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# **CHRIST IS RISEN!**

*There will be no April Gathering  
of the Friends of St. Barbara Monastery*

## **CONSECRATION**

**OF THE NEW CHAPEL  
OF THE HOLY MARTYRS  
BARBARA AND EUGENE  
MAY 5th & 6th, 2017**  
*(see back for details)*

### **DIRECTIONS TO THE MONASTERY**

***From Highway 101 – Exit Hwy 126 East at Ventura.***

*Travel 11 miles east along Hwy 126 and exit 10th St/Hwy 150 at Santa Paula.*

*Turn left from the exit ramp and follow 10th St/Hwy 150 through Santa Paula.*

*Bear right at the fork in the road. This is Ojai Rd/Hwy 150.*

*Travel about five miles (1/4 mile past Thomas Aquinas College) to 15799 Ojai Road.*

*The monastery driveway is on the right just past our mailbox at Highway Marker 2830.*

*Drive across the bridge and follow the signs to the parking area.*

***From Highway 5 – Exit Hwy 126 West at Santa Clarita.***

*Travel 27 miles to Santa Paula, and exit at 10th St/Hwy 150.*

*Turn right from the exit ramp and follow 10th St/Hwy 150 through Santa Paula.*

*Bear right at the fork in the road. This is Ojai Rd/Hwy 150.*

*Continue as directed above.*

*Christ is risen!*



*Indeed, He is risen!*

Dear Friends of St. Barbara Monastery,

With the consecration of the new chapel just one week away, this April 2017 issue of our monthly newsletter is dedicated entirely to reflections and information about our monastery chapel.



For every monastery, the church is the heart of its life. Monastics strive for prayer throughout the day, but gather in church for the appointed services several times each day. Also, it's worth pilgrims arrive at a for the church and services as the focal Here at St. Barbara together for church day: for Vespers, and the Sixth Hour service for those Through the years, successive and very sisters have tried to



spaces originally designed for other purposes and converted into temporary and makeshift chapels, while longing for the day when we might have a proper space for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and the round of daily services—one large enough to accommodate the crowd of pilgrims and visitors that comes for the annual feast day of the monastery on December 4<sup>th</sup> as well as the monthly gatherings of the Friends of St. Barbara Monastery. And now, thanks be to God and the efforts of a host of supportive and dedicated people, that day is here! Archbishop Benjamin has announced that the consecration of our new church dedicated to the Holy Martyrs Barbara and Eugene will take place on May 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

mentioning that, when monastery, they head try to attend the point of their visit. Monastery, we come services four times a Compline, Matins, along with a memorial departed this life. while living in four different locations, we accomplish this in

Back in 1992, the first monastery “chapel”—if the word even applies—was an icon corner in a small rented cottage on Castillo St. in Santa Barbara. In 1993, the first

patronal feast to be celebrated by the monastery, His Grace, Bishop Tikhon along with his Archdeacon Vincent (now our Archbishop Benjamin) graced these humble beginnings with a hierarchical Vigil.



In 1994, the monastery relocated to another rented house on Milpas St., where the chapel was a shed built against the side of a garage and previously used as a pottery workshop.

The third chapel—in the late 1990’s and early 2000’s—the Goleta years—was a converted garage, replete with an iconostas made of garden lattice and put together by graduate students from UC Santa Barbara.

The fourth, from 2005 until the present, was the converted family room of the present monastery house on State Highway 150 near Santa Paula—with its commanding view of Santa Paula Mountain—using the same iconostas made years earlier from garden lattice.

The new church that will be consecrated on May 6<sup>th</sup> has a beautiful iconostas constructed by a master woodworker, Patrick Gilbert of Santa Barbara, and filled with icons by the master iconographer, Heather MacKean.

Under the dedicated and patient eye of Mitchell Denny, Jr., Project Manager, construction of the building is now receiving its final touches. Periodically, the work had to stop for lack of funds. But always the needed funding was eventually forthcoming, allowing the project to continue to completion. The list of “founders and benefactors of this holy house” to be remembered in prayer numbers several hundred names and includes donors of time and labor as well as contributors to the Chapel Building Fund.



The building was designed by the architectural firm of Anderson, Kulwicz and Appleby, Inc., of Santa Paula. The contractor for the construction was Anderson Construction, Inc., of Camarillo.

## ***CONSECRATION SCHEDULE***

***Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>***

***Vespers and Matins at 4:00 PM,  
followed by supper.***

***Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>***

***Service of Consecration at 9:00 AM,  
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM,  
followed by a luncheon.***

## ***PARKING ADVISORY***

Please consider CARPOOLING! Because of Fire Dept. restrictions, parking at the monastery will be limited.

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, vehicles will be permitted to cross the bridge for passenger drop-off and pick-up, but may park only in other areas, some off-site.

- ❖ Only delivery vehicles and vehicles carrying handicapped persons will be permitted to cross the bridge and park.
- ❖ Clergy parking will be available on the south side of the bridge.
- ❖ Most parking will be off-site with frequent shuttle service available at nearby Thomas Aquinas College, 10,000 Ojai Rd (Highway 150).
- ❖ A second off-site parking lot with frequent shuttle service available will be at Vida Nueva Church, 3452 Ojai Rd. (Highway 150).
- ❖ For the most current information about parking arrangements, check the monastery website ([www.stbarbaramonastery.org](http://www.stbarbaramonastery.org)).