



The Philoptochos Phlash – November 5, 2024

On November 5, 2024, the Philoptochos Board met and voted to support many upcoming ministries, plan some wonderful future events, and share the successes of recent events.

Metropolis News – Light the Path 2024 in Southern California will be held on November 17, 2024, at the Los Coyotes Country Club in Buena Park, California. The event begins at 2pm and you can still register on the email you have received until November 12. This ministry provides a financial lifeline to our seminarians.

Treasury and Budget – Hana Keilo presented the financial report and some questions were answered. We are current with the payment of all our commitments.

Father's Announcements – Our Holy Cross Christmas tree sale will begin on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Father announced that the Family Sharing Program will help 50 families this year.

Feed the Hungry Report – We are currently making 420 sandwiches each week, half of which go to Samaritan House and half to the Life Moves Program. We thank parishioners of all ages who come to help. Most of our ingredients are donated by Costco and Samaritan House. Philoptochos is underwriting the program with between \$200 and \$220 per month. Thank you to Emmy Denton for continuing to chair this most worthy effort!

Life Moves – Under Nina Azar's lead, we are preparing and serving a wonderful fall family meal to the 125 residents of the Life Moves program. Members of our Board and our parish are preparing and serving this delicious chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Our Philoptochos has allocated \$360 in addition to donated items for this event. There will likely be another family dinner some time before Easter, 2024

National Philoptochos Convention – Barbara Karvelis is putting together a summary of the takeaways and great ideas learned from the convention, including how to build community, ways to increase our membership, and staying healthy to help others.

Budget 2024-2025 – After reviewing the proposed budget, the Board voted to approve the final budget with several small changes. This is an effort we have been working on for some time.

Kicks for Kids – Chair Nina Azar reported that we have 100 low-income students to help this year by providing them with new pairs of shoes. To help, go to <https://sites.google.com/view/hcnewkicksforkids/home>.

New Coffee Hour Update – Almost all of our ministries have stepped up and are offering wonderfully delicious coffee hours to our parish family. This is really a community building effort. Thank you to all who are helping.

Christmas Tea – Sunday, December 15 – Under the direction of our Co-Chairs, Laura Jadelrab, Othonia Makris, and Chris Hopkins, each Board member is taking part in this event, which raises money for the Family Sharing Program. As always, there will be delicious food, a wonderful boutique where you can buy some Christmas gifts, an exciting drawing, holiday décor and music and much, much more. Please join us after Liturgy.

Membership Events – The Trina Turk Reception will be on Wednesday, November 13 from 5pm – 7:30 pm. A percentage of sales will go to Holy Cross Philoptochos. Space is limited. Check your evite for details. Our Western-Themed Night has been postponed until Fall of 2025. We have some exciting ideas in the works for our membership teas. We will keep you posted!

Dates to Remember – The Patriarchate Collection will be on November 10. A Thanksgiving Bake Sale will be on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Church and Community Service Awards will be presented on June 1.

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving with your families! *The Philoptochos*