



**SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**  
36<sup>th</sup> Street and Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C., 20007  
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Dear fellow parishioners,

As you all know, for their first major charitable act, our Joy and Little Angels committed to providing winter coats for the 33 young girls at the orphanage for girls in Lamia, Greece. We reached out to you for help, and in return you overwhelmed us with your outpouring of love, compassion, and generosity. To date we have received \$7,395.50. Not only were we able to purchase coats, we were also able to purchase the following important items:

33 coats	2 children coloring rolls
41 fleece jackets	9 small umbrellas
35 winter knit hats	15 packs of hair accessories
51 pairs of gloves	3 packs of emory boards
12 pairs of tights for children	3 packs of nail clippers
14 pairs of tights for ladies	2 packs of sidewalk chalk
6 packs of 4 childrens panties	2 packs of combs
7 packs of 4 ladies panties	8 hair brushes
3 packs of 8 socks for children	5 packs of playing cards
4 packs 8 socks for ladies	4 packs of lip balm
6 bundles of 6 bath towels	4 packs of bead kits
3 large crayola craft kits	6 packs of ball point pens
7 packs of pencils	2 boxes of childrens stickers
9 packs of children flash cards	2 cross stitch kits
2 sticker sheets	1 memory book kit
8 childrens puzzles	2 packs of note cards

In addition to the monies collected, we also received donations of:

Whirlpool washing machine	1 handbag
40 twin size flannel bedding sheets	1 childrens play purse
50 dental hygiene supplies	1 memory book kit
9 barbie dolls toys	1 hello kitty memory board
3 sweaters	1 barbie craft book
2 jackets	1 ballerina puzzle
17 stuffed animals	1 belt loop kit
9 bags of chocolate candy	1 young ladies dress

We also sent 33 wrapped wallets with a personal note and spending money addressed to each girl to mark the New Year. The oldest girls received a gift of \$25 and the youngest ones



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received \$15. The remaining balance of \$4,717.54 has been handed directly to the orphanage. The elated director of the orphanage advises us that this money will provide shoes, boots and food staples for the winter.

We are eternally grateful to the Nicholas Bouloubassis, owner of Piraeus International Inc., who greatly aided us in our endeavor by shipping all of the items to Greece, FREE of shipping. Also, he helped us immeasurably with the laborious customs paperwork, which would have otherwise represented near insurmountable red tape. His expertise, love, and generosity made it possible to utilize all of your monetary donations for tangible items.

Truly, the Light of Christmas and Epiphany shined brightly on these amazing young girls, who no doubt must sometimes feel left behind by the world. Perhaps the most amazing gift that we gave them is hope, and the assurance that they are not forgotten, but in fact are loved, most especially by their young Greek Orthodox friends in America.

The Director, Miss Stavroula Peleki expresses her most genuine gratitude and best wishes and love to all of us.

The items are expected to arrive in Greece January 20th.

Clearly, the work of Saint Basil the Great is still at play in our wonderful Saint Sophia Cathedral Community.

On behalf of the Little Angels and Joy mothers, while wishing you and your loved ones the fullness of health, love, and prosperity throughout the New Year, we remain most respectfully and gratefully yours,

The Lamia Orphanage Committee,

Konstantina Margas  
Kathy Harrison  
Debbie Charles