



# Hands of Love: November

*"For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore, I command you to do this word which says, You shall surely open your hands to your brother, to your poor and needy in your land." (Deut. 15:11)*



## All Sundays in November: Ecumenical Patriarchate Charities

Hands of Love, a ministry of our Philoptochos Society will be accepting monetary donations to support the charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate .



The Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul, Turkey is the seat of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, *primus inter pares* or "first among equals" with the other leaders of the various Orthodox Churches.

His All Holiness is the direct administrative superior of dioceses and archdioceses serving believers in modern day Turkey, South and North America, West Europe, Australia, and New Zealand, as well as Mount Athos. He is widely known and respected for his efforts promoting religious freedom and human rights. His initiatives to advance religious tolerance among the world's faithful, together with his work toward international peace and the protection of the environment, have earned him the respect and admiration of many religious and civil leaders. For more information about the Ecumenical Patriarchate please visit: <https://www.patriarchate.org>

Yours in Christ,  
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*"And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. So they all ate and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men" Mark 6:41-44*