



The Philoptochos Phlash – October 1, 2024

On October 1, 2024, the Philoptochos Board met and voted to support many upcoming ministries, plan some wonderful future events, and share the successes of recent events. We are excited to welcome more parishioners, men and women, into our ministry. Here are the highlights:

- **Metropolis News** – Our National Philoptochos awarded Hellenic College Holy Cross \$300,000 to upgrade technology and facilities. Our Metropolis currently has 47 students at Holy Cross, attending either in person or online. They have also welcomed a new president, Dr. Demetrios Catos.

- **Treasury and Budget** – We are finalizing a working budget and will investigate whether we can get our own online account where we can track our own events more quickly.

- **Nameday Reception and Luncheon** – Thank you to the Board for offering buffet items for the reception and a huge thank you to Emmy Denton and Othonia Makris for chairing the delicious luncheon.

- **Shared Community Coffee Hour** – Almost all of our church groups are excited to take part in the gift of fellowship we provide for our parishioners every Sunday. Philoptochos is providing all the supplies. We thank all our Parish groups for stepping up and offering their time and talents.

- **Christmas Tea** – Our event will be on December 15. Mark your calendars for a fun after Liturgy holiday event with delicious food, holiday décor, entertainment, and shopping and drawing opportunities.

- **Date Changes** – The Patriarchate Collection will be on November 10. The Vasilopita Luncheon will be held in the Oaks on January 12. Church and Community Services Awards will be presented on June 1.

- **Confidential Assistance Requests** – We do not often talk about the request that we do receive for assistance. We had three requests brought to us. Two were redirected to either Social Services or to the National Philoptochos. One request will be fulfilled from our treasury.

- **Kicks for Kids** – This wonderful program which provides much needed new shoes for 100 children in a local school will begin on October 1 and run until November 30. These children are from low-income families and will have a brighter Christmas this year. You can sign up to help by buying shoes or offering a monetary donation. More information is at <https://sites.google.com/view/hcnewkicksforkids/home> and thank you to Nina Azar for heading this up.

- **Life Moves** – Nina Azar and the Philoptochos are preparing a wonderful fall meal to clients of this facility. Our chapter voted to offer \$750 for the cost of the meal which will include chicken, rice, green beans and salad all presented with a holiday décor.

- **Light the Path 2024** – This event and the Bishop Anthony Philoptochos Student Aid Endowment Fund offers tuition assistance to qualified students who plan to serve in our Metropolis. As mentioned, we currently have 47 students in the program from our Metropolis. This year the event will be held in Buena Park, California on November 17 at 2 pm. You should receive an invitation very soon. Our chapter allocated \$2,500 to help support this event which will provide many new and much-needed priests and lay workers.

- **New Membership Events** – We have three events in the works – A Family Fun Day Event on November 17 following Liturgy, a Trina Turk Holiday Party for 30 on November 13 from 5:30 to 7:30, and a Western Couple’s Night on March 1 or March 2. Much more information will follow.

Thank you! The Philoptochos