

GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC.
NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT
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Ecumenical Patriarchate Committee

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The Ecumenical Patriarchate Committee is pleased to report that almost 100% of our chapters have supported the Mother Church and Ecumenical Patriarchate through the annual commitment which was most recently collected in November 2022.

The Collection for the Ecumenical Patriarchate is subject to the 12% administrative fee, like almost all other collections. We have collected to date, net of the administrative fee, \$111,070.

As June 11 is the Feast Day of Saint Bartholomew and the name day of His All Holiness, it was decided at a prior National Philoptochos convention, that the disbursement of our Ecumenical Patriarchate Commitment coincide with His All Holiness Nameday. On May 18, 2023, the Executive Board of the National Philoptochos approved the annual disbursement of the November 2022 commitment. We are fortunate that His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros is traveling to the Phanar next week and can carry the check with him and hand deliver it to His All Holiness on our behalf.

Thank you to all the faithful chapters that stepped forward and so generously supported this commitment. Financial support is critically important however the ministry of presence is equally important and meaningful.

As we all know, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese has offered opportunities to travel to sites that are important to us as Orthodox Christians. A Pilgrimage to Rome and Constantinople is being contemplated for 2024. As information is provided regarding this pilgrimage, it will be shared with all our members.

Call to Action: If it is possible for National Philoptochos Board Members to participate in this pilgrimage, it would be a great opportunity for us individually and an important show of support for the Mother Church. More information will follow.

Respectfully submitted,
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