

DIAKONIA

Summer 2007

Addendum

Dear Sisters in Christ,

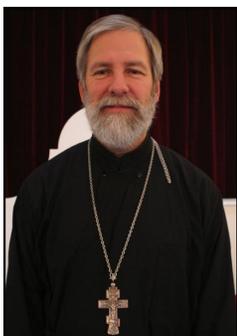
The messages from the Diocese of the West Spiritual Advisor, Father David Hovik and President, Samia Habib, were inadvertently omitted from the Summer 2007 DIAKONIA. Please forgive my oversight. This is a special addendum with the omitted messages. I ask forgiveness of both Father David and Samia.

Lucy Hanna

NAB Public Relations Director

Message from V. Rev. David Hovik

Spiritual Advisor



What a wonderful retreat we recently had with Fr. Josiah: snow on Friday, sunshine on Saturday and wonderful teaching throughout our time together. God works in mysterious ways and one of those mysteries was Sayidna JOSEPH appointing me as the spiritual advisor to the Diocese of the West AOCWNA three years ago: especially since I live up near the Canadian border in Washington state. The intent was for me to bring some guidance and spiritual direction to the ladies in the West but the blessing has reversed itself and I have found myself to be the recipient of your great kindness and good-natured humor throughout our time together. You are a very committed group of women who have accomplished some monumental tasks in the name of of great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for allowing me to be a small part of these efforts. There is still much to do in the advancement of God's Kingdom and through your efforts at incarnating Christ in your daily lives, the seeds have been sown. May God helps us to reap the harvest in His good time.

In Christ's love,
Fr. David

Message from Samia Habib

Diocesan President



Dear Sisters in Christ,

I greet all of my Antiochian Sisters in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I hope that you are all well. May the Holy Spirit be with you every day in the coming year.

On behalf of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West, our Executive Board and our Chapter Presidents of our 54 parishes, I would like to thank all of the North American Board members for their tireless and successful efforts during this term, You have been great mentors to all of us, and getting to know many of you at the Village has been a special privilege. We, here in the West, appreciate your support and your constant forms of communication to keep us informed of our work and of upcoming events. It is very good to have such a wonderful group of Christian Orthodox women to work with as we continue building the Sisterhood of the Antiochian Women. Your success has made my job and that

of my Executive Board members that much easier and certainly very enjoyable as we all work for our Lord in His Name.

It is my hope and prayer that in the coming years, more women will want to get involved, not just within their own parishes, but on the Diocesan and NAB level. This is our organization, and I know there are many talented and devoted women across the Archdiocese who could contribute many good deeds to the Antiochian Women. It is up to all of us to make our organization better each year, and that can only be done by hard work and new, fresh ideas.

May God bless you always with peace, health and joy and many years to serve His Holy Vineyard. We hope you will travel to the West Coast to visit us and join us in some of our upcoming events, especially at our Parish Life Conference in Portland, Orgeon, the last week of June. Thank you again, and the best of luck and God's blessings on the new officers who will carry on in July in Montreal.

In the love of our Lord,
Samia Habib
President
Antiochian Women of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West