The 2018 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention was called to order by National Philoptochos President Maria Logus, Esq. at 4:30 P.M. on Sunday, July 1, 2018, at the Boston Marriott Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Opening Ceremonies**
Greek and American National Anthems were performed by the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians.

The invocation was presented by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America.

Video Greetings by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew were shown.

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston offered a welcome from the Metropolis of Boston to the Convention delegates.

Greetings were offered by 2018 Convention Co-Chair, Elaine Zetes, Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos President.

Also present at the ceremonies were His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Apostolos, Geron of Dekoi and His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos of Selyvria, representing His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, His Eminence Metropolitan of Alexios of Atlanta, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit, His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh, His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago, and His Grace Sevastianos of Zela, Spiritual Advisor to the Philoptochos.

**National President’s Report**
National President Maria Logus, Esq. offered her report. Highlights included donations made during 2016 through 2017 of $3.8 million, and $800,000 thus far in 2018; also highlighted were collections of $100,000 to hurricane victims and $250,000 from the Children’s Medical Fund Luncheon. President Logus then discussed the Feed the Hungry Program, Women’s Heart Health Initiative, the online education program on Bullying and the Social Services Cancer Support Group.

Following the National President’s report, His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Apostolos of Dekoi, Patriarchal representative, addressed the delegates and offered his blessings for all our good works.

Convention Co-chair Elaine Zetes introduced His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America and National President Maria Logus presented His Eminence with a gift of a jeweled cross and engopion from the Philoptochos to commemorate his 50 years in the priesthood and 18 years as the Archbishop of...
America. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios offered his heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Philoptochos and his prayers for the continuation of our philanthropic missions.

Convention Co-Chair, Barbara Pasalis, greeted the delegates and offered a synopsis of the programs and activities to be held during the Convention.

**Credentials Committee Report**
Cindy Demeris, Chair, presented the Credentials Committee report, as follows:
- Registered Delegates: 374
- Delegates in Attendance: 281
- Observers registered: 8

The report of the Credentials Committee was adopted.

**Convention Standing Rules**
On behalf of the Convention Committee, Elaine Zetes presented the 2018 Convention Standing Rules as printed in the binder on pages 22 and 23 and moved for their adoption. The motion was adopted.

**Convention Program**
On behalf of the Convention Committee, Barbara Pasalis presented the 2018 Convention Program as printed on pages 12 through 20 of the binder and moved for its adoption. The motion was adopted.

**Convention Appointments**
Maria Logus, Esq., National Philoptochos President, announced the following appointments:

- Time Keepers: Margaret Yates, Athanasia Ward
- Minutes Review: Despina Denne, Denise Cecchini, Georgia Charkalis, Sharon Konstantinidis
- Tellers: Efthalia Katos, Aspasia Melis, Anne Michals, Vicky Scaljon, Carol Stamas, Eleni Stamboulidis, Eleni Zaferes

**2016 Minutes**
Georgia Vlitas, 2016 Convention Secretary and National Board Assistant Treasurer, reported that the Review Committee adopted the minutes of the last session of the 2016 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention. Copies of the Convention minutes were posted on the Philoptochos website.

Elaine Zetes, Convention Co-Chair recessed the meeting at 6 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 by Elaine Zetes who proceeded to introduce our guest speaker Denise Garlick, House Chair, Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, Massachusetts State Representative, who spoke to us on the Opioid Crisis in Massachusetts as well as the rest of the United States.

The business portion of the meeting was concluded at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Philippa Condakes  
Secretary  
July 1, 2018

Joanne Kakoyannis  
Secretary  
July 1, 2018
The 2018 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention was called to order by Presiding Officer Barbara Pasalis at 5:27 P.M. at the Boston Marriott Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Opening Prayer and Spiritual Reflection were offered by His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela, based on First Corinthians 13: 1-8 on the importance of love as demonstrated by the life of Christ.

Credentials Committee Report
Cindy Demeris, Credentials Chair, presented the Credentials Committee report as follows:
Registered Delegates: 359
Delegates in Attendance: 350
Delegates Scanned: 336
The credentials report was adopted.

Minutes of Sunday, July 1, 2018
The minutes of July 1, 2018 were presented by Convention Secretary Joanne Kakoyiannis who moved for their adoption.

