



## **Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine**

**Maria Logus, National President**

Our Philoptochos Stewards stand united in support of the resurrection of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at the World Trade Center in New York City. The rebuilding of this Orthodox Church, the only house of worship destroyed in the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001 at Ground Zero, is a monumental undertaking and requires the participation of every Philoptochos member.

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and every Orthodox person in America have overcome enormous obstacles and seemingly insurmountable impediments in reestablishing our institution where thousands of persons lost their lives. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America has called for our beneficent "army" to assist in bringing life to this hallowed ground with love, hope and faith.

An internationally renowned architect has been selected and is working on the design of what will be known as the Saint Nicholas National Shrine. On October 18th, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, in the presence of church leaders and the families of the victims of September 11th, celebrated the ground blessing of St. Nicholas National Shrine. This house of worship for all the faithful will also serve as a place to offer healing and comfort to the millions of people who will visit the World Trade Center Memorial annually.

Our immigrant Philoptochos ancestors, many of whom arrived in America through the ports of New York before journeying to final destinations throughout this majestic land of opportunity, have given us a heritage rich in faith and tradition. We must always remember and be true to the noble Philoptochos mission, which speaks to the preservation and perpetuation of our Greek Orthodox Faith. This National Shrine will be a sacred legacy for our loved ones and all future generations.

We ask each steward of Philoptochos to donate \$100 through her chapter, either in one payment or in monthly or weekly installments, if preferred. Further information is available on the National Philoptochos Website [www.Philoptochos.org](http://www.Philoptochos.org). If you need support please contact your chapter president and/or your metropolis president.

The faithful Philoptochos women will stand together to help rebuild our Saint Nicholas! Please make this a priority and to those who have already contributed, thank you so very much.