

PHILOPTOCHOS PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, we bow our heads before You, and with humble hearts we give thanks to You for the abundant blessings, which You have poured forth upon us. We praise You for gathering us together as members of the Ladies Philoptochos Society in the service to Your Holy Church. We bless You for the selfless sacrifice of countless generations of women who have faithfully fulfilled the philanthropic mission entrusted to them. Through Your ineffable wisdom and Your Divine power, You have enabled us to minister to those who are in need of Your love, Your comfort, and Your care. Make us instruments of Your peace and of Your hope, O Lord. Where there is pain and suffering, may we bring Your healing and comfort. Where there is loneliness and isolation, may we bring the fellowship of Your Holy Church. Where there is despair and discouragement, may we inspire hope and faith in You. Where there is hatred and strife, may we be peacemakers producing the fruits of love and reconciliation. We also ask You, O Lord, to guide our deliberations, our decisions, our fellowship, and all our labors, so that in all we do, or say, we may bring glory to Your Holy Name, of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of St. Cosmas and Damianos

O Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Visit our Infirmities. Freely ye received, freely give to us.

Ἅγιοι Ἀνάργυροι καὶ θαυματουργοὶ,
ἐπισκέψασθε τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν; δωρεὰν
ἐλάβετε, δωρεὰν δότε ἡμῖν.

Ayii anargiri ke thavmatouryi epskepsaste
tas asthenias imon dorean Elavate, Dorean
Thote Imin.



PHILANTHROPY~FELLOWSHIP~FAITH IN ACTION

JOIN TODAY!!!

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Philoptochos Society*

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**One woman asking
another woman to care!!**

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ST. GEORGE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY INFO



Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation...

I TIMOTHY 6:18

Come Join us.....

2019-2021

WHY JOIN?

Have you thought of getting involved in your community, reaching out a helping hand to someone in need? Want to feel connected to others through good works? If you answered yes, or even maybe, you have come to the right place.

Philoptochos, founded in 1931, is the largest women's Christian charitable organization in the U.S. The St. George Ladies Philoptochos received its chapter charter in 1959 and has been well-served by many dedicated women in our community and continues to thrive with current membership of active and honorary members. Our chapter is dedicated to fulfilling the National Philoptochos mission statement. In addition to outreach activities, OUR CHAPTER DISTRIBUTES \$15,000 - \$20,000 annually to organizations, individuals and families in need.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus, to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

Philoptochos and You WE ARE CHRIST CENTERED

- Make an impact
- Help those in need
- Change someone's life
- Develop friendships
- Shape your experience
- Express yourself
- Use your skills and expertise
- Learn from other's
- Network

OUR MISSION

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 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.

JOIN TODAY!!!

Philoptochos works to make the lives of others better.

We pray you choose to be part of St. George Ladies Philoptochos in your time, talent, and support.

Invite – Embrace - Involve

OUR ENDEAVORS

COMMITMENTS & SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

International/National Support

- Our chapter contributes to 17 charities as outlined by the National Philoptochos, such as St. Basil's Academy, Autism Assistance Fund, Cancer Fund, Children's and General Medical Fund, Ecumenical Patriarchate, Hellenic College/Holy Cross, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), UNICEF Fund for Children, Emergency/Disaster Funds, Orthodox Christian Mission Center(OCMC), Support an Orthodox Mission Priest (SAMP), Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), among others as they are identified.

Metropolis of Chicago Support

- Our chapter contributes to numerous endeavors supporting our metropolis, such as Metropolis Philanthropy Fund, Vasilopita/St. Basil Academy, St. Iakovos Retreat Center Camp, Oratorical Festival, Junior Olympics, Feed the Hungry Programs along with others as identified.

LOCAL SUPPORT

- Philanthropy & Social Endeavors including Women's Shelters, Breast Cancer, Inclusion Awareness, Greek American Nursing Home, Philoxenia House & Ronald McDonald Houses, Food Pantries & parish outreach programs, Operation Classroom, Children's Medical Fund, NICK Cancer Foundation
- Youth Ministry programs including GOYAs, Jr Olympics, Vacation Church School, Sunday Greek Schools.
- Special Events including vespers & receptions, coffee fellowship hours, memorial day services and various holiday and other special fundraisers.