Amendments to the minutes are as follows:
Pg. 1 - correction of spelling to Elder Metropolitan Apostolos of Derkoi
Pg. 1 - correction to title His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela
Pg. 1 - spelling correction to engolpion
Pg. 1 - priesthood should read episcopacy
Pg. 2 - spelling correction opioid

Following the corrections as stated, the Minutes were adopted.

Public Relations/Educational Initiatives Program
Co-Chairs Barbara Pasalis and Valine Georgeson discussed “Philoptochos-ing” and the importance of spreading the good works of Philoptochos. They discussed various communication platforms and educational initiatives.

Introduction of Development & Information Officer
President Maria Logus introduced Amy Kalogeropoulos who was hired as the new National Philoptochos Development & Information Officer.
Amy addressed the delegates and expressed her appreciation and excitement about beginning this new position.

**Presentation of Education Initiatives:**
- Barbara Pasalis led a website tour of *Stop Bullying in Your Community*
- Thea Martin gave the presentation of *Be Safe, Be Smart - Using Technology Safely*

The Meeting recessed for a working dinner at 7:07 p.m. and reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

**2018 Chapter Challenges**
- Metropolis of Boston, St. George, Springfield, MA – “Phil-Up the House”
  The chapter detailed the work they do at Gray House Social Service Agency in S Springfield, MA.
- Direct Archdiocesan District, St. Paraskevi Philoptochos, Greenlawn, NY- “Making a Difference in the Lives of Veterans.”
  This chapter’s project supported the needs of veterans and their families by sponsoring a “Home Sweet Home” shower, a secret soldier Santa, and a summer concert.

**Treasurer’s Report** (see document attached)
Treasurer Martha Stefanidakis

The auditor from the firm Schall and Ashenfarb, LLC, joined the meeting via a Zoom videoconference and reported that there are no problems with our operational procedures, and that the organization is in a strong financial position.

The 2019-2020 Budget, as discussed on July 1, was presented. Treasurer Martha Stefanidakis moved for the adoption of the budget, and the 2019-2020 budget was adopted.

**2018 Grant Recipient: University of Miami School of Medicine, THRIVE Clinic for Human Trafficking Survivors**
JoNell Efantis-Potter, PhD., Program Director, THRIVE Clinic, Miami, FL
Evan Scurtis introduced Dr. Efantis-Potter, the director of THRIVE, which is a model of health care for human trafficking survivors. After her inspiring presentation, President Maria Logus presented THRIVE with a grant for $35,000.

**Providing Vulnerable Children with World Class Medical Care, 2012 Program Grant recipient: Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Children’s at Hughes-Spalding**
Ifigenia Mougianis, PhD Postdoctoral Fellow in Primary Care, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge Health Alliance, discussed the influence of grant funding on her career trajectory. Her receipt of a Philoptochos CMF grant while at CHOA led to her work at Harvard Medical School, working in a program to support a program to transition adolescent sickle cell patients to adult health care.

**2018 Chapter Challenges**
- Metropolis of Denver, St. George, Albuquerque, NM
  The chapter worked with St. Bonaventure Mission, at the Navajo Nation, to provide a better quality of life for this underserved and underprivileged population.
- Metropolis of Atlanta, St. Nicholas Cathedral, Tarpon Springs, FL
The chapter worked with the GRO Group, a group of mentally challenged adults, who grow plants and sell them to the greater community. The chapter raised enough funds to build a new 12’x24’ greenhouse to provide them with more green space to expand their efforts.

**Credentials Committee Update**
Cindy Demeris, Credentials Chair, presented the updated credentials:
Registered Delegates: 350
Delegates in Attendance: 349

The Chair presented the Delegate Update.

A Closing Prayer was offered by His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela, who also offered special prayers for National Philoptochos Director Helen Lavorata.

The 2018 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention was adjourned by Presiding Officer Barbara Pasalis at 9:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Driscoll  
Co-Secretary  
July 2, 2018

Valine Georgeson  
Co-Secretary  
July 2, 2018
The 2018 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention was called to order by Presiding Officer Elaine Zetes at 2:22 P.M. at the Boston Marriott Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts.

The reading of the Philoptochos Prayer was given by His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela.

**Credentials Committee Report**

The Credentials Report will be deferred until Wednesday, July 4, 2018, due to the Keynote Speaker Address.

