

Summer 2018

PHILOPTOCHOS PERSPECTIVE

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Dear Philoptochos Members and Friends,

Summer is nearly over, a new school year is ready to start and we will soon be entering a new Ecclesiastical Year! This summer the Metropolis Board has been busy planning programs, chapter visitations and projects for the New Year.

First, a few reminders: Please mark your calendars for our annual September Luncheon to be held on Saturday, September 22, at Cafe La Cave, Des Plaines, Illinois. Also, our fall Presidents Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 6th at Saints Peter & Paul, Glenview. Information regarding the meeting will be sent to the chapters soon.

We hope you enjoy our special 2018 Convention issue which features, **"All Things are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ"** as the theme of the National Philoptochos Convention held in Boston.

Many from our Metropolis had the wonderful opportunity to attend and I am very proud to announce our Metropolis had the largest delegation. Congratulations and thank you to the Chapters that sent delegates! This convention was in a beautiful location and Philoptochos sent us all home with many wonderful ideas to share with our chapters. This convention included many inspiring speakers, breakout sessions, workshops and multiple group activities, which were specifically designed to strengthen and reinforce the ongoing mission of Philoptochos. This edition of the Philoptochos Perspective is filled with pictures of our delegates in action at the convention and spring & summer chapter events throughout our Metropolis.

Congratulations to Andrea Tiggas, our AGAPE Award recipient from St. Mary's Church in Minneapolis. Andrea is an outstanding Philoptochos member who has a very strong commitment to Philoptochos and is the embodiment of agape and values of Philoptochos.

I offer you my best wishes and prayers for an inspiring, progressive and successful year filled with hope, joy and love.

With Sisterly Agape, Pam Argyris

METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

2018 Events You Won't Want to Miss!

THE METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ITS ANNUAL LUNCHEON

All Things are Possible with Faith and Love



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018
CAFÉ LA CAVE
2777 MANNHEIM ROAD, DES PLAINES, IL

FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11:00 AM ~ LUNCH 12:00 NOON

TO BENEFIT
THE METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO PHILANTHROPY FUND
THE ST. IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER
THE METROPOLIS PHILOPTOCHOS PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS

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FOR RESERVATIONS CALL MRS. IRENE ARSONIADIS 847.650.8814
OR MRS. CHRISTINA HIOTIS 847.699.7463.



Please join us as we once again gather in faith and fellowship for our Annual Metropolis Luncheon.

We will honor our Chapter Agape Award winners at this luncheon.

Envelope Stuffing & Preparation Underway



METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

2018-2019 Events You Won't Want to Miss!

2018

August

08/29 CMF Luncheon Committee Meeting; 6:30 @ St. Nicholas Oak Lawn

September

09/22 September Luncheon, @ Café La Cave, Des Plaines, IL

09/25 Metropolis Board Meeting; site TBD

09/29 IOCC 5K WALK @ St. Andrew

09/29 Three Hierarchs, Champaign, IL; Food Festival

09/30 St. George Schereville, IN; Movie Fundraiser @ Lake Central HS: Faith, Hope & Love

October

10/06 Presidents Meeting; @ Sts. Peter & Paul; 9:30 am

10/12 St. Nectarios Fashion Show

10/13 Metropolis Wide Dress A Girl Sew-a-thon @ St. Basil, Chicago

10/13 & 10/14 St. Nicholas, Oak Lawn; Arts, Crafts and Vendors Bazaar and Food Fair

10/15 CMF Luncheon Committee Meeting; site TBD

10/18 St. George, Schereville, IN; Bags, Baubles & More Fundraiser

10/20 Holy Apostles Fashion Show @ The Abbington, Glen Ellyn

November

11/03 St. Nicholas Town & Country, MO; Grecian Kitchen Holiday Open House

11/15 CMF Luncheon Committee Meeting; site TBD

December

12/06 St. Demetrios Chicago Christmas Party @ Fountain Blue

12/08 St Andrew's Annual Christmas Dance, Westmoreland Country

2019

January

01/10 CMF Luncheon Committee Meeting; site TBD

01/29 Metropolis Board Meeting & CMF Luncheon Committee Meeting; site TBD

February

02/02 Presidents Meeting; site TBD

02/07 CMF Luncheon Committee Meeting; site TBD

March

03/07 CMF Luncheon Committee Meeting; site TBD

03/23 Metropolis Lenten Retreat; venue TBD

April

04/11 CMF Luncheon Committee Meeting; site TBD

May

05/17 Metropolis Board Meeting @ SIRC

05/18 Presidents Meeting @ SIRC (tentative)

