

## ***From Daphne Snow, Education, Culture, and Youth Diakonia Chair***

Greetings from the Education, Culture, Youth Diakonia Committee. Happy Thanksgiving! Please take a few minutes to look at the calendar. There are so many exciting things happening in December and January. Six youths and two adult chaperones attended Advent Retreat at the Diakonia Center this month. Our youth are always so enthusiastic when they attend the retreat, they are eager to share their experience. I hope you will enjoy hearing from them.

Philoptochos is very busy preparing Thanksgiving baskets for 13 families this year. Daphne Snow is hosting the Philoptochos Christmas brunch on Saturday Dec. 5, and Vasilopita Sunday is scheduled on January 10.

We are blessed to have Fr. Grigorios the Confessor visiting us Dec. 12 & 13. The Christmas social for GOYA is on Friday Dec. 18. GOYAns this is going to be a fun event, mark your calendars and plan to attend. Family Night for December will be on December 20 to accompany the Christmas Program. We are hoping for a surprise visit from a special Christmas elf.

Christmas Caroling is back this year! Please sign up and invite our HDF Choral group to your homes for Christmas Cheer. They will be caroling on Tuesday Dec. 22 starting at 5:00 pm. Your donations will help sponsor our youth to attend Hellenic Dance Festival in Orlando, FL this January.

Be safe wherever you are for your Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year Holidays.

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