

2024 NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS BIENNIAL CONVENTION
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BENEDICTION

July 1

Blessed is our God always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

***PEOPLE RESPOND:** Amen.*

ALL:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever and to ages of ages. Amen.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

***PEOPLE RESPOND:** Lord have mercy.*

For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***PEOPLE RESPOND:** Lord have mercy.*

For the peace of the whole world, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

***PEOPLE RESPOND:** Lord have mercy.*

For our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, our Archbishop Elpidophoros, our Metropolitan Gerasimos, the Holy and Great Church of Christ, our Archdiocese, this

Metropolis, and this city, for every city and land, for those who live in them, for our National Philoptochos, our Philoptochos Chapters and all our members and supporters let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE RESPOND: *Lord have mercy.*

For our country, the president, all those in public service, and for our armed forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE RESPOND: *Lord have mercy.*

Let us pray to the Lord!

PEOPLE RESPOND: *Lord have mercy.*

Lord, our God, Whose dominion is incomparable and glory incomprehensible; Whose mercy is immeasurable, and love for mankind ineffable: Look upon us and upon this convention in Your loving-kindness, and grant to us and to those who pray with us Your abundant mercy and compassion.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, present in all places and filling all things, treasury of good things and giver of life: come; take Your abode in us; cleanse us of every stain, and save our souls, O Good one.

Lord, You sent down Your all-holy Spirit upon Your apostles at the third hour: O Good One, take It not from us but renew It in us who pray to You.

Our heavenly Father, the true light that enlightens and sanctifies every man who comes into the world, let the light of Your countenance shine on us, that in it we may behold the unapproachable light. Direct our steps to keep Your commandments. Grant us Your peace and Your love and bless the fellowship of Your servants, for You are holy always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

ALL: *Amen.*