

SS. PETER AND PAUL PHILOPTOCHOS NEWSLETTER

November 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.

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A Word from our Philos Leader

by Julie Mantice

Greetings Philoptochos Sisters!

God bless everyone and thank you for your time, talents and treasures. Your contributions and dedication to Philoptochos is essential to the work that we do. We cannot do it without you! We need your support to continue our mission, which is to help those in need. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our in-person events have been postponed, but that does not mean that Philoptochos will not continue to offer creative and meaningful events that can bring us together. Please stay tuned and remember that we are all sisters in Christ.



Treasurer's Update

As always, our Ladies Philoptochos Society continues to do its best to support the many needs locally, nationally, and internationally. For those new to our organization, please know that typically we would be hosting fundraising events in order to earn these funds to distribute. However, with Covid 19 still looming, the possibility of fundraisers is uncertain and we are starting to use our "rainy day" funds. So, a plea to all our members is twofold: first of all, please renew your membership when you receive that information and continue to be a part of this great organisation; and second, if you have some extra dollars to spare now, please consider making a donation by sending a check to the Sts Peter & Paul Ladies Philoptochos Society (1401 Wagner Rd Glenview) so that we can continue great acts of kindness at this time. We thank everyone for your support now and throughout the years.

We are working on paying/donating **on line** for members and should have that up and running in the very near future, stay tuned!

By : Elenie Soukoules and Joanne Trahanas

Baklava Available for Thanksgiving

We have our famous Baklava available just in time for Thanksgiving! Baklava is a great way to celebrate our Greek culinary heritage with our very American turkey or ham. We are selling 6 pieces for \$12 per package. Pick-ups will be on **Thursday, November 19 from 3:30-4:30** outside the Church Community Center. This is a great time to purchase Baklava in time for Thanksgiving.

We prefer pre-orders. You can call us, text us or email us your order. Leave a message if we don't answer. Baklava will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Of course, we will be following Covid-19 protocols while distributing pastry. For pick-up, please stay in your car. We will come to your car to find out what you ordered. We will place your order in your car.

Please support this effort. Philoptochos is cancelling many of its usual fundraisers for the foreseeable future and will use the proceeds from these baked goods to help those in need.

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Bakery Briefing



National Philoptochos

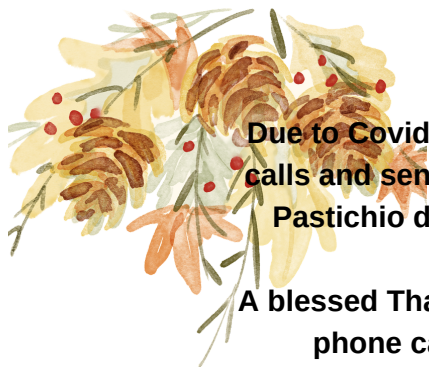
Congratulations to Arlene Siavelis Kehl who has been Appointed by Archbishop Elpidophoros as National Philoptochos President. Axia!



Membership Counts

By Olga Panagakis & Maria Costas

Our kickoff for Philoptochos membership started in September at the Drive-in movie night!! We had wonderful success signing up new members and renewing others! Last year we had 240 members sign up for Philoptochos which made us the largest group in the Chicagoland area. We need your help in getting our membership numbers up. We are hoping for the same success this year! If you haven't sent in your form and dues, please do so as soon as possible! You may mail your check and form to the church, ATT: Philoptochos **THANK YOU!!**



Senior/Homebound Ministry

Due to Covid-19 we will not be making home visits at this time but will be making phone calls and sending cards. Also, one of our parishioners has graciously offered to make a Pastichio dinner for some of our seniors. The meals will be delivered by the various committee members the week of Thanksgiving.

A blessed Thanksgiving to all, and if you know of someone who would like an occasional phone call, please contact Ida Haris-847-309-9223 or Pat Nassos-847-421-3526.

Philoptochos Programs

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we are planning the upcoming Philoptochos programs as Zoom conferences. We have exciting programs that I hope will be both enriching and relevant during these times. Additionally, we are tentatively planning an excursion for Spring 2021. This will be dependant on CDC and local recommendations, guidelines and regulations for large gatherings.

* **Medicare Solutions**

* **Integrative Nutrition for Brain Health and Longevity**

* **Membership outing in Spring 2021 TBD.**

We **WELCOME YOUR** input on specific subjects or ideas for future programs, please contact **Maryann Rasmussen** at: maryannpr1@aol.com

Some photos from the Drive in movie night



PHILOPTOCHOS Presents

DRIVE-IN

Theater @ Church



Check in starting at 6pm



free admission per carload!

Friday Sept. 25th

Bring the family!

PHILOPTOCHOS presents "GOONIES" a PG movie for all!
Movie will start at 7:30pm sharp.
Max allowed 50 cars sign up here:
**Rain date September 26th



concessions available!



SEPTEMBER 25th DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT

Philoptochos sponsored the FIRST ever SS. Peter and Paul community Drive In Movie night!

