2019-2021 PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD

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Since the late 1950’s, upon the recommendation of Archbishop Iakovos, Philoptochos has placed an increased emphasis on the implementation of important programs to benefit the Greek Orthodox community, including, but not limited to, institutions of the Church, the philanthropies of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and assistance to Greek and Greek Orthodox families. Involvement in social and moral issues encouraged the establishment of several committees to address topics such as child abuse prevention, domestic violence, homelessness, pornography, drug and alcohol abuse, and aging.

Since 1987, the National Philoptochos office has employed a professional Social Worker, engaged in assisting the Greek Orthodox community in the United States as well as Greek and Cypriot nationals. The Department of Social Services is a very important, vital element of our organization. The mission of the Department is to improve the quality of life of those in need, in a way that maintains the dignity and self-respect of the individuals. Through confidential and professional services, the office provides outreach, education, information, support, intervention, motivation, advocacy, financial assistance and referral to local and broader resources.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The mission of the Society shall be:

- To help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts; and

- To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources;

- To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs;

- To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council.

The charitable work of the Society shall be performed with discretion, courtesy and kindness.
JANUARY 2020
General Meeting—No General Meeting
Board Meeting— Tuesday, January 28th 6:00 pm

FEBRUARY 2020
General Meeting—Tuesday, February 4th 6:00pm Potluck Dinner
Board Meeting—Monday, February 24th 6:00 pm

MARCH 2020
General Meeting— Tuesday, March 3rd 6:00 pm
Board Meeting— Tuesday, March 31st 6:00 pm

APRIL 2020
General Meeting— Tuesday, April 7th 6:00 pm
Board Meeting— Tuesday, April 28th 6:00 pm

MAY 2020
General Meeting— Tuesday, May 5th 6:00 pm
Board Meeting— Tuesday, May 26th 6:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 2020
General Meeting—No General Meeting
Board Meeting— Tuesday, September 29th 6:00 pm

OCTOBER 2020
General Meeting— Tuesday, October 6th 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner
Board Meeting— Tuesday, October 27th 6:00 pm

NOVEMBER 2020
General Meeting— Tuesday, November 3rd 6:00 pm Turkey Dinner
Board Meeting— Tuesday, November 24th 6:00 pm
FEBRUARY
Fellowship of Orthodox Stewards
In order to financially sustain its outreach to the faithful of all ages, the Fellowship of Orthodox Stewards (FOS) was established many years ago to expand the Metropolis programs, including Youth Ministry, Hospital Ministry, Philanthropy, Philoxenia House, Radio Ministry, Religious Education, Greek Education and Culture, Marriage Enrichment, Campus Ministry, Spiritual Outreach, Scholarships, and programs offered by the Saint Methodios Faith and Heritage Center.

MAY
Philoxenia House
Philoxenia House became a reality in 1986 when our spiritual leader, Metropolitan Methodios, secured the donation of a four bedroom home located on the grounds of Hellenic College and Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, MA, located just minutes from Boston's medical community and only steps from the Chapel of the Holy Cross. The ministry was an immediate success, with generous volunteers donating friendship, time and money. Since 1986 the residence has been expanded three times and today consists of 11 bedrooms, two large living rooms, a large dining room, a large kitchen, a pantry and seven and a half bathrooms. Guests come from all over the world, mainly Greece and Cyprus, but also from South Africa, Germany, Brazil, Egypt, Russia, Bulgaria, Romania, and throughout America for medical care in Boston.

OCTOBER
Social Services

NOVEMBER
Saint Methodios Faith & Heritage Center
His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios' vision to find a site suitable for year-round programs for children and adults that would more effectively minister to the spiritual needs of the people was realized in 1998 with the purchase of the 200 acre property in Contoocook, NH which is now the permanent home of the Saint Methodios Faith and Heritage Center. In 1999 the Metropolis faithful and especially the Philoptochos chapters responded to Metropolitan Methodios' vision to initiate the upgrading of the facilities and to construct a beautiful chapel. The Center is home to the Metropolis Summer and Winter Camp Program which attracts over 1000 young people from throughout New England and America and is open year-round for conferences and retreats for Priests, Parish Council members, Philoptochos women, youth, senior citizens and families as well as numerous organizations.