June

06/20 CMF Luncheon Committee Meeting; site TBD

August

08/21 CMF Luncheon Committee Meeting; site TBD

September

09/12 CMF Luncheon Committee Meeting; site TBD

October

10/17 CMF Luncheon Committee Meeting; site TBD

November

11/16 Children's Medical Fund Luncheon @ Chicago Marriott

Please Note: Every Chapter hosts Christmas & Easter Bake Sales, Palm Sunday Luncheons, Membership Drives and other usual internal events. Due to limitation of space, this calendar is designed as a tool to notify chapters about citywide events, to encourage participation from our chapters' members, and as a vehicle for planning chapter events to assist in eliminating schedule conflicts whenever possible.

To place your Chapter's events on the Calendar, please call or email:

kathywalstrom@gmail.com - (847) 606-9889 - updated **8/8/2018**

National Philoptochos Convention – Boston – July 2018



Opening Day of the Meetings

**Convention Theme was “All Things are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ.”
Mark 9:23**





A NEW VISION FOR PHILOPTOCHOS:
PHILOTHEOS, PHILADELPHOS, PHILANTHROPOS, PHILOXENOS

#PHILOSTRONG#PHILOPTOCHOS



National Philoptochos Grant Disbursement Was Presented by Pam Argyris to Pat Gerbanas Representing The Greek American Nursing Home.



Thank you to Marilyn Tzakis for all her work behind the scenes throughout our convention as our Tech Support Coordinator.



His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios Addresses the Delegates at the Opening Ceremony.

“Profound Gratitude Belongs to You, the Clergy and Laity Sisters, Representing All of Our Parishes.”



Convention Co-Chair Elaine Zetes, 1st VP Jeannie Ranglas, and Convention Co-Chair Barbara Pasalis.



National President Maria Logus addresses the attendees.


Agape Awards Breakfast



Metropolitan Nathanael with Metropolis AGAPE Award Honoree Andrea Tiggas, from St. Mary's Chapter, Minneapolis.



Metropolis President Pam Argyris with Honoree Andrea Tiggas.



The National Philoptochos Board
cordially invites you to join
His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America
and the Hierarchs of the Eparchial Synod for the

2018 AGAPE Awards Breakfast

Wednesday, July 4, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Boston Marriott Copley Place
Ballroom Salons F & G

Featured Speaker
Despina C. Kartson
*Author of Last Night's Soup Run, a memoir of stories
about feeding the homeless on the streets of New York City*

The AGAPE Award will be presented
to nine deserving women from throughout
the Archdiocese who exemplify
All Generations Accomplishing Philanthropic Endeavors.

- Cassandra Rinaldi, Direct Archdiocesan District
- Bessie Papigiotis, Metropolis of Boston
- Klea Kappos, Metropolis of Denver
- Assimo Kitsos, Metropolis of Atlanta
- Cynthia Hackett, Metropolis of Detroit
- Evangeline Bozikis, Metropolis of Pittsburgh
- Kathy Bastas, Metropolis of San Francisco
- Stella Walker, Metropolis of New Jersey
- Andrea Despina George Tiggas, Metropolis of Chicago

List of Agape Honorees from each Metropolis.

Established in 2008, the Agape Award honors and recognizes nine outstanding women for their exceptional commitment and tireless dedication to the mission of Philoptochos within and beyond the parish community.



