



MARKING AN HISTORIC COMMITMENT



Looking back on a fateful day, the National Philoptochos continues to work to inspire compassion and motivation throughout our Parishes and Chapters towards recognition of 9/11 and through its efforts to raise funds for the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center.

On September 11, 2001, a day that will live in infamy, every American understood that life would never be the same, either in our country or around the world. Within a period of two hours, both 110-story Twin Towers collapsed, taking with them all other buildings in the World Trade Center complex, including Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. On that day 2,753 unsuspecting people lost their lives.

Bringing about an understanding that it is time to do something, something personal, to promote healing, is the message that Philoptochos members are asked to embrace. It is time for all members to show support for the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine by offering their personal contributions or by working alongside their Philoptochos sisters to help reach a goal. Our focus is on the rebuilding of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and the creation of the National Shrine. What greater tribute and remembrance to the victims at Ground Zero could there be than the resurrection of a church, a re-establishment of a house of worship, the birth of a place of healing for the world to know on this hallowed ground.