Dear Fellow Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It’s been five months since I was elected as the president of the St. Demetrios Philoptochos. I am humbled and honored to take on this position and to lead our organization as we continue to do the good works that have been charged to us. I accepted this office as a testament to my dear mother, who loved Philoptochos and loved her church. May her memory be eternal. As we see the world changing in front of our eyes the one thing that can keep us on the right path is our church and our faith. As we began the new ecclesiastical year, I was overwhelmed with the love and support that I received. The women of Saint Demetrios are such a loving group, and I look forward to all fun and work that we will accomplish together.

This newsletter is full of events and news. The pictures say it all! So many people, working together for a common goal. That goal is support our philanthropic effort to be “friends of the poor”. Please take a moment to read through the entire newsletter and mark your calendars for the many events coming up. I look forward to any comments and suggestions that you may have, and also hope that you will become involved in Philoptochos even more. We are in dire need of fundraising chairpersons. Without fundraising, we wouldn't be able to help our many charities. Please let me know if you are interested in chairing a fundraiser.

In closing, I would like to once again thank you all for your support! I look forward to the next two years as we work side by side for the glory of God!

Wishing you and your family an very blessed Thanksgiving,

Angie
Support Philoptochos Today!

Supporting Philoptochos (Friends of the Poor) is a way you can help us to help others. Below is a just a sample of the many charities that we support. Please consider becoming a member (men can become “associate members”) by filling out the membership form below.

Autism Assistance Fund  General Medical Fund  Retired Clergy/Presvyteres
Baltimore Rescue Mission  Greek Independence Day Parade  Ronald McDonald House
Beans & Bread  HC/HC Scholarship Fund  Saint Nicholas Shrine
Benevolent Fund  Hellenic College/Holy Cross  School Supplies
Camp Good Shepherd  International Orthodox Christian Charities  Sisterhood of St. Basi
Cancer Fund  Military & Veteran Support  Social Services
Chapter Challenge  NJ Metropolis  St. Basil’s Academy
Childrens Medical Fund  OCMC  St. Demetrios Scholarship
Clergy/Presvyteres Benevolent  Orthodox Christian Fellowship  St. Michael’s Home
CYC Camp  Orthodox Monastery of Transfiguration  St. Photios Shrine
Emergency Fund  Project Reboot  Support A Mission Priest
Ecumenical Patriarchate  2016 Membership Application ~ Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society
Fisher House

2016 Membership Application ~ Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society

Name ________________________________________________________________
Address _______________________________________________________________________________________
Telephone________________________  Cell _____________________________
E-mail Address ___________________________________________________________________________________
Stewardship Amount: _____________________________________________________________________

For each pledged member a chapter sends $7/member to our Metropolis Philoptochos & $15/member to our National Philoptochos to support regional & national charity initiatives. The remaining pledge dollars are used to help fund our many efforts to help those locally in need. Please contact me regarding meetings and ways that I may volunteer.

Send to: Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society, Attention: Membership, 2504 Cub Hill Road, Baltimore, Md 21234

For questions, please contact Thorina Trintis, (410)866-2127
On Monday, October 26, 2015, Philoptochos held a fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse. Many members of Philoptochos, as well as St. Demetrios parishioners showed up for an excellent meal to support our organization. Many thanks to all that came out and broke bread together!

Philoptochos LOVES to eat out! On November 9th, Ledo’s Pizza donated 20% of all profits from 5-10 pm to Philoptochos! Thank you Ledo’s!
CALLING ALL BAKERS and BAKERS IN TRAINING....

The Christmas Bread baking crew invites you to join in the fun and bake together on **Thursday, December 3rd.** The initial preparations will be made beginning at 8:30am and baking will continue through the afternoon. Come for the day or join in for a while to begin learning about this yummy Christmas tradition. A special Lenten soup will be shared for a quick lunch break. To sign up as a "baker or baker in training" contact our master Christmas bread baker, Georgia Kerasiotes, 410-821-9545. To order these yummy masterpieces, contact our master list/order taker, Dottie Ganer, 410-866-7336 or see her during coffee hour on Sundays thru November 29th. In order to plan accordingly for ingredients, the final order day will be Sunday, November 29th.

