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National Philoptochos Hosts His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros for a Special Celebration at the Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy



New York, NY – January 4, 2024 – The National Philoptochos Society, headquartered at the prestigious Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy (PCOP), was honored to host His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America on Wednesday, January 3rd, for a momentous occasion that included an Agiasmo and the traditional Vasilopita Cutting.

This significant event gathered a distinguished assembly of National Philoptochos Board Members, including National President Arlene Siavelis Kehl, National 1st Vice President Anita Kartalopoulos, and dedicated chapter members from the Direct Archdiocesan District and New Jersey Metropolis. Notable guests in attendance included His Grace Bishop Athenagoras of Nazianzos, National Philoptochos Spiritual Advisor; Fr. Nektarios Papazafirooulos, Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; Fr. Panagiotis Papazafirooulos, Chief of Staff to the Archbishop; Fr. Elias Villis, Chancellor, Direct Archdiocesan District; Fr. Evagoras Constantinides, Director of Special Events; Elaine Allen, Treasurer and Senior Advisor to the Archbishop; Paulette Poulos, Executive Director of Leadership

100; and National Philoptochos Staff members Amy Kalogeropoulos, Director; Paulette Geanacopoulos, Director of Social Services; Katherine Clark, Marketing & Communications Associate; and Vivian Dehner, Accountant/Bookkeeper.

Adding to the grandeur of the event, Fr. Andreas Vithoulikas, Presvytera Anthoula Vithoulikas, and Demetri Papacostas from the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine graced the occasion, creating a unifying celebration of faith, community, and philanthropy.

Archbishop Elpidophoros' inspiring presence and blessings uplifted the hearts of all in attendance as they collectively embarked on the new year. The event at PCOP serves as a powerful testament to the enduring spirit of generosity and solidarity within the Philoptochos and the Greek Orthodox community, fostering a sense of unity and purpose that will guide their philanthropic endeavors throughout the year.

The National Philoptochos Society expresses sincere gratitude to Archbishop Elpidophoros and all esteemed guests for making this celebration a truly special and unifying experience. The Society remains steadfast in its commitment to serving others and spreading goodwill within the Greek Orthodox community and beyond.

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society Inc. is the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. With over 90 years of experience, they have helped people in need through fundraising and charitable programs. They have more than 400 active chapters nationwide. Learn more at www.philoptochos.org.

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