

# Antiochian Women

North American Board  
NAB RELIGIOUS COORDINATOR'S REPORT  
MID-WINTER MEETINGS  
ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE  
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Beloved Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Dear Sisters in Christ –



*Christ is in our midst!*

I apologize wholeheartedly for not being with you at the Village this weekend. As you may already know, the State of Kentucky, along with numerous other areas, was hit by a monstrous ice and snow storm last week that left over 300,000 homes and businesses without power. Unfortunately, my family and I were counted in that number. We were displaced from Wednesday, January 28 through Wednesday, February 4 at a nearby Red Roof Inn. Although damage to our property was minimal, I am just now getting back to the realization that I no longer have to live out of a suitcase!

I have been truly blessed to serve as your NAB Religious Coordinator for the past year and one-half, and hope that you are continuing to enjoy the religious programs that have been created for your spiritual nourishment. Due to family and work responsibilities, as well as a host of other issues (an extended power outage in September, as well as several “crashes” and “viruses” that reeked havoc on my computer), there was an extended – and unfortunate – delay in the publication of these programs.

## Religious Program –

The religious program, Sophia!, continues to be published, and can be used individually or in groups. The Summer edition, which was mailed (via “snail mail” and e-mail), was delayed on the website, but has now been posted. I have been promised that the remaining editions of Sophia!, which are available for you today, are being placed on the website within the next 24 hours.

Those editions of Sophia! that have been distributed since my Summer report are:

September-October 2008 – “The Divine Liturgy – Part I”

November-December 2008 – “The Divine Liturgy – Part II”

January-February 2009 – “Confession”

These programs were forwarded via U.S. mail to the Hierarchs and those who did not have access to a computer. The cost for postage per mailing was approximately \$4. The reports were also sent via e-mail to all NAB Officers, Coordinators and the Spiritual Advisor, as well as all Diocesan Presidents, Religious Coordinators, and Spiritual Advisors which effectively eliminated large postage costs. All editions of Sophia! are available on the website via [www.antiochian.org/women](http://www.antiochian.org/women).

Orthodox Women Saints –

Updates to the “Orthodox Women Saints” site are still being made. Again, as I reported in July, this is an ongoing, long-term project. This project was undertaken in the hopes that each day would reflect a different saint, Icon to the Theotokos, or Feast.

I have tried including all saintly women throughout Orthodox history. In addition to those women who lived in the present-day Middle East, women (and icons) from Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Romania, Russia, Serbia, and the Ukraine, as well as saints from Western Europe – pre-schism, have also been added.

Unfortunately, the [www.antiochian.org](http://www.antiochian.org) website let this project “slip through the cracks” (despite repeated e-mails and telephone calls). Within the last few weeks, communication has resumed with the personnel overseeing the website, and they will attempt to add the remaining saints (for June, July and August) over the next six to eight weeks.

Orthodox Women Saints DVD –

At our July meeting, I proposed that each Orthodox saint – or icon – as found on our Archdiocesan website, be printed out and placed in the library at the Antiochian Conference and Retreat Center, in a bound format. However, our beloved Spiritual Advisor, Fr. John Abdalah, suggested that this information be burned to a DVD and be made available for purchase at the July 2009 Archdiocesan Convention.

Since that time, I have corresponded with personnel at Ancient Faith Radio site in the hopes that they can go about producing this DVD (with a musical background).

I have also researched several facilities in my area that will reproduce these DVDs in a timely and affordable fashion. The best price was found at “The Video Kitchen,” located in Louisville. They will professionally reproduce the DVD, as well as providing us a label on each as well as a clear Slimline DVD case. As you can see from the list below, the cost decreases depending on the number ordered. The turnaround time is anywhere from 48-72 hours. I will certainly await your recommendation before pursuing this any further – including the number of copies, as well as the price for which they would be offered.

50-99 DVDs	\$2.78 each
100-249 DVDs	\$2.37 each
250-499 DVDs	\$2.28 each
500-999 DVDs	\$2.24 each

As always, PLEASE feel free to contact me with any suggestions or recommendations, especially regarding future topics for Sophia! My prayers are with all of you for continued good health and spiritual rewards.

Yours in Christ,

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