SS. PETER AND PAUL PHILOPTOCHOS NEWSLETTER

June 2020

Welcome Members!

Philoptochos fulfills its mission to "help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, those with disabilities and the victims of disasters through its National and Metropolis Boards and its 26,000 members and more than 400 active chapters, nationwide. Philoptochos responds immediately to needs and crises and its philanthropic outreach extends to each area of the country and throughout the world. In 2016, National Philoptochos distributed $2.06 million in philanthropic aid.

A Word from our Philos Leader

by Julie Mantice

Hello Sisters!
My name is Julie Mantice and I am the President of Philoptochos.
It is with great pleasure that we launch our Saints Peter and Paul Philoptochos newsletter to our committed members so that we can keep you current!
This year has been challenging for all of us! I hope and pray that your families are healthy and safe. Although Philoptochos had to cancel many events, we continued to donate to those in need and for COVID-19 relief! In the past two months, we have donated over $15,000!
Since we are embarking on the 60th anniversary of our church, I wanted to give you a brief history of our organization. cont. p.2

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Continued Word from our Philos Leader

In 1958, seven women met to launch our Chapter. After holding a tea to recruit prospective members, the women took turns hosting meeting and events in their homes. As 1959 progressed, with 75 members, the very first officers were elected and Kiki Bakakos was our first President!

By 1960 our Philoptochos hosted its first luncheon "Spring Promenade" and 200 members and friends attended. Also, the first fashion show, "Fashion Premier" was held that September and the event was considered successful with 300 attendees and a net profit of $600. In addition, in November, Mary Koulogeorge chaired the very first Christmas Bazaar at the Wilmette Women's Club. Philoptochos members donated hand-made items to be sold for profit.

In 1961 our organization received its official national charter as the Saints Peter and Paul Philoptochos Society, Inc. recognized as Chapter 381 of the national Philoptochos.

Our mission of the Saints Peter and Paul Philoptochos has always been to raise money to support its many philanthropic causes, in our immediate community as well as through the world. Thousands of dollars have also been contributed toward major church projects, such as the purchase of two organs, installation of the iconostasis, the kitchen, landscaping and remodeling of the fellowship hall.

Our Philoptochos participates in two successful Metropolis-wide programs, initiated by Georgia Barris: "Feed the Hungry" and the "Quilt-A-Thon." In recent years, the Saints Peter and Paul Philoptochos' annual charitable contributions budget has grown to between $50,000 and $70,000. We are committed to assisting a wide range of ministries, which include, children, families and the elderly. In addition, the parish philanthropy fund assists families needing help, in strict confidence. This year, 2020, we have donated over $52,000 dollars to both local and international organizations.

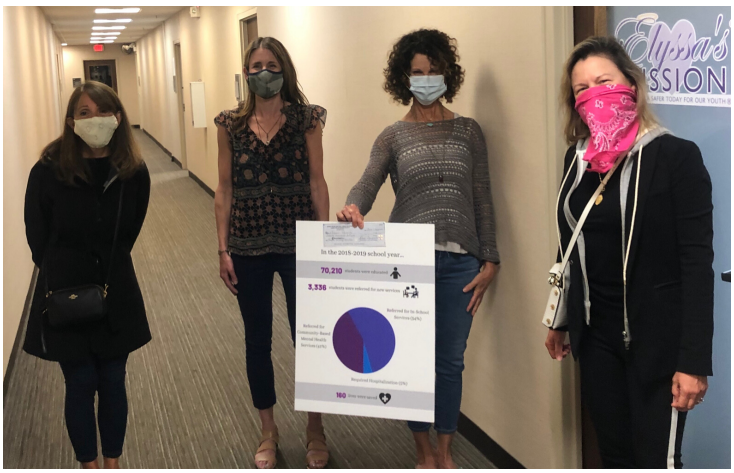
We welcome you with open arms sisters! Come join us on our mission to assisting others in need.
Please help with our future events by checking out our calendar on page 4.

