

**GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC.  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT  
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**EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE – VAPING**

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The Vaping Committee is pleased to present at the 2020 National Philoptochos Virtual Convention a video presentation directed to middle and high school students and young adults in our Archdiocese and beyond, facts and information concerning the dangers and risks of the growing vaping culture prevalent in middle and high schools and colleges.

The video presentation was prepared with the intent of “peers reaching peers”. There are four main components of the video:

1. Video interviews with a high school and a college level student(s) sharing their experiences with vaping regarding exposure, peer pressure, advice, etc.
2. Experiences from other polled middle school, high school and college students’ experiences presented in graphics.
3. Video component of medical expert Pulmonologist Dr. Kathrin Nicolacakis, MD, Cleveland Clinic, discussing medical risks, concerns and trends.
4. Medical graphics.

Dr. Kathrin Nicolacakis will be participating in a Q&A period following the Vaping Video Presentation at the National Convention in coordination with speakers on the COVID-19 and Opioid initiatives.

The Vaping Initiative video will be available on the National Philoptochos website following the 2020 Convention. Youth Workers and Sunday School teachers across the Archdiocese will be made aware of this resource for use in their youth programs.