

Antiochian Men (AMEN) Proposed Charter for Local Chapter
<name of church> Orthodox Church
<City, State>

Vision:

The Antiochian Men is a brotherhood of men helping each other to become more like God.

Mission:

With our parish priest's blessing and partnership, the men of our parish will organize together to serve the needs of our church.

Values:

The 4 core values of Antiochian Men are:

1. Leadership
2. Obedience
3. Vigilance
4. Endurance

Functions:

The primary areas of focus of the AMEN group shall include the following under the leadership and guidance of the local pastor:

1. Serving the Church
 - a. AMEN will identify the needs of our local church and will work to meet those needs
2. Mentorship
 - a. It will be the responsibility of AMEN members identified by the pastor as guides to guide the younger men, to give them someone to talk to, and to show them the way.
3. Supporting the Parish Priest
 - a. AMEN will apply the wisdom and the life contained and held within Orthodox Christian Tradition and scripture to the circumstances that men are in today
4. Fellowship with a spiritual focus
 - a. AMEN will organize events that incorporate both fellowship and spirituality

AMEN Chapter Membership

Our men are encouraged to join multiple organizations at the same time (Teen SOYO, YAF, AMEN) according to age relevance. Any men ages 18 or older are welcome to join AMEN. Being a member of <name of church> is not a requirement to be a member of AMEN. AMEN members who are also members of <name of church> shall be voting members in any AMEN business meetings. Members of AMEN who are not members of <name of church> shall be non-voting members.

AMEN Chapter Officers

There will be <1-4> elected AMEN officers at <name of church>. These officers include:

1. **<President, Director, Coordinator, or Leader>** – will lead AMEN meetings, coordinate the efforts of the AMEN Chapter, and will make announcements to AMEN members under the guidance and direction of the parish pastor and the parish counsel.
Below are optional officer positions for AMEN Chapters at the parish level
2. **Vice President** – will lead monthly meetings in the event that the president is unable to attend; will coordinate any additional fellowship events outside of AMEN meetings in coordination with the AMEN leader
3. **Secretary** – responsible for taking notes or “minutes” from each meeting, keeping record of the minutes from all meetings, and communicating the contents as needed
4. **Treasurer** – will manage AMEN finances including any money received from donations to AMEN or money raised through AMEN fundraisers

The AMEN <President, Director, Coordinator, Leader, officers> will be elected by the voting members of AMEN. AMEN elections will occur in <month> of each year. Elections will be determined by a simple majority vote of all members present. It is required to be a member of <name of church> to be <the President, the Director, the Coordinator, the Leader, an officer>. Any member may run for <President, Director, Coordinator, Leader, any office>. If only one person runs for <President, Director, Coordinator, Leader, an office>, he will be automatically elected. If <the President, the Director, the Coordinator, the Leader, an officer> decides to step down or if his membership at <name of church> ends for any reason, an interim <President, the Director, the Coordinator, the Leader, officer> will be appointed by the parish priest until a replacement can be elected.

AMEN Chapter Projects:

All decisions regarding projects, events, or fundraisers must be approved by a simple majority vote of all AMEN members present at the meeting. For any projects or fundraisers proposed that involve the whole parish, the parish pastor and the Parish Counsel must give their approval.

Effective Date:

This charter was approved to be effective on _____, and shall govern the operation of our AMEN Chapter at <name of church> hereafter.

AMEN <President, Director, Coordinator, Leader>

Pastor