



Philoptochos Helps To Shine Light Where Darkness Had Fallen



Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12 The Orthodox Study Bible, New Testament and Psalms

Following the words of Christ, as of the beginning of March 2017, Philoptochos chapters and metropolises throughout the nation have collectively raised over \$1.4 million towards the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at The World Trade Center, which will serve as a beacon of hope and a declaration of our Greek ideals and Orthodox Christian faith to the world. Once we have raised \$2.0 million, our commitment will be met and our noble mission will be complete.

Through Philoptochos' tireless participation in this initiative, we offer the country and the world a place for prayer and reflection, a place to pray for loved ones, to memorialize the victims of September 11, and to reflect on the magnitude of that fateful day. The Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church will be the only house of worship on the hallowed ground of The World Trade Center, and the National Shrine will stand as a testament to our strength, our courage and our faith for all generations.

As an army of women, our role is critical to the support of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America's St. Nicholas Building Fund. Please do your part to help your local Philoptochos chapter or Metropolis Philoptochos with small or large fundraising activities. To date, funds have been raised through a variety of activities – boat cruises, concerts, sales of baked goods, candles, candy and cookbooks, drive-thru gyros sales, luncheons, Agape dinners, intimate receptions at members' homes, display of donation containers in the design and shape of the Shrine at our parishes, direct mail appeals, individual donations and much more.

Visit our website shop at www.philoptochos.org/resources/shoppe-philoptochos, and order Saint Nicholas National Shrine merchandise whereby 100% of the profits support our Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine Philoptochos Fundraising Initiative. Our Saint Nicholas National Shrine Charm is a beautifully crafted sterling silver charm which may be attached to our sterling silver National Philoptochos Logo Charm Bracelet or worn on another Tiffany-like bracelet, chain or cord. Our Saint Nicholas National Shrine Men's Ties are 100% silk, available in navy blue or ruby wine with tone on tone Philoptochos logo and colorful pin dot design. The charms, bracelets and ties are the perfect gifts for the family members and friends in your lives. The gift recipients are sure to wear these items with pride, and you'll be supporting our important initiative.

For further information and resources, visit www.philoptochos.org/news/saintnicholas. To be part of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at The World Trade Center

Philoptochos Fundraising Initiative, please donate fundraising proceeds directly to your local Philoptochos chapter or your Metropolis Philoptochos.