



# GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

## GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

### **Patron Saints of the Philoptochos Society Celebrated on November 1 Feast Day**

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**New York, NY-** Philoptochos National Board and Chapter Members from throughout the Archdiocese of America joined His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Spiritual Advisor Bishop Sevastianos of Zela, National Philoptochos President Maria Logus, Esq. and National Past President and Advisor Aphrodite Skeadas on Saturday, November 1, 2014 to celebrate the Feast Day of Saints Cosmas and Damianos, the Patron Saints of the Philoptochos Society.

The morning began with the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy officiated by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Manhattan.

Following the service, the festivities continued with an Open House at the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy at 126 East 37th Street. The reception was hosted by Direct Archdiocesan District Philoptochos President Jennifer Constantin and members of the local and National Boards.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and His Grace Bishop Sevastianos spoke of their recent visit to Cyprus, including offering the donation of \$10,000 from the Philoptochos Aid to Greece and Cyprus campaign.

President Logus, on behalf of the Society's 27,000 members, expressed best wishes to His Eminence on the recent occasion of his name day, October 26, and thanked him for his leadership, guidance and support of the Society. She thanked all those in attendance and commented that she is looking forward to the challenges and eager to continue the extraordinary work of Philoptochos.

Those who came to the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy for the first time, were joyful to view and locate their Chapter's leaf on the Chapter Giving Tree, which was donated by all Philoptochos Chapters nationwide, in support of the Center.