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**2015/2016 Coffee Hour Coordinators and Hostesses - November - January**

**(November Coordinators – Angie McQueeney & Presbytera Alice Noplos)**

Nov 15   Demetrakia Dance Group Sponsoring: Mary Cross, Vangie Demetrakis, Georgia Kerasiotis, Diane Stavros  
Nov 22   Day School Pancake Breakfast  
Nov 29   Fedra Carman, Flo Chakales, Angela Koutsoutis

**(December Coordinators – Kate Cocoros & Irene Peltsemes)**

Dec 6   PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR  
+Dec 13   Memorial Sunday/Parish Assembly (GOYA Sponsoring)  
Dec 20   Joy Becker, Marcie Lambros, Katie Paphathakis  
Dec 27   Sandy Dzwonczyk, Lucy Kosmas, Vula Stamatopoulos

**(January Coordinators - Joanna Beleos & Angela Koutsoutis)**

Jan 3   Penny Makris, Jean Rousos, Carolyn VanRoden  
+Jan 10   Vasilopita Sunday (Memorial Sunday) Lisa Mitsos & Tina Karavedas  
Jan 17   Irene Eliou, Irene Lericos, Joanne Pantelides  
Jan 24   Katherine Diafokeris, Kriss Cocoros, Tula Stamas  
Jan 31   Barbara Nicholaides, Kitsa Padousis, Toula Woods

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Each Sunday a team of three ladies is assigned to serve the Coffee Hour. Two monthly coordinators are assigned from the Philoptochos Board who will be responsible for bringing milk for the coffee. Coordinators will email or call you to remind you of your assignment. Team members are responsible for setup and clean up. Coordinators will make the coffee and clean out coffee pots. Use ice machine to fill water pitchers. We thank you for your assistance in helping us continue this “Ministry of Philoxenia” to our community. If you cannot keep your assignment, try to arrange for a substitute.
The nameday of our beloved church was celebrated with a Vespers Service on Sunday evening, followed by a beautiful Divine Liturgy on Monday. Celebrating Vespers, along with the area clery, newly ordained Fr. Gilbert was also in attendance. Following the Vespers Service, our Philoptochos woman organized a bountiful reception for all. Many thanks to Smaro Cook for chairing this committee, along with all the women who baked and/or helped.
Make a Difference Day!

On Sunday, November 1, 2015 the Saint Demetrios Church School and Ladies of Philoptochos Society combined their talents to provide students opportunities to embrace additional ways of adding Orthodox Christian values and traditions into their Christ-centered lives. This exciting and spiritual event was entitled, ‘Make a Difference Day.’

The day promoted a religious learning event and ensured that children were afforded opportunities to interactively partake in the Orthodox lessons of the day. Many thanks to Fr. Lou, George Zaervdinos, Sunday School Director, Tina Pedrick-the chairperson of the event, and the many woman of Philoptochos that participated, either by reading a story, demonstrating how to make prosfora or koliva, and helped with the bake sale.
Boscov’s Cooking Class

With 36 in attendance, the September17 “Greek Cooking – Appetizers and More” a program in this year's Boscov's Campus of Courses was a big success! Stephanie Apostolou wowed the audience with her warm and funny and, most of all, very informative presentation. Stephanie presented the three classic Greek dishes, dolmades, spanakopita, and baklava. She covered not only how to make the dishes, but also how to shop for the ingredients and how to serve them. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Grace Kalma, the Boscov’s coordinator, was very impressed with the support we received and with our members and how well we worked together.

We sold 16 cookbooks and 1 apron, and a couple of Boscov’s “Friends Helping Friends” coupons, but more important was the exposure for our chapter that the class provided. We talked about our Festival, with more than one participant taking down the dates. We explained our involvement with the many charities that we support, and about our chapter challenge project. Talking with the participants before and after the class was very worthwhile. It was great to have this opportunity to do some marketing for our St. Demetrios chapter. Be looking for the next class – Boscov’s has asked us to present another on February 11th, 2016!

Charity Update on Schools

In August, 59 children in 4 schools – 3 Baltimore County and 1 Howard County School - were recipients of new backpacks filled with supplies for school. Philoptochos members and many of the parishioners of Saint Demetrios opened their hearts and gave generously so that children would have the much needed supplies to complete their classwork. Extra supplies were boxed and donated to the school’s resource center for teachers to have access for replenishing during the year. Thank you to all who donated to make this possible.