Andrea Despina George Tiggas

**Saint Mary Greek Orthodox Church
Philoptochos Chapter #2049
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Andrea Tiggas has been a member of her Philoptochos Chapter for 42 years and has been an inspiration to many people through her participation. She is an excellent role model, both as a willing leader and a helpful member. She brings new ideas for activities and worthy causes to the board and membership for consideration. And, as a board member she shares her historical wisdom and offers thoughtful perspectives for discussion. One of Andrea's greatest contributions occurred during her two terms as Chapter President. She emphasized the importance of becoming involved in the broader work of Philoptochos at the Metropolis level, which impacted the decision to participate in the Chapter Challenge resulting in an increase in membership and galvanized the chapter to work in a unified way. She served as Treasurer for many years, and actively participates in several fundraising events. She is also a longtime member of the Altar Guild, chairs the Christmas decorating, programs the carillon bells with Orthodox hymns, and co-chairs the Great Lent and Paschal decorating efforts. Philoptochos is a labor of love for Andrea. She upholds Orthodox traditions and supports the work of her parish priests. Andrea has also been an advocate for Orthodox and community organizations including the Mary and Martha House, Zoe for Life, Tandem (a local Christian non-profit for pregnant women and mothers in crisis), Healing House (a residential facility for women fighting addiction and their children), four Orthodox orphanages, and programs working with those affected by human trafficking. Andrea chooses to spend her free time volunteering with Philoptochos and she is a great promoter of service to and for all.



National Philoptochos President Maria Logus and His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America with honoree Andrea Tiggas.



“Offer Your Support to Someone and Experience the Joy of Serving Others.”





You can view much more on the 2018 Convention at this link:

<http://philotochos.org/news/2018-convention/>

“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11



All
Generations
Accomplishing
Philanthropic
Endeavors

“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” Albert Einstein



Free Time Fun in Boston





“Last Night’s Soup Run: Feeding the Hungry and the Homeless”



“Last Night’s Soup Run: Feeding the Hungry and the Homeless”, a presentation of various stories and faces of the Homeless by Despina Karston, the author.

Her book is a collection of Memoirs from her 10 years & 10,000 meals of once a month soup runs. Her group provides Food, Clothing, Toiletries & Books at a location across from Madison Square Garden.

She complimented Philoptochos for our Feed the Hungry program. She said she receives inspiration from the homeless and reminded us - “If you can’t feed 100 homeless people just feed one.”

Her speech can be viewed at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yftz9IKkpPo&feature=youtu.be>

Feeding The Hungry

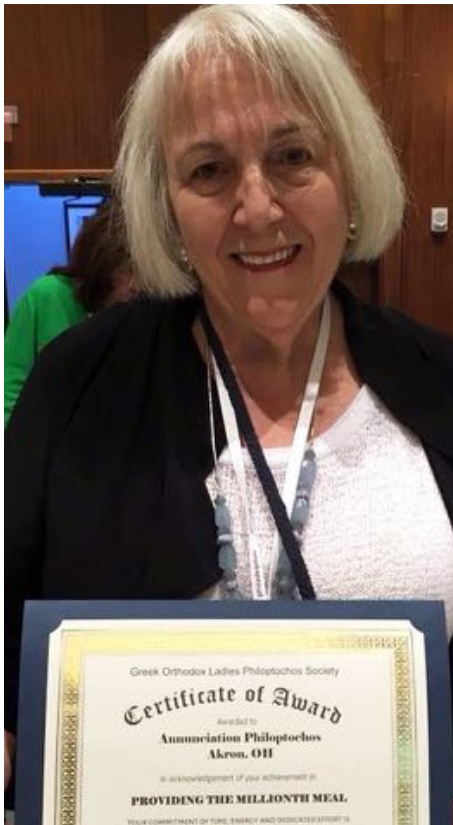


Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
food • community • sustainability

“We Rise By Lifting Others.”

*Please send submissions for the Philoptochos Perspective to:
marilynnjemas@gmail.com*

Millionth Meal



Congratulations to Annunciation Akron Philoptochos Who Provided the Millionth Meal. Diamond Marcum accepted the Chapter Award.

