



The Philoptochos Phlash – February 6, 2024

On February 6, 2024, the Philoptochos Board met and voted to support many upcoming ministries, plan some wonderful future events, and share the successes of recent events. Here are the highlights:

- ❖ Our **Outreach to Seniors** is being expanded and strengthened. It will now be a standing committee and visitations and help will be organized and delivered by the Philoptochos. To begin, Angela Koros is planning to reach out to several of our parish members to see what assistance they might need. Let Father Peter know if you or someone you know needs a helping hand – a ride to Church, a home-cooked meal, or just a friendly chat.
- ❖ **Kids'n'Cancer Coffee Hour Reception** – Sunday, February 25 – The Philoptochos is planning a wonderful buffet coffee hour including all the delectables, a fabulous drawing where you can choose which item you would love to win, a surprise raffle with some designer items and a chance for you to *give your heart to a child* with life-threatening cancer. We also have wonderful handmade blankets, cuddly pillows and fluffy bears for sale. This Sunday has become a Belmont tradition as we meet in the fellowship of Christ to support the four Camp Agapes which provide a respite for these children with life-threatening illnesses and their parents who are also struggling. Please plan to join us! Our flyer is on the Holy Cross website if you would like to donate. Drawing tickets for our special drawing items and for the surprise items at our event will be on sale after Liturgy.
- ❖ Our recent **Vasilopita** generated enough profit to send **\$1,100** to **St. Basil Academy**. Thank you!
- ❖ At our recent **Christmas Tea**, we enjoyed fellowship with one another, but also raised money to support **Family Sharing**. We also voted to give **\$1,000** to our **Benevolence Program** which lends confidential financial assistance to members of our parish.
- ❖ We are excited to be participating in **Project Mexico** by financially assisting five of our parish who are going to help build homes for the needy, joining a crew from St. Basil's Church in Stockton. Planning to go to Mexico are Laila, Anna and Gregory Louridas and Karim and Bendely Azar. These volunteers are keeping the long-standing tradition of our parish by supporting this worthy ministry.
- ❖ Plans are being made for our **Membership Tea and General Meeting** on Saturday, March 16. Laura Jadelrab will be our gracious hostess as she opens her home once again. 2024 Membership information is coming to you very soon.
- ❖ **Fashion Show Reinvention** – Saturday, May 18, 2024 -Save the date for our wonderful spring event. Think flowers and bright colors with a delicious gourmet lunch. We are giving you just a hint: Wear your bright floral outfit, maybe even vintage, and a summer hat!

We are sending our love to you and your families! Happy Valentine's Day!