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Philoptochos News Phlash!

January 5, 2021

Highlights from our **Zoom** Board Meeting on January 5, 2021. We want you to know what we are working on and where your donations and contributions to Philoptochos go.

- ❖ **Results from our Christmas Bake Sale** – We are so delighted to announce that we were able to clear enough profit to once again send \$2000 to support Family Sharing and in addition send \$1000 to the Samaritan House food distribution program. Thank you to all who purchased our baked goods and Christmas gift items.
- ❖ **Virtual Women’s Wellness and Awareness Presentations** – Christine Hopkins and Mary Peros are planning a wonderful set of presentations to address some health issues that are so important to us. The first one will be **Saturday, January 16** at 11 entitled “Stroke in Women: Across the Lifespan.” The presenter, Dr. Christina Mijalski, is from Stanford University. She is planning on including information on COVID and stroke as well. The presentation will be approximately 40 minutes with time for questions. The link to sign up is <https://www.goholycross.org/Files/EventFlyers/WellnessAndAwareness2021.pdf>. **Hurry! Registration will close very soon.**
- ❖ **Personal Care Closet** – We are continuing to partner with Gina Johnstone and Park School to supply needed *personal care items* for students from low-income families. If you are inclined to contribute to the closet, please consider ordering something through **the following website and it will be delivered to the school:** <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WS5GGCPZ6YBR>
- ❖ **Vasilopita Sale 2021** – Check out the delicious items from Glyka Sweets that you can order. To order go to https://www.goholycross.org/Files/EventFlyers/VasilopitaBakeSale_2021.pdf. All proceeds from the sale of these delicious breads and from your donations, will be sent to St. Basil’s Academy in Garrison, New York, which continues to be a home away from home for many children and their families facing crisis. Any Orthodox child or family can apply to receive assistance there. **Order deadline is January 17th**. You can come and pick up your vasilopita order on **January 23** in the Church parking lot.

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- ❖ **Virtual Kids'n'Cancer 2021** – Plans are underway to once again ask for your support for this most heartfelt ministry. We are planning an online silent auction, an amazing speaker presentation on Pediatric Oncology and more surprises. Events will be held at the **end of February**. More details to follow very soon.
- ❖ **Adopt-a-Student** – Our chapter has chosen to “adopt” three seminarians at Holy Cross. Our Metropolis Philoptochos Adopt-a-Student ministry tries to bring a little “home” to these students. Our students are Thomas Fleetwood from Las Vegas, Alex Karcher from Reno and Anthony Ladas from Chandler, Arizona. We keep in touch with them throughout the year with cards and small gifts.
- ❖ **Membership** – Our 2021 membership drive is beginning. You will be receiving your 2021 Membership Information at the end of January. You can join online at www.goholycross.org and click on *Donate*.
- ❖ **Philoptochos ListServ** – Please make sure that when you fill out your membership form for 2021 you include your email to receive all of our announcements. This will be a secure email system where only your name will appear on any email we send. If you know someone who may want to be included, please have them contact Nina Azar at ninaazar13@gmail.com. *Also, if you know of someone who does not use email, please let us know as well so we can remember to contact them by mail. We need everyone's help as we continue to help those in greater need. Thank you!*

Continue to keep safe! We could not do what we do without your love and support.

With love in Christ,

The Philoptochos of Holy Cross