Follow the progress of ***Feeding the Hungry*** on the Philoptochos website at:

<http://www.philoptochos.org/outreach/projects/feed-the-hungry>



The Show Love Foundation



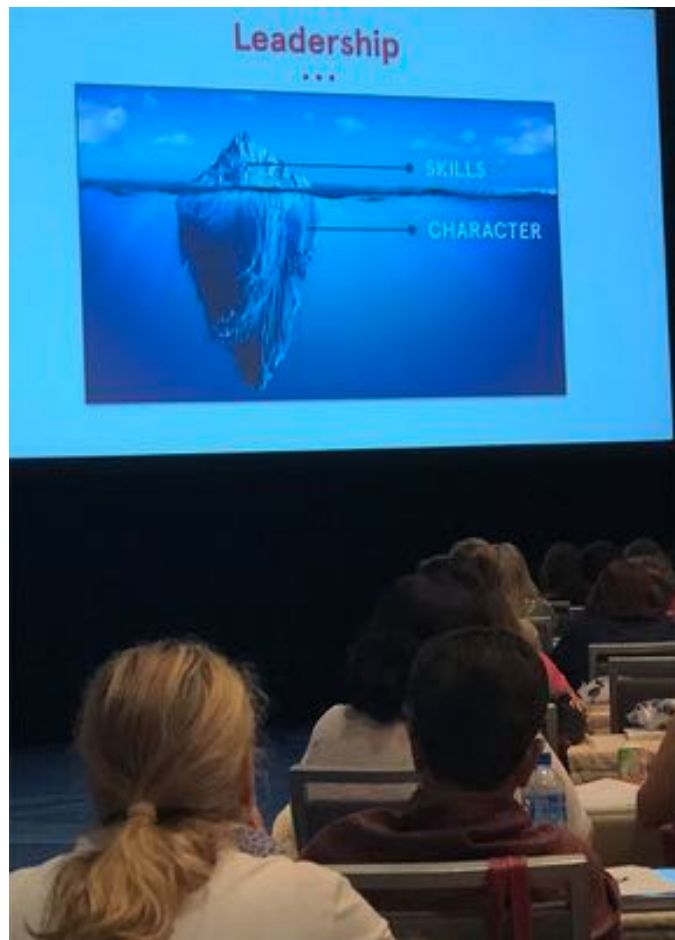
Tiny Superman Austin Perine started his “Show Love Foundation” at 4 years of age. His mission is to give people hope and relieve hunger “faster than a speeding bullet.” Austin favorite sayings are: “Feeding The Homeless is the Right Thing To Do”, “Feeding The Homeless is the Highlight of My Life”, and “Don’t Forget to Show Love.” Austin spoke to the convention via teleconference and had the attendees standing and cheering. You can view the video at:

<https://youtu.be/IL2gGhKTIP0>



Dare To Serve

Tim Tassopoulos grew up Greek and worked his way up to President and CEO of Chick-fil-A. He gave a meaningful & motivational speech about the Power of Service to Others. He encouraged our members to: “Grow as a Leader and go on to Grow Other Leaders in Philoptochos.”



He noted that there are things that Philoptochos and Chick-fil-A have in common:

Focus on Service
Nationwide Organization Which Rests on Local Leadership
How Well You Lead Determines How Well You Serve

“If serving if below you, then Leadership is beyond you.”

His speech can be viewed online at this link:

<https://youtu.be/v45Lw1YGPPo>

Women's Health – Path to Good Health

“Start Each Day Like it's Your Birthday!”



**The Nice Thing
About
Teamwork is
That You
Always Have
Other
Members on
Your Side**



I'll Scratch Your Back if You'll Scratch Mine



Women's Health Presentations

Heart Health - Amy Sarma, MD, Corrigan Women's Heart Health Program, Massachusetts General Hospital, spoke to the delegates on the causes, symptoms and treatment of heart disease, as part of the National Philoptochos Women's Health Initiative. Her speech can be viewed at this link:

<https://youtu.be/Xy69KxLX5O8>

The Opioid Crisis - Denise Garlick, House Chair, Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse & Recovery- Massachusetts State Representative, addressed the attendees. She discussed the Opioid Crisis in America and shared with the delegates how they can help within their communities. Her speech can be viewed at this link:

<https://youtu.be/dLCZztylp3c>

THRIVE Clinic for Survivors of Human Trafficking – JoNell Efantis Potter, PhD, Program Director of the THRIVE Clinic, discussed health care needs of survivors of human trafficking. Her presentation can be viewed at this link:

<https://youtu.be/5UlfRpovYFE>

Healthy Minds – Healthy Souls – Fr. Nicholas Louh of St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church in Jacksonville, FL and host on Ancient Faith Radio spoke about “Uncovering God’s Potential in Your Own Life”. His presentation can be view at:

<https://youtu.be/Ys8TA7BAupo>

A Positive Philoptochos Attitude is Contagious.

