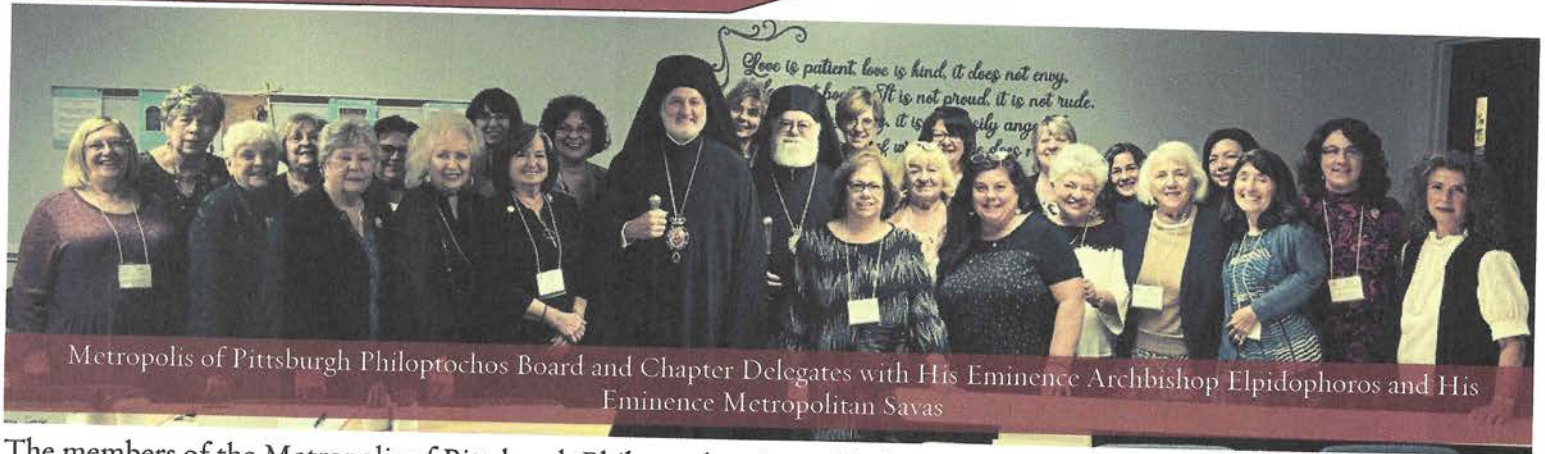


Philoptochos Assembly: Joyce Spanakis, President

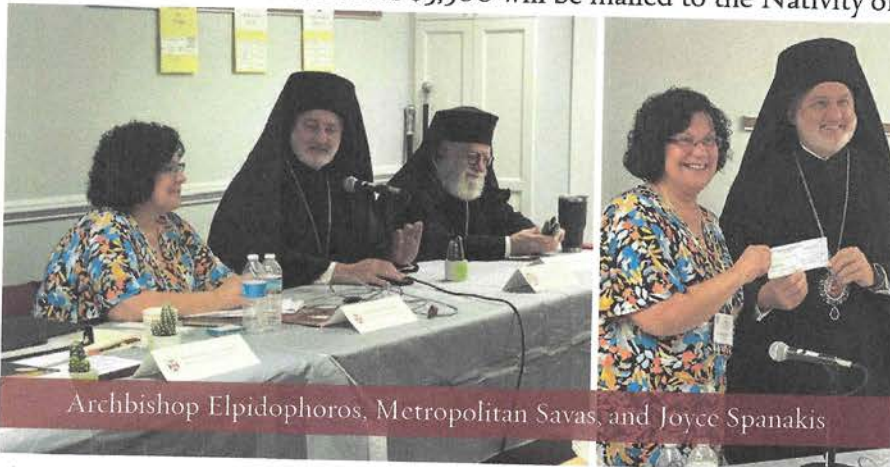


Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos Board and Chapter Delegates with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and His Eminence Metropolitan Savas

The members of the Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos Assembly had a fruitful and beneficial two days of meetings. The Philoptochos women were blessed to have His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and His Eminence Metropolitan Savas in attendance for some of their meeting, and to hear the words of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros commending the work of the Philoptochos not only in our Metropolis, but world-wide.

