

PHILO STRONG

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

Next General Meeting April 24th

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 24th at 11:30 AM in the church hall. Please plan on attending this important meeting as we will be holding Philoptochos board elections for the 2023-2025 term. See pg. 3/4 for election notice & list.

March Diaper Drive

This March we are taking donations for diapers and diaper wipes that will be given to the local Birth Choice of the Desert organization to benefit new moms and their babies. The most needed diaper sizes are 4 thru 6. The diaper drive ends on March 31st.

April Food Bank Drive

The month of April, we will be collecting non-perishable food to be donated to The Narrow Door Food Bank. The two most needed items are 1 pound bags of rice and beans.



Membership & Aloha!

Over 50 current & new Philoptochos members attended our annual membership event on Saturday, March 11th, 2023. The church hall was transformed into an Hawaiian Luau party with festive decorations and music. Each attendee received a lei and many got into the spirit wearing a floral Hawaiian shirt! After opening remarks from President Rhonda Latkovic and a prayer from Father Ted Pantels, guests dined on a Lenten food fare with an Hawaiian twist including pan-fried shrimp, veggie rolls, poached salmon, sushi, and salads. The afternoon ended with a fun basket raffle & 12 members going home with great prizes! (see pg. 2)





Luminary's to Light the Path on Holy Friday Evening

The Philoptochos will once again be offering luminary bags for a \$10 donation per bag. These bags will be placed along the path around the church on Holy Friday Evening. Luminary bags can be offered for "IN HEALTH OF" or "IN MEMORY OF" with a max of two names on each bag. Bags will be placed in alphabetical order along the path for ease in locating. Bags may be taken home after the service.

Proceeds benefit St. George church and the Kids-N-Cancer fund.

EASTER BAKE SALE

Easter Bread and koulourakia will be available for sale on Sunday, April 9th after church services. Call the office to make an appointment if you need to pick up bread & cookies during the week of April 2nd or 9th, Mon., Tues., or Thurs.

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Our thanks to the Philoptochos Board members who assisted with the set up, food prep, raffle, clean-up, bar, & photography including Irene Stambolos, Linda Bozigian, Tina Veroulis, Linda Petalas, Pam Zaverdas, Margarita Pagoulatos, Kalitsa Xitco, & Nick Latkovic.

THANK YOU ALL FOR A WONDERFUL EVENT!

Previous Page Photos:

Left: Pam Zaverdas Middle: Kalitsa Xitco & Linda Petalas Right: Nick Latkovic, Pam Zaverdas, Irene Stambolos, Tina Veroulis, & Kalitsa Xitco

Below Photo: Carol Lyons and Mary Piggott making a selection from the dessert table with Nick Demetropoulos in the upper right corner.



ELECTION NOTICE TO ALL ELIGIBLE MEMBERS

DATE: April 24, 2023

TIME: 11:30 am

PLACE: St. George Greek Orthodox Church Hall

This is to notify you that Elections for the New Chapter Board of Directors will be held at the date, time and place mentioned above.

To vote in this election, you must be a member in good standing in accordance with the Bylaws of Philoptochos (Article V, Section 4, Paragraph 3) as follows:

Eligibility to Vote: Full members who have fulfilled financial commitment to the chapter for the current year are eligible to vote. New members may vote if enrolled at least three (3) months prior to the election meeting.

All candidates seeking election to the Chapter Board must qualify in accordance with the Philoptochos Bylaws (Article V, Section 3, Paragraph 2) as follows:

In order to be a candidate for election to the Chapter Board, a full member must have been a member in good standing with the parish **and** chapter for a period of at least one full year prior to the date of election to the Chapter Board and must have attended a minimum of four (4) meetings/ activities held in the previous year.

- All candidates must be present at the election meeting unless reasonable cause for such absence is provided.
- A member is qualified to serve on the Board of Directors of one chapter only.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Chapter Secretary, Julia Hays

Election Committee:

Tasia Richards

Emmy Karas

Francine Vasilomanolakis

List of candidates running for election/re-election for the
2023-2025 term:

- 1-Linda Bozigian
- 2-Julia Hays
- 3-Linda Kallis
- 4-Rhonda Latkovic
- 5-Margarita Pagoulatos
- 6-Debbie Pousen
- 7-Athena Snarskis
- 8-Irene Stambolos
- 9-Tina Veroulis

*Anyone else interested in running for the board please
contact Rhonda Latkovic by April 2nd, 2023.