

The Ladies of St. Sophia 2025

A Facebook group was made to help with communication between the women. It has been a place for prayer requests as well as getting important information to everyone.

\$800 was sent to AWE for its national project, the Widowed Clergy Wives Endowment Fund. The funds raised for this project came from the sale of sun catchers. More sun catchers have been ordered and all profits made will go to the same national project. Also on the archdiocese side of the ladies group, Loukia attended the Parish Life Conference and Archdiocesan Convention as a delegate. As of August she has switched roles from Religious Coordinator to Secretary.

At the end of May, the ladies met for a day trip to Holy Cross Monastery. This was a beautiful and edifying experience for all who attended.

In June the ladies prepared and enjoyed lunch with Bishop Thomas during his visit to our parish.

A summer garden party inspired luncheon with guest speaker Matushka Christina was held in August. There was a wonderful turnout for this event. Ladies from multiple parishes were in attendance.

A beautiful wreath made by DeAnn Maynard was raffled and raised \$400 to go towards the women's outreach ministries.

In October a special memorial service was held for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Icon prayer cards made by Kaitlin Gallimore along with votive candles were handed out to those who attended.

St. Xenias Table Ministry provided 830 meals and 300 hygiene packs to the people of Huntington who are experiencing homelessness.

The Nurturing Mother's Diaper Ministry has put together 26 diaper packs including wipes to distribute locally to Mothers in need. A Facebook page to be the point of contact and to advertise this ministry is now up and running. We are still in need of pull-ups all sizes and wipes! Thank you all who have been graciously donating to this!

The first (and hopefully not the last!) St. Nicholas Bazaar was held on December 6. It was a wonderful time and can absolutely be called a success. \$800 was raised for the ladies group from vendor booth rentals, donations and wreath raffle. Funds were also raised for the church through the pastry sale.

In a partnership with Bella Consignment, six pickups of 5-8 large bags filled with coats have been given to the River City Street Ministry. By the end of each day, every coat had been distributed. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

With \$1,200 being raised in 2025, the Ladies of St. Sophia are on a good track to being a self supporting group.