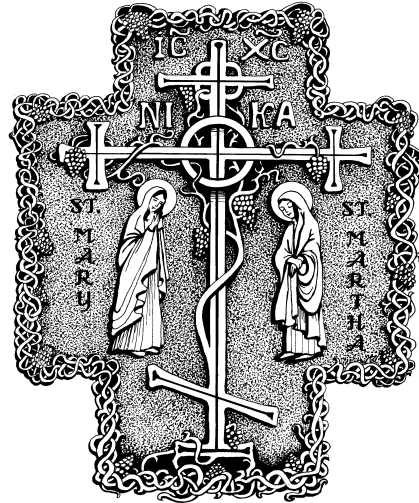


Saints Mary and Martha  
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*When God builds  
the house . . .*



Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build  
it.  
Psalm 127:1a

Throughout this past year, we watched the shell of our building go up and up. By Pilgrimage on May 3rd, we were able to celebrate Liturgy and the other services in the unfinished shell. The presence of the Holy Spirit was truly felt by those in attendance.

This building is a long-term project that will be completed step by step as we have the funding to do so. Our web site:  
<http://www.saintsmaryandmarthaorthodoxmonastery.org>  
has updates on the “Building Plans” page.

We are three again and will increase in number as the Holy Spirit leads women to fulfill their monastic vocation at this monastery.

This year, like those past, is full of prayer, visitors, candle making, building activities, daily responsibilities, and anything else God gives us to do. At the end of September, we hosted the Clergy Wives’ Retreat. Then in February, we hosted a knitters and spinners retreat. There were several other small women’s retreats and numerous individuals.

In answer to several requests, soon there will be an additional page on our web site that will list women saints by month and day.

*. . .the laborer does not labor in vain.*