Don't Wait To Catch It From Others.

Be A Carrier!

Chapter Challenge – Assumption – Town & Country, MO

Evelyn's House & BJC Hospice



Congratulations to Assumption Town & Country for their Outstanding Chapter Challenge and Presentation.



Fourth of July



Fourth of July

A Celebration of
America with Founding
Fathers and plenty of
Patriotic Philoptochos
Members.



Holy Cross Field Trip



At Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, the mission is to prepare men and women for leadership by creating an environment that fosters growth in knowledge, faith, and service. More info at:

<http://www.hchc.edu>



Breakout Sessions

Social Services

Open Forum with the Officers

Engaging Members & Developing Leadership

Today Let's All Do What Others Won't and Tomorrow Let's All Accomplish What Others Can't.



Membership Group Meetings

Meeting Members Nationwide



When you
admire something
about another
woman, tell her.
Get into the
habit of lifting
each other up.

Merry Membership Moment

Longest Standing Member
Meets Up with Newest
Member to Exchange Thoughts
and Ideas in Each Group



“Recognition and Praise Are Two Things People Desire More Than Money.”



"The best way to reach out to new prospective members of Philoptochos and grow our organization is to get them involved. It is not sufficient to invite others to join Philoptochos, we need to give them something to do, get them involved, assign them a task even if the task seems small and unimportant, listen attentively to their suggestions, do not discount them, welcome them as equal members of the organization. When we do that, others have a "stake" in the organization; they feel empowered, valued, and have a sense of belonging. They feel part of the Philoptochos Family."

HIS GRACE, BISHOP SEVASTIANOS



The Most Sincere Form of Respect is Listening to What Other Members Have to Say.

Convention Speakers



Educational Initiatives

- Stop Bullying in Your Community
- Be Safe, Be Smart- Using Technology Safely
 - Women's Health Initiative
- Alzheimer's Disease: Awareness, Understanding, Support & Care
 - Inclusion Ministries

To learn more about these Educational Initiatives, please visit:

<http://philoptochos.org/outreach/educational-initiatives/>

INCLUSION IS A PHILOSOPHY STATING THAT EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING OF VALUE TO CONTRIBUTE & THAT EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO BELONG.



Pick Up Your Cross and Follow Me,
A Ministry for those with Special Needs
and their families.

The Metropolis of Chicago, with the blessing and support of His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos, of Blessed Memory, **and under the leadership of Presbytera Toni Mihalopoulos,** developed “Pick Up Your Cross and Follow Me,” a ministry of programs for children with special needs and their families. More resources at this link:

<http://philoptochos.org/outreach/educational-initiatives/inclusion-ministries>

God, help us to recognize that each of us has abilities and each of us has limitations. We all have a part to play in bringing about Your Kingdom. You love each of us profoundly.

In the spirit of gratitude and solidarity, we ask you to increase our awareness of both the gifts and needs of those around us.

Open our hearts, minds and doors to the gifts of every person. Help us to become truly welcoming chapters where everyone can find their place at your table.

We ask this in your name, Amen.



“We Are All Different And That’s Beautiful” - Anonymous

The Grand Banquet of the 44rd Clergy Laity Congress Of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



**Philochochos
Members Set
Their Hearts on
Doing Good!**



**Philotochos
Members Are On
The Team With the
Biggest Hearts!**

Shoppe Philoptochos



Click here to view and "Shoppe Philoptochos" items.

<http://philoptochos.org/resources/shoppe-philoptochofs/>



Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged,
sympathetic with the striving and tolerant with the wrong and weak.
Sometime in your life, you will have been all of these.



National Philoptochos Board at Last Convention Planning Meeting on Staten Island.

