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News & Announcements
 October 16, 2016

Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council - 4th Sunday of Luke
Κυριακή 4η Λουκα – Των Αγίων Πατερων της εν Νικαια 7ης
Οικουμενικης Συνοδου



[Longinus the Centurion](#)

NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !
 Sunday Worship Schedule: Matins 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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 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. Please complete a Visitor's Card before you leave today and drop it in the offering tray, or give it to one of the parishioners after the service, or mail it to the church Office.

Today's Readings:

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.

Πρὸς Τίτον 3:8-15

Πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαι σε διαβεβαιουῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προϊῆσθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῶ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιίτασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νοουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἀμαρτάνει, ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζητῶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊῆσθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἄσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

The Gospel according to Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 8:5-15

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπείραι τὸν σπῶρον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐν τῷ σπείρειν αὐτὸν ὁ μὲν ἔπεσε παρὰ τὴν ὁδόν, καὶ κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πτερινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατέφαγεν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυὲν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ἰκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφυσῆσαι αὐτὸ ἀκάνθαι ἀπέπνιξαν αὐτό. καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ φυὲν ἐποίησε καρπὸν κατονταπλασίονα. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω. Ἐπηρώτων δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· τίς εἴη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὑμῖν δέδοται γνῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ συνιώσιν. ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολὴ· ὁ σπῶρος ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰσὶν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἶτα ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἶρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας οἱ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ρίζαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν, οἱ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ ἀφίστανται. τὸ δὲ εἰς τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ πλοῦτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ τελεσφοροῦσι. τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῇ, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ πίνες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσι καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω.

Today's Events

Today's Coffee Hour

is being hosted by Senait Tesfatsion for his son Efrem's Birthday.

Philoptochos Meeting today

for the General Membership of our Saint Barbara Philoptochos after church.

Just a follow up reminder that we have a Philoptochos meeting following Church this Sunday October 16. This is also the date set for donations to the Fill the Bag- veterans edition. There are still PLENTY of items needed to meet our goal- see list below. If you are unsure what to donate- cash is a wonderful alternative- you would be AMAZED how far your dollar can go (and tax deductible too). For example at the Dollar Store: 10 razors=\$1, 4 washcloths=\$! 3 bars of soap=\$1- well, you get the idea. Together ladies we can make this happen!

Item

Amounts Still Needed

Washclothes	40
Soap	55
Deck of Cards	75
Razors	56
Toothbrush	100
Tooth Paste	100
Travel Pack Kleenex	0
Comb/ brush	100
Nail File	4
Gallon Size "Zip Loc" Bag	60

As always- Thank you ladies for all you do!
Yours in Christ
Catherine Mariakakis- Chapter President

A MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE CLAYPOOLE

Hello Everyone!

I hope you are all doing well:) Next week we have the privilege of making thank you cards for veterans! Catherine Mariakakis and Philoptochos are doing a *Fill the Bag* project for our wonderful Veteran Americans that have sacrificed so much for our country. There are 2 parts to this project. (Strangely, I am telling you about part 2 before



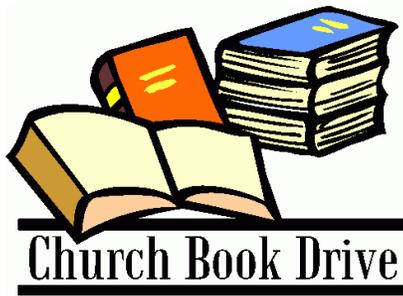
part 1...So pay close attention to the dates) The bags will include personal essential items i.e. deodorant, socks, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, etc. will be assembled by our youth (and parents if you want to participate) on *Saturday, October 22nd at 1pm at St. Barbara's*. Our goal is to assemble 100 bags. Now this brings me to our activity this *Sunday, Sept 25th*...we are having our youth make *Thank You For Your Service* cards to go inside of each of these bags. Again, the goal is 100 bags, so we also need 100 thank you cards! We will start (and may complete) making these cards this *Sunday, September 25th*, in Sunday School class. If anyone has any questions about the schedule I have listed above surrounding the activities for this cause, please ask me or Catherine Mariakakis. I will list again below:

On *Saturday, Oct. 22nd @ 1pm* at St. Barbara's:
Assembly of the bags

Costa and Summer are working to generate a practice schedule for the choir (practices for Sunday School music & for the much anticipated 2016 Christmas Pageant!) As soon as they are able to finalize a schedule, we will communicate that to all of you.