Featured Movie :

GOONIES

The event was Covid friendly with each family signing up on line. The entrance was free with a donation going towards concessions. Each carload received a large container of popcorn and a large movie bucket filled with Theater Candy boxes, individual pretzel bags, individual rice Krispy treats, Neon Glow necklaces/bracelets, chocolate chip cookies and water bottles. All concessions were prepacked and ready to go.

Planning another Movie Night for Spring. Stay tuned.....



A Special

THANK YOU to the following.....



Special Thank you to
Produce World and
Northbrook Marianos!!

The evening was blessed with PERFECT Drive in movie weather and many wonderful families who attended the event or gave generous donations. We would like to thank the following:

George Panagakis Family, Angelo Costas Family, Zachary Bazianos Family, Ms. Joanne Trahanas, Betty Kerkorian, The Matern Family, Mrs. Carol Wells, George Mantice Family, Mrs. Helen Mantice, George Nassos Family, Mr. Billy Papadopoulos, Mark Ryerson Family, Mrs. Myrsini Karkazis, The Tranas Family, The Anastos Family, The Alexis Family, The Alifaris Family, The Arzoumanidis Family, The Ballester Family, The Biacos Family, The Bory Family, The Butz Family, The Cotromanes Family, The Delis Family, The Gall Family, The Gordon Family, Christy Gouletas, The Kardasis Family, The Keys Family, The Liberopoulos Family, The Mackris Family, The Matjoulis Family, The Mourikes Family, The Papajohn Family, The Paradies Family, The Pirpiris Family, The Lazarus Family, The Poulios Family, The Rest Family, The Tagge Family, The Uvaldo Family, The Abbott Family, Ms. Pam Besbeas, The Crosby Family, The Genovese Family, The Mellios Family, The LaMotte Family, The Soukoulis Family, The Tasiopoulos Family, Bill and Peggy Vranas, Nancie Poulos, Art and Phyllis Perivolidis, Anthony Karkazis, Steve and Dena Pavlopoulos, Larry and Georgene Shanley



Coming Soon

Up Coming Events

Times are still difficult. We can't get together as we hope to in large numbers but we hope to bring unity to all our members in a number of various get togethers. Please know we are working to think "out of the box" for ideas to bring us fellowship. We would be very happy to hear from you with any ideas you may have. As always we encourage your support and look forward to our get togethers in person. Please support the following events

Oct. 20- Dec. 12, 2020

Boon Supply Eco-Conscious shopping fund raiser

Take a look:

<https://www.boonsupply.com/collections/611822-saints-peter-and-paul-philoptochos-gifts-that-give>

Nov. 19, 2020

Baklava pick up 3:30-4:30pm(Pre order requested)

Dec. 5, 2020: 11 am-1pm(details to follow)

Santa is coming to town. Drive by visit with santa/photo op and goodie bag

Dec. 1-23, 2020

Chalet Nursery "Shop and Give Back " (Event details to follow)

Jan. 21, 2021

Zoom skin Care Event (details to follow)

March 2021

Quilt a Thon TBD

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Project Hope

The Metropolis of Chicago announced the launch of a new ministry designed to address food security and stable housing for families and individuals in the Chicago area. Project HOPE (Humanitarian Outreach and Philanthropic Engagement), the new ministry is operating and already has distributed more than **five tons of food** and more than **2,000 meals** to people in need.

Project HOPE is in the process of collecting **Winter Kits** to distribute to those in need. Kits include the following: Toothbrush and toothpaste, Body Soap, Handwarmers, Winter gloves, Socks and Winter Hats. Kits must be PRE-packaged in ziploc bags. If you are interested in donating these kits please contact **Dena Pavlopoulos at 847-668-3607** to coordinate a drop off or pick up location.

Metropolis News

Please submit any names of High School Juniors, Seniors or College aged young adults that would like to be a part of the OCF...Orthodox Christian Fellowship.

The goal of the OCF is to actualize the Orthodox Christian life in the hearts, minds and souls of college students by facilitating unified campus ministry efforts-reaching Orthodox college students on campuses throughout North America. OCF does this by working continuously to improve in the areas of leadership training, high school to college transition, and college to parish transition through new and innovative programs as well as partnerships with other organizations in the Orthodox World.

Please submit names too Anna@ocf.net or contact Dena Pavlopoulos with any questions at **847-668-3607**

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OCF @ HOME - virtual discussion series on Fr. Thomas Hopko's "55 Maxims for Christian Living" and racial reconciliation, along with virtual chapel opportunities including Compline, Paraklesis, and the Akathist of Thanksgiving

SMALL GROUPS - facilitated by OCF alumni, virtually connecting students with their peers to discuss their faith and current experience

SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE - virtually offering students courses on what it means to be an Orthodox leader in OCF, the Church, and the world

The Metropolis Philoptochos is collecting monetary donations to purchase gift cards to distribute families in need during the Holidays. If you are interested in participating please send a check to **Pat Gerbanas**; 2524 W Ainslie, Chicago, Illinois 60625

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Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society
Metropolis of Chicago
Philanthropy Fund

**Christmas Wish List
2020**

"Every single day, life presents you with opportunities to help someone in need, take that challenge today."

Please mail your donations to:

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