



### **The Philoptochos Phlash – March 11, 2025**

On March 11, 2025, the Philoptochos Board met and voted to support many upcoming ministries, plan some wonderful future events, and share the successes of recent events.

**Kids'n'Cancer, February 9, 2025** – Nina Azar and Mary Peros thanked the Board and our parish for helping us get very close to our goal. We still have a few outstanding donations that we are expecting, so we will announce our final donation amount at our next meeting.

**March Membership Event** – What a fun day we had meeting and exercising with Vas Priebe from ESO, hearing her inspiring life story as she has lived a very active life while dealing with MS. There were 65 people in attendance, and we welcomed 11 new members. Thank you to chairs Angela Koros and Cathy Pereira.

**Membership 2025** – Our membership drive continues for 2025. Please join us. You do not have to chair an event. Just get involved. Please add your name to our rolls so we can do more and help more people in need. The link to join is <https://www.goholycross.org/Philoptochos/Join.aspx>.

**Los Angeles Fire Support** – We voted to send \$2,500 to help support the Los Angeles fire effort.

**Church and Community Service Awards** – If you are pledging members of our parish, please remind your graduating 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. They may be eligible to receive a monetary award to help with college tuition. Deadline to submit your application is April 21, 2025.

**Salutations to the Holy Cross Vespers Reception, March 20** – Plan to attend the Vespers service Thursday evening. Join us in the Oaks after Vespers for a Lenten coffee reception with our Catholic friends. Catholic Archbishop Cordileone and our beloved Metropolitan Gerasimos will be in attendance.

**March Family Meal Service**- Our Board is continuing to support Life Moves/Family Shelter. We will provide a delicious gyro meal for 39 families on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 in May or June. More to follow.

**Holy Cross Fashion Show, May 3 -Mediterranean Chic** – Mamma Mia! What fun we will have. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 3. Chicos, B Chic, The Children's Store and hopefully Trina Turk will be providing our glorious fashions. We are planning the delicious luncheon and fabulous entertainment. Of course, there will be a fun drawing and a silent auction where you can bid on some amazing gifts. To be ready for the day, we have allocated some funds to help make our kitchen and hall sparkle. Many more details to follow!

**Metropolis News** - Light the Path 2025, which supports our seminarians, will be at the San Francisco Olympic Club on November 16, 2025.

With your help, we continue to work on behalf of those without a voice, hope, a warm home or the love of family and friends. We cannot do it alone. Please join us! **With our love, the Philoptochos of Holy Cross**