Thank you again for all that you do! Looking forward to seeing everyone on **Sunday**:)

By His grace,
Michelle Claypoole



October is Philoptochos Literacy Drive Month:

- Please donate new or gently used books for all ages: young children, teenagers and adults during this month of October.
- We can help make a difference with your donations
- Your donations will go to a local nonprofit
- The donation box is located just outside the Philoptochos Bookstore



Philoptochos Members Fall Charity Barbeque Sunday, October 30th at 12:30 pm

at the Home of Ted & Theky Pappas

3440 Rugby Road

Durham, NC 27707 for information Contact Theky Pappas – tedthecky@aol.com - 919-493-6352



**PROJECTS TO DATE:
2015**

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| February 7 | Gyro Day |
| June 6-7 | Greek Festival |
| July 18 | Gyro Feast |
| September 12 | Yard Sale |
| September 26 | Fashion Show |
| October 3 | Chicken Dinners To-go |
| November 6 | Evening of Music |
| November 20-21 | Joint Philoptochos/PC Fundraiser |
| December 6 | Saint Barbara Celebration Banquet |
| December 12 | Holiday Greek Pastries |

2016

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| January 16 | Evening of Music |
| January 30 | Spaghetti Event |
| February 20 | Gyro Event |
| June 4-5 | Greek Festival |
| July 23 | Gyro Event |
| September 24 | Evening of Jazz |
| October 1 | Greek Style Chicken Dinner & Pastry |
| November 18-19 | Athenian Grill and Pastry |
| December 2 | Christmas Concert |

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787). The Holy Icons.

The Seventh Ecumenical Council, convoked by the Empress Irene and met at Nicaea from September 24 to October 13, 787. Patriarch Tarasios (commemorated February 25) presided. The council ended almost fifty years of iconoclast persecution and established the veneration of the holy icons as basic to the belief and spirituality of Christ's Church. As the Synaxarion says, "It was not simply the veneration of the holy images that the Fathers defended in these terms but, in fact, the very reality of the Incarnation of the Son of God."

"The second Council of Nicaea is the seventh and last Ecumenical Council recognized by the Orthodox Church. This does not mean that there may not be ecumenical Councils in the future although, in holding the seventh place, the Council of Nicaea has taken to itself the symbol of perfection and completion represented by this number in Holy Scripture (e.g. Gen. 2:1-3). It closes the era of the great dogmatic disputes which enabled the Church to describe, in definitions excluding all ambiguity, the bounds of the holy Orthodox Faith. From that time, every heresy that appears can be related to one or other of the errors that the Church, assembled in universal Councils, has anathematized from the first until the seventh Council of Nicaea." *Synaxarion*

WE NEED YOU as a STEWARD !

Our Saint Barbara Church needs each and every family to join our Stewardship Program.

Our goal is to have 150 Pledged Families in the Stewardship Program.

As of Sept. 30th we have 100 Pledged Families in our Stewardship Program.

Please help us Reach our Goal.

ATTENTION SAINT BARBARA PARISH!



Celebrate with your Church Family your next special occasion! Consider sponsoring a coffee hour in the social hall after Liturgy on Sundays to commemorate a birthday, graduation, nameday, anniversary, or even for the pleasure of just hosting for your Parish.

Signing up is easy....just place your name on the 'signup coffee hour' sheet located on the table in the hallway nearest the social hall. For details or questions, contact Helen Paliouras at: [919-942-4229](tel:919-942-4229) or elenipali@att.net

Become an Altar Boy !



Contact: Burt Keener

Boys in grades 3-12 are offered the privilege to serve in the Altar on Sundays during Divine Liturgy and during other services when available. Father Stavroforos will conduct instructional training sessions for the altar boys as needed to familiarise them with the special services of the church. For assignment into a group please contact Altar Boy Coordinator Burt Keener at his Email which is bkeener@nc.rr.com



THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE, WITH APPROVAL OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, IS REACHING OUT TO THE STEWARDS OF ST. BARBARA FOR THE COLLECTION OF CLOTHES, SUCH AS, BABIES, CHILDREN, GIRLS, BOYS, MEN AND WOMEN, FOR THE RESCUE MISSION AS THEY HAVE A NEED FOR THESE ITEMS. THEY NEED SOCKS AS WELL AS HYGIENE ITEMS, UNDER GARMENTS. IF YOU DO HAVE SUCH ITEMS AND WISH TO CONTRIBUTE WE ASK THAT YOU PLACE THEM IN A BOX AND DELIVER THEM TO THE CHURCH. THERE WILL BE A TABLE SET UP OFF THE HALL IN THE BACK WHERE YOU CAN PLACE THESE ITEMS. THEY THEN WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE RESCUE MISSION. IF YOU NEED AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION SLIP SEE LOU CONSTANTINOY AND ONE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOU.