His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael's Name Day Open House



AS YOU START & END
YOUR DAY, BE THANKFUL
FOR EVERY LITTLE
THING IN YOUR LIFE.
YOU WILL COME TO
REALIZE HOW BLESSED
YOU TRULY ARE





Assumption - Chicago

The Assumption Philoptochos of Chicago was delighted to welcome 160 guests as they celebrated their Roaring 20th Anniversary Celebration and Mystery Dinner Theater on Thursday, April 26th. The two exceptional charities selected to benefit from the proceeds of the event were The Pick Up Your Cross and Follow Me Ministry, which assists children with special needs and their families within our Metropolis and the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), a humanitarian organization and one of the first respondents to those suffering and to victims of natural disasters.





St. Mary's - Minneapolis

The St. Mary's Philoptochos Chapter was active as usual with many events.



Ladies Night Out



Melomakarona Team



Pan Orthodox Vespers Service



Egg Dying



Baklava Crew

SS Peter & Paul - Chicago

SS Peter & Paul hosted a lecture on Opioid Addiction



SS Peter & Paul Philoptochos hosted a Trivia Night and raised over \$21,000 to help fund many worthy causes at the local & national level.



SS Peter & Paul Philoptochos honored their Senior Citizens with a luncheon.



**To Ease Another's
Heartache Is To
Forget One's Own.**

St. Spyridon – Palos Heights



Preparing Food Baskets for the Less Fortunate



Philoctochos Ladies Giving Blessing Bags at St. Luke's Women's Shelter



Philoctochos Scholarship recipients of \$1,000:
Mr. Constantine Alikakos and Miss Politimi Labrakis



Serving hot breakfast for the women at shelter at St. Luke's



St. Spyridon Ladies with the Very Rev. Fr. Maximos from Nigeria



Paying tribute to Patricia Katsenis & Kathy Korbakes for their devotion to Philoptochos



Angela Tsarouhis as she departs for Holy Cross College after Easter Break

St. Nicholas – Oak Lawn



Preparing for Feed My Starving Children

Ten Ways for Philoptochos Members To Love

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering (Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting (Proverbs 13:12)

St. Athanasios - Aurora



Past President Stephanie Altidis and Board member Thanea Walter after they delivered One Thousand Snacks for the local Ronald McDonald House for the families who have babies in the neo-natal unit at Edward Hospital in Naperville.



June Summer Party

St. Sophia - Elgin

Izzy (7 years old) is the future of Philoptochos



St. Sophia - Elgin

Philoptochos /Summer Outreach

Philoptochos had a successful Back to School Supply Drive

Project Backpack 2018

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



St. Demetrios - Chicago

Philoptochos Ladies working at their Festival



His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael Visiting Metropolis Events

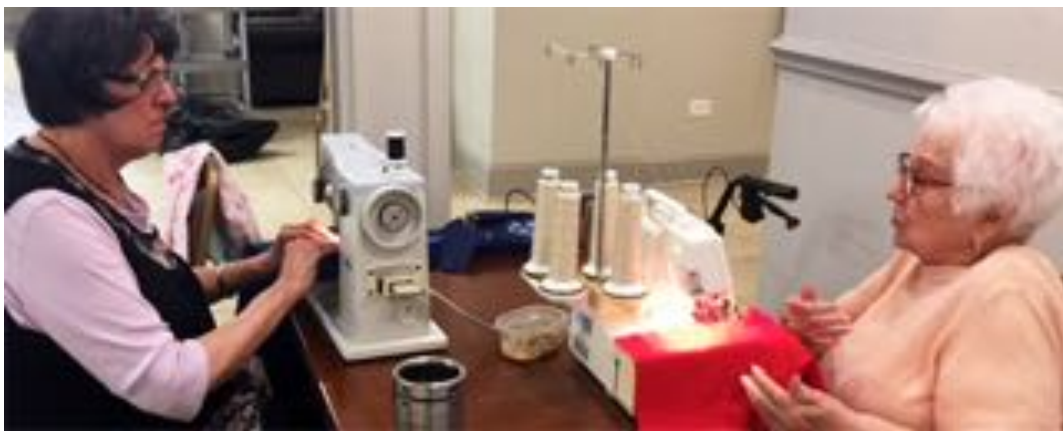


**The Happiest People Do
The Most For Others!**



St. Basil – Chicago – Dress A Girl

Philoptochos members doing prep work for our upcoming annual Metropolis-wide Dress A Girl event on October 13.



