

The St. George Ladies Society is an organization of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, founded in 1973 through the vision of His Eminence Metropolitan Philip (Saliba).

Purposes

The purposes of the Antiochian Women are:

1. To develop among women, throughout the Church, a spirit of Christian leadership, awareness, and commitment as taught in the Holy Orthodox Church.
2. To foster among women throughout the Church a genuine expression of love and service through works of charity, and
3. To instill among women throughout the Church and the community, at large, a sense of fellowship and a deeper understanding of the heritage and traditions of the Church.

Join Us

Participation in the Ladies Society can truly include every woman in the Church in that we are all called to be members by our personal acceptance of the charge, "take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it" (Col 4:17).

The Church of Jesus Christ consists of every person in it, clergy, and lay people pulling together and working together. The Community of Christians is described in the Scriptures as "a priesthood of all believers". We are all ministers of Jesus Christ, whether men or women, ordained or lay, we are called to be ambassadors for Christ. Without exception, each and every one of us is called to serve our Lord and our Church in ways that allow God's love to shine through us, for the benefit of others.

"Last, but not least, we must realize once and for all that women have a definite ministry in the life of the Church. Very often we have the tendency to confine women's role in the church just to the kitchen. Both the Old and the New Testaments testify beyond doubt to the important role which women played in the history of salvation. Time does not permit me to speak in detail about Ruth, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachael, the Virgin Mary, the ointment bearers, the deaconesses and many others who ministered to the Church and Christ and were instruments of His Divine purpose in history. We don't have to consult the past too much in order to prove our point. If you just look around you in your own parish, you find those devout ladies serving God as church teachers, choir members, youth leaders and fund raisers. It is very disappointing that in some parishes women are not allowed to vote or to be elected to Church Councils. We must definitely do away with this Medieval and archaic outlook concerning women. Our church does not teach that women are inferior to men. Despite their different functions, men and women are equal in the eyes of God because both were redeemed by His Precious Blood. St. Paul said. 'There is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' (Galatians 3:28). I propose, therefore, that a National Sisterhood of Charity be organized. The structure and goals of this organization will be defined in the future."

-Metropolitan Philip, Los Angeles, California, 1972.