

2016 NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS BIENNIAL CONVENTION



“YOU ARE THE VOICE OF CHRIST IN A CHANGING WORLD”

As the Father has sent me, so I send you (John 20:21)

«Εἶσθε ἡ φωνὴ τοῦ Χριστοῦ σ’ ἕνα μεταβαλλόμενο κόσμο»
Καθὼς ἀπέσταλκέ με ὁ πατήρ, κάγώ πέμπω ὑμᾶς (Ἰωαν. 20:21)

*Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center
Nashville, Tennessee*

JULY 3–8, 2016



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GAYLORD OPRYLAND RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER, NASHVILLE, TN

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GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL DATES

The 2016 Clergy-Laity Congress and the National Philoptochos Convention will convene on Sunday, July 3rd through July 8th, 2016, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, Nashville, TN.

LOCATION

The Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, a premier Opryland hotel in Nashville, TN, offers guests all the excitement and energy of Music City under one spectacular roof.

Nestled in a bend of the meandering Cumberland River, this Nashville resort features an extraordinary selection of dining, shopping and recreational activities underneath signature glass atriums.

GAYLORD OPRYLAND RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER
2800 OPRYLAND DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37214
1.615.889.1000

RESERVATIONS

Reservations may be made by calling the Gaylord Opryland Resort at 1.877.491.7397. **Please advise reservations that you are with "Greek Orthodox" to obtain the special rate of \$189.00.**

ONLINE RESERVATIONS:

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/2016biennial>

*To be guaranteed our discounted rate please make your reservations prior to **JUNE 8, 2016***

PHILOPTOCHOS CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Please note the following registration fees for the 43rd Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress.

\$625 - Registration Fee for National Philoptochos Board and duly elected delegates.

\$650 - Non-Delegates/Guests
(Will only receive ticket packet).

The Registration Fee is inclusive of all Convention meal functions, Workshops, Forums, Registration and collateral materials. The registration hours for Philoptochos are listed below but are subject to change:

Saturday, July 2nd 12:00PM - 6:00PM
Sunday, July 3rd 1:00PM - 7:00PM
Monday, July 4th 9:00AM - 5:00PM

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- ❖ The Congress Exhibit Hall will be open Sunday, July 3rd through Thursday, July 7th at 5:00PM.
- ❖ Tickets for purchase for family, friends and guests to specific CLC events will be made available at the Congress.
- ❖ The Divine Liturgy will be held at the **GRAND OLE OPRY HOUSE** on Sunday, July 3.
- ❖ All other events will be held in the Delta Section of the Hotel.

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

Dear Stewards of the Philoptochos Society,

With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, and on behalf of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, I am pleased to invite you to the 2016 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention, held in conjunction with the 43rd Clergy Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, in Nashville, Tennessee, from July 3 – 8, 2016.

The convention theme, “You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World - As the Father has sent me, so I send you,” (John 20:21) speaks to each of us and calls on us to act as Christ’s ambassadors, as His living representatives, so that people who have not felt His love and kindness, can learn of His grace by observing our lives in philanthropic action. That charge, spoken to the Disciples, extends to each of us, and demands much of us in a world that is still evolving and still growing.

To prepare us for the challenges of the ever-changing world, convention chairs, Irene Arsoniadis and Theone Dickos, and their committees have prepared an innovative, inter-active, educational program, coupled with rich opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, service and celebration. And, as we commemorate the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the Philoptochos Society, we will also look back fondly at our rich past and courageously chart the course of our still promising future. I am confident that each delegate will find this convention truly exceptional.

I am excited, enthusiastic and so very eager to meet each of you, to welcome you to Nashville, and to work with you. Please make every attempt possible to join Philoptochos stewards from across the United States as we recommit ourselves to our mission of faith, fellowship and philanthropy.

With love in Christ,

Maria Logus
President
National Philoptochos Society

PHILOPTOCHOS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS JULY 3–8, 2016
NASHVILLE, TN

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(subject to change)

SATURDAY, JULY 2

- CONVENTION REGISTRATION BEGINS

SUNDAY, JULY 3

- Archieretical Divine Liturgy
- Delegate Orientation
- Opening Ceremony

MONDAY, JULY 4 through THURSDAY, JULY 7

- Keynote Address by
His Eminence Archbishop
Demetrios Geron of America

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- Spiritual Enrichment
- Educating Future Leaders
- Philoptochos Ministry Testimonials
- Feeding the Hungry Ministry Outreach
- Chapter Challenge Presentations
- Interactive Sessions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Agape Awards
- Philoptochos Leadership Institute - Inspiring future leaders to learn and serve with a “servant’s heart.”
- Celebrating 85 Years of Philanthropy
- Pictorial Presentations of the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy and the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine

DISCUSSION GROUPS

- Engaging Delegates to promote sharing, best practices and knowledge.
- Noting our Challenges and Successes

CHAPTER CHALLENGES

Each Metropolis and the Direct Archdiocesan District presents a unique philanthropic (service) project that your Chapter may emulate.

AGAPE AWARDS

The AGAPE Award honors nine outstanding Greek Orthodox Philoptochos women who embody the true spirit of Philanthropy. The AGAPE Award symbolizes “**ALL GENERATIONS ACCOMPLISHING PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS**”. We celebrate these women from each Metropolis and the Direct Archdiocesan District who have made significant impact on making the world a better place for mankind.