PRIEST, A PSYCHOLOGIST, AND A PLAN
Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh & Dr. Roxanne K. Louh

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The Saint John Chrysostom National Oratorical Festival

The National Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, inaugurated in 1983, provides Greek Orthodox teenagers the opportunity to write and talk about their faith. The program begins at the parish level and is divided into three categories: Elementary Division (students in grades 4–6) Junior Division (students in grades 7–9) and Senior Division (students in grades 10–12).

The top speakers in the Junior and Senior Divisions advance to the district level. Two finalists in each district division represent the district at the Metropolis Oratorical Festival. The top speaker in each Metropolis division is then selected to participate in the Archdiocese Finals, which is hosted by a different Metropolis each year.

All eighteen finalists at the Archdiocese Finals participate in a weekend of activities, the highlight of which is the delivery of their speeches on Saturday morning. The Oratorical Festival Scholarship Fund provides college scholarships to the top speakers. Currently, the top three speakers of each division receive college scholarships of $2,000, $1,500 and $1,000.

The 37th National Oratorical Festival will be hosted by the Metropolis of Denver and St. Spyridon Church in Loveland, CO in June 2021. The 2020 National Oratorical Festival was not held due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Steven Yates has served as the Saint Barbara Parish Chairman of the Oratorical Festival since 2008 and works closely with the teachers and students of our Sunday School Program promoting and organizing our parish festival. While we currently are not having in-person Sunday School classes due to Covid-19, students are encouraged to begin working on their Oratorical presentations in anticipation of the 2021 Festival.

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The Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical 2021 Festival Topics

Junior Division (Grades 7–9)

1. Discuss the challenges and opportunities of watching a church service that is live streamed.
2. Prayer is called a “conversation with God.” Discuss the meaning of prayer in your life.
3. During the pandemic, people noticed that our natural environment became cleaner. What can this teach us about our care for the natural world?
4. Why is the Church still relevant, especially for young people, in our increasingly secular, post-COVID world?
5. Choose one parable from the Gospel of Luke chapters 15 or 16 that is particularly meaningful to you and explain what we can learn from it.

Senior Division (Grades 10–12)

1. During the stay at home period of the pandemic, Orthodox Christians had to find ways to practice their faith without attending church in person or participating in parish activities. Discuss what you learned during those days.
2. In July 2020, a Turkish court gave permission for Hagia Sophia to be converted from a museum into a mosque. Discuss the significance of Hagia Sophia in the history of Christianity and the power of monuments like it to inspire religious identity.
3. We live in a highly polarized society – left vs. right, personal liberty vs. common good, and other issues where it seems everything is politicized. How are we as Orthodox Christians called to navigate this environment?
4. St. Peter writes, “Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil; but live as servants of God.” (1 Peter 2:16). What is freedom and how does it become a basis for being a servant?
5. In the Psalms we read, “If you, Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you.” (Psalm 130:3-4, NRSV). Discuss how an Orthodox Christian understands sin, forgiveness, mercy, and repentance.
“All those who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ forever. Alleluia”

**Funerals**

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**Godparent(s)**

- Stephen Esares
- Lou and Effie Vlahos and Paul and Eliana Neophytou
- Andrew Stefanou
- Socrates and Vasiliki Boussios
- Dimitri and Daphne Petros
- Nicole Pierre
- John Papayani
- Dimitrios Groumousas
- Nicholas Lambos and Alexandra Anagnostou
- Daniel Kerames
- Mihali and Efstathia Kontos
Goya Illumination

Zoom Fall Day Retreat

Saturday, November 7, 2020

Do you find yourself confused these days?
How do you balance day and night activities?
Learn the Saint Barbara Paraklesis
Strength ♥ Courage ♥ Resolve ♥ Peace

Join us as we discuss the breakthrough power of God in your life!
We look forward to seeing you soon!

More information to follow
TBA: Hours of Zoom Retreat Schedule and Log-In Information
October 2020

Thursday, October 1
7:00 pm Fotizou Liturgical Reading and Chanting Group via Zoom

Saturday, October 3
10:00 am “Mum’s the Word” Flower Sale

Sunday, October 4
2nd Sunday of Luke
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
Call the Church Office by Friday 10/2, 5 pm to RSVP
11:30 am “Mum’s the Word” Flower Sale

Wednesday, October 7
7:00 pm AHEPA Meeting via Zoom
7:00 pm Philoptochos Meeting via Zoom

Saturday, October 10
9:30 am Community Dining Room

Sunday, October 11
Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
Call the Church Office by Friday 10/9, 5 pm to RSVP

Monday, October 12
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, October 13
7:00 pm Endowment Fund Meeting via Skype

Thursday, October 15
Red Cross Blood Drive at Saint Barbara Church
6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

Sunday, October 18
Saint Luke the Evangelist
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
Call the Church Office by Friday 10/16, 5 pm to RSVP

Sunday, October 25
6th Sunday of Luke
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
Call the Church Office by Friday 10/23, 5 pm to RSVP
11:30 am Philoptochos Baking

Monday, October 26
Saint Demetrios the Great Martyr
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
Call the Church Office by Friday 10/23, 5 pm to RSVP

Wednesday, October 28
10:00 am OXI Day Doxology
7:00 pm Parish General Assembly via Zoom

Thursday, October 29
6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)
We think of grief primarily with the death of a loved one. Grief, however, occurs when there is any significant loss. The first step is to acknowledge this and that the various emotions one goes through after a significant loss are often grief-induced.

