

WHAT IS PHILOPTOCHOS?

*By your good works...glorify God.
1 Peter 2:12*

The Philoptochos Society of Annunciation Cathedral provides the women of our parish with opportunities to use their God-given gifts in the service of their Church and community. Women have always been a vital source of strength for the Church, dating from the first century of Christianity.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

The mission of the Society shall be:

- * To aid 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 instructional programs, to promote the charitable, benevolent and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.
- * To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and through them to promote the Greek Orthodox faith and traditions.
- * To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox Community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council.

WHAT DOES PHILOPTOCHOS DO?

We undertake many philanthropic endeavors during the course of the year.

• COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We donate Christmas gifts to disadvantaged children in one of the poorest neighborhoods in the City of San Francisco. In addition we volunteer at the Raphael House, an Orthodox Christian Center for women and children.

• OBLIGATIONS & COMMITMENTS

We contribute annually to all the National Philoptochos commitments and the Metropolis Philoptochos commitments to further our causes. We also donate to disasters throughout the world.

• EVENTS

The Philoptochos gives significant help to the annual Cathedral Festival.

• SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year we grant 2-4 scholarships to worthy students. We not only support education, we support children from the community by enabling their higher education.



*The charitable work of the Society
shall be performed with
discretion, courtesy and kindness.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

• MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

This annual event honoring our Mothers, who have dedicated themselves to the church and family, began in 1959.

• VASILOPITA

Our New Year observance supports the needy children of St. Basil Academy in New York State.

• CRABFEED

This annual event first began in 1982 and attracts close to 600 people.

• FATHER'S DAY

This event honors all the fathers of the community and in addition we name a deserving Father of the Year.

• THANKSGIVING BRUNCH

This event is held after church services during the month of November and honors all Senior Citizens.

• EASTER BAKE

A very popular event. Members gather together and color Easter Eggs, bake Easter Bread, and make Koulourakia. They are sold to parishioners at Easter time. This is a great project to raise funds for our commitments.

PHILOPTOCHOS' BENEVOLENCE

Adopt a Seminarian/Student
from Hellenic College/Holy Cross

American Cancer Society

Autism Assistance Fund

Children's Medical Fund

Emergency Assistance

Hellenic College/Holy Cross

IOCC

Kids N' Cancer

Metropolis Emergency Relief Fund

Orthodox Christian Fellowship

Orthodox Christian Mission Center

The Ecumenical Patriarchate

St. Basil Academy

St. Photios Greek Orthodox Shrine

St. Nicholas Ranch

Social Services

Student Aid Endowment Fund

Support A Mission Priest

UNICEF

....and more!

*Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds,
and to be generous and willing to share.*

*In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves
as a firm foundation for the coming age,
so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

Timothy 6:18-19

COME JOIN US!

We invite you to join our dynamic and growing Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos. Membership is open to all women over eighteen years of age. We invite you to share your talents and skills in the areas of leadership, special events, organization, planning and presentation, graphic arts, floral design, fashion, public and press relations, sales, and food preparation.

Please fill out this membership form and return it in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope. You will receive a membership card by mail. If at the present time your schedule does not allow you to be active, you can still become a member and help us accomplish our missions.

We look forward to having you as a member and sharing your ideas with our Philoptochos.



Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE

Membership calendar year is January to December

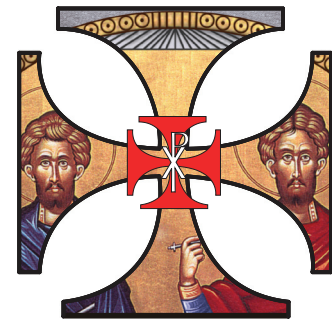
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SUPPORTER LEVEL \$ 50 _____

SPONSOR LEVEL \$ 75 _____

BENEFACTOR LEVEL \$100 _____

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY



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