



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

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Dear Chapter Presidents and Members of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society,

- A mother, laid off from her job, with a young child is being evicted.
- A father, head of the family of four, with one of the children very sick, cannot afford to feed his children because of the medical bills.
- A senior citizen is left homeless, after his wife who was the bread winner passes away.
- A parent, with a severely autistic child, needs assistance.

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society has created a legacy of service, a legacy that has responded boldly and with faith to serve those most in need. With an abundance of love, compassion and kindness and a noble commitment to the Society, our members have offered vital and life altering assistance and created ministries of caring.

To further our charitable mission through faithful action, and with the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, the *Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy*, the organization's heartbeat, will become the future permanent home of the Society. This *Center* will be a beacon of shining light, providing hope for the battered, the underprivileged, the suffering, disabled, and the hungry.

The *Center of Philanthropy* will provide the permanent location to expand our current social service assistance, an opportunity for broader services including counseling for medical and mental health wellness, case management, and advocacy for women, children, families and seniors. In addition, educational workshops, forums, training sessions and seminars among others, will be conducted for all of our membership on a Chapter, Metropolis and National level. The *Center* will provide the space necessary to meet physically and conduct video conferencing for the benefit of all.

It was 80 years ago, when our mothers and grandmothers envisioned a better life for those immigrating to America by providing compassion and care to those needing a helping hand. Philoptochos was born! Today, we have made leaps and bounds in our charitable outreach by supporting major health care programs throughout the United States, building medical clinics in Ethiopia, supplying wheelchairs to restore dignity to the disabled in Thessaloniki, mammogram machines in the Ukraine, providing nutritious meals to children through the Blessings in a Backpack Program, relieving the suffering of AIDS victims through our AIDS Walkathons. Philoptochos has truly become a global organization. Our grandmothers and mothers can be proud, as the legacy they left us continued and grew. Now, we too must also prepare for and leave a great contribution and a lasting legacy for our daughters, nieces and goddaughters; the *Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy*.

During this blessed holy season as the birth of our Lord and Saviour approaches, please remember the faith of the Magi and prayerfully consider a donation for the *Center of Philanthropy*. Honor your loved ones, remember your beloveds, and use the enclosed pledge form to indicate your level of support so we may continue to expand this sacred mission. Donations may also be made on the Philoptochos website www.philoptochos.org. Give the gift that will give back to so many in return!

May the Lord and Saviour bless you, your loved ones and your good works.

With love in Christ,

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