



# The Ladies Philoptochos Society



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# Philoptochos News Phlash!

## Zoom Board Meeting Highlights – November 1, 2022

As in the past we like to share with you what we are working on and where your donations and contributions to Philoptochos go.

### Here are important Quick Links for Donations and Signups

Shoe Drive	<a href="https://sites.google.com/view/hcnewkicksforkids/home">https://sites.google.com/view/hcnewkicksforkids/home</a>
Care Closet	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WS5GGCPZ6YBR?ref_=wl_share">https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WS5GGCPZ6YBR?ref_=wl_share</a>
Feeding the Hungry	<a href="https://sites.google.com/view/feedthehungryhcphiloptochos/home">https://sites.google.com/view/feedthehungryhcphiloptochos/home</a>

- ❖ **Philoptochos Website** – Our website moved to the Holy Cross home page. All you need to do is scroll down the home page and click on the Philoptochos icon, here you will find all of our events for which we have tentative dates, our committees and chairs, pictures from past events, announcements and new news.

<http://www.goholycross.org/Philoptochos/>

- ❖ **Patriarchate Collection** – In honor of our patron Saints, Cosmas and Damianos, this Sunday Nov 6th we'll be once again this year counting on your generosity. This collection helps benefit our Patriarchate, its very existence and its many ministries.
- ❖ **Light the Path** - This event benefits our seminarians and will be held on November 19th, Go to <https://sanfran.goarch.org/events/2022-light-the-path?date=2022-11-19> to learn more. These students from our Metropolis have tuition, board, and book fees which total upwards of \$40,000 per year. They need our support! Our chapter here in Belmont will be giving \$2,000
- ❖ **Christmas Tea - December 11th after Liturgy**, Philoptochos will host its annual Tea with delicious food, decorations, a drawing, and a shopping boutique, which will include baked goods. Drawing tickets and flyers will be available after Liturgy and at Coffee Hour starting Sunday the 6th and every Sunday there after. In addition you hopefully have received your raffles in the mail along with a special holiday bake sale featuring Glyka Sweets. Othonia Makris, Nina Azar, and Kristen Azar are chairing the event. To offer a food item for the table, contact Othonia Makris 650-593-2537 and to donate boutique items please contact Laura Jadelrab 650-678-0336.
- ❖ **Shoe Drive** – We are halfway through, please help us ensure every child on the list gets a shiny, new pair of sneakers for Christmas. Monetary donations are gladly accepted as well. To donate, please click on the Shoe Drive link above.

- ❖ ***Feed the Hungry*** – A crew of volunteers have been meeting every Saturday morning and providing close to 280 sandwiches per week to the Maple Street and Samaritan Shelter. We've created a sign up site for all who would like to come help and or donate toward the cost. See Above for the link.
- ❖ ***School Care Closet*** – Now that children are back in school, we would appreciate your donations to our Care Closet program, which is housed at San Mateo Park Elementary School. This program serves 325 children, aged 5-12, and possibly many more family members beyond that especially in the last three years. These are all underprivileged students who need our help. Making donations is very easy using our link to Amazon. Your donation will go directly to the school. To donate, please click on the Care Closet link above. Don't have an amazon account, no problem, you can drop kids appropriate items in the Bin in front of the Oaks.
- ❖ ***30th Anniversary IOCC Fundraiser Reception– Sunday November 6, 4pm – 7pm in the Castro Valley Church*** - Our Philoptochos will be donating some delicious Greek desserts to the reception and our Church will sponsor some wonderful Greek foods, like spanakopita! Please plan to attend. All information is on our church website. Reception with wine is \$65 per person, without wine the cost is \$45 per person with special rates for children 6-12.



We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have given so much to support those who are in need. And as we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, we hope and pray that we will continue to share our blessings.

With our love,

***The Ladies of the Philoptochos***