Once school began, a request was received to assist the homeless families in one school with snacks that the children could take home on backpack Friday’s to help provide additional food for the students while they are away from school for the weekend. Several pounds of nutritious snack foods were provided to the school Guidance Counselor for distribution. Many thank you’s go out to those who answered the call to assist in providing the extra food for area students.
Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos

"Christmas Wonderland"

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
2504 Cub Hill Road, Baltimore, Maryland

Saturday, December 5th
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
&
Sunday, December 6th
12:00 noon - 3:00 pm

- Greek Pastries & Breads
- Yiayia's Treasures
- Cemetery Crosses & Wreaths
- Handmade Arts & Crafts
- Lunch Available
- SANTA and/or Mrs. Clause
  (12:00 noon to 2:00 pm, both days)
- Door & Window Wreaths
- AND MUCH MORE!

For Information contact:
Lisa Jones-Venetos 410.529.9428
To all Prospective Vendors,

The Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society is planning to have their “Christmas Wonderland” Annual Bazaar this year on Saturday, December 5th from 10am to 3pm and Sunday, December 6th from 12 noon to 3pm.

This fundraiser will have Greek sweet pastries and breads, homemade chocolate candy, jewelry, handmade arts and crafts, wreaths, and much more. It will be held at the Hermes Rafailides Center at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church located at 2504 Cub Hill Road, Baltimore, Maryland, 21234. Proceeds from the Christmas Bazaar fundraiser help to fund our many philanthropic charities, including homeless support, veterans support, Ronald McDonald House, local public schools and many more.

If you would like to participate as a vendor the price is $30.00 for one day and $50.00 for two days (rain or shine). This will include a six foot table and two chairs. You are welcome to bring your own table. RSVP via email to antonas.mary@yahoo.com. If you plan to attend, please send a check made out to “St. Demetrios Philoptochos Society” and mail it to Mary by November 10th. I hope to hear from you soon. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
2504 Cub Hill Road
Baltimore, MD 21234
410-661-1090
Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Several area schools have requested assistance with providing Thanksgiving to those few families that have stated a need. With your continued generosity each family will have a basket/reusable bags of food for Thanksgiving Dinner and will truly be giving thanks due to the generosity of others. Please use this shopping list to fill a basket/reusable bags for a family.

Thanksgiving Food List
8-10lb Turkey (FROZEN) – or gift card for Mars, Food Lion, or Shoppers Food Mart
(1) 5LB Bag of Potatoes
2 Boxes of Dressing
2 Cans of Green Beans
2 Cans of Corn
2 Cans of Sweet Potatoes/Yams
2 Cans of Fruit (Fruit Cocktail, Peaches or Pears)
2 Cans/Jars/Packets of Gravy
2 Packages of Rolls (Either Brown & Serve or (1) Biscuit Mix – like Bisquick)
1 Cake Mix & Frosting or (1) Brownie Mix
1 Can of Coffee or a Box of Tea (Both if you like)

Optional Additional Items:
Aluminum Roasting Pan
Cranberry Sauce
Bag of Dried Beans
Bag of Rice
Kool-Aide
Bag of Fruit
Corn Bread Mix
Cookies or Snack Cakes

***PLEASE NO FROZEN PIES, EGGS OR REFRIGERATED BISCUITS we would like to provide a gift card for the perishable items if possible. *******

Please place all items in a laundry basket or reusable bags that you can get from a Dollar Store. Any of the additional items are left strictly up to your own discretion.

Items being donated should be left in the Philoptochos blue bin, if you are donating a perishable item, please be sure to hand it directly to a Philoptochos member who will ensure it is properly taken care of. Questions should be directed to Elaine Sackleh and/or Lisa Jones Venetos (410-529-9428)

Christmas Gift Giving

One of our local schools that Philoptochos supports with back to school supplies has reached out to us for assistance during the Christmas holiday season. The social service committee of this Title One Howard County School that is also a “refugee school” for Burmese children has requested gift cards to Target and Wal-Mart in the amounts of $5.00 or $10.00 increments. The gift cards will be given to the children who are the most in need. If you are able to support this project, you can purchase a gift card and turn bring it to the Philoptochos table during coffee hour, or write a check to Saint Demetrios Philoptochos and we will purchase the gift card for you. Thank you for your support in this effort!
Reserve your seat today!!

