

## The Philoptochos Phlash – October 7, 2025

On October 7, 2025, our Philoptochos led by President Angela Koros met. Here are some of our notes and action items.

**Father's 50**<sup>th</sup> – To commemorate Father's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the diaconate and upcoming anniversary to the priesthood on November 25, it was our honor to present Father with a beautiful amethyst cross. Axios!

Fall Family Western Night Recap - October 4 – Gigi Glafkides and Kathy Roque Albert reported that the event was attended by 120 guests who had an amazing country BBQ dinner, were entertained with country music, learned to line dance and bid on some fabulous drawing items. Preliminary figures show a very healthy profit which will be split between FILI, an Orthodox fundraising organization that supports an orphanage in Calcutta, and LifeMoves, a family shelter in San Mateo County.

**Philanthropy Donations** – Our Board voted to send \$3,000 in support of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and their upcoming fundraiser and \$5,000 to support Light the Path which helps our seminarians to afford their seminary costs. We will also be offering orange cake to the IOCC event and will be decorating two tabletop trees for the Light the Path auction.

*Kicks for Kids* – Nina Azar announced that the program has begun collecting pairs of brand-new shoes for children of low-income families who attend an elementary school that we have "adopted" in San Mateo County. To donate go to:

https://sites.google.com/view/hcnewkicksforkids/home.

**Meal Service at LifeMoves** - A family meal will be offered at LifeMoves on Friday, November 15 serving a delicious ham meal to potentially 125 people. For more info contact Nina Azar.

**Light the Path – Save the Date** – November 16 at the San Francisco Olympic Club. This beautiful holiday event benefits Holy Cross/Hellenic College students and seminarians who plan to serve in our Metropolis with much needed tuition support. Invitations are out!

**Upcoming Events** – <u>Christmas Tea – December 14</u>, <u>Vasilopita – January 11</u>, <u>Kids'n'Cancer - February 22</u>, <u>Membership Event – March 7</u>, <u>Fashion Show – May 2</u>, <u>Father's Day – June 21</u>.

With our love and continued appreciation,

The Philoptochos of Holy Cross