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Archbishop Demetrios Appoints Maria Logus, Esq. National Philoptochos President

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New York, NY - His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America, announced the appointment of Maria Logus, Esq. of New York as the new National Philoptochos President at the inaugural meeting of the 2014-2016 National Philoptochos Board held on October 17 at the Hilton Hotel in New York. Archbishop Demetrios praised Miss Logus for her commitment and service to Philoptochos and the Church.

National President Maria Logus is a lifelong resident of the New York City borough of Brooklyn and parishioner at Kimisis Tis Theotokou Church. She is currently a lawyer for the New York State Unified Court System, and has had three decades of legal experience. She studied at New York University and Brooklyn Law School.

She joined Philoptochos at age 18, following in the footsteps of her grandmother, and her mother, who held several positions in the organization. In 1986, Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America of blessed memory appointed Miss Logus to the Philoptochos National Board in the role of Parliamentarian. Multiple leadership roles followed, including Chair for two National Conventions and First Vice President under Presidents Mimi Skandalakis, Eve Condakes, and Georgia Skeadas. She was President of the Board of Saint Basil Academy for several years and served on the boards of Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and St. Michael's Home.

Her paternal grandparents hail from Constantinople and her maternal grandparents are from the island Limnos.

On accepting the appointment and the charge of Archbishop Demetrios, President Logus states, "Our National Board is blessed with a dynamic group of women. I look forward to working with all of them to advance the values and the mission of the Philoptochos Society. We will embrace new members as we continue to give honor to our founders."

His Eminence gave the oath of office to the new National Board for the term 2014-2016.

The members of the new Executive Board are: Aphrodite Skeadas, Past President and Advisor; Arlene Siavelis Kehl, First Vice President; Evangeline Mekras Scurtis, Second Vice President; Jeannie Ranglas, Third Vice President; Christine Karavites, Secretary; Martha Stefanidakis, Treasurer; and Georgia Vlitas, Assistant Treasurer. In advisory positions are Anita Kartalopoulos, Esq., Legal Advisor; Maria Stavropoulos, Protocol Officer; and Irene Steffas, Esq., Parliamentarian.

Continuing in their role on the Executive Board are Jennifer Constantin, Direct Archdiocesan District President; Irene Arsoniadis, Metropolis of Chicago President; Frances Levas, Metropolis of Boston President; Marian Catechis, Metropolis of Denver President; Dee Nicolaou, Metropolis of Atlanta President; Margaret Yates, Metropolis of Detroit President; Rosemary Nikas, Metropolis of Pittsburgh President; Jeannie Ranglas, Metropolis of San Francisco President and Anastasia Michals, Metropolis of New Jersey President.