Christ and the Human Soul, Maddalena Franguelli, 2012

***THIS SUNDAY*. EASTER VII (ASCENSION SUNDAY), June 1, 9 AM Sung Eucharist** What is Ascension Sunday? See more below.

GRATITUDE ABOUNDS! Profound thanks to all who made last Sunday such a powerful service that we will not soon forget! First and foremost, our wonderful guest preacher, **Fr. Mike Kinman**, who gave a rousing message, guest organist, **Jose Zambrana** who played with both sensitivity and flair, and our wonderful kin from All Saints with their joyful presence. And, as is often the case, our MVP, **Adele Hunter**, who put together fantastic hospitality on very short notice. Thanks to **everyone who helped** whether by bringing food, serving at the altar or just bringing your "sweet, sweet spirit" and warmly welcoming our guests. The love was felt!

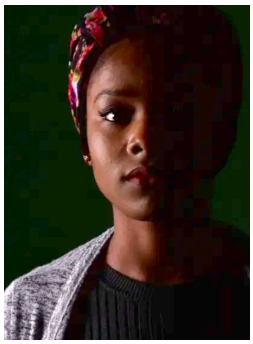
HONORING GRADUATES We will honor and bless as a congregation all those who are graduating this year on **Sunday, June 15**. Please send names of those you wish to be honored to vrmzahn@gmail.com (or reply to this email) to make sure they receive a special award on behalf of the St. Barnabas family.

WHAT IS ASCENSION SUNDAY? The feast of the Ascension is one of the least-known principal feasts of the church despite being specifically named in the creed we say every week and in the Eucharistic prayer. It marks the day that the disciples witnessed Jesus ascending into heaven after 40 days of being present with them post-resurrection. "After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight," says the book of Acts. Technically a Thursday, (but often moved to the following Sunday) Ascension Day is an official holiday in many countries, and in Germany, it is when "Men's Day" (German Father's Day) is observed, often by taking long hikes, hosting cookouts, and shockingly, drinking beer!

Fighting the Eaton Fire, as seen in the film, "Resilience"

LA COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS SHARE 2025 FIRE EXPERIENCES IN SHORT DOC

"Resilience: The Untold Stories of LA County First Responders," features the L.A. County firefighters, sheriffs, and lifeguards who responded to the Los Angeles wildfires this January. The documentary presents exclusive interviews and never-before-seen footage provided by the first responders who gave everything to keep us safe. Learn more and watch the film here.



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"I WISH BLACK WOMEN'S TEARS HAD POWER" Read the essay by Tekita Bankhead quoted by Fr. Kinman in his May 25 sermon. (Thanks to Tony Rivera for passing this along)

FIRE RELIEF FUND We are continuing to receive donations, so if you are able, please visit stbarnabaspasadena.org/give and note "fire relief" in the comment section.