HOPE AND JOY ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATES - FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - MEETING AT THE CHURCH - TIMES TBA

October 8: Love and Joy
November 5: Peace
December 3: Off because St. Barbara's Vespers
January 7: Patience; Vasilopita
February 4: Kindness
March 4: Goodness
April 1: Faithfulness
May 6: Gentleness
June 3: Self-Control

This 2016-2107 theme is "The Fruits of the Spirit" Each session we will include fellowship and an activities based lesson on one fruit per month.

October of 2016



16 - *Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council* - 9 am
23 - *6th Sunday of Luke & St. Iakovos (James)* - 9 am
26 - *Wednesday - St. Demetrios* - 9 am
28 - *Friday - Holy Protection of the Theotokos* - 9 am
30 - *5th Sunday of Luke* - 9 am

November 18 & 19, 2016



Philoptochos 12th Annual Holiday Greek Pastry Sale
&
ATHENIAN GRILL

**Honor Archbishop Demetrios
and Make A Difference with Children**



At its May 2015 meeting, the National Board adopted a cross-generational initiative to honor His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios on the occasion of his Nameday on October 26. In conjunction with Make a Difference Day, which occurs each year in late October, chapters across the US were encouraged to sponsor projects involving the children in their parishes in "acts of kindness" in order to teach our youth about giving back to their communities and to directly involve them in philanthropy. Projects included thank you cards to veterans, get well cards to patients in hospitals, personal care kits for the homeless, canned food drives, service to senior citizens,

FILL THE BAG INITIATIVE

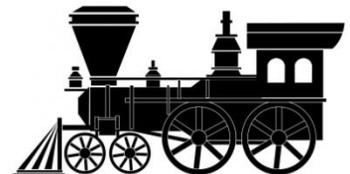
Sponsored and coordinated by St. Barbara's Philoptochos Chapter, "Fill the Bag" is a philanthropic project aimed at providing necessities to those less fortunate from various demographics within our community at large. The inaugural edition will benefit Veterans and be donated to the VA hospital for distribution. Note that included in each bag will be a "Thank You for Your Service" card from the Sunday School children. All parishioners are invited to participate in the "filling of the bags" by donating any quantity of the items listed below. Cash donations are also appreciated to defray cost of items not received from donations. Collection boxes will be located at the rear of the fellowship hall. Bags will be assembled Saturday October 22 in honor of "Make a Difference Day". The deadline for donation of items is Sunday, October 16. Thank you in advance for your support.

Catherine Mariakakis- Chapter President

Greetings to All!

Just wanted to remind Saint Barbara and Holy Trinity Seniors of our October's St. Anthony's Activity

On Wednesday, October 19th, we will be traveling to Wilmington's Train Museum - area shopping - lunch. If you are interested in attending and would like to reserve a seat on the van, please contact Toulia by email or phone (919 810-2903) prior to Oct. 12th.



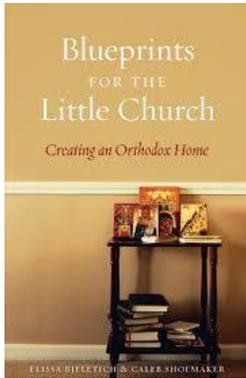
Looking forward to the wonderful fellowship!

-Toulia + Fr. Stavroforos

PARENT MORNING COFFEE AND MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, November 5th, 2016 at 9:30 am

Bean Traders, 105 WNC HWY, Unit 249



Blueprints for the Little Church begins by providing a theological underpinning for and explanation of the little church within the home. Creating an Orthodox home, the authors argue, is really about raising saints. I love this quote:

"It's not about manners—it's about holiness. It's not about 'good behavior'—it's about a life given completely to God in loving humility and peace." -***Blueprints for the Little Church***

However, just telling parents that they should "raise saints" can lead to frustration if there is no guidance. The book, using the wisdom of the Church fathers, provides that guidance. Organized by the three major disciplines of piety—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—***Blueprints for the Little Church*** walks families through practical ways they can involve their families in the life of the Church.

