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GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, Inc.

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Dear National and Metropolis Board Members, Chapter Presidents and Stewards of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society,

In 1863, in the midst of a Civil War that challenged the spirit of a still young nation, President Abraham Lincoln turned to the war-torn union and its people and issued a proclamation declaring that thanks be given to God for the blessings that the nation had been given and asking that prayers be offered for healing the wounds of the country. And thus America's national day of Thanksgiving was established.

More than 150 years later, we reside in a country still blessed by great bounty and stirred by great challenges. And still today, thanksgiving and prayers should be offered by all of us - to God with reverence and gratitude for His love for us.

As stewards of our beloved Philoptochos, we give thanks for the opportunity to assist the needy, to comfort the infirm and to support the institutions of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. This year, we have an opportunity to add to our holiday traditions by participating in Giving Tuesday. On Tuesday, December 2, 2014, charitable organizations, families, businesses, community centers and students across the world will come together for a common purpose - a celebration of giving.

We ask that all Philoptochos stewards participate in Giving Tuesday, by offering one act of kindness: visit a shelter, nursing home or a food bank and offer your services; cook and distribute hot meals to the homeless; decorate a Christmas tree or shovel a walkway for the elderly or homebound. If you are on social media, use the hashtag #Philoptochos and #GivingTuesday to share your ideas and experiences. For more information about Giving Tuesday, go to givingtuesday.org.

Please give of yourself on December 2 in a tangible way and include your family, friends and neighbors. Your compassion and commitment to our Holy Church and Philoptochos are blessings for which I am deeply grateful.

I wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving.

With love in Christ,

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