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GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

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TO: Chapter Presidents and Members of Philoptochos

FROM: Helen Lavorata, Director

RE: Elections for Philoptochos Officers and Board of Directors

As you prepare for the elections of your Philoptochos Chapter's Board of Directors and Officers for the term of June, 2009 through May, 2011, I take this opportunity to remind you that elections must be held in accordance with the National Philoptochos Society Bylaws and Procedural Manual as amended by the Thirty-Seventh National Philoptochos Biennial Convention in July, 2004.

1. Elections shall be conducted in the month of May, 2009. If your Chapter has been on a yearly schedule or a different schedule, now is the time to correct it.
2. No President, or any other officer, may serve more than (2) year terms consecutively, in the same elected office.
3. Elections must be ratified by the National Philoptochos Office and approved and signed by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios.

Please take the time to study the provisions in the Bylaws regarding the procedures for election of the Board of Directors and in particular, Article 5, Section 4. Following the Oath of Office and the Election of Officers, the results should be mailed immediately to the National office. Please use the enclosed forms.

A simplified guide to Chapter elections was distributed at this past Convention. Extra copies may be obtained from your Metropolis President or through the National Office.

Please keep in mind that the provisions of the Bylaws are mandatory in nature and that your Chapter does not have the discretion to digress from them. If any questions or problems arise, please call your Metropolis President or the National office for assistance.

Thank you and good luck!