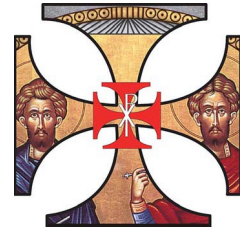


National Philoptochos Society 2014-2016 Committee Report



Arts, Education and Programs

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The Arts and Education Committee has discovered that Greek people are everywhere spreading our culture, traditions, and our special brand of humor via the internet.

Our committee has researched websites and apps that are very informative about language, religion, and culture. In addition to the *Daily Readings* app from our Holy Archdiocese, Tsolias Software has developed the *Greek Orthodox Calendar* app, which provides information on scripture readings, name days, holidays and fasting days. Mystagogy.com delves deeper into the lives of our saints and our faith. There are cell phone apps for the Greek language such as *I Speak Greek*, *I Travel English/ Greek*, and *I Write Greek*. There is a Greek language flashcard app. There are informative apps on Greek Mythology and the ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses. The *Greek Proverb* app is a lot of fun. You can refresh your memory by clicking on just about any proverb your Yiayia quoted to you and locate some proverbs you've never heard of!

Through the Internet, you can learn about the "I'm Greek and I Want to Go Home," the campaign to return the Elgin Marbles to Greece. Famous jewelry designers such as Konstantino, Steven Lagos, Ilias Lalaounis, and Stephanie Kantis can be found displaying their incredible talents on line. You can find many beautiful icons on line from Orthodoxmonasteryicons.com or skete.com. Greek products can be found at websites, such as greekshops.com.

Along with the hundreds of Greek cookbooks to be found online, there are books about style and art. John Stefanidis is probably our most well known designer. His book, AN ISLAND SANCTUARY, will charm you, along with his other books, STEFANIDIS DESIGNS and LIVING BY DESIGN.

Tori Carrington is a pseudonym for a Greek-American couple that has written a series of books about a fictional heroine, Sophie Metropolis from Astoria, New York.

And did you know that the late artist, Stephen Antonakos, was the first artist to develop art from neon? You can find a coffee table book on his artwork from Amazon.com and other online booksellers.

The web includes lists of authors, actors and famous people of Greek descent. Pappaspost can be found on Facebook and provides snapshots of our culture and news. Have you seen a photo of Mickey Mouse in a foustanela? It's online!! You can follow Greek newspapers in English on Twitter along with designers from Greece. Check out Instagram to follow artists, designers, and shops in Greece. Etsy is another website where you can locate handmade items from Greece.

Our own Father Anthony Salzman's website, Imageandlikeness.com is a wonderful resource for Christmas cards in the Byzantine style. Father Salzman has also designed an Orthodox prayer cube for our dinner tables.

I have had so much fun researching our culture on the web and learning how it has infused itself into our American culture. I hope I have given you some hints on what to look for online... but then all you have to do is "Google" and you will find that Greek people and Orthodoxy are everywhere!