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Greetings in the Lord!

As the Religious Coordinator for the AWE, newly appointed by our President Rula Khoury, I offer a few lines by way of introduction.

My name is Anna Veniamin and I am a convert to Orthodoxy. I was born and raised in the north of England and I graduated at the University of London, where I studied the history of art and architecture.

After I met my husband, Christopher, who introduced me to the Orthodox Monastery of St. John the Baptist in England (founded by Elder Sophrony Sakharov), I was received into the Orthodox Church, being baptized by Metropolitan Hierotheos Vlachos some 20 years ago. We have lived in the United States since that time, where my husband is Professor of Patristic Theology at St. Tikhon's Seminary, and also, more recently, Dean at the Antiochian House of Studies.

We live in Waverly, Pennsylvania with our five dear children: Maria, a student at Penn State, majoring in Corporate Communication; Rachel, an English major at Penn State; Nicola, a high school senior who plans to study animation and film next year; Kyrill, who attends middle school; and Zacharina, our homeschooled elementary student.

Our two oldest daughters are both homeschool graduates and all of our children have been homeschooled at some point in their education. We have very much enjoyed being a part of the St. Emmelia Homeschool Conference as parents and speakers in past years.

We have a family business, our publishing house, Mount Thabor Publishing, producing quality books in Orthodox theology since 2005.

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I also enjoy cooking and baking for my family and our guests, sewing, and gardening.

My favorite Bible verse is the words of Christ at the conclusion of the Gospel of St. Matthew (Matthew 28:20): “and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

My favorite books are *Wounded by Love: The Life and Wisdom of St. Porphyrios*, and *St. Silouan the Athonite* by Archimandrite Sophrony.

I welcome the opportunity to be involved in the work of the Antiochian Women of the East, and I look forward to getting to know and being inspired by the many women who contribute in so many ways to the life of the Church throughout our dioceses.

Your sister in Christ,  
Anna Veniamin

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