

29th November, 1966

His Grace Archbishop Sava,  
Russian Orthodox Church,  
18 Chelmsford Avenue,  
GROVDON, N.S.W.

Your Grace,

Australian Church Women operates within the Australian Council of Churches, and is a co-ordinating, programme-planning group to help existing women's groups within the various Churches.

This we try to do by encouraging united worship on three special days of the year, viz. The Women's World Day of Prayer, Fellowship Day and World Community Day. For the two latter days Orders of Service are prepared by Australian Church Women.

Also, we encourage service together through the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and the Fellowship of the Least Coin, and sometimes an additional project such as for World Community Day this year the special project was Inter-Church Aid - to help migrant women in Australia.

We enclose copy of our Constitution, and also some literature having to do with Special Days and Projects - for your information.

The main purpose of this letter is to advise you that the annual National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women will be held at Deaconess House, Carillon Avenue, Newtown, Sydney, on February 8, 9, 10, commencing with Lunch on Wednesday and concluding with Afternoon Tea on the Friday.

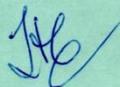
We would be very happy if you would appoint one of the ladies of the Russian Orthodox Church to attend this meeting as an observer. If you would be happy to do this, and would let us know the name of the person, then we could make contact with her and let her have further details.

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The Thursday night session on February 9, which will be held at Deaconess House will be an open session - for men and women of all Churches - and we would be very glad to welcome members of your Church. We enclose a dozen copies of an invitation letter for this meeting by which you will see that the subject for the meeting will be Communication, and there will be a speaker who is qualified to speak on this subject as well as times for questions, etc.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross  
Hon. Secretary

Printed matter under separate cover.



+ ARCHBISHOP EZEKIEL  
+ Bishop of Nazianzos Dionysios  
+ Bishop of Myrini Chrysostom

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ΑΥΣΤΡΑΛΙΑΣ ΚΑΙ Ν. ΖΗΛΑΝΔΙΑΣ

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GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE  
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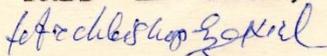
10th. December.1966.

Dear Sir,  
I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th. December  
1966, for which I thank you.

Mrs. L. Evangelinidis will once again be our representative  
to the National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women to  
be held in February next at Deaconess House, Newtown.

Mrs. Evangelinidis is the wife of the Rev. J. Evangelinidis  
of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Trinity, and is quite  
active with our Philoptochos Society. She is of course very interested  
in the Greek Orthodox Church and should prove a valuable member  
of the above National Committee.

Yours - in - Christ,

  
+ Archbishop Ezekiel.

5 Wycombe Road,  
Abingdon, S.W. 5154

27th May, 1970

Mr. Derek Stone,  
20 Raymond Terrace,  
ROMSEA, S.W. 7000

Dear Mr. Stone,

The Secretary of the B.I. Council of Churches told us recently that you were in the process of, or perhaps had completed the compilation of a list of addresses pertaining to Orthodox and other Eastern Churches in Australia. Australian Church Women has for some time been trying to make contact with women in Orthodox Churches but has found it very difficult to obtain addresses etc. to make these contacts. We would be grateful if you could supply us with a copy of this list if it is available for distribution, so that <sup>we</sup> might pursue other avenues of contact.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Lurchland,  
Secretary, Working Committee, B.I.C.)

Phone 295 6912

33 Wilson Tee.,  
GLENELG EAST. S.A. 5045

19th March, 1974

Very Rev. Fr. K. Psalios,  
32 Clifton Street,  
MILLSWOOD. S.A. 5034

Dear Fr. Psalios,

At the recent meeting of the National Committee of Australian Church Women, mention was made of the fact that although various of the Orthodox Churches are affiliated with the Australian Council of Churches, Australian Church Women has no contact with women of Orthodox communities.

We are not sure, in fact, whether there are women's organisations in existence with which we could make some contact, so I am writing to you in the hope that you could give me any addresses of groups of which you know, either on State or National level, that we could perhaps contact.

