

2024 NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS BIENNIAL CONVENTION
Bishop Athenagoras of Nazianzos, Spiritual Advisor

REFLECTION ON LOVE

July 1

Psalm 33:18-22

*18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,
On those who hope in His mercy,
19 To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.
20 Our soul waits for the Lord;
He is our help and our shield.
21 For our heart shall rejoice in Him,
Because we have trusted in His holy name.
22 Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us,
Just as we hope in You.*

Saint John Chrysostom:

"Let us place our hope in Him, and He will be our shield and defense. The greatest of all evils is the lack of trust in God's love and mercy."

Dr. Elisabeth Behr-Sigel:

"The love of God, revealed in Christ, is a dynamic force that transforms and heals. It is a call to each of us to become co-workers with God in the ongoing creation and redemption of the world."