What I Liked

Real Examples from Real Families

One of my favorite things about the book is the way that it uses real examples of real families. In every chapter there are several block quotes from Orthodox mothers and fathers about how they actually live out that particular principle (fasting, creating a routine of prayer, etc.) in their own families. This is exactly the kind of advice and encouragement that I need! It also helps readers realize that there is no one "right" way to incorporate Orthodox spirituality into the home. Each family is different and, therefore, their home lives will look different.

Quotes from Saints

I also appreciated the quotes from saints that were scattered throughout the book. I've even typed up a few and placed them around my house! One of my favorites was from St. John Chrysostom:

"If the man who buried his one talent gained nothing, but was punished instead, it is obvious that one's own virtue is not enough for salvation, but the virtue of those for whom one is responsible is also required. Therefore, let us be greatly concerned for our wives and our children, and for ourselves as well, and as we educate both ourselves and them let us beg God to help us in our task. If He sees that we care about this, He will help us." -***St. John Chrysostom***

The Appendix on the Church Calendar

Finally, I also really appreciated the appendix on the church calendar. In this part of the book, the authors provide a short explanation for each feast of the Church as well as a sample craft that children could do. While I'm not a particularly crafty person, I did get some ideas for my church school class.

Who This Book is For

I wholeheartedly recommend ***Blueprints for the Little Church*** as an excellent resource for Orthodox families. If you are an Orthodox Christian or interested in Orthodoxy:

Plans are being made for a once a month parent breakfast coffee at a local coffee shop like Bean Traders, where we can talk about the book amongst ourselves with Fr. Stavroforos. If you are interested in being a part of this program please contact Summer Kinnard smkinard@gmail.com.

Spanakopita Assembly Saturday Nov 5th @ 10am

We will be assembling spanakopites for the annual Philoptochos Holiday Pastry Sale on Saturday, November 5th starting at 10am at the church hall. We're aiming to make 250 small (8x8) pans, so we could use all the help we can get. Thanks to you all, we've had such amazing turnout the last few sessions that we've managed to finish in record time, and we're hoping for the same result this time, too.

I know everyone's schedules are packed, and your time is valuable, but even if you can only spare an hour or two, please come by.

If you can make it, please bring a small bowl or sauce pan to hold melted butter, and a pastry brush. That will help ensure we have enough equipment for all the workers.

Finally, if you can please let either Evelyn Panos mamapan@aol.com, Theky Pappas tedtheky@aol.com, or me know if you're able to come, so we'll have some idea of how many helpers to expect, that would be much appreciated. Or just drop in, we're flexible, and we'll definitely put you to work. ☺

Hope to see you on Saturday November 5th!

Many thanks,

Cindy Paliouras, Theky Pappas & Evelyn Panos

Cindy

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Κανών, σήμα και αρχή της 3ης Ωδής του Αναστάσιμου κανόνα του Αγ. Ιωάννη του Δαμασκηνού σε μεσοβυζαντινά νεύματα και μεταγραφή (μέλος από το Ειρημολόγιο)

We have chant group that began initially to explore different aspects of Neo Byzantine ecclesiastical music with a narrow focus on the traditional performance practices of the Greek Orthodox Byzantine tradition. An outgrowth of this is a choir called the Byzantine Voices Choral Society of St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church.

So far, we have initiated lessons in reading the παρασημαντική or Neo Byzantine musical notation. We have explored some of the music theory by ear training. This led to a workshop on what are termed prosomoia, special melodies which serve as archetypes for the texts of the hymns. The group has been divided in interest: some want to explore the written music and others want to explore the aural tradition. So we are doing a bit of both.

Right now the emphasis is on ear training and learning how to function in a choir with Byzantine performance practices. Some of us read the western notation, some the Neo Byzantine and all of us learn how to follow each other aurally.

We meet typically a couple of times a month.

Schedule this Month for
Byzantine Voices Choral Society
of Saint Barbara

Each Wednesday at 6:30

Saturday, Oct. 15th at 1:00

Saturday Oct. 29th at 1:00

If you are interested in attending, I would be most happy to add your name to our email roster and let you know what is taking place.

Tony Thompson [919-816-7798](tel:919-816-7798)

Dear 2016 Stewards of Saint Barbara Church,

I am sending this to you on behalf of this year's election committee for the upcoming 2016 elections. Many of you may be considering running for the parish council, but may not be sure that you meet the requirements to put your name in for candidacy. As you can see we have three criteria for eligibility.

