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November Newsletter - The Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. George

November Board Meeting

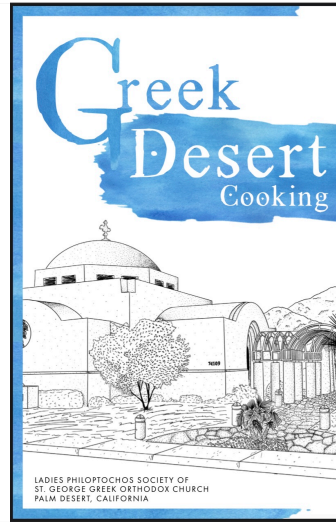
We will be holding our monthly Board meeting on Monday, November 9th at 11:30 AM. For those unable to attend in person, ZOOM conferencing will be available. An agenda will be sent out to board members by November 2nd.

November General Members Meeting

Our monthly General Members meeting will be held on Monday, November 16th at 11:30 AM. We will offer both an in-person and Zoom meeting format. Meeting information will be emailed out by November 10th.

Holiday Baking

We are planning to bake holiday bread, paximathia, and koulouria to sell for the holidays. Baking will be done the week of Nov. 30th-Dec. 4th. Please contact Tina Veroulis if you can volunteer to help out on any day(s) of that week.

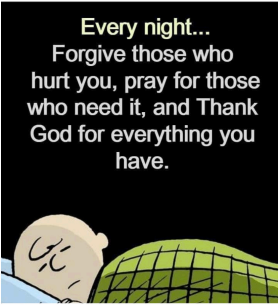


Fundraising Update

Thanks to our hardworking cookbook committee of Pam Zaverdas (Chairperson), Alexandra Dymond, Athena Snarskis, and Tina Veroulis, the St. George cookbook "Greek Desert Cooking" is currently in the printing process. We expect 300 cookbooks to arrive around November 17th and will be available for sale immediately upon receipt. What a great Christmas gift for family and friends!

The board would like to thank the committee members for their generous efforts of time, talent, and treasure with this project. A special donation in the amount of \$1000 has been made by the committee to cover part of the expenses!

This cookbook will be our main fundraiser for the remainder of the year and into early 2021. We are also now offering Philoptochos COVID masks for a \$20 donation and we will be having our annual holiday bake sale in December. More to follow!



Holiday Food Drive

We are continuing to assist families in need for the holidays by donating non-perishable food to "The Narrow Door" food bank.

If you are unable to shop, a financial donation of \$31.29 provides one family with a food box.

Please see the flier on page 6.

Hometown Hero

Philoptochos President Rhonda Latkovic along with our St. George Ladies Philoptochos group were recently recognized by *Tiffany & Company*, Palm Desert, CA, as "Hometown Heroes." This special recognition was for our food drive efforts throughout the pandemic that has provided 8000 meals to local families! **AXIOS!**

See photos and additional comments on page 4.

Congratulations to Jeannie Ranglas, 2020-2022 National Philoptochos Executive Board First Vice-President!

Disabled American Veterans Toiletry Kits & More

Pete Peterson, St. George parishioner and volunteer for the Disabled American Veteran's group located in Palm Springs, CA (photographed below), picking up the donation of two dozen toiletry kits that our Ladies Philoptochos prepared. The kits contain deodorant, shampoo, razors, soap, toothbrush kits, mints, tissues, hand sanitizer, socks, and a COVID-19 mask.

We would like to recognize and thank member Linda Bozigian for her help with assembling the kits. In addition, we wish to thank our "Stealth Steward", Michael Carroll, for his generous donations to our group that enabled us to utilize his two \$1000 gifts to help not only the Disabled American Veteran's Group but also "the Narrow Door" food bank for non-perishable food for families in need due to the pandemic, the "Boys and Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley" for reopening expenses, the "Birth Choice of the Desert" to provide services for pregnant women, the "Coachella Valley Rescue Mission" for food for the needy, the "Salvation Army" for aid to families suffering from the California wildfires, and "Shelter from the Storm" for assistance with woman suffering domestic abuse.

Our Ladies Philoptochos group is blessed to have the ability and resources to make such a huge impact at the local level.

THANK YOU!



2020 Philoptochos Membership List (79 Members Strong)!

(updated November 2nd, 2020)

“Thank You” for supporting our philanthropy and outreach to those in need. Additional members, including associate and junior are always welcome. Also new Memorial Memberships now available.

