

WOMEN...

*Where are you in
the life of the Church?*

A Conference Focusing on Lay
Ministry for all Orthodox Women

September 10–12, 2004

**Antiochian Village
Heritage
&
Learning Center**
Ligonier, Pennsylvania



*“To each one is given
the manifestation
of the Spirit for
the common good.”
I Corinthians 12:7*

*Wherever you are, let the Spirit
within you manifest, motivate
and move you to ministry...*

THE PROGRAM

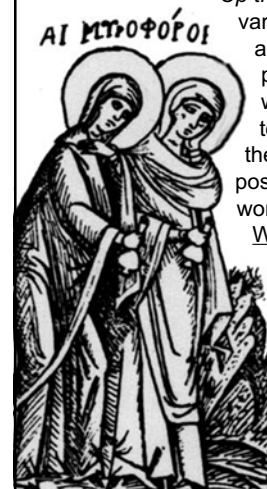
Women of all Orthodox jurisdictions and of all ages are invited to come together, exchange ideas, and explore the various ministries of women in the Church while they discover and renew each other. The conference supports the desire of Orthodox women to put their faith into action through service to the Church and the community.

This conference offers the opportunity to discern gifts, identify callings, broaden ideas of ministry settings, pick up some skills and resources, and hear from other women how they have matched their gifts and calling with God's purpose for them. Lay ministry opportunities with purpose will be uncovered through worship, speakers, workshops, discussions, fellowship, mentoring, prayer, quiet reflections, and a Ministry Resources Fair.

While the Church's call to holiness and ministry continues unchanged, today she faces new situations and challenges in America, which call for united witness and coordination of resources. Women's ministry settings are growing in response to the people's needs and to the life of the Church. At this praxis-oriented conference, women will encourage their sisters in the faith with suggestions and guidance plus Orthodox resources and materials.

Saturday afternoon presentations about new and existing opportunities for lay ministry will offer a choice among several tracks. "Broaden Your View of Ministry Settings" informational topics include: Ecumenical and Community Ministries, Parish Life Ministries, and Liturgical Arts and Liturgical Life. Reference the conference schedule for session topics. Saturday evening's "Tips and Tales from Women in Ministry" discussion will feature story-telling, reflections, and ministry tips by Orthodox women already active in ministries.

A photo display featuring women in ministry – *Building Up the Body of Christ* – will highlight various ministries in which women are involved. We are asking participants to bring pictures of women actively ministering to add to the display. Be sure to identify the persons, ministry, and parish. If possible, also email the photo and 25 word caption by August 15 to—WOMENUSA@aol.com, for the photo display on the WOMEN website.



Lay ministry organizations and resources are encouraged to participate in the Ministry Resources Fair to share information and to network with attendees.

THE PRESENTERS

• Keynote speaker, **Dr. Helen Creticos Theodoropoulos**, will address "Called to God's Purpose: Faith, Transformation, and Service."

• **Dr. Bashir**, co-chairman of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Lay Ministries, will lead the opening interactive session "Discover Your Spiritual Gifts."

• **Demetra Jaquet**, M. Div., Pastoral Counselor, and chair of the Women's Orthodox Ministries and Education Network (WOMEN) will speak on "Courage to Minister," a presentation on some common dynamics in women's spiritual and personal growth when trying to live up to God's purpose for them.

**Dr. Helen Creticos Theodoropoulos,
M.A., M.T.S., Ph.D.**

After receiving her Master of Arts in Divinity from the University of Chicago, Dr. Helen Creticos Theodoropoulos went to Holy Cross School of Theology, where her Orthodox faith and commitment were deepened and she earned a Master of Theological Studies. She then earned her Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Chicago Divinity School. She presently teaches at Loyola University in Chicago and is an adjunct professor at both Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston and at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox School of Theology in Libertyville. In addition to her work in parish activities and involvement with youth Christian education, she has lectured at the local, diocesan, and national levels including guest lectures at Northwestern University, DePaul University, the Northside Chicago Theological Institute, North Park Theological Seminary, and the Institute of Spiritual Companionship.

Dr. Theodoropoulos is an active member of Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview, Ill where she worships with Evan, her husband of 30 years and her three daughters, Annie, Elaine, and Angela.

Metropolitan PHILIP, primate Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, has written: "Let me give my enthusiastic encouragement to your efforts, and the efforts of all those who will organize and attend this conference. A conference, which deals with the call of women to lay ministry in the Church, is both timely and vital. It is critical for us to remember that although the Orthodox Church does not ordain women to the orders of the clergy, She nonetheless recognizes and encourages the dynamic role that women have had, and should continue to have in the life of the Church."

Antiochian Village
140 Church Camp Trail
Bolivar, PA 15923



Schedule...

