



The Philoptochos Phlash – September 2, 2025

On September 2, 2025, the Philoptochos had their first meeting of the Ecclesiastical Year. We want to share some of our projects with all of you as we look ahead to our new year.

Fall Family Western Event – October 4 at 6:30 – We are so excited to have you join us with your family for a down-home, family-fun evening. This event is co-sponsored by the Philoptochos and the Youth Council. Gigi Glafkides is the Philoptochos co-chair and Kathy Roque-Albert is the co-chair from the Youth Council. The evening will be filled with good, family Western fun. We are planning a barbecue dinner with burgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. There will be live western music, a DJ, and dance lessons for some fantastic line dancing. And of course, there will be a fabulous silent auction with some big-ticket items and a grand raffle with lots of surprises. We are planning to have a youth corner with fun games for the young ones, too. Tickets for the evening are \$40 per adult, with children 12 and under free. There will also be a family rate, with the third child free. Watch for much more information very soon, y'all! All proceeds will benefit children's charities.

Treasurer's Report – We reviewed our financial reports and are very happy to let you know that we have a balanced budget. Thank you for your generosity allowing us to support many worthy causes as well being able to meet our commitments to National and Metropolis Philoptochos. Whenever possible, we try to donate out to those in need whatever we bring in during the year.

Ongoing Programs – Our backpack project was once again very successful with the distribution of 100 backpacks filled with school supplies for underprivileged children Kindergarten to 2nd Grade. We plan to increase that number to 150 next year. Our Feed the Hungry program continues to prepare sandwiches for the LifeMoves Organization. We have also prepared holiday meals for the families in this shelter, most recently 125 meals on July 19. We have an upcoming school Shoe Drive – “Kicks for Kids”- that will run from October to November gifting 100 pairs of new sneakers to children of low-income families at an elementary school that we have “adopted” in San Mateo County.

Light the Path – Save the Date – November 16 at the San Francisco Olympic Club. This beautiful holiday event benefits Holy Cross/Hellenic College students and seminarians who plan to serve in our Metropolis with much needed tuition support. Much more will follow!

Upcoming Events – Christmas Tea – December 14, Vasilopita – January 11, Kids'n'Cancer - February 22, Membership Event – March 7, Fashion Show – May 2, Father's Day – June 21.

With our love and continued appreciation,

The Philoptochos of Holy Cross