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The Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. George Church-August Newsletter

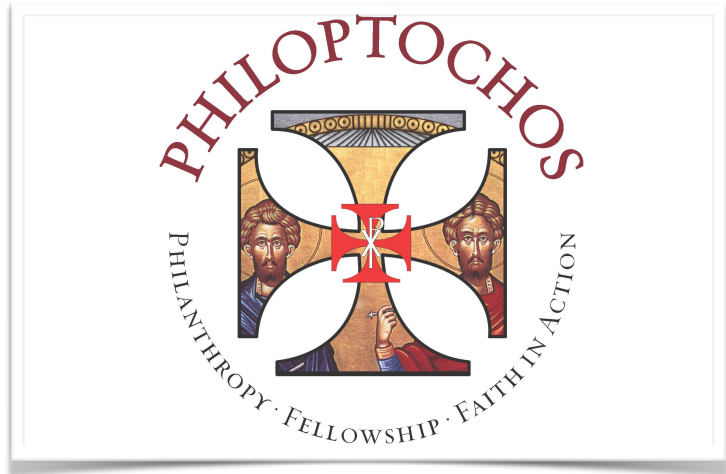
Philoptochos Virtual Biennial Convention

Registration is now open for the National Philoptochos Biennial convention which will be held via the Zoom app on August 21-22, 2020. The fee is \$50 per participant with a maximum of 3 voting delegates per chapter.

We are requesting those interested in participating register on-line via the National Philoptochos website. You should have received an email announcement with the link to the registration page. Each participant is responsible for paying the delegate \$50 registration fee. You will need a home desktop or laptop computer, audio and video capabilities, and the Zoom app downloaded to fully participate.

As of July 20th, we have two participants registered, Rhonda Latkovic & Athena Snarskis.

Please wear a mask! Stop the spread of COVID-19.



Chapter Financial Status Update

On behalf of myself and the Philoptochos board members, we would like to thank all our members for their tremendous support of our Chapter! We are **76 members strong** this year, even in the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic, adding two additional members over last year’s numbers. *“Philo Strong!”*

Thanks to the tremendous response and support, our chapter finances are okay. We have fulfilled our obligations to both National & Metropolis charities through August of this year. We have slightly reduced local donations to help maintain a healthy bank balance for uncertain times ahead. Instead of donating monies, we recently asked for your support for non-perishable food donations, and donated 902 pounds of food to our local food bank contact in Indio, “The Narrow Door”, with a plan to reach one ton of food (2000 pounds) by Sept./Oct.

Our July beginning bank balance total is \$11,807.23. We have received a \$650 refund from the cancellation of the National Convention, along with \$300 in donations towards the food drive. We have paid our National & Metropolis membership



June Food Drive

Philoptochos Members organize and pack donated non-perishable food for delivery to the local Food Bank on June 30th, 2020. Above Photo: Rhonda Latkovic & Margarita Pagoulatos. Photo below: Nick Latkovic (associate member) & Rhonda Latkovic with volunteers from "The Narrow Door" at their warehouse facility in Indio, CA.



Best Wishes, Pauline

Past Philoptochos President, Pauline Latkovic, will be moving to Houston, Texas to be with her daughter Elaine, who recently took a job transfer there. We want to thank Pauline for her many contributions to our Philoptochos chapter & parish!

(Chapter Financial cont.) portions that include \$15.00 per member to each. We have spent \$169 to upgrade the memory of our chapter's computer & \$300 to help purchase additional food for the food bank. That's it!

Looking towards the fall/winter season and our fundraising capabilities with the COVID-19 situation, we have a few plans to raise funds. We hope to be able to execute our annual Christmas bake sale again in December. A cookbook committee has been established, chaired by Pam Zaverdas, and are in the early stages of developing a Greek Cookbook to be sold as a fundraiser for our Chapter. (see page 3 for the cookbook flier).

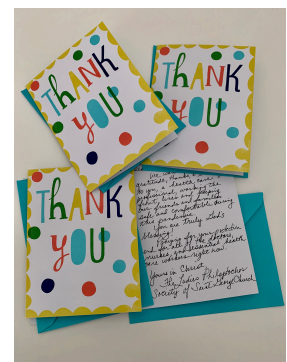
We ask for your continued prayers and support of our chapter's philanthropic programs that make a positive difference in the lives of others throughout our community. Thank you and God Bless You and your families! Stay Safe!

Food Bank receives June Food Drive donation

On June 30th, we delivered an additional **422 pounds** of non-perishable food to "The Narrow Door" food bank in Indio, CA. Since May, our Chapter has donated **a total of 902 pounds of food** to aid families in need in our local Coachella Valley. We wish to thank everyone who donated food or monies to our drive & to our volunteers who assisted with organizing, packing, & delivering the food, Margarita Pagoulatos and Nick Latkovic. In addition, we want to thank a local company, AES, and representative Anna Xavier, for coordinating the food drive effort with her co-workers. Anna added their donations to ours which increased the total donation for the food bank. *Thank You*, AES Co. and Anna! (see page 4 for the August food drive flier).

Thank you Essential Health Care Workers!

Our local chapter participated in sending "thank you" notes to members of our parish who are health care workers on the front lines assisting patients suffering from the COVID-19 virus. They have been working long hours, under tremendous stress, all in the service of others. They are truly a blessing to our community!





The Ladies Philoptochos of St George Cookbook

Hello to All! It's time to share those Special Secret Recipes

Please join St. George Ladies Philoptochos in helping to create our very own cookbook. Participation is easy...just send us your favorite recipes! All Greek and non-Greek recipes are welcome. And if your friends are "Great Cooks", we would love their recipes, also!

Our categories will be:

Appetizers - Breads
Soups & Salads. Vegetables
Entrees (Meat/Seafood/Vegetarian)
Desserts & Pastries
Greek Lenten Foods
Religious Offerings
Kids Recipes
This and That (our miscellaneous!)

We are very excited to have a Philoptochos cookbook as our new fundraiser. There are so many organizations and those in need that will benefit from the profits from the cookbook sales.

All recipes can be submitted by any of the following:
To our church office

By mail: P. O. Box 4755, Palm Desert, CA. 92261

By email: pamzav@yahoo.com.

Please submit recipes by August 31, 2020.

If anyone would like to join our fun, food loving committee, please contact Pam Zaverdas.

Thank you!
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LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY of ST. GEORGE
CRITICAL FOOD DRIVE - AUGUST 12th-SEPTEMBER 2nd

The COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted our local community since March. The critical need for non-perishable food continues. We have set a goal to donate **ONE TON of food** by this fall. So far, we have donated 902 pounds, so we are almost halfway there! More families than ever are out of work, unable to pay their mortgage or rent and are desperately trying to make ends meet. *Did you know 1 pound of non-perishable food like the items listed below feeds 4 meals?*

We are collecting food donations during **the month of AUGUST** at the church. You may bring your donations into the hall and place them in the designated area **between the hours of 10:00 AM-12:30 PM, Monday-Friday & on Sundays from 9:30 AM-11:00 AM.** If you are unable to shop for groceries, please consider a monetary donation that we will use to purchase food for our drive. (Please make your check out to Ladies Philoptochos-memo food drive.)

Below is the shopping list of the foods that are needed: (Smart & Final and the 99 Cent Store have competitive low prices!):

Rice
Beans
Spaghetti Sauce
Pasta
Cereal/Oatmeal
Canned Chili
Canned Tuna/Chicken
Canned Soup/Stew
Canned Fruit/Vegetables
Peanut Butter

Please make sure products are within expiration dates. NO GLASS containers. No cans larger than 15 1/2 oz.

Thanks For Your Support!