



Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. Sophia

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TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN PHILOPTOCHOS!

Dear Ladies of the Parish,

Happy New Year! First and foremost, I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well. It has definitely been a difficult year and I imagine most all of us are happy to have said goodbye to 2020 and soon to the pandemic God willing!

I'm happy to share with you that despite the challenges and inability to gather and fundraise as usual, our Philoptochos chapter was once again able to fulfill all our national commitments, add more charities to our annual donation list, and also assist many others in need. We are blessed to be able to be part of this vital ministry of the Church!

It is now time for our annual Philoptochos Membership drive and I'm reaching out to you to ask that you step up and join us in our efforts to strengthen the right arm of the Church. "Many hands make light work" and the wonderful thing is that working alongside our sisters in Christ makes it fun as well.

Any woman age 18 or older can and should become a member of Philoptochos. Your membership dues support current and future projects of the organization and, of course, the more members we have, the lighter the load!

Our goal is for ALL the ladies of our parish to become members and participate in as many activities as they can. Once we can all meet again, we will be more than happy to offer rides for those who do not have a means of transportation and we do hope to plan some social activities as well as our fundraisers, the proceeds of which go to such worthwhile causes. Let me remind you of our mission:

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 fundraising 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.

So please take a moment to fill out your membership form and send it in to the church, ATTN: Philoptochos, along with your annual dues of \$30, in cash or check made payable to **St. Sophia Philoptochos**. You can also leave it for me at the church Pangari if you are able to attend services in person. Thank you!

Wishing you a healthy year and many blessings,
Flora Poloway, Treasurer and Membership Chair