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Dear Sisters in Christ,

Blessed Lent!

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.”
John 1:5

As we enter this holy time of reflection, penance, and prayer, we are reminded that **almsgiving is an important part of our Lenten Journey**. To fulfill this important part of our preparation towards the celebration of Christ’s Holy Resurrection, we have **an opportunity, and a blessing, to participate in a special philanthropic project** – the completion of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center in New York City.

This is a **landmark project** for our Archdiocese, and one that we must see through to completion. As Orthodox Christians, it is our obligation to come together, putting aside our differences and criticisms, and see that this Church is completed. Let us not forget that **we were the only ones who lost a house of worship in the attacks of September 11, 2001**. This Church will stand in remembrance of all those who perished in 9-11, and it will be a place for prayer, comfort, and peace. We also have the unique opportunity for this Shrine to become a beacon of our faith and to **show the world the beauty and fullness of Orthodoxy**.

How can you help? It’s simple! **Send your \$20 donation directly to the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos, c/o Debbie George, 37618 Cherry Hill, Farmington Hills, MI 48331, who will forward the collective donations to our National Philoptochos office**. We are asking every Philoptochos member in the United States to participate in this \$20 challenge. **We can make an impact and be a part of History!**

Join us in supporting Saint Nicholas Church and National Shrine. New York and Port Authority Officials estimate that **this will be the most visited Church in the United States**. This is truly a priceless opportunity for all of us, for our faith, for the Greek Orthodox Church.

We want to count you as one of those who accepted this \$20 challenge as part of your personal Lenten Journey.

Thank you for your continued love and support!

With Love in Christ,

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