



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

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Beloved Philoptochos Chapter President and Stewards,

The 2012 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention in Phoenix, in the Holy Metropolis of San Francisco, was outstanding, enormously successful and continues to bear great fruit. We give thanks to the Lord for our many blessings.

The Chapter Giving Tree with 485 leaves, each leaf inscribed with the name of a Philoptochos Chapter, was unveiled at the 2012 Phoenix Convention. The response was overwhelming and in a room imbued with your love and spirit for the future, over \$200,000 was pledged in support of the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy.

On behalf of the entire Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, I extend sincere thanks to the Chapters who pledged at the Convention. Your spontaneous act of kindness illustrates an abundance of love and a noble commitment for the Society and its vital life-altering ministries.

We respectfully request that every Chapter participate in the Chapter Giving Tree with a donation or pledge of \$1,000 so that we may have 100% fulfillment.

We are honored to announce an immense demonstration of generosity to our beloved Philoptochos assisting us to *Open the Doors*. **The *Mary Jaharis Challenge Gift* will match every \$1,000 Leaf with another \$1,000 up to a total of \$500,000.** The Chapter Leaves and the munificent *Mary Jaharis Challenge Gift* will generate the \$1,000,000 needed to complete our purchase.

The Chapter Giving Tree will greet all who enter the future Philoptochos home. If you have not already pledged your leaf, please place this request on your Philoptochos agenda when you conduct your next meeting. Please fill out the enclosed form with your desired inscription and enclose your check or payment information. You may also wish to assist a small sister Chapter in your Metropolis with their pledge or payment. This will be a Center founded in love and unity, supported by all the stewards of Philoptochos.

Thank you, dear sisters in Philoptochos, for your fine commitment and authentic dedication. As we stand united the sky is the limit. *Chosen and appointed by God*, let us go out and *bear fruit* in Christ's holy Name.

With love in Christ,

Aphrodite Skeadas