**Minutes of Monday, July 2, 2018**

The reading of the minutes of Monday, July 2, 2018, will be deferred until Wednesday, July 4, 2018, due to the Keynote Speaker Address.

**Keynote Speaker: A Presentation on Servant Leadership**

Tim Tassopoulos. President and COO, Chick-fil-A, Atlanta, GA

“Dare to Serve!,” an interactive address, was the theme of the presentation by Chick-fil-A President Tim Tassopoulos. The delegates were engaged to think about the qualities that define good leadership both in Philoptochos and in life: “How well you lead determines how well you serve.”

Presiding Officer Elaine Zetes delegates at 3:04 P.M. to attend their assigned Interactive Discussion Sessions.

- Social Services
- Open Forum with the Executive Officers of the Philoptochos National Board
- Engaging Members and Developing Leadership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Driscoll
Co-Secretary
July 3, 2018

Valine Georgeson
Co-Secretary
July 3, 2018
The 2018 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention was called to order by Presiding Officer, Barbara Pasalis, at 11:10 A.M. on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Opening Prayer was offered by His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela.

**Credentials Committee Report**
Committee Chair, Cindy Demeris, presented the Credentials Committee report, as follows:
Registered Delegates: 360
Delegates Checked-in at Registration: 355
Delegates in Attendance: 282

**Check Presentation**
National President, Maria Logus, Esq., presented donation checks to the following organizations and National Philoptochos ministries:

Recipient: IOCC Fund for support of Podoconiosis
Amount: $40,000
Accepted By: Dean Triantafilou, Executive Director and CEO
Fund: IOCC Fund

Recipient: Support A Mission Priest
Amount: $36,000
Accepted By: Father Martin Ritsi, Executive Director OCMC
Fund: SAMP

Recipient: Orthodox Christian Mission Center for “Vulnerable Youth Initiative” in Nairobi, Kenya
Amount: $32,100
Accepted By: Father Martin Ritsi, Executive Director OCMC
Fund: OCMC

Recipient: Orthodox Christian Fellowship Summer Leadership Institute
Amount: $31,200
Accepted By: Jim Gianakis, Chairman of the Board
Fund: OCF
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Wheeling, IL, for a Nurse Call System
Accepted by: Pam Argyris
Amount: $15,000
Fund: 75th Anniversary Founders Fund
Recipient: Saint Elias the Prophet GOC in Dubuque, IA
For window damage during severe weather Emergency
Accepted by: Pam Argyris
Amount: $3,500
Fund: Emergency Fund

In addition to the above donations, $35,000 was donated on Monday, July 2, 2018 to the THRIVE Clinic for Human Trafficking Survivors, Miami, FL from the General Medical Fund.

This brings the total donated at the Convention thus far to $341,668.

**Minutes of Monday, July 2, 2018 and Tuesday, July 3, 2018**
The minutes of Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3, 2018, were presented by Convention Secretaries Marty Driscoll and Valine Georgeson, who moved their adoption. The minutes were adopted with corrections.

**Resolutions Committee Report**
Barbara Pasalis motioned that the Resolutions Committee report be presented on Thursday, July 5, 2018 due to time constraints in today’s agenda. The motion was adopted.

**2018 Chapter Challenge – Metropolis of Detroit**
St. Nicholas Philoptochos Chapter, Ann Arbor, MI, presented their Chapter Challenge.

The Chapter worked with the Creating Brighter Futures School to raise funds for playground equipment. They did this in honor of a 10-year old boy in their parish, named CJ, who has autism. They initiated a Women’s Expo Project, held various activities and received a donation from a parishioner in order to donate $38,909 towards the playground. Their goal is to continue their partnership with the school and plant trees and flowers once they break ground.

Barabara Pasalis informed the delegates that the Doxology Service was starting in the Clergy Laity room. She also reminded the delegates to return to the Philoptochos meeting room following the afternoon Interactive Discussion Sessions for the Celebration of America.

His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela offered the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned 11:59 A.M.

Philippa Condakes
Secretary
July 4, 2018

Joanne Kakoyiannis
Secretary
July 4, 2018
The 2018 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention was called to order by Presiding Officer Elaine Zetes at 9:23 A.M. on Thursday, July 5, 2018, at the Boston Marriott Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts.

