



The Philoptochos Phlash - December 3, 2024

Merry Christmas! On December 3, 2024, the Philoptochos Board met and voted to support many upcoming ministries, plan some wonderful future events, and share the successes of recent events.

Life Moves Dinner Recap – The Life Moves Shelter was very appreciative that we prepared and served a delicious dinner. Thank you, Nina Azar, and thank you to all who prepped, cooked and served. The expense was \$350. The shelter would love more events like this. It was also a great way to get our youth involved. More discussion in January.

Kicks for Kids – Donors to this effort were very generous this year. 100 children have new shoes for school! On December 9 Nina will host lunch at her home for all who participated in any way towards this effort.

Ecumenical Patriarchate – We collected \$300 to which we will add from our treasury and forward directly to the Patriarchate to help with their many needs. Thank you to all who gave!

Christmas Tea – 2024 – On Sunday, December 15 we will host a wonderful holiday experience in our Hall after Liturgy. All are invited to come and celebrate the Birth of our Lord. We will have a holiday shopping boutique, baked goods for sale, a delectable holiday buffet, tables decorated for the season, a cash and special prize drawing, holiday music, punch, and so much more. Please join us. Suggested donation of \$10 per adult with children under 12 free will be collected at the door. Money raised will support the Family to Family Sharing Program.

Vasilopita Lunch 2025 – Hard to believe but the New Year is upon us. Please join us after Liturgy on Sunday, January 12 in the Oaks to ring in the New Year as a Parish Family, feast on a delicious chicken luncheon, and share a Vasilopita. You may find the lucky coin inside!

Trina Turk Event – Thank you, Gigi Glafkides and Trina Turk of Burlingame. Twenty-five shoppers attended, sipped champagne and helped to raise over \$300 during the recent shopping and membership-building evening.

March Membership Event – We are so excited to announce that we have invited fitness expert, **Vas Priebe of ESO** to come and show us how to get fit, stay fit and be healthy. Vas will also share her very inspiring life story with us. The proposed date is March 1. Much, much more information will follow very shortly.

The January 25th General Meeting has been cancelled.

Each of us on the Philoptochos Board wants to thank you from the heart for all your loving support, your generosity, and your prayers as we continue to work on behalf of those without a voice, without hope, without a warm home and without the love of family and friends. We cannot do it alone.

As we eagerly await the Birth of Our Lord, may the upcoming Christmas Season bring to you and your Family all the Joy, Good Health, and Blessings of the Season and for the Upcoming Year.

With our love, the Philoptochos of Holy Cross