

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



**Saint Basil's Academy**

Eleni Constantinides, Committee Chair  
October 30, 2023

Your Grace Bishop Athenagoras of Nazianzos,  
Esteemed National Philoptochos President, Mrs. Arlene Siavelis Kehl,  
Beloved sisters in Christ.

The members of Saint Basil's Committee and I greet you with love in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I would like to share with everyone some of the events that took care at the Academy since our last Board meeting in May 2023, in Detroit, Michigan.

The Academy mourns the passing of Father Anthony Falsarella who suddenly passed away on May 20, 2023. Father Anthony had served the community of Saint Basil's Academy with faith, love and devotion for many years.

Deacon Kyriacos (Kary) Ioannou was ordained to the Holy Diaconate in the campus chapel and will assist Father Costas Sitaras with tasks previously handled by Father Anthony.

National Philoptochos purchased Graduation gifts not only for the 2023 graduates but also for all the children at the Academy. I personally delivered these gifts to each child at the Annual Graduation Ceremony. His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros attended the ceremony and congratulated the graduates.

We received beautiful Thank You cards from all the children.

The Saint Basil Walk-a-Thon took place on Saturday, September 30th. There was an Agiasmos of the Waters, which was followed by a campus walk. The day began with slight rain but with God's grace the weather improved and everyone had a great time.

The date of the 2023 Christmas Pageant is set for December 9, 2023. I will be attending the Pageant and representing our National President, Mrs. Arlene Siavelis Kehl whose other philanthropic, personal and family commitments will not permit her to travel to New York. As it is customary, gifts will be purchased and presented to all the children.

I would also like to also state that National Philoptochos, before the 15th of every month, sends a check for \$30,000.00 to Saint Basil's Academy for the operating expenses of the

school. This money comes out of the Vasilopita Fund to which all our chapters so generously donate.

Philoptochos always cares and provides for the needs of the children, and we will continue to do so because:

**He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Mark: 10:14**