

History

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society celebrates its eightieth year in 2011 as the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Founded in 1931 by then Archbishop Athenagoras, the organization is now comprised of 27,500 members in 485 Chapters nationwide. As it reaffirms its mission and commitment for the future, Philoptochos seeks to enhance and expand its role of assisting those most in need through its ministries and programs.

At this crossroad in its history and with the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, the National Philoptochos has begun its campaign to establish a permanent home in New York City, the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy, to serve the worthy and noble causes of this important philanthropic organization.

Philoptochos supports many ministries and programs including Social Services; Health and Education; Emergency Disaster Relief; Orthodox College Students; Programs and Education for Alzheimers, HIV/AIDS, Autism and Cardiac Health; Retired Clergy and Presbyteres, the Aging, Troops Overseas, the Environment and the Family, as well as Saint Basil Academy, Hellenic College and Holy Cross School of Theology and The Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy Questions/Answers

Why does National Philoptochos have to move?

We are in temporary, rental space with no long term option.

Why has National Philoptochos decided to purchase property?

It is essential to have a permanent home to plan for the future and to leave a legacy for those who follow.

How was the decision made to establish a Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy?

The 375 delegates of the 2010 National Philoptochos Convention enthusiastically endorsed the National Board proposal to establish the Center.

Why establish a Center in New York City?

National Philoptochos is chartered in the State of New York and is an integral part of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

How will the Center help Philoptochos Chapters and members nationwide?

The Center allows for expansion of services with Leadership Programs, Educational Resources, Knowledge and expertise working with Social Services, Administrative and organizational support and continued guidance, technical assistance, program development and new liaison teams in each Metropolis.

When will the Capital Campaign begin and what is the funding goal?

The Campaign began in July 2010 and by December 2010 raised over \$1 Million towards the goal of \$4 Million.

What is the role of the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy?

To enhance the Philoptochos mission to aid the poor, and to provide high quality assistance through social services, educational resources and leadership programs on site and to all Metropolises.

What services will the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy offer?

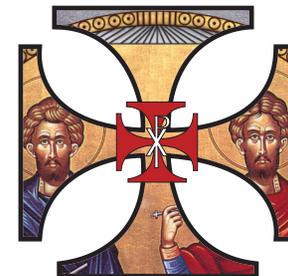
- *National Philoptochos Operations and Administrative Offices*
- *Social Services Office*
- *Archives Library*
- *Information and Referral Hotline*
- *Advocacy Center for Children, women, families and seniors*
- *Conference Facility/Media and Technology Center/Video Conference and Webinar Center*
- *Non Profit Leadership and Resource Center*
- *Disaster Response Certification/Emergency Financial Assistance*
- *Workplace/Employee Assistance Network/ Job Search*

How can a Chapter be helpful?

Become a Center Steward; Participate in Center activities; Spread the good word about Philoptochos and the Center.

How can we contribute?

Donate on line at www.philoptochos.org or request form from the national office. All contributions large and small are welcome!



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