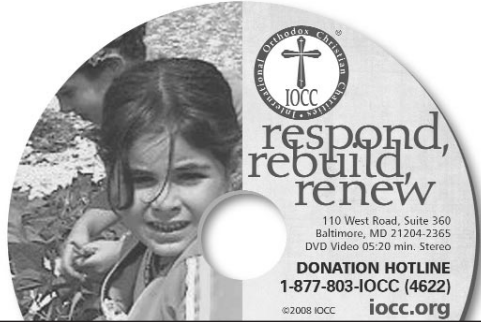


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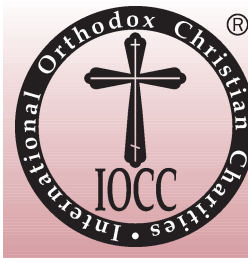
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IOCC Upcoming Events

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- ORANGE COUNTY, CA – One In Spirit Dinner, 8-26-08
- PITTSBURGH, PA – One In Spirit Dinner, 8-30-08
- CLEVELAND, OH – Baseball Night, 9-12-08
- ORANGE COUNTY, CA – Annual Dinner, 9-21-08
- LONG ISLAND/QUEENS, NY – Wine Tasting, 9-21-08
- PHOENIX, AZ – Wine & Cheese, Silent Auction, 9-29-08
- CHICAGO, IL – 5K Run/Walk, 10-4-08
- BALTIMORE, MD – Orthodox Taste, 10-11-08
- CLEVELAND, OH – Fashion Show, 10-18-08
- CHARLOTTE, NC – 7th Annual Dinner, 10-25-08
- WASHINGTON, DC – Annual Dinner, 10-26-08
- PITTSBURGH, PA – Wine Tasting, 10-08
- SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Remembering Home, 11-2-08
- ST. LOUIS, MO – 6th Annual Dinner, 11-8-08
- MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Dinner, 11-20-08
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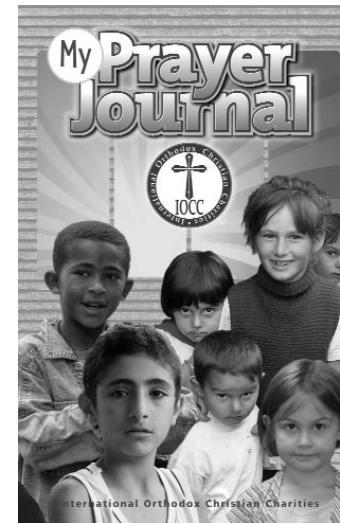
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"O Savior, we cry to thee: Grant unto all men a fruitful and godly year." — Kontakion of the Indiction

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Welcome to a new ecclesiastical year replete with new opportunities! Although we witness economic hardships and world-wide food shortages, we are confident in the bounty and abundant harvest that our Lord provides. As co-workers in this vineyard, I ask you to continue to join with IOCC in bringing these gifts to fruition for our suffering brothers and sisters.



During these uncertain times, IOCC has stayed committed to supporting the down-trodden and providing relief for the least of our brethren. If you have not had the opportunity to view IOCC's latest DVD release, *Respond, Rebuild, Renew*, I respectfully encourage you to request a copy and show it to your parish (see back cover for more details). The brief video details the effective ways that you and your parishioners provide new beginnings to people world-wide.

IOCC has also completed the 6th edition of *My Prayer Journal* for your Sunday school and youth programs. As our youth re-enter the school schedule, this journal is a vital tool for teaching them about the communities where IOCC works and how your efforts change people's lives. Targeting youth ages 7-12, *My Prayer Journal* invites the reader to learn and pray about brothers and sisters living both here in the United States and across the globe (see back cover for more details on ordering extra copies of *My Prayer Journal*).

This issue of *Priest to Priest* takes you to the flooded streets of the Midwest, the mountainous farms of Georgia, the remote areas of Kosovo, and the recovering regions of Greece. Through your parish's support, IOCC has responded to major needs with: a Beef Demonstration Farm and drug/HIV prevention campaign in Georgia, emergency response in Iowa, hundreds of custom-fit wheelchairs and sustenance for farmers in Greece, and continued work in the troubled region of Kosovo.

Our parishes are the gardens that produce healthy fruits for the benefit of the world. Thank you for sharing the fruits of your priestly labor so that others may benefit. As we begin our new liturgical year, I pray that your harvest is plentiful, and the workers are many.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Nicholas C. Triantafilou

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A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FOR ORTHODOX CLERGY

from the Church Relations Committee of the IOCC Board of Directors: Very Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky, Chairman,
Very Rev. Michael Ellias, Very Rev. Michael Rosco, Rev. Nicholas C. Triantafilou

★ UNITED STATES

IOCC's US Program dispatched the Frontline team to Iowa after a week of torrential rains caused the worst flooding to hit the Midwest in 15 years. Twenty-four people perished and more than 40,000 had to evacuate their homes in what is being described as the largest disaster since Katrina. This Frontline team, which included Orthodox clergy from California and Georgia, arrived in Iowa and quickly went to work building a network of contacts and resources within the Orthodox community, various Catholic charities, and local hospitals. The IOCC team organized a pan Orthodox service of supplication to the Theotokos and performed stress management debriefings. "We offered them our ministry of presence," says Father Chris Flesoras, who is pastor of St. Anna Orthodox Church in Roseville, California. "And we worked to link people with the resources we had gathered from different charities."



This Frontline team, consisting of Frs. Chris Flesoras, Vasile Bitere, and Haralambos Fox, quickly went to work building a network of contacts and resources within the Orthodox community, various Catholic charities, and local hospitals. Photo credit: IOCC Baltimore

★ GEORGIA

As part of its agricultural development program, IOCC recently launched a Beef Demonstration Farm, located on lands belonging to the Georgian Orthodox Church in the town of Akhalasikhe, the main center of Samtskhe-Javakheti. The purpose of the farm is to help Georgian farmers learn best practices in cattle farming, from animal care to pasture management to the most sanitary methods for delivering meat to market.



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★ KOSOVO

IOCC announces that the John G. Rangos Sr. Family Charitable Foundation and His Grace Bishop IRINEJ (Dobrijevic) of Australia and New Zealand of the Serbian Orthodox Church are supporting IOCC's expansion of aid projects to Kosovo by creating a matching gift program. His Grace and the Foundation will match every dollar contributed to IOCC Kosovo projects up to \$100,000. The goal for IOCC's Kosovo response is half a million dollars and includes economic development projects for isolated rural communities in Kosovo and aid to some of the approximately 225,000 people who have been displaced from the region since 1999.



The most isolated enclaves of Kosovo recently received school repairs and new computers and books through IOCC. Photo credit: N. Prelevic/IOCC Serbia

★ GREECE

Through a generous gift by Peja Stojakovic of the NBA's New Orleans Hornets, IOCC distributed \$200,000 worth of wheelchairs, including sports wheelchairs for disabled athletes, other mobility devices, and therapeutic equipment. The wheelchairs were custom-fit to suit the needs of each recipient by a team of volunteer health care professionals from Wheels for Humanity, and local partners in Thessaloniki. The project is part of a larger regional program designed and implemented by IOCC with the support of the Peja Stojakovic Children's Foundation to provide assistance to disabled children and adults in Greece and Montenegro.



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