



*St. Irene Philoptochos Society Chapter 8043
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Dear Sister Parishioner,

It is time once again to make your 2010 Stewardship pledge in support of our St. Irene Philoptochos Chapter of St. John the Baptist parish.

Why become a member of Philoptochos?

Philoptochos is the second largest philanthropic organization in the United States. Your membership supports the various projects of the Society on the national level, Metropolis level, and right here at home in Northeast Tarrant County, such as Safe Haven of Tarrant Count, the Rainbow Room, and Mid-Cities Christmas Providers, to name a few. Without your past support and participation, we would not have been able to undertake the many worthwhile projects that have been successful over the years. As our membership grows, we prove to the community that we are a strong organization dedicated to helping others, not only in financial need but also for those who are poor in spirit, health or in need of companionship.

Each year a membership drive is held to invite all women of the parish to join this most worthwhile organization. Please join us on Sunday, January 17th, following Divine Liturgy in the Paulos Center for a "Membership Tea" along with a presentation by National Board member Martha Stefanidakis. Please encourage others who are not members to attend so that we may embrace their hearts with the Holy Spirit.

Membership does not require that you attend every meeting. If you cannot be an active member, you can be a supportive member by merely fulfilling your annual Philoptochos Membership pledge. We also have members who participate in a certain project or a specific function. When members join together as such, we become a strong and cohesive group!

Please complete the enclosed application form and return it with your 2010 membership pledge. While there is not a minimum or maximum amount, please remember that a minimum of \$17 of your prayerful total pledge will be sent to the National Society (\$10) and the Metropolis Society (\$7). Anything above and beyond will be used for philanthropic projects our chapter participates in.

Take a moment now to fill in your membership form and help us to help others.

Your Sister in Christ,

Joanie Ruppel, Stewardship Chairman