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When you support IOCC through a workplace giving campaign, you're helping to rebuild schools for children, restore water and other utilities for villages damaged by war and disaster, and provide jobs and job training for mothers in areas of high unemployment. For just pennies a day, your pledge to IOCC through the Combined Federal Campaign or United Way can make a real difference for children and families affected by poverty, war and natural disasters.

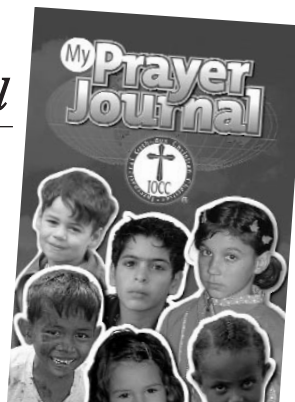
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Or, on the campaign form, write in:

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Pre-Order Your IOCC Children's Prayer Journal

To order multiple copies, please contact the Department of Religious Education of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America at 800-566-1088. The prayer journal is free, but shipping charges may apply. To learn more, visit www.iocc.org/prayerjournal.



"If you gladly take up your brother's burden at a time of temptation, it is like being thrown into the furnace with the three Holy Children." — *Sayings of the Desert Fathers*



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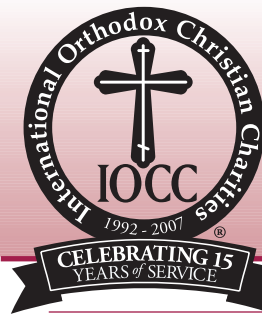
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IOCC Upcoming Events

The following events are being sponsored by local Metropolitan Committees in support of IOCC's work. See more details at www.iocc.org/events.

- **ORANGE COUNTY, CA**
Bentley Summer Bash, September 9, 2007
- **CLEVELAND, OH**
Golf Tournament, September 10, 2007
- **PITTSBURGH, PA**
Wine Tasting & Dinner, September 20, 2007
- **CLEVELAND, OH**
IOCC Baseball Night, September 21, 2007
- **CHICAGO, IL**
5K Run/Walk, September 22, 2007
- **PHOENIX, AZ**
Wine, Cheese and Silent Auction, September 29, 2007
- **BALTIMORE, MD**
Orthodox Taste of Baltimore, October 13, 2007
- **PITTSBURGH, PA**
Basile the Comedian Event, October 25, 2007
- **SAN FRANCISCO, CA**
Remembering Home Banquet, November 4, 2007

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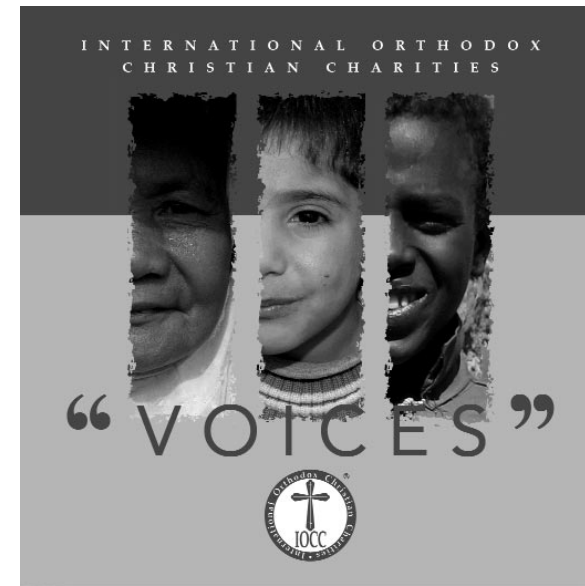


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PRIEST to PRIEST

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"... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us ..." (Acts 12:1)



Dear Fathers:

We're at the starting blocks! The Church's Liturgical Year is about to begin and we have the opportunity to once again redouble our efforts in serving Christ and His people.

I know each of you works hard cultivating your local communities, and I respectfully encourage you to keep reaching out to the poor throughout the world by promoting the work of IOCC, our pan-Orthodox expression of philanthropy around the world for the last 15 years.

You should have received "Voices," IOCC's latest video release, which tells the story of IOCC's role in aiding communities devastated by war and natural disaster. "Voices" is filmed on location and narrated by legendary broadcaster, Pat Summerall. This issue of *Priest to Priest* provides practical ways for you to use "Voices" to help your parishes support IOCC's mission.

Again this year, IOCC has published *My Prayer Journal* for use in Sunday School and youth programs. Written for youths ages 7-12, this journal tells the stories of children in need throughout the world and teaches our children to pray for peers less fortunate than themselves while thanking God for all they have. (For more

details about how copies of *My Prayer Journal* can be ordered for your parish see the back of *Priest to Priest*).

IOCC thanks you for your support that helps us serve some of the most vulnerable people in the world. We share this *diakonia* with the Holy Fathers and Mothers of our faith who so diligently ministered to the least of their brethren. You are IOCC. You touch people in the Holy Land, Serbia, Ethiopia, Romania, Lebanon, Russia, Zimbabwe, and ten other nations that are struggling with the challenges of HIV/AIDS, poverty, crumbling schools and rampant unemployment. Your continued support makes a life-changing difference for millions of people in need throughout the world.

