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Fiftieth Archdiocese Convention
Report of the
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of North America
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It is with great pleasure that I report to this Archdiocesan Convention as the outgoing president of the Antiochian Women. It has been a very rewarding four years of service to the Archdiocese and to this organization. I am very humbled to be a part of the North American Board of Antiochian Women, who unselfishly serve those in need, and has raised nearly two and a half million dollars for dozens of projects and endowments that benefit people all around the world. Since 1973, the Antiochian Orthodox Women of North America have diligently worked hard to fulfill their ministry in the service to our Lord through serving others. Continually they bear fruit and do good works to provide for the poor, underprivileged, and less fortunate of this world. The Antiochian Women are committed and joyously look forward to many more years of growing, serving and helping wherever that may be.

Since the last Convention in Palm Desert, we have been raising funds for yet another project in its infancy, the St. Thekla Monastery at the Antiochian Village. The women have worked hard to contribute to the building fund of the project, which is a great vision of His Eminence Metropolitan PHILLIP. May God bless the work of Mother Alexandra and may the monastery be a home and spiritual retreat to all who visit.

It is with great honor that we continue to support and promote three wonderful programs and services.

Widowed Clergy Wives Program – through the hard work of Kh. Barbara Baz we have an updated list of widowed Khouria, and encourage our women to communicate, either by phone calls, greeting cards or visits to those women who served our parishes alongside their husbands. We sent twenty six, thirty dollar gift cards last Christmas as a token of our appreciation for their service.

Antiochian Women Scholarship Program- through donations and dividends from a fund set aside for the needs of Antiochian Women we are able to provide five scholarships to women attending higher education to better their lives and their situations.

Married Seminarians-At Christmas time we are able to gift married seminarians with five hundred dollars each to show our love and support to these men who have chosen to enter the seminary to be able to serve the church.

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At the last convention we spoke of producing a DVD to be used as a visual for missions and chapters wanting to see and hear of the many works that the Antiochian Women do. This goal has been accomplished under the direction of Mrs. Laila Ferris, and produced by Mr. Joe Wheby and I hope everyone has the chance to view it while here in Chicago. We continue to publish material such as membership handbooks, brochures and the Bread of Life video to assist those wanting more information about our programs. It is our goal to continually try to update our web page on the Archdiocese website, and encourage our coordinators to post material so that it is easily accessible to all the women in the archdiocese.

On behalf of the Antiochian Women I'd like to thank the outgoing president of St. Ignatius; Dan Abraham, for his faithful and energetic service during the past few years. May God grant you many years!

I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP and our beloved Hierarchs for their continued support and trust. Many thanks, to our Reverend Clergy and all of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, who have tirelessly supported our efforts. Also, with much love and appreciation to Rt. Rev. Fr. John Abdalah, for his understanding, guidance and wisdom. My heartfelt thanks to my executive board for the past few years of outstanding service and hard work, Vice President, Violet Robbat; Secretary, Dianne O'Regan; Treasurer, Sherry Abraham Morrow; Public Relations, Roberta Royhab; Religious, Jaimie Isaac; Humanitarian, Kh. Dannie Moore; Membership, Kh. Suzanne Murphy; Scholarship, Kh. Helene Hajal; Past President and DVD Coordinator, Laila Ferris; Widowed Clergy Wives Program, Kh. Barbara Baz: Lisa Phillips, Diocese of Miami and Southeast; Kh. Pam Pier & Kh. Helen Waggener, Co-Presidents of the Diocese of the East; Lucy Hanna, Diocese of LA and the West; Marilyn Robbat, Diocese of Worcester; Winona Nava, Diocese of Wichita; Susanne Zeidan, Diocese of Ottawa/Upstate NY; Sheryl VanderWagen, Diocese of the Midwest. Our sincerest appreciation goes to the many women of the local chapters who contribute their many talents to make our many projects successful. We look forward to many more years of work for those who need our help. Please continue to pray for us in all that we do, as we pray for you.

Your Sister in Christ,

Cindy

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