

METROPOLIS OF DENVER

Philoptochos Monthly News Tips

May 2008

Dear Philoptochos Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents: Christos Anesti! Christ His Risen! Please share the Philoptochos News Tips with your members at your next general meeting.

METROPOLITAN MINUTE

The month of May comes forth with joy as we celebrate the mothers in our lives. Whether natural mothers or mothers by adoption, as well as godmothers, the concept of mother is filled with tenderness and with love, with suffering and with sacrifice. The epitome of the suffering of a mother is the Theotokos at the Cross of our Lord. The spirit of sacrifice is expressed by the Myrrhbearers who are celebrated this year on Mother's Day – they went to the Tomb of Christ, willing to experience any kind of sacrifice. Yet we know that suffering and sacrifice for the Lord is translated into great joy. We wish the Christian joy upon all mothers---
Metropolitan Isaiah

LETTER FROM OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The 39th Clergy/Laity Congress and 2008 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention are fast approaching and so many exciting plans have been made to ensure their respective success. Philoptochos members from across the Archdiocese will be coming to Washington, DC, to share the bond of our Orthodox faith – a bond that strengthens our resolve to continue the good deeds that are synonymous with the name Philoptochos.

None of this would be possible without the generosity and leadership exemplified by the women who make up each of our Chapters. This dedication allows us to continue to realize the goals and dreams of Philoptochos. It is an event such as the National Convention which allows us to share our vision for looking forward. It affords us the forum and venue to share with one another the vast variety of philanthropic efforts from our individual communities and parishes, and it provides the greatest of opportunities to be spiritually inspired to continue our work.

Today we seek your support in preparing for this extraordinary event. The cost of hosting such a large National convention far exceeds the income generated by the registration fees. Please consider making a generous contribution to help us fund the wonderful programs that will be offered. Together, we can, and will always be stronger and better. Love in Christ

Georgia Skedas

LETTER FROM OUR METROPOLIS PRESIDENT

Congratulations Chapter Presidents! You have completed the first year of your term, and I'm confident that you have inspired your chapters with new and exciting ideas, and will continue to build a strong foundation for your chapter, and pave the way for the future.

Since my focus on increased unity is at the forefront, in addition to personal visits to all chapters, our Metropolis effort for joint projects with local control, will bring greater strength and unity to our Metropolis. I'm looking forward to hear of your chosen organizations.

Please save the date for the Metropolis of Denver Philoptochos open Retreat to St. Basil's Academy October 16-18. Fr. Kosta will be our Retreat Master on Friday the 17th followed by St. Basil's Fashion Show on Saturday. (Details on travel arrangements will follow.) Have a great summer, be back in September!!!! In Christ, Barbara Latsonas

THREE HIERARCHS PHILOPTOCHOS, CHEYENNE, WYOMING

Congratulations to Amalia Olson and her wonderful Philoptochos ladies at Saints Constantine and Helen, **ALL** their commitments for 2008 for Metropolis and National have already been paid!!! They baked Easter bread and sold it on Palm Sunday. They also hosted a meal after vespers last month. A pampered Chef fundraiser was held for the scholarship they will sponsor at Laramie County Community College.

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We would like to commend all of our **fabulous** Philoptochos Chapters in the Metropolis of Denver for your hard work and dedication to philanthropy.

Wishing you a very Happy Mother's Day!

Our next Philoptochos News Tips will come out in September. Have a wonderful summer holiday!

In Christ,

Valerie Ranahosseini
Metropolis Board Member