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December Newsletter | The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Saint George Church

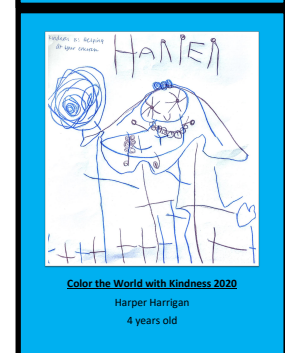
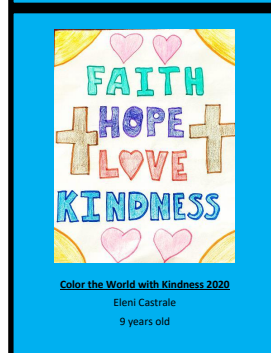
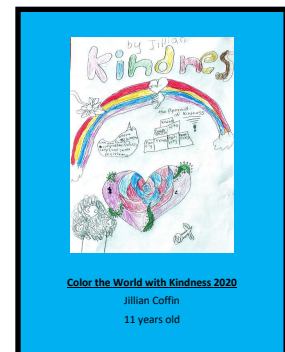
December Zoom Board Meeting

We will hold our December Board Meeting via Zoom on Monday, December 7th at 11:30 AM PST. Board members will receive the Zoom password info and the agenda prior to the meeting.

General Members Zoom Meeting

We will be holding our December General Members Meeting via Zoom on Monday, December 14th at 11:30 AM PST. Members will receive the Zoom password info and agenda prior to the meeting. We will NOT be meeting in person this month due to the increase in COVID infections in our valley. We want everyone to stay safe! Please continue to protect yourself when out in public. Wear a Mask!

Welcome! Bishop Spyridon Kezios to the St. George of the Desert Parish Family.



Kindness Counts Project

Athena Snarskis, our Philoptochos First Vice-President and Sunday School Teacher has been working on a holiday “Kindness Counts” project with our own St. George Sunday School children. The children were asked to complete a drawing about what kindness means to them and their family to help give encouragement to others. These messages will be shared with our parishioners. In fact, our Ladies Philoptochos chapter is in the process of having the drawings made in to (cont. pg. 2)



Our Greek Desert Cookbook Is Here!

We have received 300 copies of the newly published "Greek Desert Cooking" cookbook and have begun selling them. The price is \$20.00 per book. What a great Christmas gift for a family member or friend!

The cookbook can be ordered on-line. Many thanks to Ana & Wynn Storton for setting this up for us and developing a beautiful flier for our chapter to utilize!

Also, we will be selling the cookbook after church services every Sunday through the end of December.

And, for our out-of-town members, we are able to ship your cookbook purchase(s) to you for a small mailing fee.

See the cookbook flier on page 5 for more information.

Our Membership has reached 80 Members!

As of November, we have reached a new milestone of 80 members total! **THANK YOU ALL** for your wonderful support of our chapter!

Holiday Bake Sale

If you ordered from our bake sale, we will be contacting you to arrange for pickup beginning December 1st-4th.

(cont. from pg. 1) notecards that will be offered for sale in our church bookstore very soon! The students have decided to use the proceeds of the card sales to help the Feed the Hungry Project. Many thanks to Athena and her committee members; Anna Bougas, Alexandra Dymond, Melissa Hawkins, Rhonda Latkovic, & Pam Zaverdas. (photos on page 1 & 6 are examples of the artwork that the children created for this project)!



Feed the Hungry Project

The photographs above & below show one of the many deliveries made to "The Narrow Door" food pantry during the month of November. **Thanks to our generous supporters, we delivered 853 pounds of food for the month! Our grand total since May is 2900 pounds!** We will be continuing the project for December as there are thousands of families in our valley with food insecurity. The cost to sponsor One Box of Food for a family is \$31.29. We thank you for your past donations.



2020 Philoptochos Membership List (80 Members Strong)!

(updated November 30th, 2020)

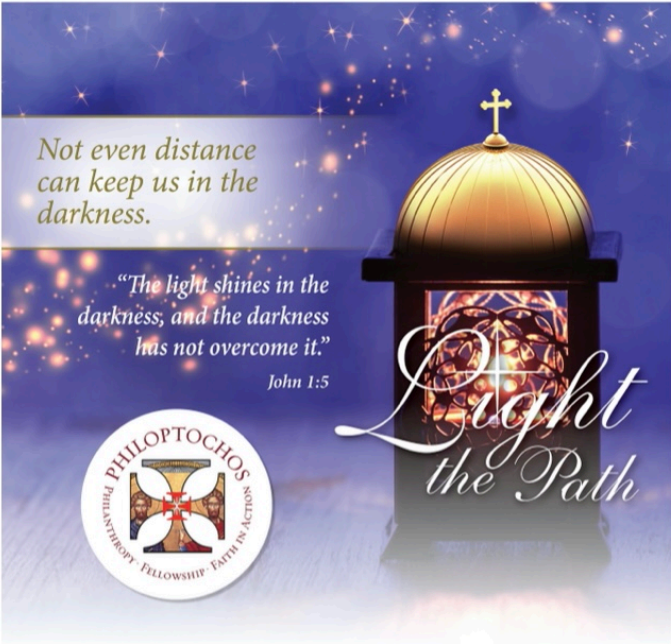
“Thank You” for supporting our philanthropy and outreach to those in need. Additional members, including associate and junior are always welcome! Also new Memorial Memberships now available.

