2020 NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHEOS
Biennial Convention

Hilton Cleveland Downtown
Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland
Cleveland, OH
June 28 - July 2, 2020
GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL DATES: The 2020 Clergy–Laity Congress and the National Philoptochos Biennial Convention will convene on Sunday, June 28 through July 2, 2020, at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown – Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland.

RESERVATIONS: Four hotel options for you to choose from: visit [https://www.clergylaity.org/hotel](https://www.clergylaity.org/hotel) for additional details.

♦ Hilton Cleveland Downtown – Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland
♦ Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center
♦ The Drury Hotel
♦ The Westin

PHILOPTOCHOS CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Please note the following registration fees for the 45th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress

$650 – Early Bird – Registration Fee for Delegates & Non-Delegates/ Observers

$700 – After May 1st – Registration Fee for Delegates & Non-Delegates/ Observers

The Registration Fee is inclusive of all Convention meal functions, including the Grand Banquet, Workshops, Forums, Cultural Event, Registration and collateral materials. Non-Delegates/ Observers receive the same privileges and material except the right to vote during meetings. The registration hours for Philoptochos are listed below but are subject to change:

♦ Saturday, June 27 12:00PM - 8:00PM
♦ Sunday, June 28 12:00PM - 8:00PM
♦ Monday, June 29 8:00AM - 6:00PM

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Dear Stewards of the Philoptochos Society,

With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, and on behalf of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, I am pleased to invite you to the 2020 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention, held in conjunction with the 45th Clergy Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, in Cleveland, Ohio, convening on June 28 through July 2, 2020.

For his first Clergy Laity Congress/National Philoptochos Biennial Convention, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros has chosen a theme that confirms the primacy of love, an essential element of God’s nature and a central tenet of Christian life. Focusing on Paul the Apostle’s emphatic declaration that “the greatest of these is love,” (1 Corinthians 13:13), Archbishop Elpidophoros has reminded each of us that love should infuse all that we do, a charge that will guide and inspire us throughout this important gathering in America’s heartland.

Inspired by the convention theme and with a firm commitment to the future of Philoptochos, Convention Chair Barbara Pasalis and Co-Chairs Crystal Thomas and Georgia Vlitas, and their dedicated committees, have prepared an ambitious and entertaining program that will inspire, educate, inform, and motivate our delegates to reach even higher as we seek to help the needy among us. They have also promised expanded opportunities for delegates to meet with Philoptochos stewards from across the Archdiocese, allowing us to explore the experiences, ideas, dreams and goals of women who share our commitment to the mission of Philoptochos.

We look forward to seeing you in the great city of Cleveland, Ohio, a city rich in history and culture that eagerly looks forward to welcoming you to the shores of Lake Erie. Please make every attempt possible to join Philoptochos stewards from across the United States as we joyfully and enthusiastically reaffirm our commitment to our mission of faith, fellowship and philanthropy in action.

With love in Christ,

Maria Logus, President
National Philoptochos Society
**Philoptochos Schedule Highlights**  
**June 28 – July 2, 2020**

**Saturday, June 27**
- Convention Registration Begins

**Sunday, June 28**
- Archieratical Divine Liturgy
- New Delegate Orientation – 2:30 pm
- Philoptochos Opening Ceremony – 4:00 pm
- 2020-2022 Budget and Resolutions Previews

**Monday, June 29**
- Congress Opening & Breakfast
- Keynote Address by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America
- Inaugural National Philoptochos Young Philanthropist Awards
- Hierarchical Discussion Sessions
- Philoptochos General Assembly
- Optional Event: *An Evening at Playhouse Square*

**Tuesday, June 30**
- Philoptochos Metropolis Breakfasts
- Philoptochos General Assembly
- Discussion Groups/Interactive Break-out Sessions
- Cultural Event: Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

**Wednesday, July 1**
- AGAPE Awards Breakfast
- Philoptochos General Assembly
- Discussion Groups/Interactive Break-out Sessions
- Optional Event: *Greek Night at Cleveland Indians v. Houston Astros Baseball Game*

**Thursday, July 2**
- Feed the Hungry Joint Service Project: Philoptochos and Clergy Laity Delegates
- Philoptochos General Assembly
- Chapter Challenge Projects
- Chapter Awards
- Philoptochos Closing Ceremony – 4:00 pm
- Grand Banquet – 6:30 pm Reception
  
  7:30 pm Dinner