

Philoptochos donates \$115,000 to Greek and Cypriot charities

New York, NY: As we celebrate Independence Day and the ideals and principles of our homeland, a country of immigrants, we remain committed to and supportive of our ancestral homes. Accordingly, the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. is pleased to announce that on July 3, 2017, its Executive Board approved disbursements totaling \$115,000 for aid to the people of Greece and Cyprus, as follows:

- \$10,000 to LyreioPaidikoldryma- SS Anargyroi, an ecclesiastical entity under the care of the nuns from the convent of Holy Trinity in Mati, Attiki.
- \$10,000 to Demetreion Center of Apostoli in Moshato, Greece, an after-school program Greece for the care of underprivileged children.
- \$20,000 to Apostoli, a nongovernmental, nonprofit organization founded by the Social Services Department of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens for food and support of families.
- \$10,000 to the Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans for humanitarian assistance to deprived, expatriated Greeks of Constantinople.
- \$30,000 – \$10,000 to each of three partially or entirely refugee Metropolises of Cyprus, for food and assistance with utility bills, housing and medical expenses, etc.
- \$20,000 to the Holy Metropolis of Mytiline to provide assistance to the villages destroyed by the very recent earthquake in Lesvos (Mytiline), Greece.
- \$15,000 to Syndesmos Gia Atoma me Aftismo (Association for Children and Adults with Autism) in Limasol, Cyprus.

Since the start of the financial crisis, the severe economic conditions have continued unabated, causing food shortages and lack of housing and medical care. These conditions have impacted not only the physical needs of the people, but also the spiritual and emotional well-being of our brothers and sisters in Greece and Cyprus. This latest disbursement brings the total aid provided by National Philoptochos to the people of Greece and Cyprus to \$789,120 since 2012.

The stewards of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, empowered to make a difference in the world, are limitless in their compassion for serving the sick, the hungry, the weary and the disenfranchised. Heartfelt thanks go to the more than 400 local Philoptochos chapters across the US, along with their communities, without whose support the work of the National Philoptochos would not be possible. Working together, with the love and blessings of God, we will continue our work to lessen the pain, loss and suffering of the most fragile in our society.

To support the National Philoptochos Aid to Greece and Cyprus Fund, please log on to

<http://bit.ly/1MpMsF3> to make your donation.