

National Philoptochos Society 2016-2018 President's Report



Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos

Irene Politis, President

The Metropolis of Atlanta Clergy-Laity was held in Raleigh, NC on June 21-24, 2017. The theme was “Go Therefore and Make Disciples of all Nations.” It was well attended by our chapters. His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios appointed the President and all the Board Members and Officers.

Delegates voted to raise the per capita to \$10.

A meeting was held in Atlanta at the Metropolis headquarters and officers were assigned from the new Board. It was decided that the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos be divided geographically and Board members be assigned to each area. This helps to have better communication among the members and it gets Board members more involved.

On October 12, 2017 I represented Philoptochos at the Diakonia Retreat Center for the Thyranoxia at the Panagia Chapel opening.

On November 10 and 11, 2017 the first Board meeting with the newly appointed Board members was held in Atlanta, Georgia. This was a very productive meeting as we discussed committees and plans for the upcoming year. Our main goals are to increase membership and for all chapters to be ratified. We are all still actively trying to get this done! Chapters were encouraged to hold membership Teas or any other affairs to attract new members.

On March 15, 2018 we had our first Board meeting. Discussion was held to research accounting programs to simplify the treasurer's duties. Total income for 2017 was \$313,982.53; disbursements were \$146,039.01. All chapter presidents should receive information on this so members are aware of what Philoptochos does. Discussion was held about the Fanouropita obligation and how priests should know about available money from the Metropolis.

The next Agape affair will be held on June 16, 2018 in Orlando, Florida.

The 12th Annual Spiritual Retreat followed the board meeting on March 16-18. The theme was “Reaching In To Reach Out.” Father Mark Leonidas, St. Mark Greek Orthodox Church, Boca Raton, Florida was the presenter. This was a very successful retreat; seventy women attended.

The 4th Special Needs Family Camp will be held June 1-3 at the Diakonia Retreat Center. Families with children within the Autism spectrum are invited to attend. This weekend is underwritten by the Metropolis Philoptochos Board, our chapters, and through private donors.

The Metropolis of Atlanta Clergy Laity Assembly will be hosted by St. John the Divine Church in Jacksonville, Florida on June 19-22, 2019. Area meetings will be planned for the fall.

All chapters are encouraged to continue their good works and participate in the “Feed the Hungry” program as directed by our National President Maria Logus. We are looking forward to achieving more for the rest of the year and getting all chapters to become even more productive!

In closing, thank you to His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios for his guidance and support and to all the Philoptochos women in our Metropolis.

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