The opening prayer was offered by His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela. His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela introduced Rev. Father Nicholas Louh from Saint John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church of Jacksonville, Florida to offer the spiritual reflection of the day. Father Louh spoke on the word “give” which is represented 2,161 times in the Bible and how the word relates to Philoptochos.

4 Ways to Give:
1. Give of our time
2. Give of our talents
3. Give the gift of your human touch
4. Give “Christ” – Thank Christ for our gifts and use them to help others

Elaine Zetes introduced our guest speaker, Amy Sarma, MD, from the Corrigan Women’s Heart Health Program in Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Sarma spoke about the mortality of women from heart disease and how to help prevent cardiovascular disease in women.

**Credentials Committee Report**
Cindy Demeris, Credentials Chair, presented the Credentials Committee report as follows:
Registered Delegates: 360
Delegates in Attendance: 355
Delegates Scanned: 301
Observers: 9

The credentials report was adopted.

**Presentations: Items on Agenda**
2018 Chapter Challenge Presentation, Metropolis of San Francisco, Saint John the Baptist Philoptochos, Las Vegas, Nevada. Diana Jianis is presenting on behalf of Saint John the Baptist Philoptochos Chapter # 4037 of Las Vegas, Nevada. The goal of this Chapter Challenge program was to provide “extreme cold” sleeping bags to homeless adults and children. The project was named “Warmth for the Homeless.”

**Educational Initiative:**
Carol Stamas, National Philoptochos Board Chair, spoke on Tour of Women’s Health Initiative on the Philoptochos website. She introduced her committee and spoke on “Heart Disease in Women” and all the available resources on the Philoptochos Website. Requested testimonials from the membership for the website. Next health initiative will be on cancer.

President Maria Logus, Esq., spoke on how, at the 2016 Philoptochos Convention, she wanted Philoptochos to be an advocate for education and commended all committees for the hard work and
time they put into their initiatives. She also requested that members to please send any ideas that they
would like Philoptochos to create educational initiatives.

Minutes of Wednesday, July 4, 2018
The minutes of Tuesday, July 4, 2018, were presented by Convention Secretary, Philippa Condakes.

Elaine Zetes moved for the adoption of the minutes with corrections. The minutes were adopted.

Resolutions Committee Report
The resolutions committee report was presented by Irene Steffas, Esq., Chair of the Resolution
Committee. There were two resolutions presented for discussion and approval. The resolutions are
listed below in their entirety.

Resolution #1:
Subject: Resolution to the National Philoptochos By-Laws to expand the mode of Board Meeting.

Article III, Chapter 5, by adding Paragraph 5
Article IV, Chapter 4, by adding Paragraph 5
Article V, Chapter 7, Paragraph 2, by adding Section (e)

Resolution #1
(Mode of Meetings for Boards)

WHEREAS, the Directors, of the Boards of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society of North
America reside in different cities and states all over the country; and

WHEREAS, it is not always feasible for Board Directors to meet in person; and

WHEREAS, frequent and active participation of Board Directors is needed to operate the business of the
Society; and

WHEREAS, determining a quorum may be observed by taking roll call and or through various software
applications; and

RESOLVED, that any Board of Directors may participate in board meetings of their Parish Chapter,
Metropolis, National and Executive National Board by means of a telephone, video or similar
communication devices which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other speak
and such participation in the meeting shall be deemed present in person.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Board
Of National Board of
Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society of North America
Resolution #1

ARTICLE III: NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Chapter (Section) 5; Meetings  
Currently there are four (4) Paragraphs: 1. Frequency;  
2. Notice & Agenda; 3. Special Meetings; and 4. Quorum. ADD PARAGRAPH 5:

5. Mode of Participation in Board Meetings
Any member or members of the Board of Directors may participate in meetings of the National Board and the Executive National Board by means of a telephone, video or similar communication devices, which allow all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other and such participation in the meeting, shall be deemed present in person.

ARTICLE IV: METROPOLIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chapter (Section) 4: Meetings Currently there are (4) Paragraphs: 1. Frequency; 2. Notice & Agenda; 3. Special Meetings; and 4. Quorum. ADD PARAGRAPH 5:

5. Mode of Participation in Board Meetings
Any member or members of the Board Directors may participate in a meeting of the Metropolis Board by means of a telephone, video or similar communication devices, which allow all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other and such participation in the meeting shall be deemed present in person.

