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We were blessed to meet in person in The Oaks and share a wonderful potluck dinner for our last meeting of the year! What wonderful fellowship and fun we all had!

- ❖ **Fashion Show 2022 – Recap** – Words of congratulations and appreciation were shared. So many wonderful and dedicated people worked so hard to make the show a success – especially our talented chair, Helene Nemchik. Although we do not have our final numbers, the financial success of the show, *The Hills Are Alive*, may be one of our best ever! Comments on the delicious food, the beautiful décor, the table setting, the auction and raffle were shared by all.
- ❖ **Church and Community Service Awards** – Mary Peros, Laura Jadelrab, Helene Nemchik and Stella Charonis reported on the process and on how qualified the six applicants were. Their application were astounding. The recipients – **Ereni Delis, Kate Virsik, Raisa Gagas, Nick Flocas, Maria Morrison and Vicki Samaras** were honored on June 5. They each received a certificate and a beautiful icon from the Philoptochos. We are so very proud of them as shining examples of Orthodox youth.
- ❖ **Philoptochos National Convention and Clergy Laity – July 2-July 7 in New York City at the Marriott Marquis.** We have compiled an accounting of how much we have given to our community at Holy Cross in addition to our ministry commitments. We believe the number is over \$40,000 over the last two years. Programs include the *Feed the Hungry* program, *Kicks for Kids*, the *Church and Community Service awards* and our *Personal Care Closet*. A national accounting will be announced at the convention.
- ❖ **Father Peter's Report** – Father updated us on the progress on our parish house at 4 Kimmie Court. He also shared with us the preliminary plans for Festival 2022. It will likely be Saturday and Sunday only with some take and bake features as well as dining in and a few new ideas from co-chairs Kathy Flocas and Niki Kouretas. Much more to follow.
- ❖ **Father's Day – June 19** – The Philoptochos will sponsor a light luncheon during coffee hour to honor our dads, papous, nounos and all father figures in our lives. We are providing delicious deli sandwiches and yummy pies.

- ❖ **Membership and Philoptochos Directory** – We are finished with our wonderful directory so we can communicate easily with one another. Thank you to Kristin Azar and Helene Nemchik. We will let you know when you can pick yours up.
- ❖ Our welcome back hybrid Philoptochos meeting to kick off the New Year will be Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

We wish you all a wonderful and relaxing summer as we can once again start to plan our travels and family get-togethers.

With our love and continued appreciation,

The Ladies of the Philoptochos

