

St. Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church, San Dimas

Policy Title:	Parish Property Policy
Effective Date:	January 10, 2015
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Approval Date:	01/10/15
Purpose:	To clarify whether or not Parish Property may be lent or borrowed.

BACKGROUND

In the past, in the absence of any policy to the contrary, Parish members have borrowed furniture and equipment held as property of the Parish to be used at various off-site functions. Given that St. Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church (Parish) has grown in both its number of constituents and property holdings, it has become necessary to create a policy that regulates such activity.

Definitions

- Unless stated otherwise the term “Property” as used herein shall pertain to the physical furniture, equipment, articles, kitchenware, etc. owned by the Parish as opposed to the real estate at which the Parish facilities are located.

Rationale

- To protect the Parish from damages or liability resulting from the use of Parish Property outside of the church grounds.
- To retain and maintain Parish Property in working condition and prevent damage or loss of said Property resulting in cost to the Parish.

RULES

- St. Peter the Apostle Orthodox Church neither lends nor rents any of its physical Property for use outside of church grounds.
- Any and all use of all Parish Property must occur on the premises of 2200 North Orange Grove in Pomona, CA or such real estate or facilities which the Parish may occupy at any future date.

EXCEPTION

- As it is commonly understood and practiced in the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America (Archdiocese) and as indicated in Article I, Section 3 “Authority – B. Ecclesiastical” of the St. Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church Constitution, the Parish “owes its ecclesiastical allegiance” to the Archdiocese.
- Given this allegiance, it is understood that if Parish property is requested for use by the Archdiocese or any of its dependent organizations, such use may be permitted at the discretion of the Parish priest.