I wish you all a spiritually productive Church year and the stamina to run the race!

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Nicholas C. Triantafilou

GET YOUR PARISH INVOLVED IN IOCC TODAY

1. Make IOCC a line item on your church budget. Go to www.iocc.org/aboutiocc
2. Use "My Prayer Journal" in your Sunday School/Youth programs. To order, visit www.iocc.org/prayerjournal
3. Invite an IOCC representative to speak to your Church. Contact Dan Christopoulos at 1-877-803-IOCC (4622) or dchristopoulos@iocc.org
4. Sign up for IOCC's Email Alerts; go to www.iocc.org/updates

IOCC BULLETIN INSERTS
Order them for your Church Today!
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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

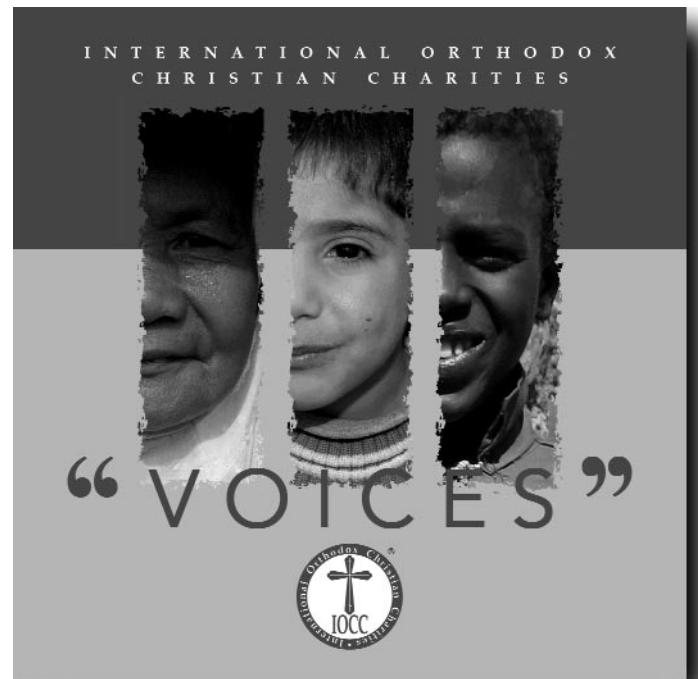


INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

PRESENTS ITS LATEST VIDEO RELEASE

“VOICES”

Filmed on location, *VOICES* tells the story of IOCC's role in aiding countries that have been ravaged by war and natural disaster. Listen to the accounts of men and women who have been helped by IOCC, your pan-Orthodox expression of humanitarian aid around the world.



LEBANON

“When the July war came to us we had many losses. Now the whole village will benefit from the reservoir. Now we will be able to manage all of our water needs.”

— Suleiman, Mayor Kaoukaba, Lebanon

IOCC rebuilt 65 communities in southern Lebanon that had been badly damaged by last summer's war. Rebuilt schools and water systems have helped many communities – such as that of Suleiman – to recover and to move forward.

ETHIOPIA

“I have no shoes and my feet are bruised but I am determined to raise my child to be a responsible citizen.”

— Saba, Mother Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

When Saba learned she had the HIV virus, she feared the stigma and tried to hide from her neighbors. Fortunately, through IOCC's awareness and education program, Saba and her daughter are able to live openly and with dignity. IOCC's program has educated nearly 7 million Ethiopians in HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention.

INDONESIA

“Before we were fisherman, but now we are learning a new skill of farming along with fishing in order to be able to support our families.”

— Amir, Farmer Nias, Indonesia

Off the coast of Sumatra, Indonesia, fishermen like Amir who suffered from the devastation of the 2004 tsunami have been provided by IOCC with tools, seeds and equipment for their new lives as farmers. IOCC has also funded the building of new homes made with materials to guard against future earthquakes.

BOSNIA

“It was very hard to leave our home. It was very hard to be in exile.”

— Dušan, Farmer Vrtoce, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Dušan's brother was killed in the Bosnian War and he and his parents were driven from their farm. But IOCC put a plan together to help displaced families return to their villages and rebuild their homes. With help from IOCC, including farming tools, food, and some small animals, Dušan and his parents became the first family to return to their village.

VOICES features:

- Original footage from Southern Lebanon
- Stories of courage in returning to villages in Bosnia and Kosovo
- Outreach to vulnerable communities in the Holy Land
- Tsunami recovery stories in Indonesia and Thailand
- Overcoming AIDS in Ethiopia

Filmed on location in eight countries and narrated by legendary broadcaster, Pat Summerall

EDUCATE YOUR PARISH ON IOCC'S GLOBAL MISSION

View VOICES at Church events:

- After Saturday Vespers
- Sunday Coffee Hour
- Sunday School or Youth Group Meetings
- View VOICES with your Parish Council and consider IOCC as a line item on your budget
- Invite someone from IOCC to show VOICES and speak about our global programs (contact Dan Christopoulos at dchristopoulos@iocc.org)

Priests were mailed copies of the VOICES DVD. The video can also be viewed at www.iocc.org/voices.