



**PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTERS FULFILL THE MISSION**  
***Promoting the Project***

**St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church**  
**and National Shrine**  
**at the World Trade Center**



Throughout its existence, Philoptochos has faithfully supported our Greek Orthodox Church in raising funds for its Mission, including the groundbreaking initiatives and historical projects that resonate throughout the Greek Orthodox community.

Both large and small fundraising efforts are taking place across the country to help bring about the fulfillment of an appeal by His Eminence Geron Archbishop Demetrios of America to raise funds for the new building project.

In the Metropolis of Denver, Saint Catherine Greek Orthodox Church and Assumption of the Theotokos Cathedral of Denver joined together to dedicate Sunday, September 27, to raise funds for the Saint Nicholas project. Permission was granted for both parish communities to celebrate Divine Liturgy together at the Cathedral. All parish organizations, including Philoptochos, Parish Councils, Choirs and GOYA, committed themselves to the effort. As the clergy and choirs served together for the glorious celebration, Philoptochos and Parish Councils sponsored the coffee hour and all monies raised through the sale of candles and trays were dedicated to the building project.

In the Metropolis of Chicago, the Saint Andrew Philoptochos of Chicago, organized an event to be held after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 4, in support of the Saint Nicholas project. A delicious luncheon, donated by a local restaurateur, followed by a downtown cruise aboard Chicago's First Lady's Cruise Boat became a day of fun and devotion for those who participated. A docent of the Chicago Architectural Foundation served as an expert guide, while the cruise ship made its way past many historic sites. All proceeds from the event were earmarked to benefit the Saint Nicholas project.

In the Direct Archdiocesan District, to promote fundraising efforts through individual donors, a Philoptochos member of Holy Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church in Brookville, Long Island, New York, crafted a replica of Saint Nicholas Church and Shrine. Donations, both large and small, make their way into the replica of Saint Nicholas, which acts as an inspirational reminder of the support needed to bring to life the Church and Shrine.

Standing as remarkable examples of Christian stewards, at the forefront of fundraising efforts that have directly impacted people of faith, has been the signature of the members of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society. Nestled in between places of business and public buildings, the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine, facing east as every Greek Orthodox Church does, will be a beacon of Orthodox Christianity at the World Trade Center site.

To be a part of the Philoptochos fundraising Initiative, please donate directly to your local Philoptochos Chapter or your Metropolis Philoptochos.