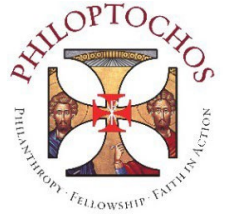




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**National Philoptochos Provides Significant Ukrainian Relief
to Refugee Mothers and Children**

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“For I was hungry, and you gave Me food; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you took Me in; I was naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.” (Matthew 25: 35 – 36)

New York, NY – The National Philoptochos Society, the philanthropic arm of the Church, in conjunction with the initiative of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has answered the call to support our Ukrainian brethren in their time of need. The overwhelming generosity from our donors has exceeded \$300,000 in funding for Ukrainian Relief.

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) are both long-standing commitment partners of the National Philoptochos.

At its most recent May meeting, the National Philoptochos Board approved three projects proposed by IOCC to address and meet the needs of Ukrainian refugees, primarily women and children, over the next six-month period.

- The first project provides temporary accommodations for women and children in Ukraine who have been rendered homeless by the Russian invasion.
- The second project aids in the evacuation and safe transport for the people of Eastern Ukraine.
- Through the third project, Ukrainian refugees already in Greece are given supermarket vouchers to procure food, personal hygiene items, clothing, and other essentials.

To cover the costs of these three projects providing much-needed Ukrainian Relief, National Philoptochos donates \$275,000 in funding to IOCC.

In addition to supporting IOCC’s relief efforts, the National Philoptochos Board approved funding of \$34,000 to UNICEF for the purpose of supporting 3,000 to 5,000 people per day for several weeks of services at a “Blue Dot” Children and Family Protection Support Hub. A Blue Dot hub provides a space for children to rest and play, along with psychological support, education, and child protection programming for thousands of children traumatized and displaced by the invasion. UNICEF’s humanitarian work at its Blue Dot hub focuses on meeting critical needs for safety, healthcare, safe drinking water and nutrition while safeguarding children and their long-term well-being.

We are thankful to our Philoptochos chapters, metropolises, national board members, and additional donors for their generosity thus far. We pray for the people of the Ukraine during this crisis. May God bless them and keep them safe as they journey through this most difficult period in their lives.

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