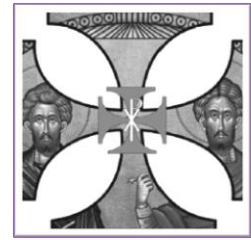


# St George Philoptochos Society

Bakersfield, CA



## **General Meetings: March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Lots of meetings with different agendas!  
Please plan to try to attend all of them, as we changed them all to Sundays as that was the request of the group at our last meeting.

March and April we will focus on our efforts for the Holy Cross Luncheon as well as decorating the Kouvouklion.

We are in an election year so May will be a nominations meeting and June will be an elections meeting.

## **Membership:**

Even though we have finished our Membership “Drive”, you can join Philoptochos at any time! You do not need to be a woman or a baptized Orthodox individual (only if you want to be an elected board member or have voting privileges) to be a part of our group – so join us!

We are a group of people who are trying to make a difference!

## **Mochas for Missions Begins February 27<sup>th</sup> and Ends on Pentecost June 4<sup>th</sup>:**

Starbucks is so ever present in our culture! Mochas for Missions is just that - asking people to forgo their coffee expense at least once a week (and if you do not drink coffee, your usual soda or drink during this time period).

Set aside that money that usually goes to a Café Latte or Frappuccino to go towards mission work this Lenten Season. Look for our containers and take one to keep your money in – we will be collecting them back on Pentecost.



We will be planning some spur of the moment get-togethers...read the church bulletin to find out more about these as they come up!

## **Upcoming Events**

**February 27<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>:**  
Mochas for Missions Drive

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>:**  
General Meeting  
Immediately Following Church

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>:**  
Holy Cross Luncheon  
Immediately Following Church

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>:**  
Feeding the Homeless BHC  
4:00 – 6:00 pm

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>:**  
General Meeting  
Immediately Following Church

**Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:**  
Kouvouklion Decorating  
9:00 am at Church

**Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>:**  
Feeding the Homeless BHC  
4:00 – 6:00 pm

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>:**  
Nominations Meeting  
Immediately Following Church

**Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>:**  
Feeding the Homeless BHC  
4:00 – 6:00 pm

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>:**  
Elections Meeting  
Immediately Following Church

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## **Holy Cross Luncheon – March 19th**

Every year on the third Sunday during Lent immediately following church services, we have a luncheon to benefit two institutions close to our church's heart: St Nicholas Ranch and Holy Cross Seminary.

We ask that everyone mark their calendars and join us to help raise funds to keep these beautiful places of tradition open and operating. The ranch where young hearts are developed more deeply towards our orthodox church (and our young people attend each year) and the seminary where young minds are trained to serve it. With our own Michael Cornett currently attending the seminary, it has an even deeper meaning this year for us as a parish.

Please come out and support these worthy causes and enjoy a beautiful lunch.

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### **Kouvouklion Decorating–April 14th:**

Holy Week will be here before we know it so please mark your calendars to join us at church to help decorate our Lord's tomb. We invite ALL PARISHIONERS to be a part of this beautiful tradition in our church.

### **Bakersfield Homeless Center:**

This ministry is continuing with the help and support of our Philoptochos members as well as the entire parish – Glory to God! The third Monday of every month we have 8 volunteers, different each month, who help serve dinner to the homeless community. In order to serve you need to sign a liability form (Elaine Dorlis has these – 1 per family is all that is needed) and volunteers must be 12 years of age or older and or service hours are 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Thank you to all who contribute to this ministry. If you are interested in participating, please sign up with Elaine Dorlis at church or email her at [elainedorlis1@gmail.com](mailto:elainedorlis1@gmail.com)

### **Nominations and Elections**

This year is an election year for our Philoptochos Board. Please think and pray about your commitment to Christ and our Church and your possibility of serving as a Board member.

On Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> we will take nominations for the Board as a whole. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, after elections, the newly elected Board will choose officers.

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### **Kids-n-Cancer Ministry:**

Congratulations to our chapter for a beautiful and successful event this past February. We were able to raise close to \$4400 which we will donate to this cause.

Every year there is an Agape Celebration of Love Event where all chapters present their proceeds. This year the event will be held on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Big Canyon Country Club in Newport Beach. There is usually a cost associated with attending the event (as fundraising for these camps is a constant).

At the event there will be food and entertainment as well as an opportunity to join in on the raffle fun. This is a Metropolis sponsored event and is open to anyone who would like to attend. Invitations will be arriving soon in the mail, if you are interested please see a board member.

### **St George Philoptochos Board Members**

#### **Executive Board:**

Erin Strategos , President  
Helen Huntalas, Vice-President  
Georgia Drulias, Treasurer  
Elaine Dorlis, Secretary

#### **Board Members:**

Angela Becerra  
Presbyteria Despina Chaffee  
Katerina Copeland  
Kelly Demestihias  
Namaz Habroun-Pimentel  
Olympia Hackleman  
Pam Dorothea Jones  
Mariane Pearse  
Diana Thabit