

PHILO STRONG

February Newsletter |The Ladies Philoptochos Society |St. George Church

Philoptochos General Members Meeting, February 15th, 2021

Our monthly General Members Meeting will be held on **Monday, February 15th at 11:30 AM (PST)** via the **ZOOM** format. **Meeting ID & password information is:**

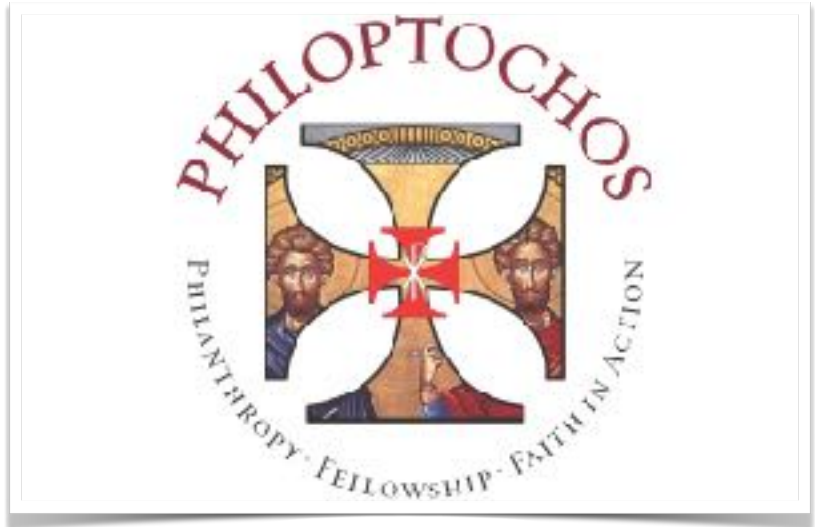
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Upcoming General Members Meeting Calendar Dates: Feb. 15th; March 15th; April 19th; May 17th

ZOOM Coffee Hour is Back!

By popular demand, we are bringing back the ZOOM Coffee Hour beginning Sunday, February 7th, 2021 at 1:00 PM (PST). Zoom Coffee Hours will be continue to be held on the first Sunday of each month. Please see the attached flier for more information on page 4.



KINDNESS COUNTS: Our Next Project-Thanking Local Health Care Workers

Our Kindness Committee Chairperson, Athena Snarskis and fellow committee members have planned a kindness project to recognize and thank our local health care professionals at Eisenhower Hospital who are working long hours to help those recovering from COVID. Our Philoptochos Chapter will be delivering Girl Scout cookies to all the ICU units in the next 10-14 days along with a handwritten card from each of the Sunday School children who participated in the Kindness cards project. The children are being encouraged to write a message expressing their thanks for the sacrifices of our courageous health care providers.

If you are interested in purchasing any Kindness cards, please see the flier on page 3 for more information on purchasing cards.



Feeding the Hungry Continued in January

Our Chapter "Feeding the Hungry" initiative continued in January thanks, in part, to a generous donation from our "Stealth Stewards" Michael Carroll. We were able to purchase and donate 250 pounds of non-perishable food to "The Narrow Door" Food Bank.

The donated food, purchased from a local grocer, was used to build 300 "Family Meal Boxes" that were distributed to families in need in the local Coachella area. These are families suffering from job losses & income that have impacted their ability to provide enough food for their loved ones.

Our associate member Nick Latkovic, volunteered to help distribute the food boxes with other volunteers from the food bank. Nick was happy to report that every family that came on the morning of the distribution received a food box and that no one was turned away due to running out of food.

Our next food drive is planned for February 21st-28th. More info to follow.

Greek Desert Cooking Cookbook Videos Coming Soon!

We continue to experience strong sales of our cookbook, especially during the month of December and into January. We have about 100 cookbooks available for sale.

Starting in February, we are planning to make short cooking videos to highlight some of the many wonderful recipes from our members that are in the cookbook and upload these videos to our church Facebook page and website. We will let you know when these are available to view!

Vasilopita Sunday was January 10th

Our Chapter was blessed to be able to prepare Vasilopita bread for Vasilopita Sunday. We completely sold out of all the breads plus received donations from the parishioners in attendance this day. Our group raised \$300.00 which was sent to Saint Basil Academy. We are grateful and thankful for everyone's support!



Kindness Counts Project

Assorted Greeting Cards Sale!

Made by our St. George Sunday School Students, showing how to **Color the World with Kindness by giving encouragement to others!** Blank inside, for your own personal message, envelopes included! **Great for any occasion!**

Single Card	\$2.00
Pack of 6	\$10.00
Pack of 12	\$20.00

Call Rhonda (714) 875-4661 or
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The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Saint George, Chapter 4035
Kindness Counts Initiative
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Our St. George Sunday School students have elected to donate all sales proceeds to:

1. Our local Feed the Hungry Projects!
2. Send Girl Scout Cookies and THANK YOU messages, using our cards, to our Eisenhower Health Hospital frontline workers for all their hard work, love, compassion and dedication during this pandemic!



Saint George Coffee Hour is Back!

**Join us on the first Sunday of
each month beginning
Sunday, February 7, 2021 at
1:00 PM (PST) via ZOOM!**

This is a recurring meeting on the first Sunday of every month. Same time, Meeting ID and Passcode for all Zoom meetings.

Meeting ID # 864 9984 9746 Passcode # 45970

February 7th, 2021

March 7th, 2021

April 4th, 2021

May 9th, 2021

June 6th, 2021

