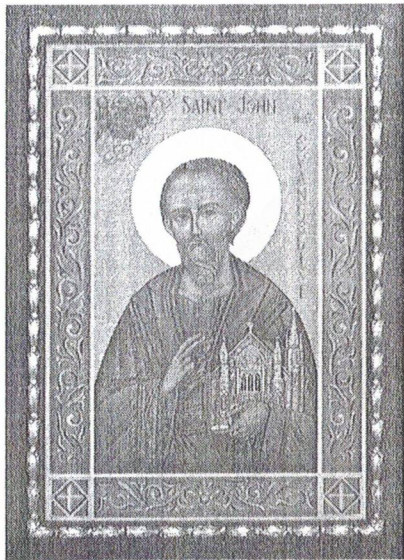




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OAKLAND , AND MID-ATLANTIC**

**PASTOR: REVEREND FATHER STEVEN SHAHEEN**

**REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER**

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***We take this opportunity to welcome those guests praying with us.***

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,  
please contact Fr. Steven***

***The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental  
part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith".  
(Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who  
have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or  
are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and  
then to take a piece of the blessed bread. Please see Father Steven after Divine Liturgy.***

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**DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

**TONE 5 / EOTHINON 5**

**SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN**

Tarasios the confessor, archbishop of Constantinople;

Hieromartyr Markellos, bishop of Apamea in Syria

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**APOLYTIKION OF SAINT JOHN**

Apostle John, speaker of deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people, powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him therefore to disperse the darkness of ignorance, and pray for peace and great mercy to be shown upon us.

**KONTAKION FOR THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN IN TONE FOUR**

***(\*\*On this day Thou hast appeared\*\*)***

Let us flee the Pharisee's \* conceited vaunting; \* let us learn the Publican's \* humility, and cry with groans \* unto the Savior: Thou Who alone \* art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

*Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and  
keep us from this generation.*

*Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to  
St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Indeed all who would live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But people who are wicked and deceivers will proceed from worse to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and how from infancy you have known the sacred temple writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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TRISAGION TODAY

40 day Memorial Service for Patricia Tony

## THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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**March is Antiochian Women's Month**

The *AWE Spring Retreat* is March 15-17 at the Antiochian Village. Join the Eastern Dioceses Ministry Council and the Antiochian Women of the East for a weekend of fellowship and spiritual growth!

## House Blessings

**It is that time of year!**

**Please see Fr. Steven or Fr. Seraphim to have your home  
or business blessed!**

**Fr. Steven (724) 448-1723**

**See Fr. Seraphim after services.**

## MARCH Services & Events

**March 2nd Saturday - Great Vespers 5PM**

**March 3rd Sunday - Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM  
(Sunday of the Prodigal Son)**

**March 9th Saturday - Great Vespers 5PM**

**March 10th Sunday - Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM  
Parish Council Meeting at 12 Noon  
(Judgment Sunday))**

**March 16th—Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30AM**

**March 16th Saturday - Great Vespers 5PM**

**March 17th Sunday - Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM  
Great Vespers to follow Divine Liturgy.  
(Forgiveness Sunday)**

**(Remainder of services for March and April  
Will be forth coming.)**

Prayers are offered for the health and well-being of:

Fr. Steven, Evie, Debbie, Jim (Health), Jeffery, Ann, Carol, Aiden, Shannon, Justin, William (Cancer), Donald, Harriett (Health), Jan (Health) Fr. Andrew (Health), Perry, Adalena, Rhonda, Karen, Cindy, Gus, Minas, Mary, Mike & family, Georgia & family, Jim & family, Immanuel, Gloria, Jospheine, Carlos, and Alfie.

For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep especially:

Prayers are offered in memory of Patriarch Ignatius IV, Metropolitan Philip, Bishop Antoun, Archbishop Peter, Archbishop Michael, Igumen George, Archpriest Peter, Archpriest Theodore, Dn. Larry, Sh. Peggy, Priest Basil, Priest Solobadon, and Archpriest John, Mary, Infant Clyde Eddy, Child Mica, Mother Nektaria, Janis, AP Moses, Raymond, Eleanor, Dn Innocent, and Patricia.

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### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Almighty Lord, I have known the great power of tears... for they justified the Publican above the Pharisee. And with them I also pray: Have mercy upon me.

—From Vespers of the  
Pharisee and Publican

◆◆◆◆◆ ARE YOU A GOOD LISTENER? ◆◆◆◆◆

**A**t one time or another, we are all guilty of having “selective hearing.” Children approach their parents, eager to share an experience or seek advice. A husband comes home and tries to relate to his wife some difficulty he encountered at work that day. A friend calls another, looking for a sympathetic ear. In cases like this, and in far too many of life’s situations, it seems that we humans have this unfortunate ability to “tune out” those with whom we are speaking. We “HEAR” them, but aren’t really “LISTENING.”

