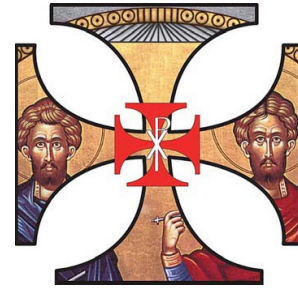


National Philoptochos Society 2014-2016 Committee Report



Hellenic College Holy Cross (HCHC)

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Hellenic College Holy Cross is the center for education in the Greek Orthodox Church of America. The Committee seeks to serve the needs of the institution by promoting its mission throughout the parishes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, by encouraging enrollment in the School, by helping fund tuition scholarships and providing for the needs of the school and its students.

The past few years have seen many changes in the School. The most notable change was the retirement of the V. Rev. Nicholas Triantafilou after 15 years of distinguished service as President of Hellenic College Holy Cross. On October 29, 2015, the V. Rev. Christopher T. Metropulos was installed as the 21st President of Hellenic College Holy Cross.

The V. Rev. Christopher Metropulos presided over his first graduation this past May. The graduating classes consisted of 20 Hellenic College undergraduate students and 30 Holy Cross graduate students.

In the month of March, all Philoptochos chapters are asked to hold an event that will benefit the operational expenses of the School. Proceeds from these events have been used to fund computer labs, a handicap accessible bathroom, and classroom and dormitory furniture. In 2014 and 2015, the funds have gone to purchase a campus student card system. Recent funds have also been used to purchase furniture for dormitory common areas. Donations of \$75,000 in 2014 and \$60,000 in 2015, for a total of \$135,000, were made to the School from the Lenten Appeal.

The Philoptochos scholarships are awarded to worthy and dedicated students, both men and women at Hellenic College and seminarians at Holy Cross, to assist with tuition expenses. Scholarships are awarded twice yearly. In 2014, 28 scholarships and 4 merit scholarships were awarded in the spring and 26 scholarships were awarded in the fall, for a total of \$79,000 awarded in 2014. For 2015, 24 scholarships and 4 merit awards were awarded in the spring and 26 scholarships were awarded in the fall for a total of \$78,500. In the spring of 2016, 29 scholarships and 4 merit scholarships were awarded for a total of \$41,700. The four merit scholarships are: *The Athenagorian National Philoptochos Scholarship*, *The National Philoptochos Scholarship in Memory of the Rev. Demetrios Frangos, Chief Secretary of the Archdiocese*, *The National Philoptochos Award in Memory of the V. Rev. Germanos Stavropoulos, Chancellor of the Archdiocese*, and *The Archbishop Iakovos Anniversary National Anniversary Scholarship*.

We wish to thank all of the Philoptochos chapters for their continued support of the Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Through these generous donations, the School will continue to flourish and grow in the education of our future servant-leaders.