ARTICLE V PARISH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 7: Meetings Currently, three (3) Paragraphs: 1. Membership Meetings; 2. Chapter Board Meetings; and 3. Chapter Executive Board Meetings. Focusing on Paragraph 2. Chapter Board Meetings, which includes (a) Frequency; (b) Notice & Agenda; (c) Special Meetings; and (d) Quorum. ADD SECTION (E) TO PARAGRAPH 2

(e) Mode of Participation in Board Meetings
Any member of members of the Board Directors may participate in a meeting of the Parish Chapter Board by means of a telephone, video or similar communication devices, which allow all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other and such participation in the meeting shall be deemed present in person.

Resolution #1:
Resolution #1 Submitted by the Executive Board of the National Board of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society of North America. Irene Steffas moved for adoption of the resolution. Discussion ensued. Anita Kartopoulis made a motion to amend the motion to reflect – “Any member or members” in Article III, Article IV and Article V. Arlene Siavalis Kiehl, 2nd motion. Motion Passed for amended resolution. The question was called for the adoption of the amended resolution. The vote was called for. Greater than 2/3 of the ladies were standing thus the Motion passed.

Resolution #2:

To: 
National Philoptochos Society 
10 East 79th Street 
New York, New York 10075
Subject: A Resolution of the National Philoptochos By-Laws to remove the 5,000.00 limit on local Chapter Reserve Funds – Chapter 9: Finances - Para. 3. Reserve Fund

WHEREAS, Individual Philoptochos Chapters have obligations and needs for funds, and;

WHEREAS, Chapters have varying opportunities to raise funds, depending on their size and location, and;

WHEREAS, as the economy changes, establishing a dollar limit on Chapter reserve funds would not reflect the original value of that dollar, be it therefore;

RESOLVED, that there is no set dollar limit for Chapter Reserve Funds.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Mehas, President
Joanne Zarkades, Tresurer
Teresa Maschinsky, Assis Treas
Janice Xydis
Mary Loubarton

Resolution #2

Article V: Parish Chapter Chapter (Section) 9: Finances Paragraph 3. Reserve Funds -Currently reads:

3. Reserved Fund
Each Chapter must maintain a reserve fund for emergency charitable needs, not to exceed five thousand dollars.

Proposed Amendment:

Each Chapter must maintain a reserve fund for emergency charitable needs.

Resolution # 2: Submitted by Saint Catherine’s Chapter of the Metropolis of San Francisco. Irene Steffas moved to adapt the resolution from the San Francisco Metropolis. The resolution moved for the change to the bylaw section of Article V: Parish Chapter: Chapter 9: Finances Paragraph 3. Reserve Funds. Discussion ensued. The question or the vote was called for all to stand to vote. The Resolution was DEFEATED. It will not be adopted.

2018 Chapter Challenge Presentation, Metropolis of Pittsburgh, St. Paul Philoptochos, North Royalton, Ohio. The chapter president presented the project on “Ronald McDonald House Akron”.

Spoke on their project on sponsoring 3 rooms at the Ronald McDonald House Akron with a donation of $15,000 for one year. The chapter challenge team did not stop there. They raised funds for the
community meal at the North Royalton Community Meal and served 200 meals. They also served meals at a 2nd Ronald McDonald House in Ohio.


The project was named, Life’s Final Journey. Raised $20,111.00 with $10,000.00 being donated to the Hospice House and used the balance of the raised funds for additional items necessary to make everyone’s stay at hospice more comfortable.

Metropolitan Gerasimos, Metropolitan of San Francisco spoke for a few moments. He spoke on the inspiration he received watching the video on the “Life’s Final Journey”.

Metropolitan Evangelos, Metropolis of New Jersey spoke for a few moments. He wanted to thank Philoptochos for all their good works.

2018 Chapter Challenge Presentation, Metropolis of New Jersey, St. John the Theologian Cathedral Philoptochos, Tenafly, New Jersey. Presented by Stella Baker, President of Philoptochos Chapter St. Philothea. SPARK of Faith, Hope and Love, helping the most vulnerable children of Greece and Cyprus. Helped 6 ARK locations for children throughout Greece and the CCF Group in Cyprus. Over $95,000.00 was raised in goods and funds for this project including the purchase of 25 sheep.

2019 Children’s Medical Fund (CMF) Luncheon Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos presentation by Pam Argyres, Irene Arsoniadis, Marilyn Tzakis and Georgia Sarlas scheduled for November 16, 2019. The CMF will take place at the Chicago Marriott on Michigan Avenue for $169.00 per evening.