Annual Per Capita Stewardship

Metropolis of Boston per capita $10 per chapter member-
NATIONAL COMMITMENTS

JANUARY
Vasilopita
Proceeds benefit Saint Basil Academy’s operating expenses

Social Services
Cancer & Other Major Illness Fund
Provides outreach, support and financial assistance to those in need

FEBRUARY
Autism Assistance Fund
Provides assistance and support to persons within the Autism spectrum and promotes education to heighten Autism awareness

Saint Photios Shrine
Provides financial assistance to preserve the Saint Photios National Shrine

MARCH
Orthodox Christian Missions
Provides financial assistance to mission organizations throughout the world

Support A Mission Priest
Enables bishops/priests in mission areas to build and restore churches/community centers, etc.

APRIL
Sisterhood of Saint Basil Academy
Provides for the ongoing needs of the children of the Academy

International Orthodox Christian Charities
Provides food, shelter and economic self-sufficiency to those in need worldwide

MAY/JUNE
75th Anniversary Founders Fund
Provides assistance to Greek Orthodox older adults and their families, continuing care facilities and special projects

Orthodox Christian Fellowship
Provides Orthodox Christian support to college students on campuses in the US

SEPTEMBER
Hellenic College Holy Cross Scholarship Fund
Provides tuition scholarships to worthy students

Retired Clergy & Widowed Presvyteres Benevolent Fund
Provides financial support to retired clergy and widowed presvyteres

OCTOBER
National Philoptochos Emergency Fund
Enables Philoptochos to respond immediately to national or international disasters

NOVEMBER
Ecumenical Patriarchate—Tray collection plus $100
Benefits the philanthropic programs and the charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

National Sisterhood of Presvyteres Benevolent Fund
Provides short term support for clergy and their families in a time of crisis

DECEMBER
UNICEF
Benefits the United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund

General Medical Fund
Provides financial resources for individuals in need of assistance not specifically covered by other restricted national Funds or Programs

National Philoptochos per capita $15 per chapter member
EVENTS

JANUARY
Vasilopita—Chairperson: TBD

MARCH
Vespers—Chairs: Nicole Passias & Phyllis Westcott

APRIL
Easter Decorating—Chair: Roula Cariofiles and Liz Karolemeas
Palm Sunday Bake Sale—Chairs: Chris Potsis & Ethel Savas
Holy Thursday Egg Dying—Chair: Haido Barbas

MAY
Food Festival—Chairs: Liz Karolemeas, Nicole Passias, Chris Potsis, Ethel Savas, Kelly Scappaticci, Lori Stasiewski, Eva Stavropoulos & Stacy Tsionis

JUNE
End of Year Outing—Chairs: Kelly Scappaticci & Eva Stavropoulos

OCTOBER
Cancer Walk—Chairs: Penny Buterbaugh, Liz Karolemeas, Sophie Lapsley, Nicole Passias, Chris Potsis, Ethel Savas, Eleni Stamboulidis, Lori Stasiewski & Eva Stavropoulos
Fashion Show—Chair: TBD

NOVEMBER
Veteran’s Day—Chairs: Eleni Stamboulidis & Vicky Syrniotis

DECEMBER
Christmas Decorating—Chairs: Roula Cariofiles & Liz Karolemeas
Breakfast with Santa—Chairs: Liz Karolemeas, Chris Potsis, Ethel Savas & Lori Stasiewski
Adopt A Family—Chair: Stella Beal
Christmas Party—Chairs: Kelly Scappaticci & Eva Stavropoulos
Hellenic Nursing Home—Chair: Julia Constantinou
Koliva—Ragen Tiliakos
Monthly Meeting Decorating—Chairs: Stella Beal, Penny Kazis & Aliki Sarantopoulos
Philoxenia House—Chair: Rhoda Economos
Prosforo—Liz Karolemeas, Chris Potsis & Ethel Savas
Sack A Lunch—Chirs Potsis & Ethel Savas
Shut-Ins—Chair: Liz Karolemeas, Chris Potsis and Ethel Savas
# COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

