

LADIES OF PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY REPORT

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The goal of the Ladies of Philoptochos Society (Philoptochos) is to be friends to the poor and those in need. Our local chapter is now 58 years old, with over 60 members — approximately 30 to 35 of whom are active. We are proud that throughout these years, we have consistently fulfilled our obligations to the Archdiocese Philoptochos Board. We also support Father Spiro in organizing *prosphora* and other church celebrations, including the Epitaphio.

Throughout the year, we organize and support many activities and events to raise funds for our chapter. As you know, we host the fellowship coffee hour and provide services during memorials and times of need. We also host luncheons that bring the community together.

Some of the other causes we support — many of which are not widely known — include the following:

- We are proud to sponsor two children through World Vision.
- We help people in need within our Greek community, the wider Regina community, and abroad, including Greece.
- We support local organizations such as Souls Harbour, the Regina Food Bank, Canadian Mental Health, and STAR Ambulance, which all assist people in need.
- We are proud to partner with the Daughters of Penelope to bake cookies for local schools, ensuring that children do not go hungry.
- Over the years, we have also responded to crises such as earthquakes and wildfires. We are grateful for the compassion and generosity of our members who always step forward to help when they learn of others in need.

Our most recognized fundraiser is our Annual Bake Sale, organized in partnership with the Daughters of Penelope. We are proud that the committees from both the Daughters and Philoptochos work together successfully each year, sharing the proceeds equally. On behalf of both organizations, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all — members and non-members alike — for their generous support of this event over the years.

I would like to extend an open invitation to all the ladies of our community to join the Philoptochos. We are always looking for new members and volunteers. Our members are eager to share their experience and teach those interested in carrying on our tradition of supporting those in need, our Church, and our community. If you are interested, please reach out to any current member.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!