



### **The Philoptochos Phlash – April 1, 2025**

On April 1, 2025, the Philoptochos met and voted to support upcoming ministries, plan some wonderful future events, and share our successes with you.

**Holy Cross Fashion Show, May 3 - Mediterranean Chic** – Mamma Mia! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 3 for an *under the Tuscan Sun* experience. Mediterranean food, appetizers, cocktails, entertainment and décor will welcome you. Chicos, B Chic, and The Children's Store will be providing our glorious fashions. Of course, there will be a fun drawing and a silent auction where you can bid on some amazing gifts. Join us at Chico's Hillsdale on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 for a special shopping preview evening, complete with light refreshments. Pick out a breezy Mediterranean outfit to wear to our show. The Riviera, the Cote d'Azur and the Greek Isles await you!

**Kids'n'Cancer, 2025** – Thank you, Holy Cross! We just sent an amazing \$21,200 to this ministry. Once again children and their families will be able to have some *fun in the sun* while they are battling life-threatening cancers. Nina Azar and Mary Peros want to thank the Board and our parish for helping us reach our goal. We are truly blessed to have this level of support and truly Christian generosity.

**Church News** – Father shared that the District Oratorical Festival will be held at Holy Cross on April 6<sup>th</sup>. In addition to a Palm Sunday Luncheon, the Philoptochos will be collecting donations for our always beautiful Epitaphios on Palm Sunday. Stop and admire the two beautiful icons in the Narthex – The Life-Giving Spring and St. Eustratios. The Parish Council will host a Mother's Day lunch. Join us June 1<sup>st</sup> for Religious Education Graduation and Church and Community Service Awards. If you are pledging members of our parish, please remind your high school senior who has given their time in service to our Church and community and has participated in Religious Education, to pick up an application from the office. Deadline to submit is April 21.

**Salutations to the Holy Cross Vespers Reception** – We had a wonderful evening in communion with our Catholic brothers and sisters. There was a delicious Lenten reception. Catholic Arch bishop Cordileone and our beloved Metropolitan Gerasimos were in attendance.

**March Family Meal Service**- Over 39 families enjoyed a delicious gyro dinner at the LifeMoves/Family Shelter on March 15. If you'd like to help us in the future, please contact Nina Azar ([ninaazar13@gmail.com](mailto:ninaazar13@gmail.com)) to learn more.

**2025-2027 Board Elections** – We will have our elections at a general meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 during our regular May Board meeting.

**Kitchen and Hall Cleaning** – Philoptochos will incur the costs to clean the Main Hall vents, floor, baseboards and windowsills. The Parish Council has offered \$600 to help offset the cost.

**Metropolis News** - The Kids'n'Cancer Reception in Newport Beach last year brought in \$350,000. Light the Path 2024 made \$178,000 to help seminarians pay for their tuition. Light the Path 2025 will be at the San Francisco Olympic Club on November 16, 2025.

Kalo Pascha, the Philoptochos of Holy Cross