St Basil Philoptochos

*6th Annual Metropolis Wide
"Dress a Girl Around the World" Sew-a-Thon*

Saturday, October 13, 2018

9am until 2pm

733 S Ashland Ave., Chicago IL 60607

312.243.3738

parking available across the street in the hospital parking lot



"If God Brings You To It, God Will Bring You Through It"

contact: Dorothy Bezemes 847.647.6665 or Helene Frankos 847.525.2107

St. George - Schererville, IN

Save the Date! And please attend our October Fundraiser.

BAGS BAUBLES & MORE!

Purse & Accessory Auction



Join us for a chic, fun-filled evening featuring a live auction as well as raffle prizes.

Live auction includes a nice selection of new designer and original handbags and ladies and men's accessories. All auction items include "secret" goodies!

Thursday, October 18, 2018
6:00 pm
Banquets of St. George
528 W. 77th Ave.
Schererville, IN

Contact
Mary Panas
219.670.6887
or Georgianne Glavas
219.789.5451
for reservations
& information.

\$40 PER PERSON
with Prepaid Reservations
by October 11th, 2018

\$45 PER PERSON
for Reservations Made
After October 12th, 2018

Sponsored by the
St. George Greek Orthodox
Ladies Philoptochos Society
of Schererville, IN



Portions of the proceeds to benefit



"Providing HOPE & HELP to Northwest Indiana families affected by childhood cancer and supporting ongoing research to find all children with cancer can be HEALED!"

Presidents Meeting – Iakovos Retreat Center

Early Risers Watching Royal Wedding



**“Tea, Crumpets,
and Pinkies Up”,
As We Watched
The Royal
Wedding Live.**

Presidents Meeting – Iakovos Retreat Center



Each Individual Member's Commitment to Our Group Effort is What Makes Philoptochos Great!













St. Helen – Palos Hills

Baking in Full Swing for Greekfest



Great Opportunities Are Missed By Some People Because They Are Dressed In An Apron & Look Like Work. All Philotochos Women are doing God's Work.





NOVEMBER SIXTEENTH
2019

SAVE THE DATE

THE NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS
17TH BIENNIAL 2019 CHILDREN'S
MEDICAL FUND LUNCHEON
November 16, 2019

Chicago Marriott
Downtown Magnificent Mile
Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL

Hosted by:
The Metropolis of
Chicago Philoptochos



The Planning & Preparation for the 2019 Children's Medical Fund Luncheon is in full swing.



**Great Things Are Never Done
By One Person. They Are
Accomplished By A Unified,
Positive Team!**



**Happy Birthday Pam!
Thank You for Your Wonderful
Leadership!**



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

July 25, 2018

Dear Friends:

We have all been deeply saddened by the tragic news concerning the devastating and deadly wildfires in Greece. Flames have devoured homes and devastated seaside villages. Searing visions of the young and old, fleeing the fires into the sea, have brought the world's attention to the Attica region near Athens, and already, 80 are confirmed dead with dozens still missing.

The full impact of the fires is still unknown. What we do know is this - the need for assistance is great and so, once again, we are requesting that all Philoptochos chapters throughout the Archdiocese of America offer as much as possible to this humanitarian relief effort. We understand that many members may be unavailable due to vacations and other summer activities, but this tragedy demands that we act quickly and generously so that relief can be offered now when it is most needed.

The generosity of Philoptochos is well known and much appreciated throughout the world. Our brothers and sisters in Greece need our love and our support at this time and once again, Philoptochos will answer their plea.

Please keep the victims, their families and loved ones in your prayers and please be as generous as possible. Donations may be sent marked "2018 Fires in Greece Fund" to the National Philoptochos Society at 126 East 37th Street, New York, NY 10016 or make donations online at <http://bit.ly/1MgMsE3> and select "2018 Fires in Greece Fund."

Thank you

Maria Logus
National President



Growing Up Greek Style



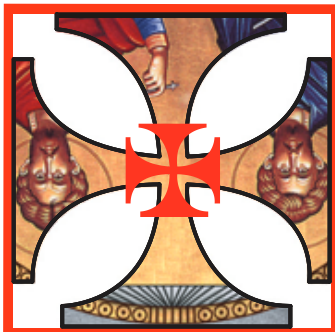
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Society Metropolis of Chicago**



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