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JANUARY 2014 SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITMENT: \$ 350 +

JANUARY 2014 CANCER COMMITMENT: \$ 250 +

Dear Sisters-In-Christ:

Take a moment and think about silent films. Without any synchronized recorded sound or spoken dialogue, the silent film transmits its message quietly through muted gestures, mime, title cards and music. Now think about Philoptochos – we, too, are like silent films, for without fanfare or a “cast of thousands”, we silently and quietly transmit our message of being a “*Friend of the Poor*” each time we make a **difference in the lives of community members in need**. Perhaps most importantly, our silent and quiet efforts give a clear message to those who are less fortunate that God has not abandoned them, for through our ministry, He answers their prayers.

With these thoughts in mind, we ask you to think about the last time you . . .

- Made sure a **gravely ill child received life-saving medical care**
- Relocated a victim of domestic violence to a **safe and secure environment**
- Gave an impoverished elderly parishioner a **proper Orthodox Christian burial**
- Prevented a single mom and her children from **becoming homeless**
- Provided an autistic child with **educational services and equipment** so that she could communicate with her family
- Restored the **dignity and faith** of our neighbors and friends in need by being there when they needed you most
- Distributed **faith-based culturally sensitive information** to educate our community about intimate partner violence, breast and ovarian cancer, children and violent events, state health insurance autism laws, mental health resources and more . . .

These are just a few examples of what you accomplish when you fulfill your January commitments, for it is only through your generosity that we can achieve our goals of *philanthropia*, service and education. Thank you for giving from the heart and for your willingness to share what you can to help others.

Sincerely,

Efthalia (Lily) Katos
Chair, Social Services Committee

Stella Fiorentino
Co-Chairs, Social Services Committee

Aspasia Melis

Paulette Geanacopoulos, LMSW
Director, Department of Social Work Services

P.S. In Calendar Year 2013, we assisted 228 different members of our community in need and awarded \$160,012.23 in social services grants (please see attached report). Will you consider exceeding the recommended commitment amounts so that together, we can continue to build and rebuild futures?