Recess for Lunch at 12:59 P.M. Must be back by 1:45 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Barbara Pasalis at 2:06 P.M.

Barbara Pasalis introduced “Superman.” Four-Year-Old Austin Perine, from Birmingham, Alabama feeds the hungry. He gives out food to homeless people and tells them to “Don’t Forget to Show Love.” Video presentation was shown and teleconference call was conducted with Austin and his father.

Feed the Hungry Program Georgia Vlitas, Chair spoke to Austin about our million meals served. His favorite thing about feeding the homeless is “when he sees them smile.” Some advice to make our program better is to show love. Philoptochos presented a check for $1,500.00 to Austin Foundation to help feed the homeless.

Educational Initiative:
Alzheimer’s Disease Initiative presented by Katherine Siavelis, Peggy Vranas, Co-Chairs, National Philoptochos Board. “Awareness, Understanding and Support”, a program to help us understand Alzheimer’s Disease. All information is on the National Philoptochos web site.

Educational Initiative:
Inclusion Ministries presented by Marilynn Jemas and Katherine Siavelis, National Philoptochos Board Members. Presented on inclusion ministries, “Pick Up Your Cross and Follow Me” – A Ministry for those with Special Needs and their families. All information is on the National Philoptochos web site.

His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela, made a few remarks that this was one of the best conventions he has been to. He must leave early as he has to catch a flight to Cyprus tomorrow. He thanked President Logus, the co-chairs and the host committee for an exemplary conference.

President Maria Logus, Esq., presented to Elaine Zetes and Barbara Pasalis a gift of expression of thanks, love and appreciation. President Logus, Esq., also thanked His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela for his guidance and support. Jeannie Ranglas, First Vice President, presented President Maria Logus, Esq., with a gift from the Executive Board.

Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy Anita Kartalopoulos, National Philoptochos Board Chair, presented on a “Tradition of Love Tree.” Anita gave a brief presentation on the Journey to the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy located at 126 E. 37th Street, New York, NY. Announced the initiation of the program called, A Tradition of Love Tree.

Chapter Awards presented by Theone Dickos, Chair. Theone Dickos announced the 100% participation award winners for the 2018 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention National Awards. All award winners and project description are on the National Website.

Best Outreach
- 2nd Place, Metropolis of San Francisco, Chapter 4033, Saint Helen Chapter, Cardiff-By-The-Sea, CA
- 1st Place, Metropolis of Denver, Chapter 8018, Saint Catherine Chapter, Greenwood Village, CO

Best Inreach
- 2nd Place, Metropolis of New Jersey, Chapter 1084, Ladies Philoptochos Nausica, Elkin Park, PA
- 1st Place, Metropolis of Detroit, Chapter 7002, Evangelistria Chapter, Carmel, IN

Best Fundraiser
- 2nd Place, Metropolis of Atlanta, Chapter 5054, Elpis Chapter, New Orleans, LA
- 1st Place, Metropolis of Chicago, Chapter 2019, Saints Peter and Paul Philoptochos, Glenview, IL

Most Meaningful Chapter Program
- 2nd Place, Metropolis of New Jersey, Chapter 1018, Saint Demetrios Philoptochos, Baltimore, MD
- 1st Place, Metropolis of Chicago, Chapter 2019, St. Mary's Philoptochos, Minneapolis, MN

Membership Awards
Chapters with 20 Members or Less:
- 2nd Place, Chapter 6009, Zoodochos Peghe, Martins Ferry, OH – plus 9 members
- 1st Place, Chapter 8057, St. John the Theologian, Webster, TX – plus 12 members

Chapters with 21 – 49 Members:
- 2nd Place, Chapter 8030, St. John the Baptist, Omaha, NE – plus 38 members
- 1st Place, Chapter 8056, St. Basil the Great, Houston, TX – plus 39 members
Chapters with 50 - 99 Members:
- 2nd Place, Chapter 5002, St. Demetrios, Daytona Beach, FL – plus 24 members
- 1st Place, Chapter 0087, Church of the Resurrection, Brookville, FL – plus 29 members

Chapters with 100 - 199 Members:
- 2nd Place, Chapter 3067, Annunciation, Cranston, RI – plus 51 members
- 1st Place Tie
  - Chapter 1092, St. Katherine, Falls Church, VA – plus 58 members
  - Chapter 0056, Holy Cross, Brooklyn, NY – plus 58 members

Chapters with 200 or more Members:
- 2nd Place, Chapter 1034, St. John the theologian, Tenafly, NJ – plus 48 members
- 1st Place, Chapter 1082, St. Luke, Broomall, PA – plus 67 members.

