



# GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

## GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

Dear National Board Members, Chapter Presidents, and Members of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society,

The National Board established the New Philanthropic Initiative Committee in 2008. The mission of the committee is to:

1. Research and evaluate current trends and public concerns that require the Society's understanding, promotion and involvement in order to better our local, national and global communities.
2. Develop opportunities to become involved and contribute to these worthy causes, projects and events.
3. Review current and past projects for relevancy.

Remaining ever mindful of the goals of the Ladies Philoptochos Society, the Committee will make every effort to provide you with a periodic overview of the worthy causes that are aligned with the mission of the Society. We are equally eager to hear from you regarding new philanthropic initiatives that we can research and evaluate.

At the 2010 Clergy-Laity Congress held in Atlanta, Georgia, Ladies Philoptochos Chapters from each metropolis presented a project they researched and implemented at the parish and community level. Enclosed you will find a summary of each of the Chapter Challenge presentations that were shared with the convention delegates. It is our hope that you will review them and adopt those that are feasible for your chapter's outreach service. Many of these projects encourage the participation of the entire parish. If you have any questions regarding the project, contact the presenter listed in the summary. We encourage you to provide the committee with feedback as to the success of your project.

In His Thanksgiving encyclical, Archbishop Demetrios reminds us, "let us respond to God in gratitude for the grace revealed to us through Christ." As Philoptochos sisters, our response is to continually be abreast of the ministries we can support and those that have yet to be identified. We wish you and your family a blessed and joyful Christmas

With love in Christ,