

**GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC.
NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT
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HELLENIC COLLEGE HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

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Mission Statement: “The Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology Committee seeks to serve the needs of the institution by promoting its mission throughout the Christian Orthodox parishes of the Archdiocese of America, by encouraging enrollment in the School, and by insuring that Parish Chapters meet their financial commitment to the Scholarship Fund and the Lenten Appeal Event.”

The priest is the messenger of God who is sent to us after his ordination. The priest invites us with love to the way of salvation and, in the name of God, into His eternal Kingdom. In other words, a priest is the physician of our souls. With a caring heart, the priest provides spiritual guidance, hope, comfort and the presence of God’s love during all occasions from birth to death.

As dedicated members of Philoptochos, it is our responsibility and commitment to devote ourselves to Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology where students will be educated as teachers, youth directors, pastoral assistants and priests. Always, and especially during this time of the pandemic where there is much uncertainty, let’s encourage our young men and women to enroll in the School. The Ladies of the Philoptochos Society are lovingly dedicated and fervently promote and financially support Hellenic College Holy Cross.

Recently, at our committee meeting, suggestions were given and discussion held regarding the “Adopt a Seminarian” program to be implemented and encouraged by the Philoptochos chapters throughout the Country. Our holy mission as Philoptochos members is to give emotional support and caring interaction with the students at Hellenic College Holy Cross. A few of the ideas discussed are as follows:

- a. Gift boxes containing masks, sanitizers, koulourakia/cookies, etc.
- b. Gift cards
- c. Greeting cards
- d. Philoptochos cares and is always willing to assist – information to the students on the mission of Philoptochos - what we are all about.

Let us continue to work together with love and support for our beloved Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology.