

# ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

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A SISTERHOOD SERVING CHRIST THROUGH SERVING OTHERS



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!  
Beloved Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Sisters in Christ:  
March is Antiochian Women Month!

We most humbly ask all of you, the Pastors of our many beautiful parishes, to help us in our desire to be active and effective witnesses of the Resurrection and bearers of the Gospel message, like the Myrrhbearing Women, whom Metropolitan JOSEPH said we represent in our parishes.

You can do this by: 1) **publicizing** our efforts (in bulletins, on bulletin boards, in websites/Facebook, and in your announcements); 2) **encouraging** the women of your parish to become active members of your local Antiochian Women chapter, and **motivating** them to organize and attend AW events in your deanery and diocese; and 3) **supporting** the fundraising activities of your local chapter, and, if possible, giving special recognition to the many hours of dedicated effort that the women devote to our Church.

Will you please make extra copies of the material listed below and place it in a location where your parishioners may take them and read them. Thank you.

As a reminder, the Project monies that are collected through the fundraising efforts at your church should be *sent to your diocesan Antiochian Women treasurer* to arrive no later than May 1, 2020.

**This is an important deadline**, since she must compile all the incoming funds before forwarding them to the NAB Treasurer who must prepare a report for the meeting of the Antiochian Women at the Summer Meetings. Please impress upon the treasurer of your local Antiochian Women chapter that this **May 1st deadline is inflexible.**

In addition, please urge the women in your parish to go to the Antiochian Women website at <https://tinyurl.com/ue7y2m2>. The site contains links for downloading our DIAKIONIA newsletters, the updated Membership Handbook, the 2020 Antiochian Women Scholarship/Grant Information, the updated Acts of Mercy booklet, the updated Tri-Fold brochure and other important documents and information.

In appreciation for your support of the Antiochian Women and the annual NAB Project, this year we are gifting the women of your parishes with a new Antiochian Women window cling. Canadian and Alaskan parishes will find their clings to hand out to women in their parishes in the main mailing. The remaining parishes in the US will receive the clings in a separate mailing.

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May God look with favor on our fundraising efforts this year. And may God bless and guide us in all that we do as we seek to "serve Christ through serving others." On behalf of the North American Board, I pray that you and your families will have a peaceful journey through Great Lent and a most blessed and holy Pascha.

Sincerely,  
Your sister in Christ,

Sheryl VanderWagen

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