GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC. METROPOLIS PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022 – 2024



Metropolis of Denver Philoptochos Stella Piches, President July 2024

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, spread over 1.3 million square miles. Our reach is from the Canadian border to the Mexico border!! Nationally, we are over 25,000 strong, spread across our beautiful United States of America. We are growing and, as I mention to everyone I speak with, all women of the parish should be Philoptochos members. We are the philanthropic arm of the Church.

In the Metropolis of Denver, we have been very active these past few months. We recently had the honor of participating in the Enthronement of Metropolitan Constantine of Denver. His Eminence Metropolitan Constantine had already served our Metropolis as Chancellor and we couldn't be happier. AXIOS! The Enthronement Ceremony took place at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Assumption in Denver, Colorado on Saturday, June 22, 2024. It was a beautiful ceremony. Let us unite in prayer, asking that God's blessings always be upon Metropolitan Constantine.

His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah, who served the Faithful in the Metropolis of Denver since 1992, retired in March of 2024 and received the title of Metropolitan of Lystra. He is happily residing with the monks at the Holy Archangels Greek Orthodox Monastery in Kendalia, Texas.

In addition to the Enthronement and retirement, we also hosted the 19th Biennial Children's Medical Fund Luncheon on November 11, 2023, in Houton, TX. We raised over \$550,000 and were able to distribute over \$348,000 to support 18 worthwhile medical programs for children. We had 500 in attendance at the luncheon, and everyone seemed to have a fabulous weekend. Thank you all for your generosity and support to this worthwhile cause.

We had our Metropolis Clergy Laity Philoptochos Conference in May, and we had a wonderful two-day conference with representation from almost every chapter in the Metropolis. During this conference, we were able to hold our Metropolis board elections. The Metropolis of Denver Philoptochos board was elected for the next two years.

Please keep His Eminence Metropolitan Constantine, and our Faithful in our Metropolis, in your prayers. Finally, I would like to thank His Eminence Metropolitan Constantine for his guidance and unwavering support for Philoptochos.



In His Service,

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Stella S. Piches, President Metropolis of Denver Philoptochos