

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
UTM: 18/	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

St. Barbara Greek

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Orthodox Church Historic: Same
2. TOWN/CITY: New Haven VILLAGE: ----- COUNTY: New Haven
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 48 Dwight Street
4. OWNER(S): St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church PUBLIC PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Religious Historic: Same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain church no

DESCRIPTION

Twentieth Century

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Eclectic/Tuscan DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1941
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle asphalt siding fieldstone
 board & batten stucco cobblestone
 aluminum siding concrete: type: ----- cut stone: type: -----
 other: -----
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other: -----
10. ROOF: type:
 gable flat mansard monitor sawtooth
 gambrel shed hip round other Pyramidal (Towers)
 material:
 wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
 asphalt shingle built up tile (towers) other: -----
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2-3 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 40' x 60'
12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
 Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: -----
 Alterations: no yes, explain: Major rear (west) addition
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: -----
 carriage house shop garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 open land woodland residential scattered buildings visible from site
 commercial industrial rural high building density

INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The church is flanked by a pair of row houses to the south and a residence to the north. A contemporary apartment complex is opposite on the east side of Dwight Street. The only large non-residential building on the block, the towers and public quality emphasize its dominance of the block.

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

This church is a "T" in plan. The bar of the "T" forms the main, decorated facade while the leg remains simple. The facade consists of a gabled entry bay flanked by taller towers. The arcuated doors are capped by similar stained glass windows, accented by saw tooth moldings and separated one from the other by attached columns. Above the center entryway, a semi-circular niche in the masonry with a small gabled hood claims a prominent position. The arch motif is repeated with a line of arcaded machicolation stone decoration in the rake of the pediment and in the cornice line of the towers. The towers have a brick string course at the level of the doorways, a pair of long, narrow arched windows midway up the height on 2 sides, and groupings of 3 niches near the top of all sides. Capping the towers are red-tiled pyramidal roofs.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: C. H. Abramowitz Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The church is a fine example of the Tuscan style which was used infrequently in New Haven.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Thomas Fahn
date: Summer, 1979 view: East elevation
negative on file: CRC; CTHP



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19. SOURCES:

- Maps and Atlases
- New Haven City Directories
- Brown p. 80

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

- none known highways vandalism developers other: _____
- renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: _____