Dear National Board Members, Chapter Presidents and Members of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society,

For 89 years, the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, the philanthropic and charitable arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, has undertaken a multitude of programs to aid the needy, the poor, the sick, and the elderly.

As stewards of the Philoptochos Society, we are committed to helping those in need. Our mission is to promote charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic outreach, to preserve the sanctity of life and family, and to perpetuate and promote the Orthodox Faith and traditions. We strive to honor our relationship with God by using our gifts, abilities, compassion, empathy, faith, and love to make a better world for our family and society. With your wholehearted support, we will continue to be a dynamic force for philanthropy and charity.

Enclosed for your reference are descriptions of the national ministry commitments supported by each chapter. These commitments were adopted by the National Philoptochos Biennial Conventions, where the ministries were discussed, reviewed, and adopted by the chapter’s representatives. As National Commitments, these ministries should be included in your chapter’s annual budget so that we can honor and meet our commitments and should be forwarded to the National Office in the appropriate month.

The month of January starts the cycle of our monthly commitment program. We ask that you lead by Saint Basil the Great’s example, and although the past year has been difficult, please at least try to match what you gave in 2019 for your monthly commitments, especially those of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in November 2020 and the Vasilopita and Social Services in January 2021. The 2021 coupon booklets will be available online on our website at www.philoptochos.org as of Monday, January 4, 2021, and printed coupon booklets will be mailed to your respective chapters and arrive by the end of January.

Whether you use the online or the printed version of the 2021 National Ministry Commitment Coupon Booklet, please make sure that you send in your coupons along with payments timely.

Thank you for your continuous and generous support of the National Philoptochos Ministry Commitments and Programs. The impact of your support is immeasurable, and through your faithful and dedicated service, the lives of so many have been, and will be, greatly improved.

We wish you and your loved ones a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year of 2021.

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Arlene Siavelis Kehl
National Philoptochos President