With Agape,
Julie Mantice

National Philoptochos Chapter Challenge

During the National Philotphos Convention in 2018, SS Peter and Paul Philoptochos was elected to take on the Chapter Challenge. Our goal was to reach $20,000 and and to donate to our chosen charity, Elyssa's Mission.

We recently met our goal and delivered the check to this very worthy foundation that provides help, support and suicide prevention programs to prevent teen suicide



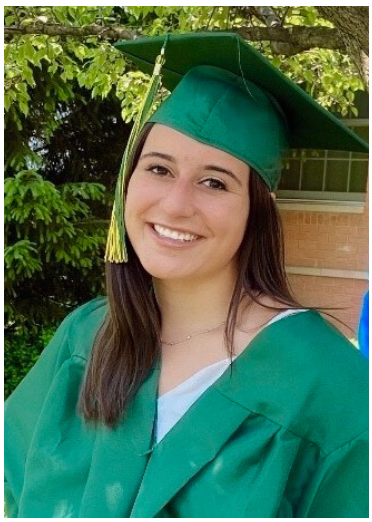
Masks Matter Metropolis Initiative

The Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos has initiated the Mask Matters project in which we are requesting that all our chapters participate in creating face covering masks to help slow the spread of Covid-19.These masks will not be distributed to first responders or health care workers. Instead our homemade, DIY masks will be donated to nursing homes, health care facilities, parishioners, etc. Our goal is to donate 10,000 mask by the end of the year. We have already donated almost 2,000 masks!
Please follow these links for instructions of homemade masks (sewing machine and non-sewing machine)
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-make-cloth-face-covering.html
These are just a few suggestions. There are many resources and tutorials for face masks so if you find one that is easier to follow please feel free to do so. We would be glad to purchase fabric and have it dropped off/delivered. Once you have completed your face masks please call or email Petroula (Tru) Bazianos 773-744-7986 or pbazianos@yahoo.com. She will have a list of those in need and drop off locations. She will be glad to pick up the masks.
Lastly, although this is not a fundraiser, chapters and individuals may send donations to help cover the cost of supplies and fabric for this worthy cost: Please go to the Metropolis website: Humanitarian Relief page of the Metropolis, Masks Matter Project or, send a check to PAT GERBANAS, METROPOLIS TREASURER, AT 2524 W. AINSLIE -CHICAGO, IL. 60625

Philoptochos Scholarships 2020

Congratulations to all our scholarship recipients ! We are glad to reward you for your accomplishments!:

2020 Philoptochos College Scholarship-$1,500 ***Awarded to Anastasia Tryfonopoulos***



Paulette Kappos Education Scholarship-$1,500 ***Awarded to***

2020 Christina Mourikes Spiratos "Make A Difference" Scholarship-$5,000

National Philoptochos News

Congratulations 2020 Graduates!

Send in your senior photo's to be recognized in the next national news letter. Here is the link for submission's:

https://mailchi.mp/philoptochos.org/send-us-your-2020-graduates?e=a48f5d5ff0

To stay up to date with more National Philoptochos information, please check their website below:

https://www.philoptochos.org.

Contact Information:

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Upcoming Events:

June, 2020:
Saints Peter and Paul Vespers (TBD)

September, 2020:
Membership Event

December 5, 2020:
Holiday Faire

February 29, 2021:
Winter Event

March: Quilt-A-Thon

March 28, 2021:
Palm Sunday Bake Sale

COME JOIN US!!!

By Joanne Trahanas

Don't Just Read the Invite—**Come Join Us** When you receive those emails calling for bakers or tiropites makers. Don't just hit delete. Read it, put those dates on your calendar, and **COME JOIN US.** There are jobs for everyone, whether you have never baked a baklava or rolled koulouria, or folded a tiropita, **WE NEED YOU.** You do not need to know anyone or how to do anything. **Just come and join us!.** Hundreds of items are made on these days so many jobs exist. You will be taught if you want to learn. Otherwise, there are many helpful jobs throughout the time: melting butter, passing out supplies, collecting completed items, packing goods, taste testing :). **Just come and join us!** Without doubt though, the best part is the fellowship. Everyone is welcoming, discussion is engaging, laughter abounds. **Just come and join us!**