

Women's Board has a busy year

The Women's Board had a busy and successful year which we celebrated on May 11, 2010. Board member Sofia Tsakopoulos graciously invited us to lunch and our final meeting at her new home in Sacramento.

We have had excellent lectures and discussions:

In September, Father Metrakos of Holy Trinity in San Francisco spoke on his volunteer work in Romania with an excellent slide presentation.

In November, a visit was made to the Monastery of the Holy Cross in Castro Valley, a beautiful and restful Retreat Center.

In February, a moving talk was given by Dr. Maria Khoury, who spoke on the challenges of living a Christian Life in Taybeh, the only Christian village left in Palestine.

In March, Father Tom Zaferes of the Ascension Cathedral spoke on the focus for the 4th week of Lent, as well as St. John's Ladder and its relevance in today's world.

The Women's Board had communicated with Dr. Khoury for over a year concerning the possibility of coming to the West Coast for a series of lectures. She accepted our invitation. After addressing the Board, Dr. Khoury met with the OCF students who were most interested and asked many good and insightful questions.



Women gather for their spring meeting at the home of Sophia and Angelo Tsakopoulos in Sacramento

The Women's Board had a very successful Fall Flower Show at the Holy Trinity Serbian Church in Moraga in November, 2009. The net after expenses was over \$8,000. The Board, with approval of the membership, has transferred to the PAOI \$13,000 of our annual commitment of \$30,000 so far this year. With an anticipated successful Benefit, the additional \$17,000 will be transferred to the PAOI by the end of June.

Finally, over 2000 letters were sent asking loyal friends of the PAOI to support the Community Benefit this year. We look forward to a successful campaign.