Becky Allen	Bess Heinrich	Presvytera Petula Pantels
Nick Andros (Assoc.)	Ken Hoffman (Assoc.)	Father Ted Pantels (Assoc.)
Stacey Argyros	Linda Kallis	Linda Petalas
Terry Ayanopolis	Christina Kanazavelos	Olympia Pilafidis
Kay Bell	Penny Karagianis	Debbie Pousen
Anne Boukidis-Michas	Mary Ellen Kassotakis	Anna Prineas
Linda Bozigian	Anna Kayaloglou	Alice Pulos
Nancy Breighner	Emily Kayaloglou	Jeannie Ranglas
Eva Canakis	Krisann Kontaxis	Victoria Reed
Paulette Carkonen	Eva Kripner	Tasia Richards
Eleni Castrale (Junior)	Christine Kundanis	Georgia Sapahzis
Nicole Castrale	Annette Laskaris	Bernice Shaheen
Penny Chiotis	Elaine Latkovic	Athena Snarskis
Susan Clark	Nick Latkovic (Assoc.)	Angie Spanos
Ann Cululi-Dixson	Pauline Latkovic	Carol Speliopoulos
Pat Dalkas	Rhonda Latkovic	Irene Stambolos
Josie Desjoyners	Mary Lee	Ginnie Stocker
Louise Dobbs-Barringer	Matushka Gloria Lehman	Mary Tatomir
Alexandra Dymond	Annette Lewis	Emily Tcharos
Joan Fakinis	Debbie Loukatos	Tina Veroulis
Yvonne Flessas	Carol Lyons	Angie Wysup
Adele Gallade	Bess Manesis	Kalitsa Xitco
Athena Harrigan	Tomasine Maverick	Diane Young
Eleni Hawkins (Junior)	Eve Meek	Nelly Zambrano
Melina Hawkins (Junior)	Valentina Ostapenko	Gabriella Zaharia
Melissa Hawkins	Margarita Pagoulatos	Pam Zaverdas
	Joan Panopoulos	Anna Xavier

“In Memoriam”:

Helen Tsohonis Atsales; William Barringer; Spiros Canakis; Mary Cululi; Eleni Elliniadis; Doris Vasilike Elmo; Mary Fondas; Fostine Tsohonis Milton; Mary Alexandrakis Tsohonis; Helen Veroulis; Georgia Zimis

**There is still time to register for the “Light the Path” Virtual Celebration scheduled for Saturday, December 5th! Go to the San Francisco Metropolis Philoptochos website to register. Event registration is free.*



The poster features a central image of a glowing lantern with a cross on top, set against a starry night sky. The lantern is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The text "Light the Path" is written in a large, elegant script across the lantern. To the left of the lantern, there is a circular logo for Philoptochos, which includes a cross and the text "PHILOPTOCHOS" and "FELLOWSHIP - FAITH IN ACTION".

*Not even distance
can keep us in the
darkness.*

*“The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.”*
John 1:5

There is just one more week to register
for the 2020 Light the Path Virtual Celebration.
You can impact the lives of our seminarians
and students with your generosity.

*Be sure to sign up today,
and be prepared to be inspired at this event.*

Saturday, December 5, 2020
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. PST

*We have prepared an inspiring and uplifting program
and you won't want to miss it!*

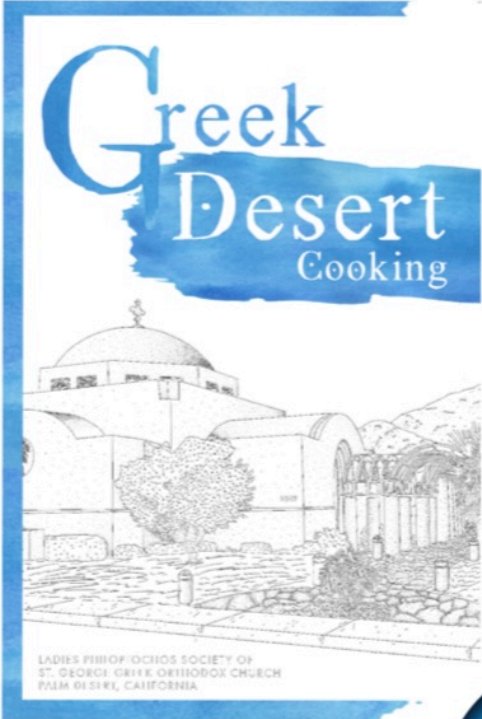
Register Now!

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For more information or additional assistance,
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More Examples of the Sunday School Children's Creative Artwork for the Kindness Initiative!

