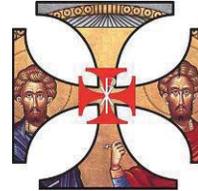




Chapters Use New Approaches to Raise Funds for Saint Nicholas Initiative



Philoptochos Chapters throughout the country continue to raise funds for the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine building project, using creative new approaches to plan events, both large and small.

In the Metropolis of Denver, Saint Catherine Greek Orthodox Church and Assumption of the Theotokos Cathedral of Denver joined together to dedicate Sunday, September 27, to raise funds for the Saint Nicholas project. All parish organizations, including Philoptochos, Parish Councils, Choirs and GOYA, committed themselves to the effort. As the clergy and choirs served together for the glorious celebration, Philoptochos and Parish Councils sponsored the coffee hour and all monies raised through the sale of candles and trays were dedicated to the building project.

In the Metropolis of Chicago, the Saint Andrew Philoptochos of Chicago, organized an event to be held after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 4, in support of the Saint Nicholas project. A luncheon, donated by a local restaurateur, followed by a downtown cruise aboard Chicago's First Lady's Cruise Boat, became a day of fun and devotion for those who participated. A docent of the Chicago Architectural Foundation served as an expert guide while the cruise ship made its way past many historic sites. All proceeds from the event were earmarked to benefit the Saint Nicholas project.

In the Direct Archdiocesan District, to promote fundraising efforts through individual donors, a Philoptochos member of Holy Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church in Brookville, Long Island, New York, crafted a replica of Saint Nicholas Church and Shrine. Donations, both large and small, make their way into the replica of Saint Nicholas, which acts as an inspirational reminder of the support needed to bring to life the Church and Shrine.

In the Metropolis of New Jersey, sales of a Philoptochos cookbook, chapter luncheons, holiday candy and candle sales, along with private donations, have assisted chapters to finalize their commitment to raise funds for Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine.

To be a part of the Philoptochos fundraising Initiative, please donate directly to your local Philoptochos Chapter or your Metropolis Philoptochos.