

## Τί σημαίνει Άγιοι Ανάργυροι

Ίδιαίτερη τάξη ανάμεσα σ' αυτούς που ευαρέστησαν στον Θεό αποτελούν οι Άγιοι Ανάργυροι. Ένω όμως με τον ὄρο αυτόν (Άγιοι Ανάργυροι) οι περισσότεροι χριστιανοί νοούν τους Άγιους Κοσμά και Δαμιανό ή τους Άγιους Κύρο και Ίωάννη, το σωστό είναι να παραπέμπουν τή σκέψη τους σε ὄλους εκείνους τους Άγιους, οι ὅποιοι «δωρεάν ἔλαβαν καί δωρεάν ἔδιναν» τή θεραπεία σε σωματικές καί ψυχικές ἀσθένειες, μηδέν ἄλλο πρᾶγμα γήινον λαμβάνοντες, εἰ μή μόνον μισθόν τῆς ἰατρείας ζητοῦντες τό νά πιστεῦσιν εἰς τόν Χριστόν οι ἰατρουόμενοι, ὅπως γράφει ὁ Άγιος Νικόδημος ὁ Ἁγιορείτης. Ανάργυροι δηλαδή χαρακτηρίζονται οι Άγιοι που δέν ἔπαιρναν «ἀργύρια», χρήματα, γιά τίς θεραπείες που ἔκαναν. Τό μόνο που ζητοῦσαν ἀπ' ὅσους θεραπεύαν ἦταν νά πιστεῦσουν στό Χριστό.

Καί ναί μέν ἀρκετοί ἀπό τους Άγιους τῆς Ἐκκλησίας εἶχαν τό χάρισμα καί ἔκαναν θεραπείες, ὅμως ὑπῆρξαν καί ἀρκετοί ἀπ' αυτούς που ὄντας ἰατροί στό ἐπάγγελμα, τό ἀσκοῦσαν χωρίς ἀμοιβή, δωρεάν, λόγος γιά τόν ὅποιο ἔλαβαν τήν προσωνυμία «Ἀνάργυροι», που ταυτίστηκε τόσο πολύ μέ τό πρόσωπο ὠρισμένων ἀπ' αὐτοῦς, ὥστε μερικοί χριστιανοί νά νομίζουν πώς εἶνα τό ὄνομά τους.

Άγιοι Ἀναργυροι εἶναι: Κοσμάς καί Δαμιανός, οι Ρωμαῖοι (1η Ἰουλίου), Κοσμάς καί Δαμιανός, ἀπό τή Μ. Ἀσία (1η Νοεμβρίου), Κοσμάς καί Δαμιανός (17η Ὀκτωβρίου), Κύρος καί Ίωάννης (31η Ἰανουαρίου), Ἐρμόλαος ἱερομάρτυς (26η Ἰουλίου), Σαμψών ὁ ξενοδόχος (27η Ἰουνίου), Διομήδης μάρτυς (16η Αὐγούστου), Μώκιος ἱερομάρτυς (11η Μαΐου), Φώτιος καί Ἀνίκητος, μάρτυρες (12η Αὐγούστου), Θαλλέλλαιος ἱαματικός καί μάρτυς (20ή Μαΐου), Τρύφων ὁ θαυματουργός (1η Φεβρουαρίου), Ἰουλιανός μάρτυρ (6η Φεβρουαρίου), Ζηναῖς καί Φιλονίλλα, οι ἀδελφές (11η Ὀκτωβρίου).



## MISSION STATEMENT OF PHILOPTOCHOS

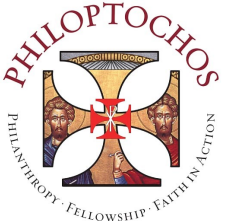
The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The mission of the Society shall be:

- To aid the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts; and
- To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources;
- To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs;
- To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council.

The charitable work of the Society shall be performed with discretion, courtesy and kindness.



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NOVEMBER 5, 2023

On behalf of the members of the Saint George Ladies Philoptochos Society, I would like to thank you for your continued support and involvement.

As with every year, our chapter works on numerous philanthropic causes, which require many volunteer hours, as well as generous financial support. Our success would not be possible without the commitment of our Saint George Family and the Greek community at large.

Today, we are offering an *Artoclasia* Service for the health, wellbeing and salvation of our Philoptochos members and the entire community of Saint George. We are also offering a Memorial Service for all our members, who have fallen asleep in the Lord. Thank you to ka. Tammy Metropulos for preparing the Artous and Prosfora as well as the Kolyva for today's service.

One of our chapter's commitments for the ecclesiastical year is to support the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Every year on November 1st, on the commemoration of our Patron Saints, Cosmas and Damianos, all chapters throughout the country are asked to collect a tray to support the ministries and charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The sum we collect from the tray, plus an additional \$100 from our treasury, is sent to National Philoptochos for this effort.

