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Your Eminence Metropolitan SABA, Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy and Sisters in Christ:

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the women of this blessed Archdiocese as your North American Board Vice-President/NAB Project Coordinator. For those of you who are new to the Antiochian Women, or I have not yet met, I will offer a brief introduction:

I live in Pensacola FL and am a founding member of St. Andrew the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church in Pensacola (2007) where I have served as President and Treasurer, and as the current Vice-President, of our Antiochian Women; taught Teen Sunday School; sing joyfully, if not terribly talented, with our choir; and produce our weekly bulletin and worship guide.

My role as your NAB Vice-President/Project Coordinator is to promote and distribute materials for the 2024 NAB Antiochian Women Project: "Establish an Endowment Fund for our Beloved Widowed Clergy Wives." Posters to help promote NAB Project 2024 are in this mailing.

Within this package, you will find the project poster which is to be displayed in your parish hall or other prominent place to attract the attention of your parishioners. Your fundraising events might include:

- *Hold special fundraisers, such as make and sell baked goods
- *Hold special dinners within your parishes, and invite friends and neighbors
- *Have a yard sale at your parish & open it to the public

God has blessed our Archdiocese with miraculous growth as we welcome new Catechumens and returning Orthodox members. As we look to the future, we realize the need to support and show appreciation for the women who serve Christ as helpmates to their priest-servant husbands. This year's Antiochian Women Project seeks to honor our widowed clergy wives for the years of selfless service they have given to our Archdiocese. Our love for them and our deep respect have moved us to establish a dedicated Endowment Fund, from which the yearly dividends will be distributed among them. The amount of financial support we can offer each year will directly depend on the amount of funding we raise for this year's Project. So, let's show our heartfelt support for these well-deserving ladies and inaugurate this Endowment fund with a generous financial base.

We urge the Antiochian Women of each parish in our Archdiocese to support the 2024 Antiochian Women Project by contributing to this needed Endowment Fund through fundraisers and contributions. More instructions will follow as to whom to send your collected monies for this Project from your Diocesan Treasurers. It is not too early to plan and execute fundraising events for this worthy 2024 Antiochian Women Project.

Yours in Christ,

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Vice-President/Project Coordinator

Cc:

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