



The Greek Orthodox Ladies

PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

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Dear Philoptochos Sisters and Friends,

As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming National Philoptochos Biennial Convention, we are thrilled to announce the commencement of the nomination process for the 2026 AGAPE Awards. These awards celebrate the remarkable contributions of Philoptochos chapters across the nation, and we invite your chapter to participate in this recognition of excellence.

Nomination Criteria – Activities that occurred from January 2025 through December 2025.

1. Active Philoptochos Chapter Participation:

- Provide a detailed description of your chapter's philanthropic involvement within your parish. How does your chapter engage with other parish ministries?

2. Membership Growth Initiatives:

- Describe the activities implemented to sustain or boost chapter membership. How did it demonstrate a collective dedication to the chapter's longevity and expansion? For example, creative membership events, mentorship programs, and outreach activities to ensure continuity and growth in our dynamic sisterhood.

3. Philanthropic Impact Beyond Church Boundaries:

- In what ways has your chapter served those in need in the broader community, beyond the parish? Describe how your chapter supported these activities. For example, outreach programs developed, charitable events organized, or partnerships formed with local organizations that positively impacted the broader community. **Please see the attached form, highlighting the submission process that must be completed and followed.**

The nine selected chapters, one from each Metropolis, will be announced and recognized at the AGAPE Awards Breakfast on Thursday, July 2, 2026, in the Grand Ballroom at the Hotel Cleveland. We hope that all chapters submitted for the award will have at least one representative present at the convention.

The AGAPE Awards offer an excellent opportunity to showcase your chapter's dedication to Philoptochos' mission and values. We encourage you to share your inspiring initiatives and achievements, allowing us to celebrate the outstanding contributions of Philoptochos chapters nationwide.

With love in Christ,

Debbie George
National Philoptochos President

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