## **GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC. METROPOLIS PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022-2024**



Metropolis of Denver Stella Piches, President November 2023

Philoptochos is the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. In the Metropolis of Denver, we are over 1,400 strong across thirteen states and over 1.3 million square miles. Nationally, we are over 25,000 strong across our beautiful United States of America. We are growing and encouraging all women of our parishes to be Philoptochos members.

We hosted our biennial Philoptochos Conference in Denver, part of the Metropolis Clergy Laity in May. We participated in engaging presentations, chapter strategy sessions, and enriching fellowship during this conference. The weekend was completed with the Metropolis of Denver Philoptochos board being elected for the 2023-2025 term. With representation from almost every chapter in the Metropolis, we had an inspiring and meaningful conference.

During the conference, His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah declared August Twentieth "CMF Sunday." In this way, he highlighted the importance of this event, promoted our fundraising goals, and bound us together, chapter by chapter, parish by parish, as we host this significant National event. His love of Philoptochos is exemplified by this notable declaration.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Biennial Children's Medical Fund Luncheon will occur in Houston on November Eleventh. We are excited to host over 450 guests and grant recipients. We thank our underwriters and supporters for helping raise over half a million dollars to disburse to children's medical organizations in our Metropolis and throughout the country.

Please keep His Eminence Isaiah in your prayers as he is recovering from a terrible fall. As he recuperates, we anxiously await him to join us at our meetings again. Finally, I would like to thank His Grace Bishop Constantine of Sassima for his guidance and support for Philoptochos.

In His Service,

Stella S. Piches President Metropolis of Denver Philoptochos

