

GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC. METROPOLIS PRESIDENT REPORT 2024 - 2026



Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos

Jane Kourtis, President

2026 National Philoptochos Convention, Cleveland, Ohio

June 29 – July 2, 2026

Your Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America,
Your Grace Bishop Athenagoras of Nazianzos,
Esteemed National Philoptochos President, Mrs. Debbie George,
Beloved Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to bring greetings from His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios and the Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos. Under the spiritual guidance of His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, I am pleased to share that we had a successful 2025-2026 ecclesiastical year. We held a number of events:

- **Lucky Book Event:** On Saturday, April 25, 2026 at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Cranston, Rhode Island, our Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos held a special afternoon celebrating Greek heritage and storytelling at A Luncheon with Anna Prokos, beloved author of the Lucky Book series. This uplifting gathering highlighted the beauty of our Greek customs and traditions. Everyone enjoyed a reception and book signing, followed by a luncheon and fireside chat with the author. We appreciated the opportunity to share the richness of our Greek Orthodox traditions with the next generation.
- **Metropolis Philoptochos Lenten Retreat:** Friday – Saturday March 27-28, 2026, our Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos held a Lenten Retreat, a gathering of Faith, Fellowship, and Renewal, held at the St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center in Contoocook, New Hampshire. This spiritually enriching retreat offered a beautiful opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life and enter more deeply into the spirit of Great Lent through prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Participants were inspired by presentations from Rev. Robert Archon, Ph.D., on the spiritual counsels of St. Paisios, and Dr. Ioana Popa, who spoke on finding strength, renewal, and encouragement in our lives as Christian women.
- **Metropolis of Boston 40th Annual Ministry Awards Dinner:** On Sunday, June 14, 2026, the Metropolis of Boston held its 40th Annual Ministry Awards Dinner, bringing together 800 faithful from across New England to the Harry Agganis Arena at Boston University, for an evening of inspiration, faith, and fellowship. His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios offered his Archpastoral Reflections on the Metropolis ministries, with a special celebration of the Philoxenia House's 40th anniversary. The Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos Board was present and pleased to be an important part of the celebration. As President of the Metropolis Philoptochos Board, I was happy to offer remarks, and to present a donation on behalf of the Board and Metropolis Philoptochos chapters in the amount of \$75,000; \$40,000 of which will be given to Philoxenia House for 40 years of offering a warm and embracing home to families from around the world whose loved ones come to Boston for medical care.

Our events this year were a blessing, offering opportunities for fellowship and philanthropy. Our fundraisers have allowed us to give to individuals in need through our Social Services fund, to veterans in need through Operation Housewarming, as well as students and schools in need through Operation Classroom. We also held our annual sock and hat ministry, offering hundreds of pairs of socks as well as hats, to homeless shelters throughout New England.

National Board: The following nine sisters from our Metropolis of Boston are also members of the National Philoptochos Board.

- Jane Kourtis
- Philippa Condakes, Secretary
- Calliope Galatis
- Eleni Kalioras
- Athena Kalyvas
- Matina Pappas
- Savina Prokopios-Davos
- Eleni Stamboulidis
- Elaine Zetes, Third Vice President

We serve in our National role with enthusiasm and seriousness of purpose. We are looking forward to the National Philoptochos Biennial Convention, June 30-July 3, in Cleveland, Ohio. We are pleased with the selection of the chapter at St. George Cathedral, Springfield, MA, which was selected as our Agape Award Recipient. In addition to the generosity to a local school and food relief to the local community, the St. George Philoptochos began a prison ministry program by writing greeting cards to the incarcerated.

I would like to thank His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios and Chancellor Father Theodore Barbas for their continued support and guidance as we continue to promote the mission of Philoptochos. I would also like to thank Debbie George, National Philoptochos President and the National Board Sisters, the Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos Sisters, the Chapter Presidents, and all the sisters of Philoptochos for their collaboration and love, as we work together for the glory of God.

In His Service,

Jane Kourtis, President
Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos

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