When: Saturday November 28th
Time: 9am until 11am
Place: Hermes Rafailides Center at St Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

Cost: $12 per person, $7 children under age 12
Contact: Lisa Jones-Venetos (danskliese1@aol.com)
or sign up at coffee hour

Hosted by:
St. Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society
To benefit the many charities they support
**Saint Nicholas National Shrine**

In 1832 a little house was built in New York City measuring 25-35 feet, standing three stories tall. Later it became a tavern. The use of this property took a radical turn when in 1916 five Greek-American families raised $25,000 to build a church on the site. By 1922 regular liturgies were being celebrated and by 2001 there were 70 families in this small parish church that was surrounded by parking lots on 3 sides, and dwarfed by massive modern towers 110 stories high. The name of this church? Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

How much Saint Nicholas has been through! It was a house of worship for 85 years, was totally destroyed in 2001 (even losing relics given to it by Czar Nicholas II), and saw attempts to rebuild it fail in 2008. Successful negotiations between civil and religious authorities in 2011 led to our current project and funding drive for the “Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center” in New York. This is a house of worship for Greek Orthodox—and a place for reflection and meditation for all people.

How appropriate that the marble for the dome is from the same quarry as that for the Parthenon—a symbol of wisdom and strength. This dome will glow at night, reflecting how goodness will illuminate the way over evil. The face will be stone—but the steel and concrete framework represents the dedication needed to rebuild Saint Nicholas Church and the faith that we have the will to do so. What man has put asunder God’s guidance and our support will rebuild.

Since a major responsibility of Philoptochos is to further our Orthodox faith, we encourage all of our members to financially support this project and become a part of this historical undertaking. To help rebuild Saint Nicholas, please contact Margo Lambros (410.465.0371)
Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House is one of our many ministries. Every other month our volunteers cook and serve a delicious homemade meal to the families who come from all over the world to stay there while their children are getting medical treatment. If you would like to help out with worthy cause, please contact Mary Tsakiris at 410-592-7319

Kali Orexi Book IV Cookbook!

Presented by the Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society

You will find delicious recipes for our Greek cuisine including - stuffed grape leaves, pastitsio and baklava - in our NEW cookbook, Kali Orexi Book IV!

$20 $15

To purchase a cookbook and matching apron, Stop by the Philoptochos Cookbook & Apron Table at the Christmas Bazaar – December 5th & December 6th
Congratulations to Mother & Father of the Year!

Mother of the Year, Anthoula “Flo” Chakales is pictured with her beaming family.

Father of the Year, Bill Trintis (of blessed memory) is pictured with his proud family.

St. Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society
Chapter Challenge - Project Reboot

Your old computer and computer equipment can help a student, a job seeker, a parent, a senior. Keep your unwanted computer equipment out the landfill!

DONATE USABLE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT to us and we will take it to PROJECT REBOOT, a non-profit refurbisher of computer equipment for those on public assistance.

Call Mary Triandafilou, 410-528-1589, for more information. THANK YOU!
June - Year End Dinner

Despite the wet weather, many of our ladies came out to celebrate another successful year of Philoptochos. Sparrows Point Country Club was the venue and all had a wonderful time. Many thanks to our dinner co-chairs: Kitsa Padousis, Georgia Vavas and Stephanie Apostolou!
St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
Ladies Philoptochos Society
2504 Cub Hill Road
Baltimore, MD 21234

Saint Demetrios Ladies Philoptochos Society Calendar

2015

November 28 – Breakfast with Santa
December 2nd – Board Meeting
December 5-6 – Christmas Bazaar
December 8 – Dinner/Pot Luck (Location TBD)
December 14 – Ronald McDonald House
December 18 – General Meeting 6:30pm

2016

January 10 – Vasiliopita
January 12 – Board Meeting 6:30pm
January 18 – General Meeting 6:30pm
February 8 – Ronald McDonald House
February 10 – Vasiliopita
February 12 – Board Meeting
February 14 – Ronald McDonald House
February 18 – General Meeting 6:30pm

February 19-21 – Suburban Players Play
February 26-28 – Suburban Players Play

Please note that this schedule is subject to change.