



Dear Ladies and Friends of the Philoptochos —

The Philoptochos will begin this year with many activities during September. We hope that each of you will find some time to join us. Our Cathedral Philoptochos Society needs all women in our community to become involved in the philanthropic endeavors we undertake each year. Everyone is welcome to join and participate. Feel free to contact any of the 2011-2013 Board Members for further information.

As September approaches, we have some important events planned. Information and details are listed below.

This year our Loaves and Fishes project will have a GOYAN, Alex Klopfenstein, a dedicated alter server and a senior at the St. Paul's School, as the coordinator. We thank him and his family in advance for this commitment to our mission. Our first Loaves and Fishes event will take place on Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. in the Father Constantine Monios Hall, and everyone is welcome to come and help out. Donations of cooked pasta (penne, ziti, rigatoni) are needed to make this project successful. If you are unable to attend on the 10th, you may drop off the cooked pasta (three pounds is wonderful) at church on Friday, Sept. 9 in plastic Ziploc bags. Please mark the bags "Loaves & Fishes" and place them in the kitchen refrigerator.

Our annual Quilt-A-Thon will be held on Saturday Sept. 17, also in the Fr. Monios Hall. Please come – even if you do not know how to sew – and lend a few hours toward this worthy cause. The quilts are donated to small babies in need at local hospitals.

The following week, we will hold our Fall General Meeting at a luncheon to be held at Vito's Italian Restaurant in Cockeyville. Cost is \$25 per person. We will be honoring a local organization, Dress For Success, that helps to outfit women in need as they seek employment or reenter the workplace. We ask that you please bring gently used, clean clothing, accessories and pocket books to donate. Please contact Tasia Cavas or Melody Simmons for reservations.

Our Philoptochos Mission Statement is our guiding document:

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The mission of the Society shall be:

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The 2011-2013 Philoptochos Board

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2011-2012

Philoptochos Calendar

2011

September 10

Loaves & Fishes – 10:00 a.m.
Father Constantine
Monios Hall

September 17

Quilt-a-thon – 10:00 a.m.
Father Constantine
Monios Hall

September 24

Fall General Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
Vito's Café, Cockeyville

November 13

Feast of Cosmas & Damianos
Coffee Hour
Father Constantine
Monios Hall

December 3

Loaves & Fishes – 10:00 a.m.
Father Constantine
Monios Hall

December 18

Christmas Bread and Baklava
Bake Sale

2012

January 15

Vasilopita – Coffee Hour

February 4

Winter Luncheon – Details to Follow

February 19

Heart & Autism Awareness
Coffee Hour
Father Constantine
Monios Hall

*“When we
love others, we
show our love
for God.”*

MACY'S Fundraiser 2011

Since 2006, Macy's Shop For A Cause Event has partnered with non-profit organizations nationwide to raise more than \$38 million for their ongoing charitable efforts. This is your chance to be part of this monumental event on Saturday, August 27th.

Shop For A Cause gives you the opportunity to help the Annunciation Philoptochos by purchasing a \$5 Shopping Pass for exclusive savings and special offers in every Macy's store on Saturday, August 27th. As a participating charity, our Philoptochos keeps 100% of the proceeds from the sale of each pass. Plus, you can enter to win a \$500 Macy's Gift Card!

For more information or to order a shopping pass, contact Kathe Apesos Poulos at 410-526-4992 or kapesospoulos@comcast.net.

Ongoing Project

Throughout the coming year, Philoptochos will be preparing clean-up buckets for the IOCC in advance of any potential natural disaster. Each bucket is filled with cleaning supplies and costs approximately \$60. Anyone who would like to donate to this project, may send a donation payable to Annunciation Philoptochos, 24 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

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- *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.

I look forward to working with all during this, my first year as your President. I offer a heartfelt thanks to our past president, Fotini "Fifi" Nichols, whose love and dedication helped to advance our cause for the length of her term.

Blessings,
Kathe Apesos Poulos
President

PHILOPTOCHOS DUES

Please send in your 2011-12 dues payment as soon as possible. Membership is \$35 per year. Include your contact information and an email address if possible.

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