

# PHILO STRONG

St. George Ladies Philoptochos | Palm Desert, CA | Chapter 4035

## September General Members Meeting

Our next General Members Meeting will be held on **Monday, September 12th, 2022** beginning at **11:30 AM** in the church hall. If you are in town, please **SAVE THE DATE** for this first meeting after the summer holiday break.

## August Food & Clothing Drive

Our chapter will sponsor a food & clothing drive for the month of August to benefit food insecure families & homeless individuals. Please bring donations to the church hall. A \$40 donation will provide a family of four with a food box. Our donations will be distributed to The Narrow Door outreach in Indio, CA.

## 2022/23 Philoptochos Calendar

Our 2022/23 Philoptochos Calendar of our planned meetings & events is posted on the church bulletin board.



## Happy 90th Anniversary!

The endeavors of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society are a genuine expression of *philanthropia*, reflecting an enormous manifestation of love. This *agape* is evident not only in the millions of dollars of charity distributed annually to our ministries, commitments, and special projects but also in the multitude of meaningful programs and activities, which have been undertaken for 90 years. Philoptochos members are “Doers of the word” (St. James Epistle, Chapter 1, Verse 22) and these doers are found in the 400 Philoptochos Chapters across the United States. Above photo is our San Francisco Metropolis Chapter Delegates and President Jeannie Ranglas. (cont. pg. 2)





### Hello from Santa Barbara!

Our Philoptochos sisters, Ann Dixson and Tasia Richards visited Lula Valissarakos recently in Santa Barbara.

We thank Lula for all the wonderful work she did for our church and chapter over the years and wish her good health and many blessings for the future! Lula’s address:

101 N. Alisos Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103



- In-home service
- Call or text Gina
- Pricing includes:  
 \$45 manicure  
 \$60 pedicure  
**\$10 off first-time new client**

Our Metropolis sent a large delegation representing most chapters in our state. The convention was very well organized, lively, and collaborative. The theme of the Philoptochos Biennial Conventions was “Legacy, Renewal, Unity”. 2022 is a particularly celebratory year as it marks our 90th Anniversary of service to our faith and ministry of love.

A report on the convention has been prepared by delegate Rhonda Latkovic and a copy is posted to the bulletin board in the church hall. Topics covered at the convention will be presented at future chapter meetings.

### Saint Nicholas Church & Shrine Consecration July 4th

Our Philoptochos National Convention Delegates, Margarita Pagoulatos & Rhonda Latkovic, attended the Consecration of the Saint Nicholas Shrine while in New York City. They were able to view the entire service on a large screen television provided for the attendees. Both ladies felt it was a great blessing to be there on such an historic day for the Greek Orthodox Church of America! (Photo below St. Nicholas Shrine in background)

See page 3 for a letter from the delegates.



July 10, 2022

Dear Philoptochos Sisters,

Your Philoptochos sisters in Christ, Margarita Pagoulatos and Rhonda Latkovic, wish to thank you for allowing us to represent our St. George Chapter at the recent National Philoptochos Convention held in New York City.

We feel extremely blessed to have been able to attend this wonderful four day convention organized by the National Board of Philoptochos celebrating the Philoptochos Organization's 90 Year Anniversary! The meeting content included inspiring stories and sharing of ideas with fellow chapters across the United States along with training on such topics as social services, compassionate outreach, & membership growth, which we will share with you at future meetings.

In addition, it was a blessing to attend the consecration of the Saint Nicholas Church and Shrine at Ground Zero. It's a must visit if you are ever in the New York area.

We are happy to announce that our chapter was recognized with the **100% Participation in National Ministry Commitments Award!**

Again, we thank our members for giving us the privilege of being your representatives at the National Philoptochos Convention.

Yours In Christ,

Rhonda Latkovic  
President

Margarita Pagoulatos  
Vice-President