

St. Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church, San Dimas

Policy Title:	Alcoholic Beverages Policy
Effective Date:	October 12, 2008
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Approval Date:	October 12, 2008
Purpose:	To protect the parish of St. Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church of San Dimas from potential legal liability or wrong doing.

BACKGROUND

There are several concerns:

1. Our parish is not licensed to sell alcoholic beverages.
2. If alcoholic beverages are served at a parish-sponsored event, and someone damages property or harms either himself or someone else while under the influence of alcohol, the parish could be legally and financially liable.
3. Our current liability insurance does not protect us from consequences related to the distribution and consumption of alcohol.
4. Some of the members of this parish may struggle with alcoholism.
5. It is illegal in California to sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21 or encourage underage drinking.

This policy does **not** apply to non-parish events such as community events, private parties, members' behavior within their own homes, and other events not sponsored by our parish.

RULES

- Alcoholic beverages must not be sold at any parish-sponsored function or event.
- Alcoholic beverages may only be provided at a parish-sponsored function or event with the prior approval of the parish council.

GUIDELINES

- Alcoholic beverages may be provided at a parish-sponsored function or event (without charge) when appropriate measures are taken to ensure that:
 - No person under the age of 21 obtains, handles, or consumes an alcoholic beverage provided at the function or event, and
 - The amount of alcohol consumed at the function or event is controlled so no one becomes intoxicated to the point of posing a potential threat to property, self, or others.
- When appropriate and applicable, the pastor should remind people to drink responsibly.
- At parish-sponsored events to which the public is invited, designated persons should be responsible for the dispensing of alcoholic beverages.