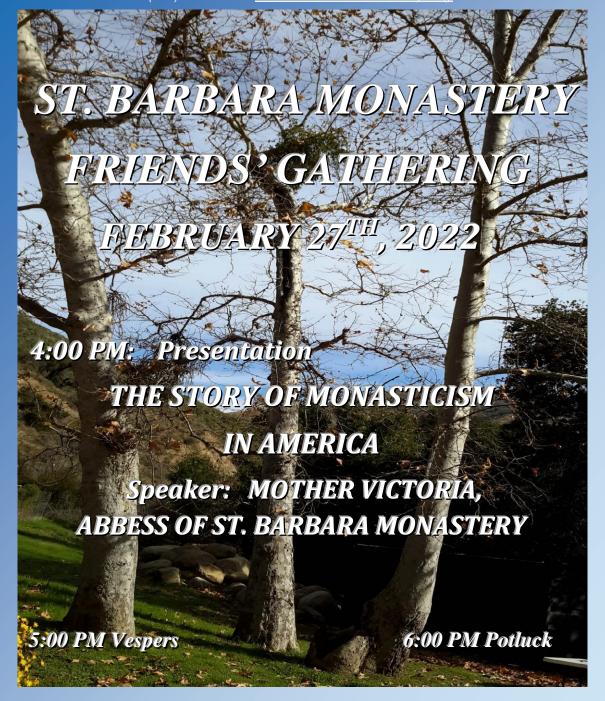
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Dear Friends of St. Barbara Monastery,

Please accept our apologies!

We were not able to prepare our usual Newsletter for this month. However, we will be having our February Friends' Gathering on Sunday, February 27th as announced on the reverse side of this sheet.

Abbess Victoria

and the sisters

of St. Barbara Monastery

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Meanwhile, Sister Joanna has written up the following news item to help keep you posted on life at the monastery:

On Valentine's Day we found a surprise gift in our chicken coop—a mother hen with 12 chicks! Where did they come from? The hens in our flock are free-ranging during the days and return to the coop at night. Apparently, they also lay eggs while they roam, and this hen found a safe place to sit on a large clutch of them. She is a good mama. She brought the youngsters into the safety of the coop and fenced yard when

they hatched. We have made their new home as safe as possible and we are enjoying watching them grow.