Becky Allen	Bess Heinrich	Presvytera Petula Pantels
Nick Andros (Assoc.)	Ken Hofman (Assoc.)	Father Ted Pantels (Assoc.)
Stacey Argyros	Linda Kallis	Linda Petalas
Terry Ayanopolis	Christina Kanazavelos	Olympia Pilafidis
Kay Bell	Penny Karagianis	Debbie Pousen
Anne Boukidis-Michas	Mary Ellen Kassotakis	Anna Prineas
Linda Bozigian	Anna Kayaloglou	Alice Pulos
Nancy Breighner	Emily Kayaloglou	Jeannie Ranglas
Eva Canakis	Krisann Kontaxis	Victoria Reed
Paulette Carkonen	Eva Kripner	Tasia Richards
Eleni Castrale (Junior)	Christine Kundanis	Georgia Sapahzis
Nicole Castrale	Annette Laskaris	Bernice Shaheen
Penny Chiotis	Elaine Latkovic	Athena Snarskis
Susan Clark	Nick Latkovic (Assoc.)	Angie Spanos
Ann Cululi-Dixson	Pauline Latkovic	Carol Speliopoulos
Pat Dalkas	Rhonda Latkovic	Irene Stambolos
Josie Desjoyners	Mary Lee	Ginnie Stocker
Louise Dobbs-Barringer	Matushka Gloria Lehman	Mary Tatomir
Alexandra Dymond	Annette Lewis	Emily Tcharos
Joan Fakinis	Debbie Loukatos	Tina Veroulis
Yvonne Flessas	Carol Lyons	Angie Wysup
Adele Gallade	Bess Manesis	Kalitsa Xitco
Athena Harrigan	Tomasine Maverick	Diane Young
Eleni Hawkins (Junior)	Eve Meek	Nelly Zambrano
Melina Hawkins (Junior)	Margarita Pagoulatos	Gabriella Zaharia
Melissa Hawkins	Joan Panopoulos	Pam Zaverdas
		Anna Xavier

“In Memoriam”:

Helen Tsohonis Atsales; William Barringer; Spiros Canakis; Mary Cululi; Eleni Elliniadis; Doris Vasilike Elmo; Mary Fondas; Fostine Tsohonis Milton; Mary Alexandrakis Tsohonis; Helen Veroulis; Georgia Zimis

**Hometown Hero
Recognition Event
Tiffany & Co.
11/4/2020**



Left to right: Presvytera Petula, Father Ted, Rhonda Latkovic, Nick Latkovic, Karla Carroll, Michael Carroll

Left to right: Store Director Sheryl Autran, Rhonda Latkovic, Sales Professional Larry Jindra

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Excerpt from Rhonda's Remarks at the event....

I would like to thank Tiffany & Co. for their efforts to recognize a “Hometown Hero” in all store locations during a time where all of us are facing uncertainties and difficulties.

There are so many people that made it possible for me and our Philoptochos group to be in a position to help others, some who are here today and many of those not here, that are very deserving of thanks and recognition themselves.

First, I thank our Lord, for it is through Him that all things are possible. I must thank the wonderful St. George community of stewards and friends that generously made and continue to make food or financial donations to our food drive efforts. Thank you to all the women of our ‘Ladies Philoptochos Society’, past and present, who tirelessly work to help those in need in our valley, state, and nation.

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(Hometown Hero excerpt cont.)

Thank you to Father Ted and Presvytera Petula Pantels who support and encourage me and our ladies group every step of the way. It was Presvytera who first suggested we assist “The Narrow Door” organization back when we actively began feeding the homeless.

Thank you to our supporters, Michael and Karla Carroll, who have been patrons of our chapter’s charitable work for several years. Michael has earned the affectionate name of “Stealth Steward” by our ladies because of his generosity and support.

Thank you to Tiffany & Co., Store Director Sheryl Autran, and Sales Professional Larry Jindra for their enthusiasm, support and efforts with the “Hometown Hero” program.

We are so grateful for all of you. Thank you.

Philotochos COVID-19 Mask Now Available - \$20 Donation

Stop the Spread - Stay Home Instead #MaskOn



We have received a supply of the embroidered Philotochos COVID masks for sale. These are made out of knit fabric and are quite comfortable. For added protection, a cotton medical mask can be placed underneath while wearing. Hand or machine wash after each wear. Mask sales proceeds benefit our local community charities.

Philoptochos Make A Difference Day Food Drive

Kindness Counts

#ChooseKindness #BeKind #PhiloKind

November is Kindness Counts Month for Philoptochos

Faith Forward, Families Forward, Food Drive

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(\$31.29 supplies ONE Family with a food box).

DROP OFF DATES: NOV. 8th, 9th & 10th ONLY

TIME: 10 AM - 1 PM

PLACE: St. George Church Hall (ring doorbell)

Thanksgiving Meal Needs.....

*Peanut Butter; Cereal; Tomato Sauce; Rice; Canned Vegetables;
Canned Chili; Instant Mashed Potatoes; Instant Stuffing;
Pasta(Spaghetti); Mac & Cheese(boxed or canned); Chicken Broth;
Cranberry Sauce(canned)*

(Please, NO GLASS containers and NO cans larger than 16 oz. size).

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*Questions? Or to arrange an alternate drop off day or time contact
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