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ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

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COVER LETTER FOR PACKET

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!
Beloved Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Sisters in Christ:

MARCH is ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN MONTH! ☺

This packet includes the following material for you to use in your parish:

- **Letter from His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH** (*for printing in your bulletin/newsletter*)
- **Letter from NAB Vice President Kh. Suzanne Murphy** (this letter)
- **Letter from Cindy Nimey, Chair of the Antiochian Women NAB Grant Committee** (which includes the Grant Application Form)
- **Antiochian Women Month tri-fold brochure** (with Grant Application Form)
- **Antiochian Women Month - "Message"** (*to be read to your congregation by your parish's Antiochian Women president or designated AW member*)
- **Project poster: "Strengthening the Ministries of Our Church"**
- **List of names and addresses of the Diocesan Treasurers of the Antiochian Women** (*please give this list to your parish's AW treasurer so she can send a check by MAY 1st*)
- **Antiochian Women Bookmark** (*boxes of these bookmarks have been mailed to each Diocesan President for distribution to each parish*)

We most humbly ask all of you, the Pastors of our many beautiful parishes, to help us in our desire to be active and effective witnesses of the Resurrection and bearers of the Gospel message, like the Myrrhbearing Women, whom Metropolitan JOSEPH said we represent in our parishes.

You can do this by:

- 1) **publicizing** our efforts (in bulletins, on bulletin boards, in websites/Facebook, and in your announcements);
- 2) **encouraging** the women of your parish to become *active* members of your local Antiochian Women chapter, and **motivating** them to organize and attend AW events in your deanery and diocese; and
- 3) **supporting** the fundraising activities of your local chapter, and, if possible, giving special recognition to the many hours of dedicated effort that the women devote to our Church.

Will you please make extra copies of the material in this packet and place them in a location where your parishioners may take them and read them. Thank you.

As a reminder, the Project monies that are collected through all of the fundraising efforts at your church should be *sent to the Diocesan Antiochian Women treasurer no later than May 1, 2017*. This is an important deadline, since she must compile all of the incoming funds before forwarding them to the NAB Treasurer who must prepare a report for the meeting of the Antiochian Women at the

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Convention in Miami. Please impress upon the treasurer of your local Antiochian Women chapter that this **May 1st deadline** is inflexible.

In addition, please urge the women in your parish to go to the Antiochian Women website at www.antiochian.org/women. The site contains links for downloading our DIAKIONIA newsletters, the Membership Handbook, the Antiochian Women Grant information, our DVD "Yes We Do!", and other important documents and information.

May God look with favor on our fundraising efforts to STRENGTHEN THE MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH. And may God bless and guide us in all that we do as we seek to "serve Christ through serving others." On behalf of the North American Board, I pray that you and your families will have a peaceful journey through Great Lent and a most blessed and holy Pascha.

Sincerely,
Your sister in Christ,



Kh. Suzanne Murphy, Vice President/Project Coordinator
North American Board of the Antiochian Women

Cc:
Metropolitan JOSEPH
Bishop ANTOUN
Bishop BASIL
Bishop THOMAS
Bishop ALEXANDER
Bishop JOHN
Bishop ANTHONY
Bishop NICHOLAS
Dianne O'Regan, NAB President
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Antiochian Women Diocesan Presidents, Vice Presidents, Project Coordinators,
and AW Diocesan Spiritual Advisors

