



The Philoptochos Phlash – February 4, 2025

On February 4, 2025, the Philoptochos Board met and voted to support many upcoming ministries, plan some wonderful future events, and share the successes of recent events.

Vasilopita Lunch, 2025 – The Board voted to send \$2,900 to support St. Basil Academy and Youth and Young Adult Ministries. At our National Convention a change was made to include youth program support through a grant process funded by 50% of the Vasilopita proceeds. While we value the support that St. Basil Academy provides for children in crisis, we also value programs like OCF which supports our Orthodox students on college campuses.

Kids'n'Cancer, February 9, 2025 – Final preparations were reviewed for our very special coffee hour reception which supports the Kids'n'Cancer program. We are planning a delicious coffee hour reception with homemade specialties, including spanakopita, tiropita, keftedes and much more. There will be an amazing drawing including a \$500 gift card to Vivace, an authentic Chanel item, Visa cards, and a special Night on the Town and much, much more. Please join us and give your heart to a child with life-threatening cancer.

March Membership Event – Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 1!** Put on comfy clothes and join us in the Oaks at 10:30 after Liturgy for a light, healthy brunch and an exercise session with fitness expert, **Vas Priebe of ESO**. Vas has appeared as a guest on television programs, and she will show us how to get fit, stay fit and be healthy. Vas will also share her very inspiring life story with us. Bring a friend! Join Philoptochos to have your name included in a special drawing!

Membership 2025 – Your 2025 packet is arriving soon. Please join us. You would not be committing to chair or lead any events. Get involved, don't be apprehensive. Please add your name to our rolls so we can do more and help more people in need. The link to join is <https://www.goholycross.org/Philoptochos/Join.aspx>.

Church and Community Service Awards – If you are pledging members of our parish, please remind your graduating high school senior who has given their time in service to our Church and community and has participated in Religious Education, to pick up an application from the office. They may be eligible to receive a monetary award to help with college tuition. Deadline to submit your application is April 21, 2025.

Holy Cross Fashion Show – Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 3! Our fashion show is going strong. Many more details to follow!

Metropolis News - \$5,000 was sent to support the LA fires. Light the Path 2024 raised \$180,000 to help seminarians with their tuition. LTP 2025 will be at the Olympic Club on November 16, 2025.

With your support, 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. Join us! Send in your membership for 2025!

With our love, the Philoptochos of Holy Cross