

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN MONTH MESSAGE

March 2022



Good morning!

Christ is in our midst!

I am glad that I can speak to all of you today on behalf of our St. Nicholas Church chapter of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of North America. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly tell you about the important work we have been given by His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH for our 2022 PROJECT, "Reflecting on the Past ~ Building for the Future."

"We must build on the past and build the present and the future." His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH gave this charge to the Antiochian Women at their luncheon at the 2019 Archdiocese Convention as he prepared to outline the 2020 NAB PROJECT.

Since giving the charge to begin raising funds to build a new cathedral at the Antiochian Village in the 2020 NAB PROJECT, His Eminence has more fully developed his own vision for the Antiochian Village building on the foundation laid by Metropolitan PHILIP of thrice blessed memory and others who laid the foundation for what we have there today.

The 2022 Project focuses on the next phases of development at the Antiochian Village, which you have been working to support for a few years now: a new cathedral (with a crypt for our deceased hierarchs and a shrine to house the holy relics of St. Raphael of Brooklyn), a residence for our hierarchs when they retire, an independent/assisted living facility, and a monastery on a secluded part of the property.

Of course, fundraising for the annual NAB Project is not our only focus during March. We would like to recognize all the Antiochian Women in our parish. If you are 18 years old or older and a member of this parish, you are an Antiochian Woman. We thank each of you for the hard work you do to support all the ministries and activities of this parish. You truly are the backbone that keeps the parish on track, and we thank you for your efforts.

Finally, I would ask for your prayers for our Antiochian Women in this parish and across North America. We thank all of you for your generous support. May God bless this parish, and the work of the Antiochian Women. Amen. ❖



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