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

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2020

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.



Dear Friends of St. Barbara Monastery,

What treasure we all have in the saints! They are ready to befriend us, to accompany and encourage us as we pursue our path to the Kingdom of God, to help us, pray for us, protect us!

A couple of Sundays Pentecost, the whole Feast of All Saints, those throughout the ages who gifts of the Holy Spirit. A Second Sunday After Monastery as part of the America celebrated the Saints of North America. shows fifteen saints who Christ on this continent. are priests, six are monks, six of whom Certainly there are others, not yet glorified (that is, Matushka Olga of Alaska, lived their lives in God has not revealed to us.



ago, the First After Church celebrated the men and women shone brightly with the few days ago, on the Pentecost, St. Barbara Orthodox Church in annual feast of All Our icon for this feast lived and labored for Four are martyrs, seven missionaries and eight became bishops. some known to us but canonized) like as well as many who obscurity and whom

We love singing the liturgical service for All Saints of North America, although it begs to be updated to include the saints added to the calendar since it was written.

Rejoice, O mountains of Pennsylvania, leap for joy, O waters of the Great Lakes.

Rise up, O fertile plains of Canada, for the elect of Christ who dwelt in you are glorified,

*Men and women who left their homes for a new land, with faith, hope and patience as
Their armor.*

*They courageously fought the good fight, comforted by the beauty of the Orthodox Faith,
They labored in mines and mills, they tilled the land, they braved the challenges of the
great cities.*

*Enduring many hardships and sufferings, never failing to worship God in spirit and truth,
And unyielding in devotion to His most pure Mother, they erected many temples to His glory.
Come, O assembly of the Orthodox, and with love let us praise the holy women, men and
children, those known to us and those known only to God.*

*And let us cry out to them: **Rejoice, All Saints of North America, and pray to God for us!***

Abbess Victoria
and the sisters
of St. Barbara Monastery

Book Sale: New and Noteworthy Titles From Our Bookstore

As coronavirus restrictions continue, the opportunity for reading does too! While our physical bookstore remains closed (along with our monastery), please see our website for a rotating selection of the many books on our bookstore shelves. Below are some of the newest titles available. To order, please email us (sbmonasterystore@gmail.com) or phone (805-921-1563).

Paraklesis and Akathist to our Holy and God-bearing Father Nikiforos the Leper

These texts have been selling rapidly since St. Nikiforos appeared to a Christian in Greece and offered himself as an intercessor against the coronavirus. \$15

Harbor for our Hope: On Acquiring Peace amidst Suffering

by St. Ignatius Brianchaninov. \$22.95

The New Media Epidemic: The Undermining of Society, Family, and Our Own Soul

by Jean-Claude Larchet. Technology has been a great blessing during this period, but let's use it mindfully and carefully. \$21.95

The Cross and the Stag: The Incredible Adventures of St. Eustathius

A graphic novel by Gabriel Wilson. \$12.95

The Holy Angels

A reprint of the classic work by Mother Alexandra. \$19.95

A Child's Guide to Prayer. \$19.95

The Shield of Psalmic Prayer: Reflections on Translating, Interpreting, and Praying the Psalter

by Donald Sheehan. \$19.95

Laurel and the Wind

A children's book by Gaelan Gilbert. \$19.95

Taught by God: Making Sense of the Difficult Sayings of Jesus

by Daniel Fanous. \$25

Jesus Christ: His Life and Teaching, Volume 2: The Sermon on the Mount

by Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev. \$35

Catechetical Discourse: A Handbook for Catechists

by St. Gregory of Nyssa. \$25

On the Ecclesiastical Mystagogy: A Theological Vision of the Liturgy

by St. Maximus the Confessor. \$25

The Testament of the Lord: Worship and Discipline in the Early Church

A handbook of Church life that was known in Syria, Ethiopia, and Cappadocia. \$25

Revelation: A Liturgical Prophecy

by Patrick Henry Reardon. \$14

Romans: An Orthodox Commentary

by Patrick Henry Reardon. \$18

A School of Embodied Poetics

by Scott Cairns. \$5.99

And a new CD: *Stabat Mater*, by Arvo Pärt, sung by Gloria Dei Cantores. \$19.99

To order from the monastery, please add the cost of shipping: \$3 for one book, \$5 for two.

FRESH LAVENDER BOUQUETS AVAILABLE BY MAIL



We are happy to announce that our two lavender fields have begun to bloom. During the month of July, it will be possible to order fresh lavender bouquets from the Monastery and have them sent to you by priority mail. A fresh bouquet, picked the same day as it is mailed out, including shipping, sells for \$15.00. The lavender can be enjoyed fresh and then dried. Please place your order on our website or order by mail. Additional lavender products are available.

AT LAST: A NEW TRAFFIC MIRROR!

Months have passed since the helpful traffic mirror, positioned across the road (Highway 150) from the monastery driveway, shattered into smithereens. And for months, pulling out of our driveway, with limited visibility of oncoming traffic, has required some moments of keen concentration as well as raw courage. But now all that has changed. Mitch Denny, our Property Development Manager (new title), with a hand from Mother Paraskeva, has duly installed a new and improved traffic mirror. When the pandemic abates sufficiently for us to have visitors again, all of you will be able to pull out onto the highway and turn left to Santa Paula or right to Ojai without fear.



COUNTRY LIVING!



under it. No wonder sycamores are known as good fire retardants.

Country living has its hazards, not the least of which is falling tree branches, but so far no one has been harmed. The latest large tree branch that fell came crashing down in the night on the "sliver", our parking area on the south side of Sisar Creek. God's graciousness was shown to us in the way it fell. It landed entirely on our property, leaving our neighbor's fence untouched. No one was under it, although cars park in that area fairly regularly. A point of interest is that it was a sycamore tree. The inside of the branch where it was freshly torn off was very wet, as was the ground