We appreciate that many of the women associated with Orthodox churches will be relatively new to this country and may have special needs because of this. If there are, as you see it, any avenues in which we may relate as church women, we would be pleased to hear of them.

With Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland,  
Secretary, Working Committee,  
Australian Church Women.)

Very Rev. K. Psalios

Archdeacon

For The Greek Orthodox Church in S.A.

BOX 45 P.O.  
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26th March, 1974

Mrs. J.B. Murchland  
Secretary, Working Committee,  
Australian Church Women  
33 Wilson Tce.,  
GLENELG EAST S.A. 5045

Dear Mrs. Murchland,

I wish to thank you very much for your letter addressed to me, on 19th March, 1974 and in which you make mention of your willingness to get to know some of our Women's Organisations and extend to their members your help and assistance to the many problems that are faced with, as Auxiliary Bodies to our Communities.

Your interest is very much appreciated, and I feel grateful in enclosing here in the name & address of the President of our Ladies Auxiliary Body of our Community.

I am sure that she will make every effort to see you and have a friendly discussion with you.

Thanking you once again,

I remain  
Prayerfully Yours,



VERY REV. K. PSALIOS  
(Archdeacon for S.A.)

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Phone 295 6912

33 Wilson Tee.,  
GLENELG EAST. S.A. 5045

Mrs. C. Joannou,  
23 Lilly Street,  
GOODWOOD. S.A. 5034

Dear Mrs. Joannou,

Australian Church Women, a body affiliated with the Australian Council of Churches, has five main aims -

1. To unite Australian church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;
2. To promote co-operation of men and women in the church, family and society;
3. To help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church;
4. To provide opportunities for Christian women of different denominations to worship, study and serve together and
5. To encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.

At the recent National Committee Meeting held in Adelaide and attended by delegates from every State, representing such denominations as Anglican, Catholic, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Congregational, Methodist Presbyterian and Salvation Army, and women's organisations such as the Girls' Brigade and the Y.W.C.A., delegates asked that we look into ways of relating with women from Orthodox Churches.

With this in view, I wrote to Very Rev. Fr. K. Paalios explaining that we would like to make contact with any women's groups of which he knew, either on a national or State level. He has replied by giving us your name and suggesting that we arrange to talk with you.

The President (Mrs. Joy Smith) and I would welcome an opportunity to do this and wondered if we could meet you for afternoon tea at the Apollo Dining Hall on the eighth floor of the Myer Emporium in the city at 2 p.m. on either Tuesday, 4th June or Wednesday, 5th June. Could you please let me know if either of these days suits you either by phoning the above number or writing to the above address.

With kindest regards,  
Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland, Secretary, A.C.W.)

*Phone call 3.6.94  
Mrs J had lost own letter  
Will contact us when she  
is not so busy.*

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GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA



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ARCHGREEK - SYDNEY

18th June 1975

Mrs. L. Ackland,  
Hon. Secretary  
Women's Inter-Church  
Council of Victoria,  
23, Kingsford Ave.,  
NORTH COBURG, 3058

Mrs. Ackland,

In reply to your letter regarding the Australian Church Women organisation expressing the wish to contact Greek Orthodox Church Women, I would like to inform you that there is not any organisation of this kind in our Church.

In every Greek Orthodox Church throughout Australia there is a group of Women's Auxiliary who help the Church Committee and support the social activities of the Church.

I enclose herewith an almanac of our Archdiocese with the names and the addresses of all our Churches.

You may contact directly the groups of the Ladies of our various Churches.

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Basil Cristofis  
Secretary

*Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria*

PRESIDENT:  
Mrs. E. McGrath

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Mrs. P. Krutli

SECRETARY:  
Mrs. L. Ackland

23 Kingsford Ave.,  
NORTH COBURG. 3058.  
3rd July, 1975.

Mrs. J.B. Murchland,  
5 Wycombe Rd.,  
ALDGATE. 5154.

