

GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC.
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Aid to Greece and Cyprus Committee

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The Stewards of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society are thankful for the gift of precious life, the natural environment and all God's creation. We are grateful for the opportunity to address our mission and to assist our sisters and brothers in Greece and Cyprus. Our vibrant and capable Committee team members are diligent and are appreciative for the opportunity to assist our brothers and sisters in Greece and Cyprus.

Even though the economic forecast is reported to be improving for many reasons, including heightened tourism, the suffering continues in Greece and Cyprus for many. The situation in Greece and Cyprus continues to be critical, as natural disasters and ecological related hardships persist. Last summer, extreme weather, devastating wildfires, deadly floods and intense heat waves with unmanageable conditions throughout the country created serious hardship and loss to residents.

Building upon the work of previous years, the Committee of the National Philoptochos Aid to Greece and Cyprus has met via Zoom teleconference. Many ideas were discussed, considered and initiated for implementation, including best ways to promote awareness and support through cultural and/or historical perspectives.

After a review by the Aid to Greece and Cyprus Committee, the Heart-to-Heart Program/Pop-Up Kafe was reinstated. In March, as the combined holidays of the Annunciation of the Theotokos and the anniversary of the Greek Independence of 1821 are celebrated, a letter was addressed by the National Philoptochos President and Committee Chair to the Philoptochos Chapter Presidents and to the membership throughout the Archdiocese to assist the people of Greece and Cyprus.

Through the hard work and enormous faith of our Philoptochos Sisterhood, National Philoptochos took immediate action last year to dispatch immediate emergency aid to assist our sisters and brothers most impacted by natural disasters. Furthermore, assistance continues to help support individuals from the Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans. Additionally, there is assistance to disabled Greek residents to aid them in their daily tasks, improving their quality of life with dignity.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support benefiting our sisters and brothers in Greece and Cyprus. May the Lord shower His blessings on our Philoptochos family serving with compassion and agape while offering healing and hope to those in need.