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✠Feast of the Holy Apostles

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Beloved Delegates to the 2024 National Philoptochos Convention,

***“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see
your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”***

Matthew 5:16

It is a joy to welcome you to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco for the National Philoptochos Biennial Convention in conjunction with the 47th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress for our Archdiocese. The Congress theme so beautifully states, “In Christ, We Are One”, and as the Philoptochos and Congress will run in tandem during our time together, our efforts are united in Christ, because we are all serving Him and are working to further the Gospel and spread His messages of faith, hope, and love.

To say that you are “An Army of Agape” does not do justice to your work. Your sheer force of love is just once aspect of your work, because I have seen you practically move mountains through your tireless efforts, raising millions of dollars to provide for children’s medical needs, to feed the homeless, to provide much needed social services, not to mention your support of Hellenic College and many other worthy institutions and ministries which support our Orthodox faith. These just scratch the surface of what you are lovingly offering for the betterment of our church, the faithful we serve, and those in our greater communities who are in need of God’s love and grace.

I know that our time together in San Diego will be filled with many opportunities for collaboration and fellowship. I look forward to being with you, celebrating your accomplishments, and learning about your new initiatives to further as you continue to fulfill your mission of Philanthropy, Fellowship and Faith in Action.

Always beseeching the Lord’s richest blessings upon your God-pleasing work, I remain,

With Love in Christ,


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