



\$10,000 Emergency Funds Allocated to Maui Greek Orthodox Mission and National Philoptochos to Further Help Wildfire Relief

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New York, NY - The National Philoptochos Society's Executive Board unanimously approved an immediate emergency disbursement of \$10,000 to the *Maui Greek Orthodox Mission* to aid in the fire relief efforts. The wildfires devastated the historic seaside community of Lahaina and killed at least 111 people. Hazardous debris, chemicals, and undrinkable water plague Lahaina. A big storm could worsen and spread wildfire contamination.

The Society calls for donations to the Maui Wildfire Relief Fund, a distinct and designated fund. The funds raised for this purpose will be allocated to aid those affected by the wildfire and support the relief efforts.

Philoptochos is renowned for its generosity, and its contribution is highly appreciated globally. The people of Maui need our love and support, and once again, Philoptochos has come forward to respond to their call for help.

We ask that you keep the victims of the wildfire and their families and loved ones in your prayers and contribute as much as possible. Donations from Philoptochos Chapters, Metropolises, and Individuals can be sent to the National Philoptochos Society at 126 East 37th Street, New York, NY 10016, earmarked for National Philoptochos "*Maui Wildfire Relief Fund*," or you can donate online to this National Philoptochos Appeal at <u>https://ppay.co/ufslgykjIPU</u>.

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society is the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. For more info, check out <u>www.philoptochos.org</u>.

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