The guest speakers were Kate Alley from the LightHouse Center of Reading, a new facility for women and children experiencing homelessness. The Metropolis Philoptochos also made a donation of \$1,000 to the LightHouse Center. We enjoyed informative presentations from Rhea Ballas on Youth Safety, the Metropolis Board Advisor and National Philoptochos treasurer, Barbara Pasalis on the National Philoptochos Humanitarian Aid Worldwide. Metropolis Y2AM director, Alyssa Kyritsis, presented information on the YAL conference and their service project for Global Links. She also shared information on the cross-generational Weekend of Service held in conjunction with Philoptochos. Alyssa Kyritsis was presented with a check for \$500 toward the YAL Global Links service project.

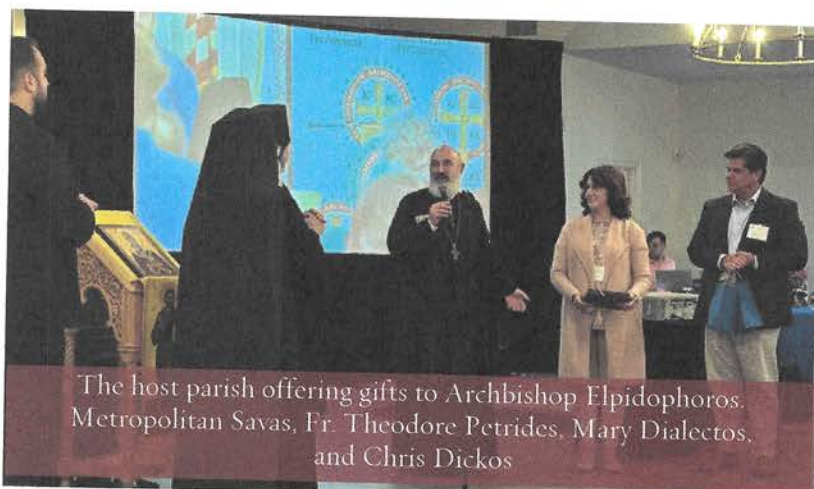
Since January 2022, the National Philoptochos with the assistance of its 438 chapters across the Archdiocese representing 25,000 women, as well as its nine Metropolis Philoptochoses donated \$814,178 in International Disbursements. These included money to IOCC for Ukraine, the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, the floods and fires in Greece as well as Hurricane Ian and the Maui fires. A check for \$3,300 was presented to His Eminence Metropolitan Savas for his Good Samaritan Fund and a check for \$3,300 will be mailed to the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery. It was approved that



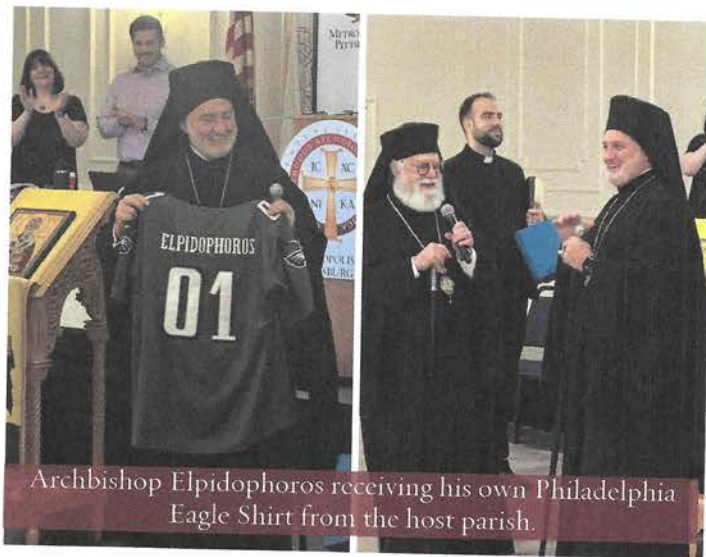
Archbishop Elpidophoros, Metropolitan Savas, and Joyce Spanakis

the four Metropolis of Pittsburgh seminarians will each receive \$3,000 for a total disbursement of \$12,000. In response to Archon Nick Tranto's Archon's young adult pilgrimage presentation to the Ecumenical Patriarchate pilot program, the Metropolis Philoptochos voted and approved to give \$5,000 to the program earmarked for when a Metropolis of Pittsburgh young adult is in attendance. As part of the budget for 2024, a decision was made regarding the division of Daffodil Luncheon proceeds.

