



The Ladies Philoptochos Society



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Philoptochos News Phlash!

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Here are the highlights of our Board Meeting on January 7, 2020. We want you to know what we are working on and where your donations and contributions to Philoptochos go.

- **Christmas Tea** – Congratulations to all for a wonderful holiday event. A huge thank you was given to chair, Nina Azar and her assistants, including her wonderful husband, Bill. We raised over \$4,000 to support Family Sharing. We could not have done it without the entire parish coming and participating.
- **Vasilopita** – We are coming together to cut the Vasilopita on **Sunday, January 19**. Please join us to raise money for St. Basil's Academy, a home for children and families in crisis. We will be serving a delicious chicken, pilafi and salad lunch. We will have vasilopitas for sale for \$20! More details to follow soon.
- **Kids'n'Cancer** – 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... Show your care by giving your heart to a child who is terminally ill. This ministry is one of Philoptochos' main ministries. Help us to keep our 4 camps open throughout the western US where children and their families can enjoy a few days in nature. If you would like to get involved, contact Mary Peros.
- **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 national Philoptochos initiative. Look for the announcement of a sandwich-making get together and delivery schedule to help feed those in need at the Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City. See Emmy Denton for more details.
- **New Mom and Baby Gift Bags** – We are planning to make 50 more gift bags for new moms and babies when they come to church for their 40-day blessing. These are wonderful welcome gifts for new families! 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. Items we collect here at Holy Cross are brought to San Mateo Park School to stock a Personal Care Closet where children can go to get items like toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene items, shampoos, etc. Please contribute items in the plastic bins we have set up in the Foyer outside our hall. If you would prefer to make a donation online, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/yxqhx5yk>.
- **Our membership** is currently **123** and counting. It is never too late or too early to join us. 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!