



Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of Ss. Peter & Paul

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WOMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2013

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Tom
2. Troparia of Patron Saints
 - a. St. Elizabeth
*Emulating the Lord's self-abasement on the earth,
You gave up royal mansions to serve the poor and disdained,
Overflowing with compassion for the suffering.
And taking up a martyr's cross,
In your meekness
You perfected the Saviour's image within yourself,
Therefore, with Barbara, entreat Him to save us all, O wise Elizabeth.*
 - b. St. Thekla
*You were enlightened by the words of Paul, O Bride of God, Thekla,
And your faith was confirmed by Peter, O Chosen One of God.
You became the first sufferer and martyr among women,
By entering into the flames as into a place of gladness.
For when you accepted the Cross of Christ,
The demonic powers were frightened away.
O all-praised One, intercede before Christ God that our souls may be saved.*
3. Treasurer's Report – none
4. Agenda Items
 - a. Report on the Wine, Chocolate and Cheese Party – several women reported that it was very enjoyable
 - b. Report on the Women's Retreat at St. Stephen's – Barbara reported
 - c. Book Study will begin January 2 at the Schmidts' and will meet weekly on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 pm. Books are in the bookstore – *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*. The group will be an "open" group although Barb asks that attendees RSVP either via text, phone or email. Detailed structure of the group will be discussed at the first meeting. Barb's cell phone is 566-0995.
 - d. True Olive Connection Event – Monica reported; 24 women have signed up. Events are Jan 9 and Jan 17; if you are not on her list and want to be let Monica know and pay soon; let Monica know if there's a conflict
5. Upcoming Events
 - a. January – True Olive Connection
 - b. February - Trip to visit Saint John Maximovich in SF; Details TBA; Ellen will arrange
 - c. March 15 (tentative) – Lenten visit to Holy Assumption Monastery in Calistoga
 - d. Bishop Joseph will be coming in February or March; Date TBA
6. Prayer and Closing: Fr. Tom shared excerpt from book

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 12 following the Divine Liturgy

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"...the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." ACTS 11:26