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# Philoptochos News Phlash!

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Philoptochos News Phlash! Highlights from our **Zoom** Board Meeting on October 5, 2021. We want you to know what we are working on and where your donations and contributions to Philoptochos go.

- ❖ **New Philoptochos Website** – President Laura Jadelrab thanked Terry Markou for his very generous help with developing our new Philoptochos presence on our Church website. Go to [goholycross.org](http://goholycross.org) and click on “About”. Then click on “Philoptochos” on the dropdown menu. This will take you to our new website. Here you will find all of our events for which we have tentative dates, our committees and chairs, pictures from past events, and much more. Thank you, Terry and Kristen Azar, for all your hard work!
- ❖ **Names Day Vespers** – Laura and Helene thanked all those who helped prepare the coffee buffet following Vespers. Because of the lateness of the evening, the buffet worked very well.
- ❖ **Communication in our Parish** – Philoptochos is the right hand of our Church and the organization that is always willing to assist with our Parish events. Laura reiterated that we are here to support our Church family organizations. However, communication can always be improved upon among all of those involved. If you are in need of assistance with set up or covering an event, please give Laura or any of the Board members a call or email in enough time to gather a crew to provide the help needed. We have welcomed to our Board, with God’s grace, new members who have young children and demanding jobs, joining those of us who continue to work and juggle other family commitments. We all need the time to set aside so that we can provide our help. We look forward to continuing to assist wherever possible!
- ❖ **Feeding the Hungry** – Emmy Denton and a crew of dedicated volunteers have been meeting most Saturday mornings and providing sandwich preparations to benefit the Maple Center in Redwood City. This is most certainly a ministry of our Philoptochos at the Chapter, Metropolis and National Levels. We pray that we can help as many people as we can with the hands on board and the budgeted amount for costs. Most recently, close to 1,000 sandwiches have been made per month. Please look for information on how you can donate to or help with this ministry. The information will be available in our Church bulletin and on the Philoptochos website.
- ❖ **Christmas Tea and Lessons and Carols – December 12, 2021** – Mark your calendars for a full day of joyous holiday cheer. After Liturgy, Philoptochos will host its annual Tea with scrumptious goodies, decorations, and a shopping boutique. In the evening we celebrate together as a family with our children as we sing together. Nina Azar is chairing the tea. Soon, you may be asked to help by donating a food or boutique item or help with transforming our Main Hall into a Christmas wonderland.

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- ❖ **Coffee Hour and Memorial Guidelines** – The board voted to approve the proposed changes to our coffee hour. Our priority has always been and will continue to be to provide time for fellowship for our Parish. We do want to be mindful of healthy offerings and the time that we all would like to share with our families on a Sunday. We look forward to greeting you each Sunday after Liturgy. If you or your organization would like to sponsor a coffee hour, please let Laura Jadelrab, Laila Louridas or Othonia Makris know.
- ❖ **Metropolis Webinar – *Stories of Struggle and Resilience amidst the Pandemic*** will be available to the entire Metropolis on Zoom. We are honored to have Dr. Ann Bezzerides from Hellenic College Holy Cross as our presenter, along with several women who will be sharing their personal stories. The date is Thursday, November 11 at 6:30 – 8:00. Details and registration will be out soon.
- ❖ **School Care Closet and Shoe Drive** – Nina Azar reviewed our commitment to support these two outreach ministries. A School Personal Care Closet has been set up with Gina Johnstone’s help in a Peninsula school offering personal care items to students. In addition, Nina is organizing a shoe drive, similar to last year’s. She would like to kick this off by the end of October, so that shoes can be delivered to children by Christmas. Last year over 75 children received a new, shiny, and cool pair of sneakers for Christmas. Look for more information on our website or Sunday bulletin. Just a note that donations to both programs can be ordered and delivered through Amazon so that it makes it easy for the donors. As always monetary donations are gladly accepted as well.
- ❖ **Adopt-a-Student** - Holy Cross Belmont currently has adopted three students at Holy Cross: Joshua Rognstad and Alex Karcher, who are Students of Divinity and Mathew Mourad, a religious studies student. As our adopted students, we send them well wishes and small surprises throughout the year. If you would like to participate, let Laura know.
- ❖ **Zoom Board Meetings** – For the foreseeable future, all monthly Board meetings will be held on Zoom. Not only do we feel this is safer, but also for those who do not want to go out at night or who have small children at home, Zoom provides a real benefit. Of course, fellowship is very important, and we know that preparations for our in-person events will be wonderful opportunities to meet together.

*With our love and blessings,*

***The Ladies of the Philoptochos***

