

PHILO STRONG

St. George Greek Orthodox Church | Ladies Philoptochos Society

May Chapter Luncheon Meeting

Our May General Members Meeting was held at the Old Spaghetti Factory on May 17th. We had 32 members in attendance & enjoyed lively fellowship & a delicious meal. A brief meeting was held and the April Minutes and May Treasurer's Report was approved. The newly elected board members and officers were introduced. His Grace, Bishop Spyridon was in attendance, offering prayers and closing remarks to the group about the importance of attending church services regularly and being involved in the work of the church. (See photos page 2)

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

With the COVID-19 restrictions lifted, we have re-started the coffee hour after church. We need 1-2 volunteers per Sunday to help pass out coffee & cookies to attendees. Please contact Rhonda Latkovic with the dates you can help.

Emily Tcharos & Eve Meek Celebrated at Coffee Hours

Two special coffee hours were held on June 9th (for Emily) & July 4th (for Eve) to celebrate their birthdays & their service to our St. George Community including our Philoptochos Chapter. Emily will soon be moving away from our community to join her family in Santa Barbara and will be greatly missed by all. Attendees enjoyed a light lunch and delicious birthday cakes! Pictured below on the left is Emily with her grandchildren blowing out the candles on her cake! Eve is pictured on the right ready to blow out the candles on her cake! HAPPY BIRTHDAY EMILY and EVE! MANY YEARS to you both!





**Save the Date for
Paint El Paseo Pink
Walk - Sat. Oct. 9th**

Desert Cancer Foundation will once again sponsor the annual Paint El Paseo Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on Saturday, October 9th, 2021. Pre-Registration Opens July 1st. The registration fee for this walk helps raise funding for local cancer patients needing assistance.

The walk was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic. This year will be bigger and better than ever!

Our Philoptochos Chapter participated in 2019 and we had a fun time! Please join us this year and help make our group even larger than before.

Please "save the date" for this great cause that helps our local community.

More info to follow. . .

Paint El Paseo PINK

Sat. Oct. 9th, 2021

Philoptochos May Luncheon Meeting Photos



Above Right:
*Carol Speliopoulos,
Mary Ellen
Kassotakis, Krisann
Kontaxis, Alice
Pulos.*



Above L to R: *Linda Kallis, Annette
Laskaris, Presvytera Petula, Father Ted,
Bishop Spyridon, Nick Kaperonis, Nick*



*Andros, Alexandra Dymond, Kay Bell.
Above Right: *Christine Kundanis,
Olympia Pilafidis, Annette Lewis, Eve
Meek. Above Left: *Deb Pousen, Linda
Bozigian. Left: *Irene Stambolos, Penny****

Karagianis, Becky Allen.

2021 Philoptochos Membership List

“Thank You” for supporting our philanthropy and outreach to those in need. Additional members, including associate and junior are always welcome! Also we have Memorial Memberships available. (Regular & Associate Memberships \$45, Memorial Memberships \$30, Junior Memberships \$15.)

**Allen, Becky
Andros, Nick
Argyros, Stacy
Ayanopolis, Terry
Bell, Kay
Boukidis-Michas, Anne
Bozigian, Linda
Carroll, Michael
Dalkas, Pat
Dobbs-Barringer, Louise
Dymond, Alexandra
Harrigan, Athena Lyn
Hawkins, Melissa
Hawkins, Eleni
Hawkins, Melina
Heinrich, Bess
Kallis, Linda
Kaperonis, Nick
Karagianis, Penny
Kassotakis, Mary Ellen
Kayaloglou, Emily
Kayaloglou, Anna
Kontaxis, Krisann
Kripner, Eva
Kundanis, Christine
Laskaris, Annette
Latkovic, Nick
Latkovic, Rhonda
Lewis, Annette
Loukatos, Debbie
Lyons, Carol
Manesis, Bess
Meek, Eve
Pagoulatos, Margarita
Pantels, Presvytera Petula
Pantels, Father Theodore
Petalas, Linda
Pilafidis, Olympia
Pousen, Debbie**

**Pulos, Alice
Reed, Victoria
Richards, Tasia
Shaheen, Bernice
Snarskis, Athena
Speliopoulos, Carol
Stambolos, Irene
Tcharos, Emily
Veroulis, Tina
Wysup, Angie
Xitco, Kalista
Zaharia, Gabriella
Zaverdas, Pam**

