

Monasteries and Parishes Installing Solar Power

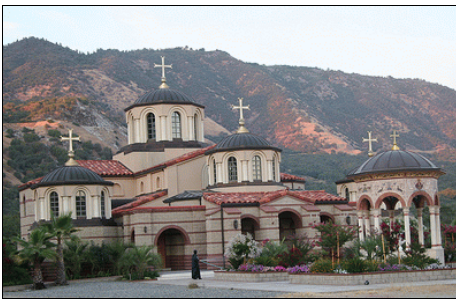
The Switch to Renewable Energy is On!

WHY PAY FOR ELECTRICAL ENERGY that pollutes the land and harms neighbors when electrical power can be free and clean? Orthodox monasteries especially, but also a growing number of parishes are realizing the spiritual and financial benefits of solar energy. The following are a few examples among the many facilities that are making the change to solar power.



New Valaam Monastery, on Spruce Island, Alaska, began with two solar panels and that has now doubled to four panels. (See photo to the immediate left.)

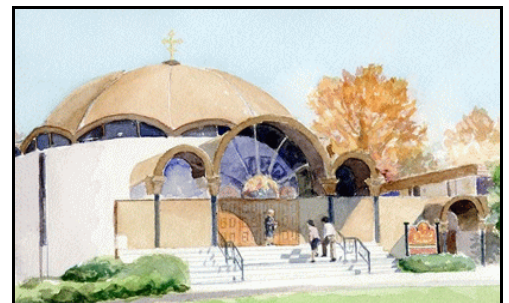
Saint Barbara Monastery, Santa Barbara, California, is now in the process of going solar. Site analysis and preliminary design work was recently completed.



The Life Giving Spring Monastery, see photo immediately above, alongside St. Nicholas Ranch (GOAA) in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains in Dunlap, California has installed solar power.

Saint Nilus Skete, located on a tiny rock island off the coast of Spruce Island at the western edge of the Gulf of Alaska, has installed solar and wind power. (See photo at right)

Saint Herman of Alaska monastery, in the Trinity Alps of northern California (Platina), under the Serbian Orthodox Church, has gone entirely solar (not shown).



Saint Anthony's Antiochian church, Bergenfield, New Jersey, has installed 134 solar panels atop the parish hall (see parish photo, above).

Fr. Joseph Allen, pastor at St. Anthony's, says that at first there were a few skeptics, but we emphasized that using solar power is part of being a good steward of God's creation. Now the entire parish is delighted that we use solar energy.

He also says that all parishes should have the courage to defend what are God's gifts of creation. "Stewardship of these gifts is the responsibility of all people." For more info, please see: www.Orth-Transfiguration.org



