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Meeting Highlights!

Christos Anesti! Here's what your Philoptochos has been working on:

- ❖ **Fashion Show 2022** – Ladies, mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 21**. We are so excited about our upcoming luncheon and show *The Hills Are Alive!* Master Chef Chris Tsardoulis and his crew are preparing an exceptional Austrian themed gourmet lunch. A delicious apple strudel will be served! The hall will be transformed into springtime in the Alps! The chocolate and musical centerpieces will amaze you. There will be brown paper packages tied up with string! The room will be filled with many of your favorite things! – elegant fashions from Chico's, B Chic as well as beautiful children's clothing, an exciting Silent Auction, lively entertainment. You will not want to miss this show. Space will be limited to 200 due to Covid. You won't want to miss this event as we begin to gather together in fellowship, fun and fashion!
- ❖ **Kids'n'Cancer Totals/Reception Newport Beach Country Club** – Our love and gratitude goes out to all who so generously donated and "gave their heart to a child." We are excited to announce that \$11,000 was sent to the ministry and to support its upcoming event on May 1 where **all the profits go directly to the program**. Unofficially, nearly \$300,000 was raised during the reception. Mary Peros was much honored to be able to present our donation directly to His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos.
- ❖ **Philoptochos National Convention and Clergy Laity – July 2-July 7 in New York City at the Marriott Marquis**. Our chapter is helping to sponsor two ladies to attend and bring back all the exciting ideas that will be shared. During the convention there will be an announcement regarding how much in direct funding our entire organization provided to those in need, in addition to the financial assistance provided by our many ministries. Holy Cross is calculating how much our chapter donated. Also, we have submitted two programs that hopefully will be highlighted at the convention in the **Operation Classroom** area: *Kicks for Kids*, our program which provided new shoes for underprivileged children and *Personal Care Closet* which continues to supply personal hygiene items to students in need.
- ❖ **Father's Day** – This year Father's Day will be celebrated as a regular coffee hour.
- ❖ **Religious Education Graduation and Church and Community Service Awards Presentation – June 5** – We will be honoring our Religious Education students and announcing the recipients of the Church and Community Service Awards right after Liturgy. Please come to congratulate the graduates and award recipients during Coffee.

- ❖ **Membership and Philoptochos Directory** – We so close to being finished with our directory so we can communicate easily with one another. We will let you know when you can pick yours up.
- ❖ **Decorating the Epitaphion** – A huge thank you to all the ladies who joined to decorate the epitaphion this year. And a very special note of our deepest appreciation goes out to Rita Zaharioudakis, Tula Kourtoglou, Sonia Risting, and Liz Miano who helped design our Epitaphion this year.

With our continued appreciation,

The Ladies of the Philoptochos

