

ST. CATHERINE PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES - FEB '24



TABLES EXTRAORDINAIRE

Our 2023 event raised \$38,214 after expenses were paid. These monies go into our annual budget for disbursement throughout the year. In addition, almost \$7,000 was raised at the luncheon for three designated charities and was divided evenly between them. We presented one of these checks at our January membership meeting to a speaker from Anchor Center for Blind Children. It was meaningful to be able to do that in person with our members in attendance and hear about the work the center does. The second donation was made to Newborn Hope and the third to Ronald MacDonald House Denver/Aurora.



Our Philoptochos chapter's Sts. Cosmas and Damian Ministry, together with the Assumption Cathedral chapter, provides hospitality and outreach to help families from Greece who are coming to Children's Hospital for specialized surgery. Ronald MacDonald House helps to house children and their families coming to the hospital for care. At left is a picture of the most recent family who arrived. Our members Toulia Stathopoulos and Anne Charchalis welcomed them and helped to settle them in.

GIVING TREE/OPERATION CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Our Christmas Drive collected \$4,080 for gift cards and food for 10 families at Lansing Elementary. Each family received a bin with non-perishable food items, toiletries, games, treats and \$550 in gift cards to King Soopers, Walmart and Target. Elaine Karubus and Christianna Politis chaired this effort.



ST. BASIL'S ACADEMY VASILOPITA SUNDAY

We raised \$3,353 for Vasilopita, mostly from the bread sales and some donations. We will send a check to St. Basil for \$3,500 as soon as the budget is approved.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 25 - Go Red Sunday Coffee Hour & Philoptochos Stewardship Deadline. Philoptochos is the heartbeat of our community! **Go Red Sunday** is to raise awareness about heart disease prevention. Trained healthcare providers will be providing blood pressure checks onsite in the library.

To be entered into a special drawing on Feb. 25, renew your Philoptochos membership for 2024 during coffee hour or become a new member by Feb. 25. You can do this in person at coffee hour on Go Red Sunday or online here: [Philoptochos 2024 Stewardship](#)

MARCH 18 - Clean Monday Retreat - 9am - 3pm

Brandi Willis Schreiber, author of "A Long Walk with Mary", will be our speaker. Look for a flier promoting the event soon.

Please visit our website <https://stcatherinechurch.org/philoptochos> to become or renew your Philoptochos stewardship, for our updated calendar of events and for pictures and updates from our outreach efforts.