Grief is a process. It's not linear but has many ups and downs. It is a process that takes time. That's okay. Be patient with yourself even though others might want to rush you.

When another is grieving, try to be there for them. Often one doesn't have to say anything, but just be present with the other person in their pain and grief. We don't have to “fix” another, we can just be there for them, be empathetic.1

The Church rituals of: The Funeral and Mercy Meal, Memorial services at specified intervals, and on the 4 Saturdays of the Soul are very helpful for anyone going through grief and an opportunity to support those who are.2 Similar corporate or personal prayer gatherings can be creatively incorporated on anniversaries or in the midst of one’s own, a family’s, a parish’s, or even a nation’s significant losses.

FAITH, HOPE and LOVE.3 One’s FAITH in God produces HOPE that all things negative and even death — in Christ Jesus — is transformed to life, through God’s eternal compassion and unending LOVE. Therefore, ALL things work to the good of those who LOVE God. (Romans 8:28). Therefore even painful, negative experiences, sicknnesses, and even death, OVER TIME in the grief process, can be transformed to positive, blessed and life giving experiences through God who LOVES us.

Acknowledge that grief is more than death. Everyone is going through it and it looks different for each of us. We grieve with hope.4

1 Note the incredible empathy of Jesus in two Biblical miracles: The raising of the only son of the Widow of Nain, in Luke 7:11-17; and the Raising of Lazarus from the dead, from John 11:38-44. In the first miracle, Jesus encounters the widow mother in procession to bury her only son. He had compassion on HER, raised her son from the dead and handed him to her. The Greek verb used for compassion here and elsewhere in the New Testament is “εσπλαγχνισθη”. It literally means that Jesus was moved from His very “innards”, from the depth of His being with love and mercy. In the Raising of Lazarus from the dead, when Jesus encounters Lazarus’ sister Mary—after Lazarus has been dead for four days—Mary wept. Seeing her pain and sorrow, Jesus also wept. He knew He was going to raise Lazarus back to life in a matter of minutes, yet so deep was and IS His love for her, and indeed ALL of us, that He wept, nevertheless. Let’s try to follow His example.

2 The boiled wheat used in certain Orthodox traditions remembers the Gospel passage, “...Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it produces much fruit.” (John 12:24), focuses on hope in everlasting life.

3 St. Paul shares in 1 Corinthians 13, that these three are the greatest virtues of life, the greatest of which is LOVE (agape). (v. 13). He says in Romans 8, that NOTHING can separate us from the LOVE of God—not anything negative or even death. (8:35-39). And finally St. Paul says in 1 Thessalonians, “Brothers and sisters, I would not have you ignorant concerning those who are asleep that you may not grieve as others do who have no HOPE.”(4:13).

4 Epistle from funeral service 1st Thessalonians. For more information see: IOCC.org
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We are thankful to the following individuals who have pledged $325,158 towards our 2020 stewardship goal of $390,000.

If you have not yet made your stewardship pledge, we ask that you please call the Church Office or simply send in your Stewardship donation. Remember to give dedicated and sacrificial attention to your Stewardship donation, keeping an eye toward helping your church reach its Stewardship goal. As always, we are grateful for your love and support of our parish. Thank you for your continued support.

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Nomination Form for Parish Council Elections

We hereby nominate __________________________________________ as a candidate for the Parish Council of the Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange, Connecticut for service during the 2021-2023 term and request that this nomination be officially entered into the record of a Zoom General Assembly on October 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Name of person making the nomination: ________________________________________________________________

Name of person seconding the nomination: ______________________________________________________________

Nomination Deadline: This form must be received at the church office prior to the October 28th General Assembly. Verbal nominations will also be accepted at the October 28th General Assembly. Please note that no nominations will be accepted after the General Assembly.

Parish Council Nomination Acceptance Form

I hereby accept the above nomination to run for the Parish Council elections during the 2021-2023 term and request that my name be placed on the ballot for the December 6, 2020 elections. I understand that all candidates are required to attend a Parish Council Seminar.*

Name and Phone Number: ___________________________________________________________________________

Please Note: All individuals submitting nominations or being nominated must be members in good standing (stewardship and sacramental) of Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church for a period of one year prior to the date of election.

*All nominees must attend a mandatory seminar. This year the mandatory seminar will take place via zoom during the month of November. Exact dates and times of seminars will follow.