

PHILO STRONG

St. George Ladies Philoptochos | Palm Desert, CA | Chapter 4035

October General Members Meeting

Our next General Members Meeting will be held on **Monday, October 3, 2022** beginning at **11:30 AM** in the church hall. Please **SAVE THE DATE** and join us for our first meeting of the new Ecclesiastical year.

Hygiene Kit Assembly Sun. 9/25

Volunteers are needed to help with the Philoptochos September outreach project after liturgy on Sunday, September 25th, 2022.

The Sunday School Children will be assisting us with the preparation of the kits.

Please call or text Rhonda @ 714-875-4661 if you wish to volunteer.

Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party is planned for Saturday, December 10th, 2022. Venue is the club house at Sun City, Palm Desert. **SAVE THE DATE!**



90 Years of Philanthropy!

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. is the separately incorporated philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the only women's organization recognized in the Uniform Parish regulations, & a non-governmental organization registered with the United Nations. The endeavors of the Society are a genuine expression of *philanthropia*, reflecting an enormous manifestation of love. This *agape* is evident not only in the millions of (cont. page 2)





Emily Tcharos 1933-2022

Our beloved Philoptochos Sister, Emily Tcharos, fell asleep in the Lord on September 3, 2022.

Emily and her late husband George and children Nicholas & Stephanie, moved to the desert from Quebec City, Canada back in 1980. The entire family became involved with the church right away. Emily had taught music at her church in Canada and brought that music with her to form the choir at our St. George church.

It was just last summer in June that our Philoptochos chapter held a special birthday celebration in our church hall for Emily prior to her moving from the desert to Santa Barbara to be near her daughter Stephanie & family.

At her party, Emily addressed our community saying, *“Throughout the years, I have felt so loved & supported and have so many fond memories that I will carry close with me always.”* Emily, we thank you dear sister!

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dollars disbursed annually to our ministries, commitments, & special projects but also in the multitude of meaningful programs & activities which have been undertaken for the past 90 years.

St. James in his Epistle, exhorts all Christians to be, *“Doers of the Word.”* Members of Philoptochos are indeed doers, & their accomplishments can be found in the annals of more than 400 Philoptochos chapters across America.

Expansion of Philoptochos programs over the decades caused Archbishop Demetrios to observe: *“You have surpassed your original philanthropic mission,”* he said, *“You are not only philoptochos but also philotheos, philadelphos, philanthropos, and philoxenos.”* It is this expanded vision that will take us beyond our 100th anniversary!

Donated Clothing Delivered to CVRM

Our August clothing drive was a success! On September 13th, 2022 Philoptochos associate member Nicholas Latkovic delivered a car full of donated clothing from our St. George parishioners to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission in Indio, CA. Thank you to everyone who donated to this project!

