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INDEED HE IS RISEN!

**THERE WILL BE NO APRIL, 2020
GATHERING OF THE FRIENDS
OF ST. BARBARA MONASTERY**

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 5 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.
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.



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Dear Friends of St. Barbara Monastery,

We greet you with the joy of the Resurrection! May each and every one of us receive this joy—not to be equaled by anything else in the world!

We can't call this our "newsletter" because we really have no news to speak of—other than "Christ is risen," of course! What we mostly want to communicate (in response to your many kind inquiries) is that we are well and the coronavirus thus far has not reached St. Barbara Monastery.

On Holy Saturday evening, we alerted our neighbors that all of our bells would be ringing around midnight as we processed around the church. And a few hours later, we began our very "down home" but glorious Pascha. The singing may have been weak, but it lacked no enthusiasm.

At present, we continue to "shelter in place," and the monastery remains closed to visitors until such time as the directives (from our Archbishop as well as the Governor of California) are lifted.

Meanwhile, inside our gates, the daily round of monastery life continues: reader's services, work—especially outdoor work in our lavender fields just now, meals, office work, and—in place of visitors—phone calls and email.

Just maybe (if not next month, then perhaps the month afterwards), we will be back to our usual newsletter announcing a "Gathering of the Friends of St. Barbara Monastery." As the Lord wills

Many, many thanks to all of you who have kept us in your prayers throughout this unusual time.

**Abbess Victoria
and the Sisters
of St. Barbara Monastery**