



The Ladies Philoptochos Society



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Philoptochos News Phlash!

February 4, 2020

Here are the highlights of our Board Meeting on February 4, 2020. We want you to know what we are working on and where your donations and contributions to Philoptochos go.

Vasilopita – We raised \$2,700 to send to St. Basil's Academy, a home for children and families in crisis! Thank you to all who helped with our event, especially to our co-chairs, Laura Jadelrab and Nina Azar.

Coming Soon! Fashion Show 2020 – Plans are under way to our show on Saturday, May 2 - *The Hills Are Alive*. Dust off your lederhosen and start practicing your yodel. This event is truly *one of our favorite things!* Luncheon prepared by Chef Chris Tsardoulis! Fashions! Silent Auction! Entertainment!

Kids'n' Cancer – Final plans were made for our event on **February 9**. Join us for a delicious coffee hour buffet immediately following Liturgy. There will be wonderful food, a fun-filled raffle, centerpieces for sale and more... This year we will have a double draw raffle – two chances to win, first for one of our surprise gifts and again for a **beautiful Chanel necklace or \$500 gift card to Vivace Ristorante**. Show your care by giving your heart to a child who is terminally ill. If you would like to get involved, contact Mary Peros.

Church and Community Service Awards – Information for our high school seniors to apply for this monetary award will be out very soon. If you have been involved with the ministries of our church and helped the community-at-large, please consider filling out an application.

A Human Trafficking Seminar – The Women's Wellness and Awareness Ministry of our Metropolis and our Philoptochos present a Human Trafficking Seminar on **Saturday, March 14** from 11-3. All donations will benefit rehabilitation services for those who have been victims of human trafficking. This is a problem which is not limited to areas of poverty or faraway places. It happens in families of privilege and on the school yard, online and in the workplace. Come and find out how to be aware, prepared and protect your family. Dr. Tanya Spirtos is putting together an amazing program of experts on the subject. Bring a friend, neighbor or co-worker.

Feeding the Hungry – This is a national Philoptochos initiative. Our sandwich-making get together and delivery schedule to help feed those in need at the Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City has begun. See Emmy Denton for more details.

New Mom and Baby Gift Bags – We enjoy gifting new moms and babies on their 40-day blessing. New bags are being made to welcome new families to Holy Cross and to our Philoptochos. If you would like to help, contact Helene Nemchik or Emmy Denton.

Report on our Community Project – This outreach effort is continuing by supporting children with a Personal Care Closet. If you would like to make a donation online, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/yxqhx5yk>.

Our membership is currently **123** and counting. **You will receive your 2020 membership packet very soon.** Sign up online on the Holy Cross website! Log on to <http://www.goholycross.org> and follow the links to online giving.

See you next month!