

**GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC.**  
**NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023 – HOUSTON, TX**  
**NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD MEETING**



Aid to Greece and Cyprus Committee

Aphrodite Skeadas, Chair

Members: Stella Baker, Georgia Halakos, Lily Katos, Aspasia Melis, Helen Psaras, Kalli Tsitsipas, Chrissy Zografos

October 31, 2023

The faithful Stewards of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society are thankful for God's Grace and for the opportunity to serve those in need including our sisters and brothers in Greece and Cyprus.

Even though the economic forecast in Greece is reported to be improving for many reasons including heightened tourism, many of our brethren suffer under harsh economic and social conditions. Enormous adversity prevails in many areas as natural disasters and ecologically related hardships persist.

This summer, extreme weather, devastating wildfires, deadly floods and intense and sweltering heat waves created serious hardship and loss to residents with unmanageable conditions throughout the country.

The Committee was grateful for the National Philoptochos Executive Board's decision to dispatch immediate emergency aid this summer to Greece.

Supported by the Aid to Greece and Cyprus Committee, the Heart-to-Heart Program/Pop-Up Kafes were reinstated this year. The voluntary Kafes are easy to plan and generate income for the mission without financially taxing the hosts nor the guests. The Kafes are easy to schedule and may be held at any location of the host's choosing. A letter from the National Philoptochos President expressing same was distributed to National Chapter Presidents and to the entire membership.

May our Lord and Savior shower His blessings on our Philoptochos family and all whom they serve with compassion and agape.