



## Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of Ss. Peter & Paul

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### **Constitution of the Antiochian Women's Group of Ss Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Ben Lomond**

#### NAME

1. Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women's Group of Ss Peter & Paul, also known as "Women's Group"

#### HANDBOOK

1. The term "Handbook" refers to the latest version of the Official Antiochian Women Membership Handbook
2. Officers shall have a copy of the Handbook; officers and members shall be familiar with it

#### ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE (pg 33 of Handbook)

1. Officers should take the time to read and become familiar with the Antiochian Archdiocesan website ([www.antiochian.org](http://www.antiochian.org)), especially the section devoted to the Antiochian Women ([www.antiochian.org/women](http://www.antiochian.org/women))

#### PRIMARY FOCUS (pg 11 of handbook)

1. Religious: to promote spiritual activities, including retreats and other special programs for the parish women, adult education programs and special events observing specific feasts and fast of the liturgical calendar
2. Humanitarian: to promote and encourage projects and programs of a charitable nature
3. Project: to participate in one specific project adopted each year by the Diocesan Antiochian Women.

#### MISSION STATEMENT (pg 10 of Handbook)

1. To develop among women of Ss Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church a spirit of Christian *leadership, awareness and commitment* as taught in the Holy Orthodox Christian Faith,
2. To foster among the women of Ss Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church a genuine *expression of love and service through works of charity*, and
3. To instill among the women of Ss Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church a *sense of fellowship and a deeper understanding of the heritage and traditions of the Antiochian Archdiocese and of the Holy Orthodox Christian Faith.*

#### MEMBERSHIP (pg 17 of Handbook)

1. Any woman who is a member in good standing of the Parish is a member of the Women's Group
2. It is important that a member's involvement with the Antiochian Women be one that:
  - a) Nurtures her spiritual life through devotions, Bible Study, retreats, and prayer groups;
  - b) Creates a climate of acceptance in which she is recognized and accepted in love as a unique child of God
  - c) Utilizes her God given talents through meaningful challenges
  - d) Enables her to realize a greater potential for service through the development of special gifts
  - e) Informs her of religious, humanitarian, and charitable opportunities and needs for service at home and throughout the Archdiocese



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### LOCAL AOCWNA CHAPTER ( pg 18 of Handbook)

1. Our parish Women's Group is a Member Chapter of the Diocese AOCWNA
2. Our parish Women's Group is the connecting link with the diocese
3. Officers shall promote and encourage participation in diocesan programs by communicating the goals and projects to the individual parish women

### PATRON SAINT (pg 35 of Handbook)

1. The two patron saints for our group are: St. Thekla and St. Elizabeth the New Martyr

### PRAYER OF THE ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN (pg 12 of Handbook)

1. The official AOCWNA prayer shall be used at every meeting

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

1. Dues will not be required of members

### YEARLY DUES PAID BY EACH LOCAL CHAPTER

1. Yearly dues in the amount of \$200 (officially due before November of each year); are payable to the "Diocese of Los Angeles and the West"; sent to the Diocesan AOCWNA Treasurer; earmarked as "(year) Annual Dues"

### ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN BOARD (NAB) SPECIAL PROJECT

1. Dues of an unspecified amount for the NAB Special Project (officially due before March of each year); are payable to the "Diocese of Los Angeles and the West"; sent to: "(name), AOCWNA Treasurer"; earmarked as "(year) NAB Special Project"

### CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

1. The Women's Group shall adopt one or more charitable causes and support either through monetary donation or member participation

### REPORTS

1. A written Report shall be kept of every meeting and made available to all members and a permanent copy kept in the Church Office
2. A written Financial report shall be made at every meeting and made available to all members and a permanent copy kept in the Church Office
3. A written Monthly Progress report shall be made to the Parish Council

### OFFICERS

1. Officers shall be of good moral reputation, in good spiritual standing and a member of Ss Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church
2. Elected officers shall include: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer
3. Election of officers is set forth in the By Laws
4. Responsibilities of Officers is set forth in the By Laws

### MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings shall be held