

# St. Thomas Antiochian Orthodox Church Cemetery

## REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DECORATION OF GRAVES AND CEMETERY LOTS

The purpose of these regulations is to help give direction and uniformity to our maintenance person. We have not had a formal policy, and it has been difficult for our maintenance person to know what to cut, trim, save, throw away, etc. It is also difficult to mow the grass around some of the graves.

We have taken the following directives from other cemeteries in Sioux City and adapted them for our own needs.

### Permitted:

1. Artificial flowers and planters placed adjacent to markers and monuments.
2. Annual flowers planted only on graves, not on any other part of the cemetery lot.
3. Memorial Day crosses, wreaths, cut flowers, etc., are permitted the Friday before Memorial Day to the following Monday after Memorial Day (a ten day period). Anyone wishing to preserve any of the above, including containers, is asked to remove them by the following Monday after Memorial Day.

### Not Permitted:

1. No permanent plants of any kind will be allowed on the graves or cemetery lots.
- 2.. Examples:
  - A. No woody plants, such as evergreens, shrubs, rose bushes, potentillas, etc.
  - B. No perennial flowers such as tulips, irises, peonies, chrysanthemums, etc.