

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



PHILOPTOCHOS MISSION

To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions.

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We received a note of thanks from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Lehigh Valley Hospital in Bethlehem, PA for the Knitting and Crochet Ministry's recent donation of baby blankets. Six of the blankets were used as bereavement blankets. From the coordinator: *"they arrived and [we] were very grateful for the donations. [We] understand that it takes time, effort and money to make the blankets but they do give the parents some comfort... I know from a personal nature that the blankets are a source of comfort, a dear friend lost her son when he was delivered at 23 weeks. She has the blanket and other items in a memory box and it does give her comfort to hold them"*

A sincere thank you to the knitting and crochet ministry for providing comfort to those who have suffered from heartbreaking loss.

Our next **Feed the Hungry** day of service at the Faith Kitchen is **Saturday, October 28** and will be hosted by the Daughters of Penelope/AHEPA. If you would like to assist in the preparation of the meal or serve on that day, please contact Petra Knox. Donations are welcome, specifically of peanut butter, jelly, sandwich bread and fruit cups. Additionally, if you have plastic shopping bags you aren't using, we'll take them. The guests at the Faith Kitchen use them to carry their Sunday meal.

National Philoptochos Emergency Fund: we thank everyone who donated to last week's tray for the **National Philoptochos Emergency Fund**. The collection has been sent to the IOCC to assist those in need after three natural disasters.

Market Street Mission 27th Annual Coat Giveaway: again this year we will participate in the Market Street Mission coat giveaway. We are collecting coats, hats, scarfs and gloves for men, women and children. Items can be new or gently used. Please bring any donations to the Church by Sunday, October 22, 2017. There will be a box by the Bakaliko.

Save the date:

Hunger Walk 2017 for Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown: Sunday, October 15 beginning at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to join Team St. Andrew, please see Petra Knox.

Children's Medical Fund Luncheon: November 11, 2017. This event is being sponsored by the Metropolis of New Jersey. Reservations are now being taken. Please see Eleni Constantinides or Petra Knox to reserve. Proceeds from the event benefit research for critically ill children.

Turkey Trot: November 23, 2017: sponsored by the Inter-Faith Food Pantry and Literacy Volunteers of Morris County. Details to follow

Your St. Andrew thanks you for your support!