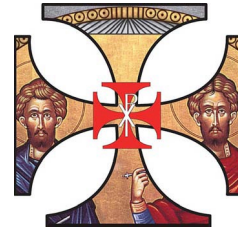


## National Philoptochos Society 2014-2016 Committee Report



### Aid to Greece and Cyprus

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The poor economic situation in Greece and Cyprus continues, and as the philanthropic arm of our Holy Mother Church and our blessed Archdiocese, the Philoptochos National Board keeps working at every level to alleviate the economic hardships of our brothers and sisters in our mother countries.

Since its inception, the initiative has raised almost \$400,000, which is distributed to carefully vetted charities in Greece and Cyprus, under the patronage and direction of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios. Charities are studied and vetted by the Chairman, the liaison from the Executive Board, and the Executive Board. The Executive Board then makes its recommendations to President Logus and His Grace Bishop Sevastianos, the spiritual advisor to the National Board.

This term, it was decided to branch out and request funds from individuals who expressed an interest in supporting the initiative.

The National Board is extremely grateful for contributions from individuals, chapters, and Metropolises across our country. We all have a vested interest in seeing Greece and Cyprus emerge from this cataclysm, and the National Board will continue this initiative as long as necessary. We urge our chapters to continue their efforts to benefit the initiative, by having trays passed in church, regularly, or hosting fundraising events that work well within the parameters of the chapter and parish.

The National Board looks forward to once again working with our chapters in this very worthy cause in the next term. Remember, this is about US: Our families, our relatives, or friends, our culture and the very human beings who reside in Greece and Cyprus who have found themselves in this situation through no fault of their own and desperately need our help.