



# GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

## GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

Monday, February 5, 2024

Dear Philoptochos Sisters and Friends,

As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming National Philoptochos Biennial Convention, we are thrilled to announce the commencement of the nomination process for the 2024 AGAPE Awards. These awards celebrate the remarkable contributions of Philoptochos chapters across the nation, and we invite your chapter to participate in this recognition of excellence.

**Nomination Criteria – Activities that occurred during the period of January 2023 through December 2023.**

### 1. Active Philoptochos Chapter Participation:

- Provide a detailed description of your chapter's philanthropic involvement within your parish. How does your chapter engage with other parish ministries?

### 2. Membership Growth Initiatives:

- Describe the activities implemented to sustain or boost chapter membership. How did it demonstrate a collective dedication to the chapter's longevity and expansion? For example, creative membership events, mentorship programs, and outreach activities to ensure continuity and growth in our dynamic sisterhood.

### 3. Philanthropic Impact Beyond Church Boundaries:

- How has your chapter served those in need in your greater community (outside the parish)? Describe how your chapter supported these activities. For example, outreach programs developed, charitable events organized, or partnerships formed with local organizations that positively impacted the broader community. **\*Please note that this excludes the nine 2024 Chapter Challenge Projects.\***

**Please see the attached form, highlighting the submission process that must be completed and followed.**

The nine selected chapters will be announced and honored at the AGAPE Awards Breakfast, held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, in the Pacific Ballroom at the Sheraton San Diego. We hope all chapters submitting the award will have at least one representative at the convention.

The AGAPE Awards offer an excellent opportunity to showcase your chapter's dedication to the mission and values of Philoptochos. We encourage you to share your inspiring initiatives and achievements, allowing us to celebrate the outstanding contributions of Philoptochos chapters nationwide.

With love in Christ,

*Arlene Siavelis Kehl*

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National Philoptochos President

*Jeannie Ranglas*

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Convention Chair

*Valine C. Georgeson*

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AGAPE Awards Chair



## 2024 AGAPE Award Submission Form

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

President's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Metropolis: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Submission Process:**

On a separate page, please submit your chapter's nomination to your respective Metropolis President, who will form a committee to select 3-chapter finalists to send to the 2024 AGAPE Awards Convention committee.

Include a detailed summary addressing each criterion and providing supporting evidence of your chapter's achievements with a minimum of 25 high resolution digital photos. All submissions must be completed **electronically**, together with your responses and photos to your respective Metropolis President. **We are unable to accept mailed submissions.**

#### **Deadline:**

Forward your electronic submissions consisting of this form, your responses, and your photos to your Metropolis President no later than **Friday, March 29, 2024.**

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