

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



Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy (PCOP) Committee
Anita Kartalopoulos, Chair (NJ)
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We are happy to report that since September 15th, the rental unit at the PCOP is rented and occupied. We have two excellent tenants who are sharing the duplex apartment, have paid the realtor's commission, provided a \$5,000 security deposit, and timely pay their monthly rent. They have moved in and, so far, have been excellent tenants.

In preparation for the tenancy, certain updates and repairs were required upstairs, a new dishwasher and microwave were installed, etc. Additionally, as was previously reported, certain access spots to our building are being "hardened." That is, security doors were installed where our offices interface with the common hallway. Our property manager oversaw that work.

In our own Philoptochos offices, our document safe was installed in which we will locate important documents such as the closing documents on our building, legal documents related to St. Basil's, and other historical records.

Our property manager has worked out very well, is respectful to staff and the organization; is responsive to our needs and has saved us a substantial amount of money and time by handling so many major and minor items, from GC'ing the renovation. We have hired a new cleaning service, at the request of our staff, and the services are excellent. Our property manager located and interviewed several cleaning companies for us and assisted in the selection process.

One of the very nice things that is occurring is that chapters are planning trips to NYC to visit St. Nicholas National Shrine and along with it, the PCOP and Archdiocese. We welcome our chapters. With the assistance of our director, we have developed a form to be filled out prior to visiting so that appropriate planning can occur for warm hospitality.

Action Item for the entire National Board: Plan a visit to the PCOP and to St. Nicholas. Get to know our staff and our space. We have much to be proud of and we welcome you.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita B. Kartalopoulos