

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



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The Ecumenical Patriarchate Committee is pleased to report that almost 100% of our chapters have supported the Mother Church and Ecumenical Patriarchate through the annual commitment which was collected in November 2022. Our donation of \$110,000 was presented to Archbishop Elpidophoros who gave it to His All Holiness on the occasion of his name day on June 11, 2023.

It is now time for the collection of the 2023 commitment which will be presented in June of 2024. As you know, the commitment is “Tray plus an additional amount” which in the past was \$100.00. As we are all aware, many parishes, post COVID, are not passing trays. That being the case, we ask the chapters to be as generous as possible and match the amount that your trays previously generated as well as providing an additional amount, \$250 if a larger chapter and \$100 if a smaller chapter.

As we all know, the Mother Church depends upon the generosity of the Philoptochos stewards to help meet the needs of the families, elderly and children not only in Constantinople but throughout the world.

Thank you to all the faithful chapters that stepped forward and so generously supported this commitment. Financial support is critically important however the ministry of presence is equally important and meaningful.

Recently the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese has offered opportunities to travel to sites that are important to us as Orthodox Christians. A Pilgrimage to Rome and Constantinople is being contemplated for 2024. As information is provided regarding this pilgrimage, it will be shared with all our members.

Call to Action: If it is possible for National Philoptochos Board Members to participate in this pilgrimage, it would be a great opportunity for us individually and an important show of support for the Mother Church. More information will follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita B. Kartalopoulos