***We will be publishing a new directory by September. If you haven't yet sent in your membership for this year, please reply by August 1st so your information may be included in the new directory. Mail membership checks to:
St. George Greek Orthodox Church
P.O. Box 4755
Palm Desert, CA 92261
Attn.- Philoptochos**

“IN MEMORIAM“ MEMBERSHIPS

***Helen Tsohonis Atsales; William Barringer; Spiros Canakis: Mary Cululi
Josie Desnoyers; Eleni Elliniadis; Doris Vasilike Elmo; Mary Fondas
Adele Gallade; Fortune Tsohonis Milton; Alexandra Tsohonis
Mary Alexandrakis Tsohonis; Helen Veroulis; Georgia Zimis***



***Pictured above L to R: First Row-Irene Stambolos, Linda Bozigian, Linda Kallis.
Second Row-Father Ted, Rhonda Latkovic, Tina Veroulis (via Zoom video), Margarita
Pagoulatos, Alexandra Dymond, Pam Zaverdas, Athena Snarskis. (Linda Petalas absent.)
Congratulations to our newly elected Philoptochos board members
for the 2021-2023 term!***

- Father Ted Pantels-Spiritual Advisor**
- Presvytera Petula Pantels-Advisor**
- Rhonda Latkovic-President**
- Alexandra Dymond-First Vice President**
- Margarita Pagoulatos-Second Vice President**
- Linda Kallis-Treasurer**
- Tina Veroulis-Assistant Treasurer**
- Linda Bozigian-Corresponding Secretary**
- Linda Petalas**
- Athena Snarskis**
- Irene Stambolos**
- Pam Zaverdas**
- Recording Secretary-Open**



”For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

Coachella Valley Rescue Mission has reopened for volunteers effective Sunday, June 21st, 2021. In order to maintain safety for clients, staff, & volunteers while serving in the kitchen all will be asked to mask up. If you are interested in volunteering at CVRM please contact Rhonda Latkovic to sign-up. Our scheduled volunteer day at CVRM is Monday, August 16th from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. We require 8 volunteers to help with either meal prep or serving lunch. Deadline for sign-up is July 30th.

PHILOTOCHOS COMMITTEES

Listed below are the committee sign-ups for the next term May 2021-May 2023. Thank you to Pam Zaverdas for coordinating the committee sign-ups!

- AUDIT** - Annette Laskaris, Chair; Alexandra Dymond; Deb Pousen
- BAKING** - Tina Veroulis, Co-Coordinator; Kalitsa Xitco; Irene Stambolos; Alexandra Dymond; Linda Bozigian; Pam Zaverdas; Linda Kallis; Penny Karagianis; Carol Speliopoulos; Rhonda Latkovic, Co-Coordinator
- KOLYVA/MEMORIALS** - Rhonda Latkovic, Coordinator; Linda Bozigian; Irene Stambolos; Kalitsa Xitco; Presvytera Petula
- PHONE SQUAD** - Linda Petalas; Linda Kallis; Deb Pousen; Rhonda Latkovic, Coordinator
- FEED THE HUNGRY** - Margarita Pagoulatos, Co-Chair; Rhonda Latkovic, Co-Chair; Father Ted; Presvytera Petula; Carol Speliopoulos; Irene Stambolos; Kalitsa Xitco; Deb Pousen; Penny Karagianis; Becky Allen; Nick Latkovic
- CHILDREN & FAMILY** - Athena Snarskis, Chair; Margarita Pagoulatos; Irene Stambolos; Athena Lyn Harrigan; Father Ted
- FUNDRAISING** - Irene Stambolos; Penny Karagianis; Margarita Pagoulatos; Pam Zaverdas; Becky Allen; Carol Speliopoulos; Virginia; Rhonda Latkovic
- VETERANS** - Pam Zaverdas, Chair; Bess Heinrich; Victoria Reed; Alexandra Dymond; Athena Snarskis; Nick Latkovic
- MEMBERSHIP** - Linda Kallis, Chair; Margarita Pagoulatos; Rhonda Latkovic
- WOMENS HEALTH** - Pam Zaverdas, Chair; Mary Ellen Kassotakis; Athena Snarskis, Virginia
- PHOTOGRAPHER** - Margarita Pagoulatos, Chair
- HISTORIAN** - Linda Petalas, Chair; Annette Laskaris
- SOCIAL MEDIA** - Olympia Pilafidis, Chair; Rhonda Latkovic