Join us in the Community Center for coffee and treats made by the Ladies of Philoptochos!

Theodora Diolitsis, Chapter President

**MEMBERSHIP**—Please consider becoming a member of the Saint George Philoptochos Society. Stewardship is collected for a calendar year, January 1<sup>st</sup>, through December 31<sup>st</sup>. \$15 per member is mailed to National Philoptochos for our membership commitment; \$5 per member is mailed to Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos and \$2 per member to Bishop's Welfare Fund. The suggested amount for membership is \$25 per year but our members often generously give more. Checks are payable to St. George Ladies Philoptochos Society. Zelle and paypal: Philoptochos.StGeorgeChicago@gmail.com



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**SAINT GEORGE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY**  
PRESENTS AN EVENING OF FUN AND CHANCE

*blessed*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023**  
FOUNTAIN BLUE  
2300 MANNHEIM ROAD, DES PLAINES

**DONATION \$100 INCLUDES DINNER AND CHANCES**  
COCKTAILS 6:00 PM DINNER 7:00 PM

*grand prize \$1500*



PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO CONTINUE THE PHILANTHROPIC WORKS OF SAINT GEORGE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTER  
A MAXIMUM OF 150 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD - GENTLEMEN ARE WELCOME - WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT

## Upcoming Philoptochos Events

### NOVEMBER

- 9 Thursday** “Blessed!” Fundraiser at Fountain Blue. Proceeds will help continue the philanthropic works of our chapter.
- 12 Sunday** Philoptochos supports our annual Parish Council Beef Luncheon
- 14 Tuesday** Regular monthly meeting at 7:30 pm
- 19 Sunday** Philoptochos reports at Parish Assembly
- 23 Thursday** “Feed the Hungry” **Thanksgiving Day** at Annunciation Cathedral - together with Philoptochos Chapter from Annunciation Cathedral. Please join as we serve a Thanksgiving meal to about 125 guests. St. George Outreach Ministry will serve “Hot Meals to Go” at St. George Church.

### DECEMBER

**3 Sunday** Elections for the new term of St. George Parish Council Members

Decorating our Church for Christmas - Our entire community is invited and welcome

**12 Tuesday** Regular monthly meeting and Christmas Party at 7:30p.m. in the downstairs hall

**17 Sunday** Christmas Bake Sale

**25 Sunday Christmas Day** Sponsor Coffee Hour

**26 Tuesday** “Feed the Hungry” – Each Metropolis of Chicago chapter is committed to serve a soup kitchen at Annunciation Cathedral. Our chapter’s assignment is always the last Tuesday of the year. We serve a full meal to about 100 guests. You are welcome to join us in supporting this worthwhile cause.

### Current Projects

We are continuing the wonderful work the ladies offered under the presidency of Evelyn Nisbett. Thank you to Evelyn for leading our chapter for four years.

**Prison Ministry** Our chapter, together with our entire parish, are committed to serve those that are incarcerated. Roula Arceo chaired our first prison ministry clothing and feminine products drive. Roula worked with the Fox Valley Adult Transitional Center in Aurora. She and Dorian Abbot organized and packaged donations from all of you, and we were able to make our first delivery last Friday. More on this from Roula and Dorian themselves on a future bulletin.

**Ronald McDonald House** Ann Marie Hankins and HAPA organized a meal to be served to families with children receiving treatment at the Ronald McDonald House at Comer Hospital.

**“Make a Difference Day”** Together with Holy Trinity Church we hosted Sunday School children at Elmwood Cemetery, where they learned about our traditions, and what we believe happens when we fall asleep in the Lord.

**Philanthropy** - Tammy Metropulos informs us on any requests made to our chapter. She works with Metropolis of Chicago Philanthropy Fund, Hellenic Foundation and Fr. Chrysanthos and Fr. Peter to make sure all requests are valid.

**Bake Sale** - Evelyn Nisbett is organizing our Christmas Bake Sale for December 17th. If you want to bake, package, or just buy please see Evelyn.

**“Feed the Hungry”** - Eugenia Splinter is chairing with Tammy Metropulos. On Thanksgiving day we serve Annunciation Cathedral and St. George Church with Outreach Ministry. We also serve on December 26th at Annunciation Cathedral. You want to help? See Eugenia or Tammy.

**Clergy Laity Conference** Our president Theodora Diolitsis attended as our delegate.

Currently at 55 members strong we are small but mighty! Each one of us takes on a task and each of us utilizes our own unique gifts and talents. Most importantly we love each other and work well together!

We thank you for supporting us and .... come and join us!