

Introduction

Why was AMEN formed?

- There is a need to organize the 50% or so of our Diocese, made up of men
- Many of our men do not have father figures, and many fail because they do not have someone to talk to or a mentor to show them the way
 - This is our job, the job of spiritual fathers, and the job of older men to younger men
- An average of 6 out of 10 teens who go to college do not come back to the Church, and we need to reduce this!
- We must fill the void that is currently missing in the church for men
 - Female teens go from SOYO to YAM to Antiochian Woman while male teens have been going from SOYO to YAM to...nothing
- Many young adults enter our church all the time and young adults always look up to role models, we must be those role models!
- The proliferation of technology has created challenges for men, especially young men, and this challenge is unprecedented in the history of the Church, we must understand these challenges and learn how to help!

AMEN CORE VALUES



Organization

How will AMEN be structured?

- The goal is to create an AMEN chapter in every parish with leadership
 - Every parish/person has different needs and AMEN will address those specific needs in each church
 - The structure is fluid depending on the needs of each individual parish
- While AMEN will have some similarities to how The Antiochian Women are organized, it will be a completely different kind of organization
 - We don't want to void out the Antiochian Women and all they have accomplished
 - We want to compliment The Antiochian Women with the creation of AMEN and both organizations will have their own unique roles in the church

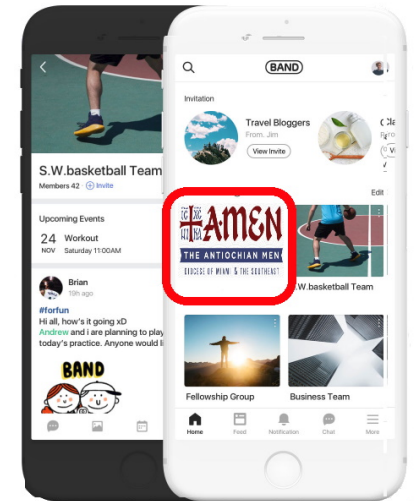
Focus

What can you expect from AMEN?


- AMEN will have educational events such as virtual and in-person retreats
- Fundraising events and social events may also be organized; however, these are not primary goals of AMEN
- The growth in Christ is equal to increase in self-knowledge; men need to increase in self-knowledge and AMEN will help to facilitate this
- Men find fulfillment in building and creating and AMEN will provide opportunities to do this within the Church
- Men also find fulfillment in providing and protecting; AMEN will provide opportunities for men to do this within the Church as well
- We must be in community with each other, this includes connecting our parishes, collaborating, and sharing best practices/ideas with each other



BAND OF BROTHERS



On your IOS or Android device:

- Download the app. Look for this logo: 
- Create an account (BAND will prompt you through the steps)
- Search for the AMEN Band (see example above)
- Join

If you prefer to use your computer, go to the BAND website to sign up (<https://band.us>)

Benefits to joining our AMEN BAND of Brothers:

- Stay connected to The Antiochian Men and join in discussions no matter where you are!
- Keep up to date on all scheduled DOMSE and AMEN events
- Read posts from group members including best practices and success stories from local parishes
- Notifications can be muted if you are busy and then you can check in when you have time
- A smart phone is not required to join; BAND can be accessed on the internet using a computer, so it is accessible to all!