



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA  
GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

January 20, 2016

Dear Chapter President and Members of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society,

New Year 2016 begins with a great deal of excitement as we plan for the National Philoptochos Biennial Convention which convenes in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Nashville, Tennessee.

One of the most enjoyable aspects and highly anticipated events is the AGAPE Awards where we have the unique opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions of nine women of our Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society from each of the 8 Metropolises and the Direct Archdiocesan District. The **AGAPE** Award acronym represents *All Generations Accomplishing Philanthropic Endeavors* and will honor our own special members for their exceptional efforts.

Each Philoptochos Chapter has the opportunity to nominate one extraordinary member from their Chapter who embodies the true spirit of *Philanthropia*. You may choose to select an individual who has been a tireless worker in the Chapter, someone who has developed creative ideas for fund-raising projects, someone who has inspired your Chapter members through her actions or someone who has reached beyond the community to offer witness to the wonderful mission of Philoptochos. If the Chapter determines that it has a truly exceptional member to nominate, please complete the enclosed nomination form. The form must include the signature of the **Chapter President** and be received at the National office no later than **Friday, February 19, 2016**. If your candidate is chosen, travel and hotel accommodations will be the responsibility of the recipient or, if the Chapter so chooses, the Chapter.

We urge each of the 450 dedicated and dynamic Chapters of our Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society to participate in the **AGAPE** Awards and join us for the Awards presentation, where we will have the opportunity to honor and to learn from the women who made, and continue to make, not only their local communities, but the broader communities as well, better places.

With love in Christ,

Maria Logus  
President

Elaine Cladis

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AGAPE Awards Co-Chairs