Friday, September 10, 2004

- 1:00-5:00 p.m. Registration, Bookstore & Ministry Fair
 2:00 p.m. Pan Orthodox Ministries Reception
 5:00 p.m. Dinner
 6:00 p.m. Vespers
 7:00 p.m. FINDING OUR GIFTS, CALLING AND SETTING
 Conference Overview: Answers We Know & Out-of-the-Box Callings
 7:15-9:30 p.m. DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS
 Speaker – Dr. Anthony Bashir
 Presentation with Breakout Groups

Saturday, September 11, 2004

- 8:00 a.m. Orthros and Memorial Service for 9-11 Anniversary
 9:00 a.m. Breakfast & Late Registration
 10:00-11:30 a.m. CALLED TO GOD'S PURPOSE: FAITH TRANSFORMATION & SERVICE
 Keynote Speaker – Dr. Helen Creticos Theodoropoulos
 11:30 a.m.-12:00 Break / Free Time
 12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch
 1:30-3:00 p.m. ABOUT MINISTRIES: Broaden Your View of Ministry Settings (*Choose one.*)
- Track 1 Ecumenical/Community Ministries*
Chaplain • Pastoral Counselor • Crisis Ministries
 - Track 2 Parish Life Ministries*
Parish Nurse • Parish Pastoral Care
Parish Ministries to Women
 - Track 3 Liturgical Arts and Life*
Nun • Deaconess • Chanter • Choir Director
Reader • Preacher • Altar Server

Saturday continued...

- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Break / Free Time
 4:00-4:45 p.m. COURAGE TO MINISTER: Match Your Call With God's Purpose
 Speaker – Demetra Jaquet
 5:00 p.m. Vespers, Artoklasia & Blessing of Hands
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner
 7:30-8:45 p.m. TIPS AND TALES FROM WOMEN IN MINISTRY (Choose one.)
- Pastoral Listening: How Listening Brings Healing - Easy Steps*
 - Chaplaincy: What It's Like*
 - Crisis Ministries: Being Called and Serving*
 - Parish Ministries to Women: Venues that Deepen Bonding*
 - Deaconess: Finding Her in the 21st Century*
 - Missions: Stories from the OCMC*

Sunday, September 12, 2004

- 9:00 a.m. Orthros
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
 11:30 a.m. Brunch, Panel and Plenary: NEXT STEPS
 2:00 p.m. Depart in Peace
 2:00-3:30 p.m. WOMEN Board Meeting (open to all)

Bookstore Available all days!

Sponsored by: Women's Orthodox Ministries & Education Network (WOMEN) and Antiochian Village Heritage & Learning Center. Visit: www.OrthodoxWomensNetwork.org
 Email: womenusa@aol.com

Registration form

Please fill out a registration form for each participant.
 Feel free to copy the registration form or to share it with a friend.

Register in advance by mail or fax only with payment by check or credit card. (Fax: 724-238-2102)

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Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone Number _____ E-mail _____
 Parish/City/State _____

HOUSING: We will group double, triple and quad registrants. If you have a roommate(s) request, please agree ahead of time and list roommate(s) requested: _____
 I choose Track # _____ Sat. afternoon; I choose _____ session Sat. evening.

TRANSPORTATION: Please Print (all attendees whether flying or driving):
 Arrival Date _____ (Circle one) AM or PM Departure Date _____ (Circle one) AM or PM
 Flight Arrangements: Arrival Airport (circle one): Pittsburgh Arnold Palmer / Latrobe Flight# _____
 Flight Time: _____ Date: _____ Departure Time: _____ Date: _____

Note: We do not provide transportation from Pittsburgh Airport. Your final flight destination should be Arnold Palmer/Latrobe. If your final destination is the Pittsburgh Airport, please call Majesty Shuttle 1-888-794-3400 or Enterprise Rent-A-Car under plan #40A4839.

Cost for TWO nights, 5 meals, 4 breaks & programs/materials:	Cost for commuters' meals, breaks, programs/materials:
Single \$253/person # _____ x \$253 = \$ _____	Saturday commuter # _____ x \$ 90 = \$ _____
Double \$195/person # _____ x \$195 = \$ _____	Fri/Sat Commuter # _____ x \$104 = \$ _____
Triple \$175/person # _____ x \$175 = \$ _____	Friday only Commuter # _____ x \$ 40 = \$ _____
Quad \$167/person # _____ x \$167 = \$ _____	Sunday Commuter # _____ x \$ 12 = \$ _____
TOTAL Conference \$ _____	TOTAL Commuter \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT:
 _____ Check made payable to: Antiochian Village
 _____ Credit Card: Visa MasterCard Discover Card# _____ Exp. Date _____
 Signature _____ Print Name on card _____



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Conference Fees	\$ _____
Commuter Fees	\$ _____
Late Registration Fee (after Aug. 15)	\$ 50.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ _____