**Philoptochos Meeting Clergy Laity Congress**

**Friday and Saturday, June 13 &14, 2025**

**Philoptochos General Session III**

**Charleston, South Carolina**

President Irene Politis called the meeting to order at 2:30pm. We began with the continuation of Committee Reports.

**Credentials**: Mary Wehbie: 54 delegates, 1 observer

**Commitments**: Dorothy Xanos reported that the Zoe Cavalaras award for the most growth in membership is given to the Chapter in Tarpon Springs, Florida and that 2023 commitments were high, 2024 commitments went down and thus far in 2025 commitments are going back up.

**Youth Ministry**: Mary Wehbie reportred on Youth Ministry in the Metropolis of Atlanta, Winter Youth Rally, Hellenic Dance Festival, St. Stephens Summer Camp, the Odyssey Program that sends our youth to Greece to learn additional Greek dances and cultural practices. Fanouropita, Agape Luncheon, and the commitment for Youth all help fund these ministries.

**Prison Ministry**: Julie Skouteris, chairperson for Prison Ministry has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. She encouraged all chapiters to support the Ministry. St. Silus is the Patron Saint of Prison Ministry, and this feastday is in July which is when collections are made, but this can be at a different time if attendance is lower in July.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm, and will be continued Saturday morning at 8:30am

Saturday, June 14, 2025

President Irene Politis called the meeting to order at 8:30am. We began with the continuation of Committee Reports.

**Credentials**: Mary Wehbie: 46 delegates, 5 observers - 59 registered delegates

**Website**: Kiki Rothman gave instructions on easy access to website. Minutes from Philoptochos Converence 2025 will be posted on website. President Irene Politis posts monthly letter on website with news and information.

Any correspondence you would like to send or information to post, and especially pictures of Philoptochos events to share (with an explanation) please send to this email: atlmetphilop@gmail.com

**Metropolis Youth Director**: Monica Gjerde thanked Philoptochos members for their continued support of Philoptochos. St. Stephens Summer Camp is about to begin for Summer 2025.

Hellenic Dance Festival was a big success with 5,000 attending. Next HDF is in New Orleans in 2026, and over 100,000 meals will be needed. Monica asked for our assistance with this endeavor.

**New Business**: Kiki introduced new Board candidates, and made a motion to accept the slate as presented. Motion carried. Slate of candidates for Metropolis Board: Presvytera Evi Kaplanis, Marty Driscoll, Sydney Langford, Tina Chagaris, Chum Atkins, Irene Fotos, Sarah Kalaris, Julie Skouteris, Mary Wehbie, Dorothy Xanos, Evelyn Zehia, Ann Marie Speas-Dentiste, Helen Psihuntas, Lakita Essa, Fanoula Gulas, Mary Miltiades.

Coming off the Board are 5 members: Dina Cook, Despina Koulianos, Joan Marinos, Margaret Sarafoglu, Cindy Xenick. The current Board serves until the new Board is installed, at our November, 2025 meeting in Atlanta

**Children’s Medical Fund Luncheon**: Saturday, September 27, 2025!

Meeting adjourned 11:15am

Respectfully Submitted,

Despina Koulianos