Our Lord said on numerous occasions: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” (Matt 11:15) One could argue that what He really meant was “He who has ears to hear, let him LISTEN,” for Christ goes on to tell us: “Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Mark 4:24) It is imperative then for a good Christian to be a GOOD LISTENER. To do so, our Savior gives us words of guidance: “Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.” (Matt 7:12) When we have problems & difficulties - when we have questions to ask or burdens to be lessened - don’t we expect the undivided attention of the person to whom we are speaking? Of course, we do! Others expect the same of us as well. A good listener must be patient, sincere & compassionate. It must be said as well that being a good listener also means knowing when to remain silent! Those who seek our ear do not always need our advice - they merely want our silent reassurance that all will be well. Countless lives have been saved from suicide & numerous scarred souls have been healed through the simple act of COMPASSIONATE LISTENING. Rest assured, hearing is not nearly enough!

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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE**  
OF NORTH AMERICA

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March 2024

Beloved Antiochian Women throughout our God-protected Archdiocese,

Greetings and blessings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

March is Women's Month in our archdiocese, and we welcome it as a reminder of the essential role women play in our churches and archdiocese. It is also a time to celebrate the leadership and tireless work of the Antiochian Women, which last year celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. In 1973, our predecessor Metropolitan Philip (of thrice-blessed memory) founded this organization with the vision of uniting women across this land to Christ and to one another through the spirit of service. Today, this vision continues through the Antiochian Women's many activities and projects as "a sisterhood serving Christ through serving others."

This year, your North American Board is focused on the needs of our priests' widows, and I am overjoyed to bless this as your annual project. As we approach Great Lent, with its many services and other responsibilities for our priests, let us not forget how their wives make this ministry possible: the priest is able to conduct services, to teach us, to hear our confessions, and all the rest because his wife manages so many other family needs; moreover, priests' wives themselves bless our parishes as gifted choir directors, teachers, organizers, and counselors and in so many other capacities. Let us show gratitude for all these blessings by remembering these women in their retirement—all the more so, since caring for widows has been laid down as a test of true faith. For the scriptures declare this: "Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained by the world" (James 1:27).

Wishing you and your families a blessed Great Lent and a joyous Pascha, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

✠ SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

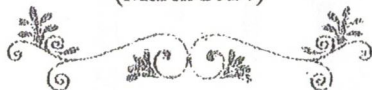
*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

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## ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN MONTH

### "MESSAGE"

(March 2024)



Good morning!

*Glory to Jesus Christ!*

I am glad that I can speak to all of you today on behalf of our (*name of parish*) chapter of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of North America. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly tell you about the important focus for our 2024 PROJECT, "Establishing an Endowment Fund for Our Beloved Widowed Clergy Wives."

God has blessed our Archdiocese with miraculous growth as we welcome new Catechumens and returning Orthodox members. As we look to the future, we realize the need to support and show appreciation for the women who serve Christ as helpmates to their priest-servant husbands. This year's Antiochian Women Project seeks to honor our widowed clergy wives for the years of selfless service they have given to our Archdiocese. Our love for them and our deep respect have moved us to establish a dedicated Endowment Fund, from which the yearly dividends will be distributed among them. The amount of financial support we can offer each year will directly depend on the amount of funding we raise for this year's Project. So, let's show our heartfelt support for these well-deserving ladies and inaugurate this Endowment fund with a generous financial base.

Metropolitan SABA, in his letter to the Antiochian Women, wrote the following, "This year, your North American Board is focused on the needs of our priests' widows, and I am overjoyed to bless this as your annual project. As we approach Great Lent, with its many services and other responsibilities for our priests, let us not forget how their wives make this ministry possible: the priest is able to conduct services, to teach us, to hear our confessions, and all the rest because his wife manages so many other family needs; moreover, priests' wives themselves bless our parishes as gifted choir directors, teachers, organizers, and counselors and in so many other capacities. Let us show gratitude for all these blessings by remembering these women in their retirement—all the more so, since caring for widows has been laid down as a test of true faith. For the scriptures declare this: "Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained by the world" (James 1:27)"

Of course, fundraising for the annual NAB Project is not our only focus during March. This is Women's Month in the North American Archdiocese where we recognize the contributions of the 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. (*List a few of your parish women's activities here*).

Finally, I would ask for your prayers for our Antiochian Women in this parish, our diocese 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. ❖