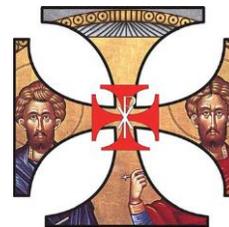


# National Philoptochos Society 2016-2018 Committee Report



## Cancer and Other Major Illnesses

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### Funding

Cancer and Other Major Illnesses supports those National Social Services cases that are submitted by clients whose needs are affected by cancer and other major illnesses.

From January 2016 - May 2018, sixty (60) medical cases were supported from this fund. Cancer cases accounted for thirty-nine (39) and the other twenty-one (21) cases included cardiac/heart transplant, MS, kidney failure, TBI, Parkinson's disease, prosthesis plus other medical areas.

Clients in eight Metropolises (Direct Archdiocesan District, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, New Jersey, and San Francisco) received grants supported by this fund.

Disbursements for assistance from the Cancer and Other Major Illnesses Fund:

Total disbursements 2016 - 2017.....	\$96,465.00
Disbursements January 1, 2018 - May 31, 2018.....	\$16,791.00

### Breast Cancer

"Tomosynthesis" screening for women of dense breasts was featured in a personal account in the "Philanthropy Witness," October 2017. In "Calling All Ladies, Especially the 'Dense' Ones....," Elizabeth Driscoll relates how Tomosynthesis screening detected her early breast cancer and advocates how women with dense breasts may need further screening after a mammogram.

"As of June 2017, breast density notification laws had been enacted in 30 states. If you live in one of the 30 states, you will be notified annually of your breast density status with your mammogram results. If you do have dense breasts, then further screening may be warranted and you can advocate for further screening called Tomosynthesis. To check your state and to learn more visit:

[http://www.areyoudenseadvocacy.org/dense/.](http://www.areyoudenseadvocacy.org/dense/)"

### Cancer Support Group

Beginning on January 11, 2018 the National Philoptochos Social Services Department conducted a Telephone Cancer Support Group for Orthodox Christians undergoing cancer treatment. For details, please see the report submitted by Paulette Geanacopoulos, LMSW and Theodora Ziongas, M.A. under Social Services.