

IOCC cordially invites you to our
**20th ANNIVERSARY
 CELEBRATION GALA**

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Capital Hilton Hotel • Washington, D.C.
 Cocktail Reception 6:00PM • Dinner 7:30PM

More details to come



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IOCC Upcoming Events

More details at www.iocc.org/events.

- **Charlotte, NC** – October 13, 2011
Annual Dinner
- **Chicago, IL** – October 16, 2011
IOCC Benefit Concert
- **St. Louis, MO** – October 16, 2011
Annual Dinner
- **Seattle, WA** – October 16, 2011
Orthodox Action Dinner
- **Houston, TX** – October 20, 2011
IOCC Board Banquet
- **Los Angeles, CA** – October 22, 2011
3rd Annual So Cal Step Up
- **San Diego, CA** – October 22, 2011
Concert for IOCC by Eikona
- **Kansas City, KS** – November 5, 2011
IOCC Dinner
- **San Francisco, CA** – November 6, 2011
Remembering Home Dinner
- **Washington, DC** – November 6, 2011
Annual Action Dinner
- **Phoenix, AZ** – November 12, 2011
2nd Annual 5k
- **Minneapolis, MN** – November 13, 2011
Annual Dinner
- **Bergenfield, NJ** – November 19, 2011
3rd Annual Wine Tasting

**WORKPLACE
 Giving Campaigns**

Does your place of employment sponsor a United Way or other Workplace Charitable Campaign? If so, you and your colleagues may be eligible to support International Orthodox Christian Charities, Inc. (IOCC) through payroll deductions.

Payroll deductions allow you to make generous gifts to IOCC because your charitable contribution is taken out of your paycheck in small amounts during the course of the year. For more details on how you can designate IOCC as your charity of choice, go to www.iocc.org/giving.



“He has shown you, O mortal what is good; and what does the LORD require of you? but to do justice, to live kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” — *Micah 6:8*

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PRIEST to PRIEST

THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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IOCC is a helping hand of the Orthodox Church, providing assistance to those in need, as this priest is to a young girl in the Republic of Georgia.

Dear Brothers:

St. Paul tells us that the first fruit of the Spirit is love. Then he adds other fruit that flow from the outpouring of the Spirit upon every Christian: *joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control* (Gal. 5:22-23). Among these we find goodness mentioned after love, but before faithfulness. It seems that St. Paul wants to tell us through this listing that the presence of the Spirit in our lives has visible signs for those around us; and these are virtues that our brethren can experience directly: *love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness*.

In the life of a spiritual person, one who is filled with the working of the Holy Spirit, we can see all these qualities that have to do with our relationship with our neighbor, beginning with love—a reflection of God’s love for each and every one of us—and culminating in

goodness, the evidence of love bearing fruit in us.

Goodness—benevolence toward those who are suffering and in need of our help—is not therefore merely an act of human solidarity. It is the sign of the presence of the Spirit in our lives; it is proof that we are Christians who embody the work of the Spirit in the world. We offer to others not only material help, but actually the Spirit, which makes them also bearers of the fruit of the Spirit. This is the *mystery of Christianity*, handed down from the Apostles to us, from the *upper room* at Pentecost (Acts 1:13) to the Church of the 21st century, which continues to ask for and receive the Spirit.

+ Archbishop Nicolae
 Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas
 Episcopal Liaison for the IOCC from the Assembly of
 Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America

FATHERS: PLEASE DISPLAY THE INSIDE POSTER IN YOUR PARISH

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From the clergy of the IOCC Board of Directors:
 Very Rev. Michael Ellias, Rev. Luke Palumbis, Very Rev. Michael Rosco, Very Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky

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THE NEED TO FEED FAMINE VICTIMS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA GROWS

In the worst drought to hit the Horn of Africa in 60 years and a famine declared in five regions of Somalia, more than 13.3 million people, more than the populations of New York and Los Angeles combined, have been left without food, water and hope. Hundreds of thousands of refugees, mostly children and young women, have fled to camps in Ethiopia and Kenya. Ethiopia hosts over 260,000 refugees, a majority residing in the camps of Dollo Ado, Ethiopia.

Your caring support has helped International Orthodox Christian Charities, (IOCC) in cooperation with the Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (EOC-DICAC) in delivering much needed medical and public health support, but the magnitude of the crisis is still great and so is the need. Children are the most severely affected, with almost half suffering from extreme malnutrition and an average of ten children losing their lives each day that the famine continues. Your ongoing support through IOCC secures lifesaving nutrition and medical care for these vulnerable young children, and nourishment for the parents in need of strength to care for their families.



Improving sanitation conditions in a camp filled with more than a quarter million refugees is critical to preventing the spread of disease, especially among young children. IOCC is on the ground in Dollo Ado, Ethiopia, with the materials needed for public latrine construction as well as hygiene and sanitation education.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE HORN OF AFRICA FAMINE VICTIMS INCLUDES:

- Critically needed medicine
- Construction of sanitation facilities
- Basic health and hygiene support



More than 80% of Somalia's famine refugees in Ethiopia are children, and they are facing the greatest struggle to stay alive. Many of them have become separated from parents or lost them to the famine. IOCC is working in partnership with the Ethiopian Orthodox Church to ensure access to basic health support and medicine for the youngest and most vulnerable victims of this famine.



YOUR COMPASSION IS AT WORK SAVING THE LIVES OF FAMINE VICTIMS!

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