



Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of Ss. Peter & Paul

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Antiochian Women's Group Report for the 2014 Parish General Meeting

Ss Peter and Paul's Antiochian Women's Group has had a busy and fruitful year:

1. We started off the year by redefining the Women's Group purpose by letting go of the all-consuming organization of the Parish Social Activities and turned our focus towards Spiritual Enrichment, Charitable Acts and Fellowship. Our purpose as stated in the Membership Handbook: a) develop among women a spirit of Christian leadership, awareness and commitment as taught in the Holy Orthodox Church; b) foster a genuine expression of love and service through works of charity; c) instill a sense of fellowship and a deeper understanding of the heritage and traditions of the Antiochian Archdiocese and the Orthodox Church.
2. We had 9 meetings this year, taking a break during the summer months.
3. We hosted 5 social events: a Filoli Garden Tour, a Mama Mia Pizza Party, Girls' Movie Night, a Wine & Cheese Evening and several True Olive Connection Nights.
4. We organized 4 Spiritual Enrichment events: a trip to Holy Assumption Monastery in Calistoga, attendance at the Annual Northern California Antiochian Women's Retreat in Campbell w/ Fr. Jon Braun, an evening with Fr. George teaching on the "Seven Practices of Spiritual Peace", and the resumption of a weekly Book Study.
5. We have established annual charitable donations to the Holy Assumption Monastery.
6. As set forth in the Antiochian Women's Membership Handbook, we are required to have a Spiritual Advisor for our group and Fr. Tom has graciously accepted this endeavor, taking over this ministry from Fr. Andrew. We are grateful for Fr. Tom's insight and participation.
7. As required in the Antiochian Women's Membership Handbook, we have officially adopted a Patron Saint. We accepted two wonderful women saints: St. Thekla and St. Elizabeth, the New Martyr.
8. The women's group has consistently provided the Parish Council with monthly updates of our activities, as required by the Parish Council.
9. We have printed out copies of the Antiochian Women Membership Handbook and have made it available to all who want a copy and we have printed up booklets of the official Antiochian Women's Prayer along with the appropriate troparia to our Patron Saints.

Financial Report

Ending Balance as of 1/31/14 = \$2,143.19

We have accrued \$176.12 through online fundraising endeavors

We have accrued \$71.85 through generous private donations

We have donated \$600 to Annual Archdiocese Dues and Annual Archdiocese Special Projects

We have donated \$1,500 to the parish Fellowship Hall Sound Panels

We have given a \$200 charitable donation to Holy Assumption Monastery

We spent \$102 to cover the Mama Mia Pizza evening