

METROPOLIS OF DENVER
Philoptochos Monthly News Tips

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Dear Philoptochos Chapter Presidents and Vice-Presidents:

Happy Valentine's Day! Please share the Philoptochos News Tips with your members at your next general Philoptochos meeting.

METROPOLITAN MINUTE

Would it not be a wonderful thing if our Metropolis Philoptochos would officially celebrate the Entrance of our Lord into the Temple every February 2nd, as the celebration of children who come into the world? As we commemorate the dedication of our Lord in the Temple, the nearest Sunday, or even the actual day, could be a day to work for the protection of children from all kinds of suffering and abuse by assisting a particular organization which focuses on the preservation of children, locally or regionally. --- Metropolitan Isaiah

FEBRUARY COMMITMENTS

National: Cardiac Fund \$250
 Saint Fotios Shrine

Metropolis: Bishop Anthimos Scholarship Fund

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Please help me maintain a correct mailing and e-mail list by letting me know of any changes.

If you are receiving the Philoptochos News Tips via snail mail and you do have e-mail, please let me know. It would be great to save postage and time.

MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP

It is time to renew your Philoptochos membership/stewardship. Just a reminder, \$10 goes to National Philoptochos and \$7 goes to our Metropolis Philoptochos. Please keep in mind that your chapter must be in good standing to be seated at the National Clergy/Laity Convention July 13th – 17th, in Washington DC. Please make every effort to represent your chapter by sending the president plus two members. If the president cannot attend, she must appoint someone instead. EVERY CHAPTER SHOULD BE REPRESENTED

ANNUNCIATION – KANSAS CITY, MO

In November we hosted a spiritual retreat. Dr./Presbytera Eugenia Constantinou spent a weekend with us addressing the origin and writing of the Holy Bible. The November general assembly meeting featured a speaker from the Autism Speaks organization, one of our 2007 benefactors. November was also a time for fundraising. Their annual bake sale raised over \$5,000.

In December, a cookie exchange was organized to kick-off membership for 2008. It was a nice time for fellowship and all went home with lots of goodies to serve during the holidays. Our outreach committee continued the tradition of visiting homebound parishioners during the holidays, and sending care packages to our college students to aid in final exam survival. The students really appreciated being remembered by their church family during this stressful time. (great idea!)

2008 Vasilopita auction surpassed the 2007 record with a gross income of \$6,800, an increase of 26% from last year. 10 loaves were auctioned and the other 30 -40 loaves were priced from \$15 - \$100.

Thank you Staci Elliott, Philoptochos President and your ladies for all of your hard work!

Prayer Request from Staci:

I am requesting prayers for our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Kenya during these unsettling times. Our parish in Kansas City has had the honor of getting to know Father Neophytos Kongai, a Greek Orthodox priest from Kenya, who is on track to becoming a Bishop. He has served our parish intermittently over the past several years, and is now back in Kenya, after a long stay in Greece. He reports extremely dangerous conditions and we fear for his safety, as well as the safety of his parishioners and family. Please pray for peace in Kenya and for the safety of Fr. Neo (as we fondly refer to him) and his parish. Thank you!

CHAPTER VISIT

Metropolis President, Barbara Latsonas visited St. George Philoptochos in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Many thanks to Fr. Paul Patitsas, Chapter President Lindsey Patterson and the Philoptochos Board for their hospitality.

I strongly encourage each chapter to contribute information about your special event, fund raisers, projects, fun finds or helpful information. Please find a few minutes next week to send me a short up-date about your chapter for our next months Philoptochos New Tips. Thank you!

In Christ,

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