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GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY ACHIEVES HISTORIC MILESTONE A PERMANENT HOME AT 126 EAST 37th STREET

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New York, NY – With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, the support of the members of the Holy Eparchial Synod, National Philoptochos Board, Philoptochos Chapters, and individuals nationwide, the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society purchased its permanent home, the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy at 126 East 37th Street in New York City on Tuesday, November 27, 2012. This historic event culminates three years of planning and fundraising to ensure that Philoptochos, the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, secures its legacy for future generations, and allows Philoptochos to continue and expand efforts to help those in need. National Philoptochos President Aphrodite Skeadas stated, “This is a significant day in the history of our venerable 81 year old Society because the charge of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios ‘to see National Philoptochos in its own home, ready and available to serve the community for generations to come’ has come to fruition.”

The five story townhouse originally constructed in 1868 is located in the Murray Hill Historic District between Park and Lexington Avenues and consists of both professional space and residential units. The Murray Hill area is easily accessible through Grand Central station. The United Nations, several non-profit organizations, universities and medical centers are within walking distance of the building.

Present at the signing was His Grace Bishop Sevastianos, National Philoptochos Spiritual Advisor. Representing National Philoptochos were Aphrodite Skeadas, National President; Arlene Siavelis, First Vice President; Maria Stavropoulos, Second Vice President; Elaine Cladis, Secretary; Joanne Kakoyiannis, Treasurer; Anita Kartalopoulos, Legal Advisor; Maria Skiadas, President Direct Archdiocesan District and Anastasia Michals, President of the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos; Helen Lavorata, Director, Vivian Siempos, Communications Manager, Mona Lao, Attorney, as well as the previous property owners.

President Aphrodite Skeadas among her many remarks on this historic day said, “Even though our esteemed National Board, hardworking stewards and very capable staff have been planning for this day, the real work lies ahead. It is what we will do in the months ahead that will define our efforts in order to expand our loving mission.”

To donate to the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy and for more information contact National Philoptochos at 212.977.7770 or visit www.philoptochos.org.