

# *St. Irene's Philoptochos Society*

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*Dear Ladies of our St. Nicholas Community,*

*We wish you and your families a very happy and blessed New Year! It is time to once again begin our annual stewardship drive. We want to thank all who have been supporting our St. Irene's Philoptochos and hope that you will continue to do so in this New Year. If you have not been a part of this wonderful ministry, we invite you to consider joining us at this time.*

*As Fr. Demetri has said, this is not a group only for ladies over 50 years old, but for all women over the age of 18! Our recently elected President is only 25!!! We truly would like to see some younger ladies join us. Our local Philoptochos is part of the National and Metropolis levels of women who work diligently as friends of the poor. Our objective is to give our time, talents and resources to help those in need. The proceeds of our stewardship, our fundraisers and donations from our community help us to support many charities on all levels.*

*We are also available to help our beloved St. Nicholas parish on occasions when the need arises. Working with the ladies of our community to fulfill our mission is a wonderful way to get to know each other better while serving a larger purpose.*

*The membership funds collected during our annual drive are through stewardship. As always, we are being asked to meet our per capita membership requirements at the National level, now set at \$15.00 per person and those at the Metropolis level, now set at \$5.00 per person. Due to these requirements, we would like to suggest an amount of at least \$30.00 per steward. As you decide on the stewardship amount you plan to contribute, please take into consideration the fact that our St. Irene's Chapter represents the philanthropic ministry of our beloved St. Nicholas Church and supports many worthy causes each year.*

*Enclosed please find a pre-addressed envelope for your convenience in mailing in your 2018 stewardship. If you have any questions regarding our organization, please feel free to call the church office. Although we welcome members throughout the year, we need to submit the list of names in April to National. We look forward to hearing from you, and we thank you.*

*God bless,*

*Eleni Saledas  
President*

*Pam Brown  
Stewardship Chair*