

## **NUNS RETURN TO HOLY ASSUMPTION MONASTERY IN CALISTOGA AFTER EVACUATING DUE TO WILDFIRES**



After spending more than a week in evacuation at the Monastery of St. John of Shanghai in Manton, California, Abbess Melania and the sisterhood of Holy Assumption Monastery (OCA) were able to return to their home in Calistoga yesterday.

The monastery is situated in the northern part of the Napa Valley. Due to the threat of wildfires, the sisters had to leave their monastery and travel 3 hours northeast to St. John's Monastery on in the morning of September 29.

And yesterday, Abbess Melania posted on the monastery's website: "Thank you all for your prayers. Thanks be to God we are back home and the monastery is in good shape. Please continue to pray for the firefighters and all affected by the fires. Thanks again!"

As OrthoChristian reported earlier this week, St. Herman of Alaska Monastery in Platina, California, and St. Xenia Skete in nearby Wildwood, California are also under threat of wildfire.

The OCA Diocese of the West is accepting donations for fire relief by check at:

Diocese of the West  
attn: Fire Relief  
PO Box 823  
Ashland, OR 97520

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