## St Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

## **Senior Citizen Group**

Senior Citizen Group was established by late Gabriel Kabbas in the year 1992, at the request of Fr Dimitri Baroudi. It was recognised by the City of Melbourne as a Non-English speaking background group.

The recognition by the city council has made the group eligible for subsidies that are intended to assist with functions to enhance members' social opportunities within the community.

## **Objectives of the Senior Citizens Group**

- To provide the elderly with information about community resources and welfare rights;
- To organise social activities in the form of outings, picnics and community luncheons for older men and women in the community;
- To invite public speakers in health and community welfare matters;
- To provide the older members of the Church community with opportunities to experience their spiritual heritage;
- To assist Arabic women to overcome their isolation at home and within the community as the majority of Arabic women are homebound and isolated after their children leave home.