



# GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

## GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

### **Archbishop Demetrios Reappoints Maria Logus National Philoptochos President**

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New York, NY - His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, and Chairman of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society announced the reappointment of Maria Logus of New York to a third term as National Philoptochos President, as well as the re-election of the Executive Board Members, at the inaugural meeting of the 2018-2020 National Philoptochos Board held on October 19 at the Marriott Marquis in New York. Archbishop Demetrios praised Miss Logus and the Executive Board for their commitment to the mission of Philoptochos and the Church.

The 2016-2018 term focused on expanding programs to serve not only the needy and the world at large, but also Philoptochos members and parish communities. Over the past two years, this was accomplished without reducing the financial support that Philoptochos annually provides to its many ministries, from 2002 – 2017, this support has totaled \$25,804,228.

Adhering to the charge of National President Maria Logus to *do more doing*, the Feed the Hungry Program challenge was increased to over one million meals in 2017-2018, and the development of a series of educational initiatives was prioritized.

On accepting the appointment and the charge of Archbishop Demetrios, President Logus stated, “I think it’s fair to say that we will have a full, busy and prayerfully productive term. We are a large group - 80 plus strong – and each of us must do our share and a little bit more to advance and promote Philoptochos and the causes we champion. We are the temporary stewards of a holy ministry, one that has endured for decades, and one that we hope will see many more achievements and anniversaries. I thank you for coming today, for taking time from your families, work and other obligations. I thank you for your commitment to the mission of Philoptochos and I know that together we can make a difference in the lives of so many.”

His Eminence gave the oath of office to the new National Board for the term 2018-2020.

The members of the new Executive Board are: Jeannie Ranglas, First Vice President; Evangeline Mekras Scurtis, Second Vice President; Joanne Stavrakas, Third Vice President; Barbara Pasalis, Secretary; Martha Stefanidakis, Treasurer; and Georgia Vlitas, Assistant Treasurer. In advisory positions are Maria Stavropoulos, Protocol Officer; Irene Steffas, Parliamentarian; with the Legal Advisor to be named.

Continuing in their role on the Executive Board are Jennifer Constantin, Direct Archdiocesan District President; Elaine Zetes, Metropolis of Boston President; Barbara Vittas, Metropolis of Denver President; Irene Politis, Metropolis of Atlanta President; Theone Dickos, Metropolis of Detroit President; Crystal

Thomas, Metropolis of Pittsburgh President; Jeannie Ranglas, Metropolis of San Francisco President; Anastasia Michals, Metropolis of New Jersey President and Pam Argyris, Metropolis of Chicago President.

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