



**NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS EMBRACES
SAINT NICHOLAS NATIONAL SHRINE
FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE**



National Philoptochos President Maria Logus and the entire National Philoptochos organization with its 26,000 members nationwide is proud to embrace the vision of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios to build the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center through the National Philoptochos Saint Nicholas National Shrine Fundraising Initiative.

President Logus leads the fundraising initiative along with Tri-Chairs Jennifer Constantin, Direct Archdiocesan District Philoptochos President; Arlene Siavelis Kehl, First Vice President and Anne Michals, New Jersey Metropolis Philoptochos President. The committee includes the National Philoptochos Executive Board and National Board and is led in each Metropolis by the Metropolis Philoptochos Presidents: Metropolis of Chicago, Irene Arsoniadis; Metropolis of Boston, Frances Levas; Metropolis of Denver, Marian Catechis; Metropolis of Atlanta, Dee Nicolaou; Metropolis of Detroit, Margaret Yates; Metropolis of Pittsburgh, Rosemary Nikas and Metropolis of San Francisco, Jeannie Ranglas.

The Society's fundraising initiative is designed to encourage each and every member to participate by offering a personal donation and to instill in all members the importance and significance of joining in this historic endeavor. Each Metropolis Philoptochos has been organizing presentations to the Chapters along with National Board members to share the vision of the Saint Nicholas National Shrine. Many Chapters have eagerly responded and are designing creative outreach to engage their members.

The committee is confident that the Philoptochos Chapters and our members nationwide will show their love and support for this beautiful Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center that will serve as a beacon of hope for the Greek Orthodox Church in America and throughout the world.

President Logus noted, "Through our combined efforts, our Church will offer the country and the world a place for prayer and healing."

For information and resources visit www.philoptochos.org/news/saintnicholas. To be part of the Saint Nicholas Shrine Philoptochos Fundraising Initiative, please donate directly to your local Philoptochos chapter or your Metropolis Philoptochos.