

**GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC.**  
**NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> -JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> – SAN DIEGO, CA**  
**NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS CONVENTION**



**Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry Committee**

Chair: Martha Driscoll

Members: Vasilianna Fakiris, Marilyn Jemas, Savina Prokopios-Davos

July 2024

**Mission Statement:**

In the spirit of Christ's teaching "...I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36), the mission of this committee is to offer an opportunity to positively affect the lives of both those who are incarcerated and their families through identifiable acts of compassion and love.

**Objective:** To facilitate outreach to those affected by incarceration through an annual National Philoptochos commitment

**Awareness:**

- Reviewed and initiated the process for establishing a new National Commitment as dictated by the National By-Laws
- Reviewed and incorporated current information, services, suggestions and resources offered by the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry <https://theocpm.org>
- Enlisted and reviewed the guidance of guest speaker Clark Porter, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, St. Louis, MO parishioner and active participant in the church's development of a prison ministry program
- Researched and compiled statistics to support a resolution to establish a National Philoptochos Commitment for an Orthodox Prison Initiative

**Action:**

- Submitted a resolution to the 2024 National Philoptochos Convention to establish an annual **Orthodox Prison Ministry Initiative Commitment** in support of 501(c)(3) organizations which aid 1) those incarcerated, 2) those formerly incarcerated who are re-entering society, and 3) those families and children affected by incarcerations, and
- The annual amount of the commitment to be determined by each Chapter, and
- At least fifty percent (50%) of the annual Orthodox Prison Initiative Commitment be earmarked for the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM), and
- That the remaining amount be earmarked for other 501(c)(3) prison ministry programs assisting the incarcerated and their families.