announced to us in the Gospel by the Holy Spirit, Who is sent from Heaven Itself (cf. 1 Peter 1:12).

Therefore, on this National Philoptochos Sunday, let us remember their Heavenly Patrons, the Holy Anargyroi Cosmas and Damian, who gave of themselves to the uttermost and showed us how to lend unto God. By supporting Philoptochos ministries, all of us can participate in this miraculous exchange with the Almighty. By doing good in the here and now – led by our Philoptochos Sisters – we reserve for ourselves treasures in Heaven, where God keeps rewards for those who love Him and those who love each other.

With paternal love in our Lord Jesus Christ,



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