

History of St. George Ladies Society

On April 22, 1934, a group of twenty-seven ladies, of the parish, of St. George Syrian Orthodox Church, met together for the first time. Their purpose was to form an organization that was to be known as the Syrian Ladies Orthodox Society. At that time, the Church was under the direction of the Men's Society and the ladies felt that if they could help their husbands at home individually, why shouldn't they help their husbands at Church, collectively. The first officers were Bella Skaff, President; Anisi Assaly, Vice President Freda Forsley, Secretary; and Freda Cassis, Treasurer. It appears they expected to handle considerable sums of money because they also elected First and Second Assistant Treasurers: Taj Shalhoup and Malakie Epsey. Furthermore, they felt the Secretary was going to need assistance, so they elected Hazel (Raheeja) Mansour as First Assistant Secretary and Mary Abdelnour George as Second Assistant Secretary. She, incidentally, was also the Sergeant-At-Arms.