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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017
Great Martyr Barbara
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
Colossians 1:12-18

Gospel Reading
Luke 17: 12-19

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion for the Great Martyr Barbara of Heliopolis in Syria

Let us honor the holy martyr Barbara, for as a bird she escaped the snares of the enemy, and destroyed them through the help and defense of the Cross.

Kontakion

Singing the praises of the Trinity, you followed God by enduring suffering; you renounced the multitude of idols, O holy martyr Barbara. In your struggles, you were not frightened by the threats of your torturers, but cried out in a loud voice: "I worship the Trinity in one God-head."

"Many pious Orthodox Christians are in the habit of chanting the Troparion of Saint Barbara each day, recalling the Savior's promise to her that those who remembered her and her sufferings would be preserved from a sudden, unexpected death, and would not depart this life without benefit of the Holy Mysteries of Christ." ~ Excerpt from "Feasts and Saints" at www.oca.org

The Nativity Fast - Through Saturday, January 6

We are now beginning the fourth week of the Nativity Fast. Fr. John invites us to schedule a time to meet with him for the Sacrament of Confession in preparation for the January 7 Nativity Feastday.



On cold winter days, please enter the Chapel through the parish hall.



Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. May you experience along with us the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for Coffee Hour. You are always welcomed in our worship, fellowship and charity outreach.

Faith in Action: NVFS Christmas Project – Thank You

Our donated toys and monetary gifts were delivered to Northern Virginia Family Services last week by Sue Mamula. God bless each donor for the caring gifts to children and families in poverty that will make their holiday more memorable.

Winter Coat Drive for the Needy – Today

The Embry Rucker Center in Reston will be the recipient of our donated new and used winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Thank you to everyone who participated and to Louise Romanchak for being the coordinator.

Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker – Tuesday, December 19

We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas at 10:30AM this Tuesday. Plan to stay afterwards for lunch and bring a fasting food to share if you can. God bless the Antich and Glomazic families and all who commemorate St. Nicholas as their Family Slava/Patron Saint. Srećna slava! Mnogaja ljeta!

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, December 20, 7:00-8:30PM

Vespers will be served Wednesday evening. A group discussion follows on "The Heavenly Banquet, Understanding the Divine Liturgy" by Fr. Emanuel Hatzidakis.

St. Luke Gift Shop

- Still shopping for holiday gift giving? Visit the Gift Shop for icons, classic books and handcrafted items from St. Tikhon's and other monasteries.
- A Special 15% Discount will be applied to all jewelry purchases now through December 31. Stop by today during Coffee Hour.

Support our St. Luke Church through Amazon Smile

Reminder: Parishioners who shop on line at Amazon may select St. Luke from the list of charitable organizations. Amazon then donates 0.5% of the purchase to St. Luke! No extra cost is passed on to the buyer. Go to smile.amazon.com.

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Magdalene Bragulla, Mark Damjan and Val Maksimovic as they celebrate their birthdays. May God grant them many years! Mnogaja ljeta!