

Not surprisingly, the position of

women in the Orthodox Church today reflects both sides of this history—that which would abase them along with that which affirms their dignity.

On the one hand, it cannot be denied that there are parishes in which women are permitted to do only those tasks which the men consider "women's work" and therefore "beneath" them—cleaning the church, taking care of the children, $(\pi\epsilon\rho\iota\sigma\sigma\delta\tau\epsilon\rho\alpha...)$