



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

August 1, 2018

Dear Friends:

We have all been deeply saddened by the tragic news concerning the devastating and deadly wildfires in Greece. Flames have devoured homes and devastated seaside villages. Searing visions of the young and old, fleeing the fires into the sea, have brought the world's attention to the Attica region near Athens, and already, 80 are confirmed dead with dozens still missing.

The full impact of the fires is still unknown. What we do know is this - the need for assistance is great and so, once again, we are requesting that all Philoptochos chapters throughout the Archdiocese of America offer as much as possible to this humanitarian relief effort. We understand that many members may be unavailable due to vacations and other summer activities, but this tragedy demands that we act quickly and generously so that relief can be offered now when it is most needed.

The generosity of Philoptochos is well known and much appreciated throughout the world. Our brothers and sisters in Greece need our love and our support at this time and once again, Philoptochos will answer their plea.

Please keep the victims, their families and loved ones in your prayers and please be as generous as possible. Collections may be forwarded to the National Philoptochos Society at 126 East 37th Street, New York, NY 10016 or make donations online at <http://bit.ly/1MpMsF3> and select "2018 Fires in Greece Fund."

Thank you

Maria Logus
National President



Growing Up Greek Style



Angelos Tzortzinis-AFP-Getty Images



Nikos Kalogerikos via REUTERS