



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

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Dear National Board Members, Chapter Presidents and Stewards of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society,

The stewards of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society continue to demonstrate their well-proven commitment to charity, giving and philanthropy through the Ministry Commitments of the Society and through many other causes. I am pleased to advise you that through your continued support, and the generosity of individual donors, the Society disbursed **\$2,057,690** in the year 2016 through our various funds and special drives. This figure does not include the hundreds of thousands of dollars that are donated directly by chapters and metropolises to local philanthropic ministries and to other outstanding projects, exemplifying the dedication, sacrifice and devotion of Philoptochos stewards.

The members of Philoptochos know about giving our time, talent and treasure to improve people's lives; it is clearly one of our strengths. Through your dedication and commitment, children are granted medical treatment, senior adults are nurtured and cared for, students at our beloved Scholi receive financial aid, children and young adults reside in loving environments, and emergency aid is offered to disaster victims; the list could go on and on. We may all be justifiably proud of the Society's respected and widely admired ability to take swift and effective action for worthy and challenging causes.

Let us work together to continue these good works. Your efforts are critically necessary to ensure assistance to those most in need. By now, you should have received your coupon booklets, which will assist in assuring that the Commitments are processed in a timely basis. Please be reminded that in accordance with a resolution, approved by the delegates at the 2010 National Philoptochos Convention, the National Philoptochos Office currently assigns 12% of funds collected to offset the costs of administering these funds.

Our faith and our mission unite us and empower us to make a difference. I am confident that together, with faith in the Lord, with prayers from deep within our hearts and souls, and with the love and blessings of God, we can lessen the pain, loss and suffering of others.

With love in Christ,

Maria Logus
President