



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE^{OF} AMERICA

GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

**For immediate release
November 21, 2008**

**Contact: Christine Karavites
Public Relations - 508.982.4276**

ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS APPOINTS APHRODITE SKEADAS NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS PRESIDENT

Chicago, Ill. - His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America, announced the appointment of Mrs. Aphrodite Skeadas of Greenwich, Connecticut as the new National Philoptochos President at the inaugural meeting of the 2008 - 2010 National Philoptochos Board held in Chicago, Ill. Archbishop Demetrios praised Mrs. Skeadas for her commitment and service to Philoptochos and the Church.

Born in Apidia, Lakonia, Greece, Aphrodite Skeadas immigrated to the United States with her family when she was five years old. She spent her early years at Prophet Elias Church in Yonkers, NY until she and her husband Peter James Skeadas accepted a two year assignment in Cape Town, South Africa for an oil company where Peter worked as an engineer. There they joined the Saint George Cathedral community and upon their return to the United States they joined the Church of Our Savior in Rye, NY where they raised their daughter Constantina and son Nicholas.

Aphrodite Skeadas has unconditional love for her family, her Church and for the Philoptochos Society that has positively impacted her life for more than twenty-five years. She recognizes the power Philoptochos has to transform and energize people's lives through the Church's teachings and family values just as it did her own life.

Aphrodite held numerous positions in her chapter including Philoptochos Chapter President. She served on the Direct Archdiocesan Philoptochos Board and has been a member of the National Philoptochos Board for 16 years where she served with distinction as its Treasurer.

She and her husband Peter support other philanthropic efforts and Aphrodite serves on the Greenwich Committee for the American Farm School in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Mrs. Skeadas accepted the appointment and the charge of Archbishop Demetrios and set clear goals for her two year term to increase membership, embrace the younger generation and enhance the use of technology.

Other members of the Executive Board include: Arlene Siavelis, 1st Vice President; Maria Stavropoulos, 2nd Vice President; Kathy Gabriel, 3rd Vice President; Elaine Cladis, Secretary; Joanne Kakoyiannis, Treasurer, and Martha Stefanidakis, Assistant Treasurer.