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**New York, NY** – As we stand in solidarity with and to support our vulnerable sisters and brothers in Greece where wildfires raged, the Executive Board of the National Philoptochos Society took swift action and voted to distribute $40,000 to offer relief. Greece suffered an overwhelming and catastrophic loss in Evia, the Peloponnese Peninsula, and other parts of the country. We will continue to pray for all whose lives have been affected and pledge to continue our support.

This initial donation of $40,000, from the Aid to the People of Greece and Cyprus Fund, was unanimously supported as an immediate action to answer the call by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and has been donated to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for the Greece Fires Relief Fund. Beginning September 1, 2021, the National Philoptochos Society will launch a specific campaign in concurrence with the Archdiocese to support our brethren in Greece. Details will be forthcoming.

The generosity of Philoptochos is well known and much appreciated throughout the world. Our brothers and sisters in Greece need our love and our support at this time and once again, Philoptochos will answer their plea.

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society is the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. See [www.philoptochos.org](http://www.philoptochos.org).

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