Dear Gwenda,

I do not seem to have progressed very far in the matter of contact with the Greek women. I enclose the reply received from the Greek Church. They do not seem very interested in the matter at all. I think the language problem would be very great and also the attitude of the Church as regards women. Have you read the section on the Greek attitude to women in the church in "Enquiry into Status of Women".

I will be booking our tickets for the trip to Adelaide late next week. If there are any others coming from Victoria they may wish to be included in the concession rate. Tasmania has contacted me and I will be booking their tickets with ours. I have been informed that Mrs. J. Yule will be travelling by air. Are there any others to contact? The concession rate is 20% off if you have six or more travelling to a conference.

I do hope I have not forgotten to send any information re National Meeting that has been asked for. I have been very busy with the Annual Meeting. I am sure you will be very busy from now until the National Meeting.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Livio Ackland*

Mrs. L. Ackland  
Hon. Secretary.

**AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
N.S.W. STATE COUNCIL**



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29th November, 1977.

Mrs D. Woodhouse,  
86 Fullers Road,  
CHATSWOOD. N.S.W. 2067

Dear Mrs Woodhouse,

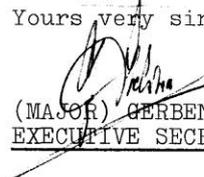
Following our conversation of a few days ago I now enclose a list I received from Father Leonidas. We discussed your desire to interest the Orthodox women in the Australian Church Women's movement and the Orthodox (Greek) gladly approved of this.

The addresses given are apparently the Father's to whom you have to address your letters. All Church Women are directly controlled apparently by the Father of the Church.

I have got sixteen addresses and I am sure that you will be able to do some affiliation in this matter.

In the meantime if I can be of any more help please do not hesitate to contact me. I remain with warmest Christian greetings.

Yours very sincerely,

  
(MAJOR) GERBEN STELSTRA  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

Very Rev ARCHIMANDRITE LEONIDAS. M. Div  
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY  
GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL - SYDNEY  
Postal Address: P.O. Box 88. Pyrmont 2015

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA

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OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE IN SYDNEY

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P.O. BOX 159 LIVERPOOL

86 Fullers Road,  
CHATSWOOD. N.S.W. 2067.  
12th Dec. 1977.

His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos,  
Central Philoptochos  
242 Cleveland St.  
REDFERN. 2016.

Dear Archbishop Stylianos,

Following our meeting last month, when we expressed our desire that we might interest the women of the Greek Orthodox Church in our organization, I approached Major G. Stelstra. He has now informed me that through his contact with Father Leonidas that this matter has been gladly approved.

He has given me quite a number of addresses to contact, and it would not be possible for me to contact them all, as by our constitution- "The Council of Australian Church Women shall consist of eight (8) from each participating Church, appointed by the State Women's Organization or by whatever means is appropriate to the particular Church." We would be pleased to welcome your representatives, and a constitution is enclosed for information about our group.

Our meetings are held, for the Council, on the 3rd Monday of Feb. Mar. Apr. June, Aug. Sept. Nov, at 10.30a.m. and next year will be at Uniting Church Offices, 139 Castlereagh St. Sydney. However on Monday 20th February, our first meeting for 1978, we are holding a special Service of Renewal and Dedication in the Pitt St.. Uniting Church at 10.30a.m. with guest speaker Mrs. Lillian Wells, Moderator of the Uniting Church N.S.W. Synod. All visitors are welcome, and perhaps some of the ladies of the Greek Orthodox would care to join us on this day. Hoping you can encourage some to attend, and if it is wished to affiliate with our organization, we would welcome your representatives to our meetings in the future. There will be a business meeting following that service at 12 o'clock.

Hoping for a favourable reply .

Yours in His Service,

*Deborah*  
Secretary. Australian Church Women. N.S.W. Unit.