In reading the items below if you are not certain whether or not you have met the criteria please feel free to contact those who can provide you with definite answers. If you have a question in regards to stewardship and financial eligibility contact treasurer Evelyn Zehia by e-mail <ezehia@att.net> . If you have questions in regards to your ecclesiastical eligibility contact Fr. Stavroforos by e-mail <fatherstavroforos2012@gmail.com>. If you have any questions in regards to the election process please contact a member of the elections committee. Those running the 2016 elections are Hope Odzak <hdodzak@gmail.com>, Demi Vlachos <dvlachos@nc.rr.com>, and Anne Denny <acdenny@gmail.com>.

You can put your name in nomination by e-mailing the following form to one of the members of the election committee:

All nominations should be sent to the members of the election committee from the time that you receive this information all the way up to the date of the General Assembly on November 20th. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the assembly itself. Nominations for candidacy will be closed at the close of the general assembly.

First time candidates will be asked to attend a seminar that will be held at Holy Trinity in Raleigh. Further Information regarding this matter will be sent to those candidates that need to meet this requirement.

The ballot of eligible candidates will be prepared for elections that will be held on Sunday December 11th at Saint Barbara after the Celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

What constitutes one's eligibility to run for the Parish Council and to have voting privileges?

- **Stewardship Eligibility**

- A candidate for the Parish Council must be a parishioner in good standing of the Parish for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election and must live his or her life in accordance with the Faith and Canons of the Church. The Priest determines whether the Parishioners are in canonical and financial good standing as specified below. (UPR Article 25 Section 2)

- **Ecclesiastical Eligibility:**

1. Every person who is baptized and chrismated according to the rites of the Orthodox Church is a parishioner. The religious, moral and social duties of a parishioner are to apply the tenets of the Orthodox Faith to his/her life and to: adhere to and to live according to the tenets of the Orthodox faith; faithfully attend the Divine Liturgy and other worship services; participate regularly in the holy sacraments; respect all ecclesiastical authority and all governing bodies of the Church; be obedient in matters of the Faith, practice and ecclesiastical order; contribute towards the progress of the Church's sacred mission; and be an effective witness of the Orthodox Faith and Traditions to all people. (UPR Article 18 Section 1)
2. No persons may marry more than three times in the Church, with permission for a third marriage granted only with extreme oikonomia. (Archdiocese Pastoral Guidelines)
3. In cases involving the marriage of Orthodox and non-Orthodox Christians, the latter must have been baptized in water, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Church cannot bless the marriage of an Orthodox Christian to a non-Christian. (Archdiocese Pastoral Guidelines)
4. A person who belongs to a parish under the jurisdiction of a bishop who is not in communion with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, or who, if married has not had his or her marriage blessed by the Orthodox Church, or, if divorced, has not received an ecclesiastical divorce, is not ecclesiastically in good standing with the Church. However, this condition need not remain permanent. Please make an effort to speak with Fr. Stavroforos in order to be able seek his advice and counsel so that you can once again work towards you being in good standing with the Church. (Archdiocese Pastoral Guidelines)

- 5. A baptized or chrismated Orthodox Christian whose wedding has not been blessed by the Orthodox Church is no longer in good standing with the Church, and may not receive the Sacraments of the Church, including Holy Communion, or become a Sponsor of an Orthodox Marriage, Baptism or Chrismation. (Archdiocese Pastoral Guidelines)

Financial Eligibility

The definition of "fulfilling one's financial obligation to the Parish" is by necessity a flexible one. Generally, for purposes of voting in Parish Assemblies and elections, one is considered to have fulfilled his or her stewardship and financial obligations to the Parish if he or she has pledged and paid an amount certain for the year prior to the current year and has pledged an amount to the Parish for the current year. However, in the event an individual refuses or neglects to pledge a specific amount, but he or she has committed himself spiritually, morally and financially to the Greek Orthodox Faith and the parish and the records of the parish so reflect the financial commitment, he or she will be considered to have fulfilled his financial obligation and be eligible to vote. (Stewardship is recommended to be ten percent (10%) of one's annual income as stated in Holy Scripture to help meet the financial obligations of the Parish, the Metropolis and the Archdiocese.) New members to the Parish will have met their financial obligation to the Parish by merely pledging a sum certain for the current year. The same shall be true of persons not currently members in good standing. (Per the Parish By-Laws)

+ *Father Stavroforos*

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Nomination Form 2016

Name of Candidate: _____

Address of Candidate: _____

e-mail: _____ phone: _____

I have been a steward of St. Barbara since: _____

Yes, I will attend the seminar since I am a first time candidate for the parish council :

Signature