

**Antiochian Women's Group  
Saints Peter and Paul, Ben Lomond, CA**

**Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2022**

Opening Prayer, Troparia of Patron Saints

**A Word from Fr. Christopher** = Love. Focus on our own repentance and pray for others

**Treasurer's Report**

iGive deposit on 9/29/21 = \$30.16

Chili Cook-Off event raised \$118

*Total Balance as of December 31, 2021 = \$1,976.84*

**Book Study**

**Tuesdays at 7pm via Zoom.** We are reading the same book as the Men's group, *Acquiring the Mind of Christ* by Archmandrite Sergius (Bower). We are on Chapter 5 if you would like to read along or join us on the zoom meeting and Sarah will send you the link to join.

**AW Leadership**

We currently only have 2 officers; Treasurer and Secretary.

**We need a few more women to join to help lead the group and plan things. Please let Sarah know if you want to serve as a leader.**

We can be a committee/ministry with different roles; social, spiritual, service, etc. We can form our team in any way we want.

**Ideas/ Plans for upcoming events**

• **SOCIAL**

- February activity - TBA - Amy Nicholas will organize
- Koffee with Khouria- Thursday, Feb. 17 10am-noon
- Annunciation Tea, Saturday, March 26 - Kh. Claire & a few volunteers needed

• **SPIRITUAL**

- **Sowing Bee: - Planting seeds of Wisdom, Hope & Love**
  - **Tuesday, February 8th - 7pm (CA time) on .** Far too often our young adults head off to college & then drift away from the church. What can we do to help change that fact? Tune in to find out how to support our college students with Guest Speakers: Dn Marek Simon, Director of Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) & Karen Kinan, Chair of Helping Orthodox Students Thrive (HOST)
  - [Antiochian Women Diocese of Los Angeles & the West | Facebook](#)
- **Lenten Retreat April 8-10 at St. Nicholas Camp, Frazier Park**
  - Several women are already planning to go so we will focus on getting a larger group of women to attend and carpool together

• **SERVICE**

- **Fundraiser: Bake Sale for Meat Fare (2/27)** to help support our AW projects and kid's camp scholarships
- Acts of Mercy: Letter writing for the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry - didn't have time to discuss this, but *we need someone to help get this started. Sarah has all the information.*

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**UPDATES FROM OUR AW DIOCESE**

**DLAW WINTER NEWSLETTER:** Thank you to our PR Officer, Lauren Malouf who compiled the wonderful edition of our Winter Newsletter. It includes edifying messages from both Sayidna JOSEPH & Fr. David Hovik - a beautiful pilgrimage journey, spotlights on gracious, charitable Acts of Mercy by some of our parishes and MORE!

A .pdf document is attached - however, it is a large document - so I'm also including the link to where it's posted on the Archdiocese website:

<https://antiochianprodsa.blob.core.windows.net/websiteattachments/AW-DLAW%20--%20Winter%20Newsletter%202022.pdf>

**AW DLAW WEBPAGE:**

We've worked to make it a 1-stop resource of all things AW DLAW. Recent additions include links to both the November & December Sowing Bee presentations, and a google doc to provide us updates to whoever your primary contact person is for your parish. I really encourage you to take a look & become familiar with the page & set it as a favorite on your browser -- you can visit it at:

<https://www.antiochian.org/dashboard?name=Antiochian%20Women%20Diocese%20of%20the%20West>

**SAVE THE DATE - LENTEN RETREAT:** Plans for our annual Lenten Retreat are under way! Save the Date -- April 8-10th, 2022 & plan to attend at Camp St Nicholas - our guest speaker is Fr. John Valadez of St Timothy in Lompoc, CA - More information will be made available. Attached is a flyer with preliminary info - if you have questions, contact our Retreat Coordinator, Khouria Jean Baba at: [jeanbaba68@gmail.com](mailto:jeanbaba68@gmail.com)

***The purposes of the Antiochian Women are:***

- To develop among women throughout the Antiochian Archdiocese a spirit of Christian leadership, awareness and commitment as taught in the Holy Orthodox Church.
- To foster among women throughout the Antiochian Archdiocese a genuine expression of love and service through works of charity, and
- To instill among women throughout the Antiochian Archdiocese and the community at large a sense of fellowship and a deeper understanding of the heritage and traditions of the Antiochian Archdiocese and the Orthodox Church.

<http://ww1.antiochian.org/women/about>