

METROPOLIS OF DENVER

Philoptochos Monthly News Tips

Spring 2009

Dear Philoptochos Presidents and Vice Presidents:

For the past two years my focus on the Metropolis Philoptochos Board, Membership/Stewardship Committee has been the Philoptochos Monthly News Tips. The purpose of the News Tips is to communicate regularly by e-mail with our 30 active Philoptochos Chapters. It is an informal and cost free way to strengthen our ties and share information. The News Tips are also e-mailed to your Parish Priest and to our Philoptochos Board Members.

A questioner was set to our Chapter Presidents asking for feedback regarding the Philoptochos News Tips. I am happy to report 27 chapters responded very positively to this request. Thank you ladies for all your wonderful comments! Your responses were included in my Committee Report for our Metropolis Board Meeting held in Dallas on February 27, 2009. Our President Barbara Latsonas is pleased you are sharing the information in the News Tips with your members. She feels the News Tips are very beneficial to all our Chapters and requests that copies be distributed at your General Meetings.

At our parish of Saint Catherine, Barbara makes additional copies of the New Tips and displays them with the church printed materials in our Fellowship Hall. This is a great way for non-members and visitors to read about the good works of Philoptochos.

Have a blessed Holy Week and a most glorious Pascha.

In His service,

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Experiencing a Joyful Springtime

As we reflect back this past year, we can be overcome by a sense of depression, what with the economy becoming so chaotic, the rate of unemployment the highest in twenty years, crime increasing, children disappearing and found murdered, and with morality in general hitting the lowest level in generations. We can conclude from all of this that “the days are evil” (Eph. 5:16).

Nevertheless, we cannot and we do not become depressed. For we know that the world situation was no better when our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ entered into this sinful world.

We are now experiencing a springtime, not only in nature, but in our spiritual lives. We are looking within ourselves for our annual spring cleaning. The beautiful and moving

services of our holy faith uplift us. We find ourselves on a higher spiritual plateau which allows us to put aside those things which one day will not exist, and brings into our mindful and spiritual reality the beauty and the peace of the world which is to come, and the life which we are awaiting.

At this bright time of the year, we have a foretaste of the promises which our Lord gave to us as heirs of His coming Kingdom. This beautiful experience will climax on the night of our Lord's glorious resurrection. As we bask in the light and the fervor of that resurrection, there can be no sadness, no sorrow, no depression. For all things become light, and in that light we will continue to live our earthly lives as the happiest of all of God's creation.

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PHILOPTOCHOS COMMITMENTS FOR APRIL

National – Sisterhood/Academy of Saint Basil Graduation & Awards Fund

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Metropolis – Social Services

Paschal Appeal

METROPOLIS PASCAL APPEAL REMINDER

In March a letter was mailed to all Chapters and Philoptochos members in the Denver Metropolis for our 3rd Annual Pascha Appeal.

The Metropolis Philoptochos of Denver is once again asking each member and individual Chapters to make a love donation to your Metropolis Philoptochos so that we can continue the work each of us has been called to do in the ministry of Philoptochos. Please send your donations to: The Metropolis of Denver Philoptochos, Attn: Elaine Cladis, 4550 East

Alameda Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80246

METROPOLIS CLERGY/LAITY/PHILOPTOCHOS CONFERENCE

| MAY 15 – 17 – Dallas, Texas

Attendance is required for all Philoptochos Chapter Presidents. If you are unable to attend the Clergy-Laity you must appoint another Philoptochos member to represent your Chapter.

Please remember to send in your Pre-Capita ASAP! You will not be seated at the Conference in Dallas if your Per-Capita is not paid. National \$10 – Metropolis \$7.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Metropolis President, Barb Latsonas barblatsonas@comcast.net

CHAPTER NEWS

Church of Greater Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska – Zoe White, President

Our Chapter held their annual Vasilopita Auction January 11th. The highlight of the auction was the presence of a special auctioneer. Father Peter Pappas took on the duty of Auctioneer with great gusto. I believe his presence encouraged many to bid on more than one bread. Well into the auction, Father was called away on an emergency, so Michael Lewis graciously stepped in to complete the auction. He too did a great job. A fun time was had by all. Our Chapter is preparing for elections to be held in April. We are also preparing for our annual Palm Sunday dinner.

Saints Peter & Paul, Boulder, Colorado – Lis Troicky, President

For the joint Metropolis project "The prevention of Child Abuse", our chapter raised \$500 through a gift wrap fundraiser and other donations, where all proceeds benefitted the Tennyson Center for Children in Denver. The Tennyson Center serves children who have been abused, neglected or are from unstable home environments.

As part of the "Homeless" project, we are continuing to collect much needed toiletry supplies for the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless and will do so throughout the winter months.

Thanks to our generous Philoptochos members and Parishioners, we provided much-needed Christmas gifts for 95 Boulder Head Start students. This is our 21st year serving the Boulder Head Start program.

St. Barbara's Philoptochos, Dallas Texas – Dimitra Spiliotis, President

President Dimitra Spiliotis, Vice President Dena Parker and Board Members Marilyn Martin & Dori Smallwood welcomed 17 young women who gathered on Thursday evening, February 5, 2009, to learn about the Mission of Philoptochos and opportunities to serve their Church and community. A power-point presentation was given by National & Metropolis Board Member, Helen Carnegis, outlining the local, Metropolis and national charitable outreach of the Ladies Philoptochos Society. Chairpersons of the event are recent new members: Lindsey Petropoulos and Brooke Fossey.

The "Shoes for Orphan Souls" Ministry has distributed more than 1.6 million shoes to orphans in the United States and 55 countries. St. Barbara's Philoptochos seeks donations of new shoes and socks for children of all ages. The collection takes place throughout Lent and then all shoes are taken to the Buckner Ministry Distribution Center in Dallas, where hundreds of shoes are sorted and packed by Philoptochos members and other volunteers from the community.

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