If you are interested in being part of the Fellowship Coffee Hour following Divine Liturgy contact Ethel Savas at savasethel@gmail.com

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PHILANTHROPIC PROJECTS

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and gave you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and clothed you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

- Matthew 25:35-40 (English Standard Version)

TAKE AWAY THE PAIN OF HUNGER

Sack Lunches
for the Homeless

The Ladies of Philoptochos has reached out to MainSpring, a local charitable organization, to offer our help to those less fortunate. For more than three decades, MainSpring has been a leading innovator of ending homelessness. Their mission is to end homelessness in Southern Massachusetts with programs that provide emergency and permanent housing and help in obtaining skills, jobs, housing and services. They help people who are struggling with homelessness, or are at risk of homelessness, to achieve self-sufficiency.

MainSpring provides shelter or emergency housing to individuals and families who have lost their current housing. While at the shelter, MainSpring provides food and nutrition, job training, and other basic needs.

Our group is providing 100 bagged lunches once a month to the shelter. It is a small offering, and we hope to do more in the future.

We meet at the church on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 pm so that we can assemble 100 bagged lunches. The lunches will be delivered to MainSpring on the following Wednesday morning.

Come join us as we do our part for “the least of these (our) my brothers.”
**PHILANTHROPIC PROJECTS**

**REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS – EVERY DAY!**

**OPERATION HOUSEWARMING BASKETS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS**

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos, with the overwhelming support and generosity of all Philoptochos chapters and parish communities at large, to date, have provided more than 1000 “Housewarming Baskets” to veterans transitioning to independent living. Because veterans’ needs are continuous, this is an important and on-going ministry. The program now includes homeless women veterans with children.

The items listed on the “Wish List” represent the needs as identified by the homeless veterans in order to establish their home in the community. All donations can be dropped off outside the Church Office.

**HOMELESS VETERANS WISH LIST – ALL NEW- NO USED ITEMS PLEASE**

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<td>Bucket, toilet brush/holder</td>
<td>Twin/full size bed cover</td>
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<td>Paper towels (pkg. of 4)</td>
<td>Queen size blankets/comforters</td>
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<td>Dishpan dish rack/tray</td>
<td>Queen size bed sheets</td>
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<td>Dish soap</td>
<td>Cloth (outside) shower mat</td>
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<td>Bar soap (pkg. of 4)</td>
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<td>Dish cloth &amp; towels</td>
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<td>All-purpose cleaner</td>
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Philoptochos provides the opportunity for women who are committed to actively assist those less fortunate and to make a difference. We continue in the steps of our mothers and grandmothers as we support National, Metropolis and local Philoptochos efforts to help those in need. Whether it is a need for ourselves or our community, or to teach others about compassion, we are committed to actively assisting the less fortunate and to making a difference.

As women, each of us is simply asking another woman to care. We are reaching out to all women in our community to invite, to embrace and to involve you in all our philanthropic endeavors as a Philoptochos chapter.

Be part of a philanthropic movement. Join today and make a difference

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Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos Society
Stewardship Form
2020 Stewardship $30.00
Please note stewardship breakdown:
$15.00 National Philoptochos ; $10.00 Metropolis; $5.00 for our chapter

Name:_______________________________________________________________________________________

Address:_____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone: _____________________________ Email: ________________________________________

Kindly return this form with your stewardship to the address below
Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos
457 Oak Street
Brockton, MA 02301

We thank you for your continued support