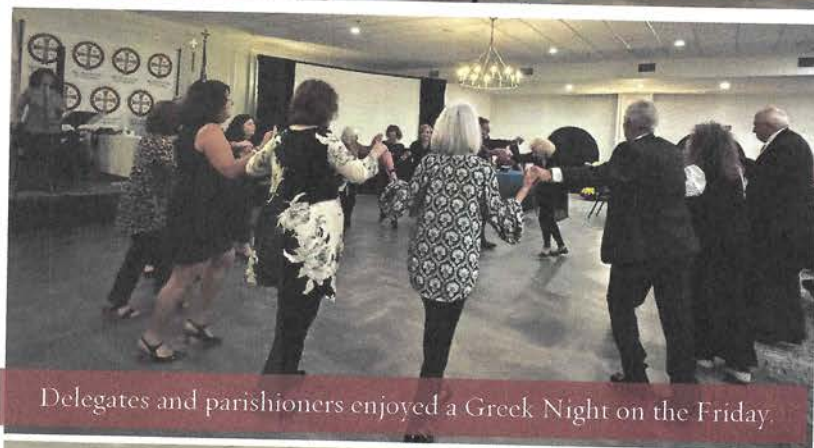
Since the balance in our Emergency Fund is low due to the increased number of natural disasters this past year, it was decided to designate two thirds of the Daffodil Luncheon proceeds to the Emergency Fund and one third to the Seminarian Our Future Fund. This division of funds will be revisited on a yearly basis and division of the proceeds will be determined by the fund balances available in the Emergency and Social Service Funds. Delegates left the 2023 assembly honored to have had the opportunity to meet and interact with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, informed, energized and humbled to be a member of such an amazing organization and valuable ministry of the church.



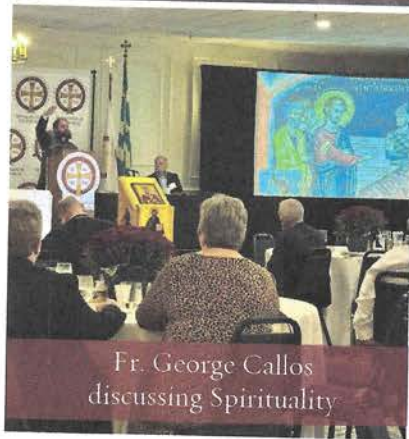
The host parish offering gifts to Archbishop Elpidophoros, Metropolitan Savas, Fr. Theodore Petrides, Mary Dialectos, and Chris Dickos



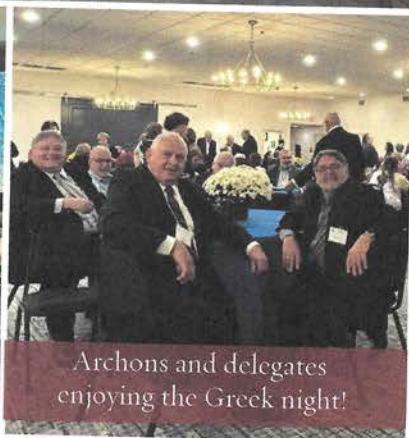
Archbishop Elpidophoros receiving his own Philadelphia Eagle Shirt from the host parish.



Delegates and parishioners enjoyed a Greek Night on the Friday.



Fr. George Callos discussing Spirituality



Archons and delegates enjoying the Greek night!

New Metropolis Center Progress October 8 2023



New Metropolis Center Update

The foundations are being poured and blocks are being laid! Please consider a personal commitment, a family pledge and/or at the parish level. Ensure that you are recognized for your commitment to our community family. To establish a pledge or make a donation please scan the QR code. Thank You!

Archon Nick Lekas - New Metropolis Center Project Manager



SUPPORT HIS EMINENCE AND OUR METROPOLIS MINISTRIES

It costs approximately \$1,000 per day to operate our Metropolis - including Metropolitan Savas's Archpastoral visitations, preparations for summer camp and GOYA retreats, our vital registry, and more. Please consider sponsoring a day in the life of the Metropolis.

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