Let me begin by wishing all of you a Happy New Year and blessed year ahead. May God’s light guide your (our) way in 2020.

At our August meeting as a Metropolis Philoptochos Board, we set 4 two year goals. Of the 4 goals set, we are currently actively working on 3 of these goals with a plan to get the 4th one going. We continually pray for God’s guidance to help us accomplish all 4 goals prior to my term end.

In November, I travelled to Chicago, IL to attend the National Philoptochos Children’s Medical Fund Luncheon. Almost 20 Philoptochos ladies travelled to Chicago from the Metropolis of Denver to attend. Over $500,000 was raised for innovative research programs at pediatric hospitals throughout the United States and organizations with special programs that care for children with critical and life threatening illnesses and disabilities.

Currently, we are looking at assisting smaller chapters that are technically challenged by helping them with their per capita spreadsheets. Each chapter in our Metropolis is assigned to a board member as their liaison and will reach out to them every other month to keep in touch as we are separated by many miles. This was mentioned in my last report however, we have now identified those chapters that need assistance and we are currently working with them to help them submit their election information to National for ratification.

Our website was revamped and launched last fall. A Christmas Message was placed on the website and sent to all Chapter Presidents. The web site, along with our email newsletter, will be used to keep all of our ladies connected. With our vast land mass, it isn’t always easy.

We will be meeting as a Metropolis Board on February 8th and 9th in Houston, Texas. We will be arriving a day early and we will be visiting St. Paraskevi Monastery on Friday, February 7th. We will be spending the day at the Monastery and then will be at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral for our meetings.

We have set up “regional meetings” for chapters within our Metropolis. The first two will be visits to Utah and Missouri/Kansas Chapters.

Finally, we are preparing for the visit of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in May 2020 to Washington, DC and for our National Convention in Cleveland, OH during the dates of June 28 – July 3, 2020.

In His Service,

Stella Piches
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