December 16, 2022

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

For 90 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.

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 please at least try to match what you gave in 2022 for your monthly commitments, especially those of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in November 2023 and Social Services in January 2023.

Enclosed for your reference are descriptions of the National Programs and Ministry Commitments.

Also included in this package, you will find the 2023 coupon vouchers!!!

1. Each set of 26 coupon vouchers is unique to each chapter and will not be available online.
   a. Please note you will see (4) coupon vouchers for Membership. Although the primary enrollment period for Chapter Membership is in January, membership is an ongoing process. Therefore, we’ve included (3) additional Membership coupon vouchers, if needed for April, July, and September. Please use the additional coupons for only new members whose dues were collected following the initial membership drive.
   b. Additionally, in 2022, we launched voluntary campaign appeals for Pascha, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Therefore, we’ve included (3) additional coupon vouchers for these appeals. Monies collected through these voluntary campaigns will be placed in unrestricted funds.

2. Upon receipt of these coupons, please verify that your chapter number and name are correct. If not, please contact the National Philoptochos Office immediately.

3. PLEASE USE THE PREPRINTED ENVELOPES PROVIDED. Enclose only one check and one coupon per envelope, or the payment cannot be processed by the bank.

4. Additionally, beginning in 2023, each commitment is due no later than the 30th of the following month.

Please make sure that you send in each coupon along with your chapter’s payment timely.

As this is a new system, should you have any questions, please call the National Office at 212.977.7770 ext. 201 to speak to Kay Brakatselos. Thank you for your continuous and generous support of the National Philoptochos Ministry Commitments and Programs.

We wish you and your loved ones a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year of 2023!

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National Philoptochos President

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