Georgia Vlittas spoke on the million-meal challenge for Feed the Hungry. A slide show of various chapters that served meals was shown. The Millionth Meal was served by Chapter 6003, Annunciation Philoptochos, of Akron, Ohio.

From July 2017- July 2018, Philoptochos served 1,343,734 meals.

Listed below are the meals served per Metropolis.
1. Direct Archdiocesan District provided 147,259 meals;
2. Metropolis of Atlanta provided 198,825 meals;
3. Metropolis of Boston provided 21,867 meals;
4. Metropolis of Chicago provided 112,057 meals;
5. Metropolis of Denver provided 147,259 meals;
6. Metropolis of Detroit provided 87,367 meals;
7. Metropolis of New Jersey provided 71,284 meals;
8. Metropolis of Pittsburgh provided 270,850 meals; and
9. Metropolis of San Francisco provided 205,871 meals.

2020 Chapter Challenge Appointments, Maria Logus, Esq.
The following chapters were selected to participate in the current Challenge and will present their projects at the 2020 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention:
1. Metropolis of Atlanta
   a. Chapter #5046, President- Thalia Fergione, St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church, Charlotte, NC
2. Metropolis of Boston
   a. Chapter #3004, President- JoAnn Ballassi, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, New London, CT
3. Direct Archdiocesan District
   a. Chapter #0060, President- Vasiliki Dinas, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church, Flushing, NY
4. Metropolis of Denver
   a. Chapter #8033, Joanna Spahis, St. Barbara Philoptochos Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Dallas, TX
5. Metropolis of Detroit
   a. Chapter #7025, Kim LaForest, St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, Sterling Heights, MI
6. Metropolis of Chicago
   a. Chapter #2019, Georgia Ryerson, St. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Glenview, IL
7. Metropolis of New Jersey
   a. Chapter #1023, Carol Pappas, St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church, Cherryhill, NJ
8. Metropolis of Pittsburgh
   a. Chapter #6003, President-Diamon Marcum, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Akron, OH
9. Metropolis of San Francisco
   a. Chapter #4012, President- Dara Phillips, Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Northridge, CA

**Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

**New Business, Elaine Zetes**

Barbara Pasalis spoke on the new electronic newsletter, THE VOICE, going out with all the convention highlights.

Please complete the post-convention survey for planning of the next convention.

Thank you to all convention chairs and sponsors. All are listed on the National Website.

**Credentials Committee Report**

Cindy Demeris, Credentials Chair, presented the Credentials Committee report as follows:

- Registered Delegates: 360
- Delegates in Attendance: 355
- Delegates Scanned: 267
- Observers: N/A

The credentials report was adopted as the final convention credentials report.

**Open Forum, Questions & Answers, Maria Logus, Esq.**

- No questions were brought forth.
- Several comments were made regarding the convention.
- President Maria Logus, Esq., asked each and every one of us to act as an ambassador for Philoptochos. Use the stump speech and the elevator speech available on the website.

**Closing Ceremony, Maria Logus, Esq.**

President Maria Logus, Esq., thanked everyone for coming.

Evangeline Scurtis, 2nd Vice President spoke on the many compliments she received from the Clergy and Laity for our serving over 1 million meals in a two-year period.
Evangeline Scurtis also spoke on social services and the importance of having a committee for social services decisions, proper documentation and a budgetary limit on individual support. Finally, please do not give out cash. Use gift cards or pay directly to vendor.

**Delegate Update, Elaine Zetes**
Thanked all for coming and hopes to see all at the banquet this evening.

**Closing Prayer**
Offered by Evangeline Scurtis.

There being no further business, Presiding Officer Elaine Zetes adjourned the meeting at 4:33 P.M. Closing ceremonies followed.

Stella Piches, Secretary

Date

07-26-2018

Approved by:

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Date

Denise Cecchini

Date

Sharon Konstantinidis

Date

Georgia Charkalis

Date