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IOCC/GOPA

IOCC and church partner, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (GOPA), and IOCC continues to assess the needs of additional families arriving in search of refuge.



Despina Katsivelaki/IOCC

FRESH HOPE FOR FAMILIES IN GREECE: IOCC's new fresh food initiative gives Greece's most vulnerable families the opportunity to purchase locally sourced fruits, vegetables and milk at supermarkets using a fresh food card. The program is also helping to sustain 500 Greek farming families who are providing the fresh foods being offered to the program participants.

The program has received support from The Jaharis Family Foundation, Inc. which announced a challenge grant to support IOCC's efforts to respond to hunger relief and other aid to Greece.

IOCC EVENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Nov. 16, 2013** — Rochester, MN
IOCC Mixer
Rochester, MN 55906
- **Nov. 24, 2013** — Akron, OH
IOCC Sunday Dinner and Thanksgiving Service
Presentation of our Lord
Fairlawn, Ohio 44333-3197
- **Nov. 24, 2013** — San Antonio, TX
IOCC Sunday Presentation
Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church
San Antonio, TX 78212



**IOCC SUNDAY:
A DAY OF SHARING!**
November 24, 2013
iocc.org/dayofsharing

"As our God is indivisible, we also must be indivisible, as though we were one man, one mind, one will, one heart, one goodness, without the smallest admixture of malice - in a word, one pure love, as God is Love.." — St. John of Kronstadt



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The Light Of Christ Illumines All

Fall 2013

For us who are blessed in material things, the whole world is literally at our fingertips. With a phone we can buy or sell anywhere on the planet, check the weather, conduct banking, send mail, book a trip, or follow the latest in sports and entertainment. Our abundance has indeed made ours a small world after all.

In the new technological neighborhood that is the entire globe, we might expect to see more readily the image of Christ, as we meet Him in the faces of the poor and oppressed around us. He is instead relegated to the shadows. Complacency puts Him there.

Complacency is perhaps the most insidious enemy of spiritual renewal. Complacency is the son of pride and daughter of insensitivity. Complacency is the companion of gluttony and the forsaker of compassion.

Complacency marks the death of a human heart to divine love.

We cannot claim to be transformed into the image of Christ unless we are also working, as Christ did, for the transformation of the world around us. We thank God, therefore, for IOCC, who for the Orthodox Christian family serves as the premier organization to help those in need. IOCC gives each of us the power to be present around the globe, offering the healing ministry of Christ and His life-giving message to our neighbors throughout the world.

It is my fervent hope that all Orthodox Christians will participate in the holy work of IOCC. Without the support of our own faithful, the work of IOCC could not be accomplished and many in this world would suffer all the more.

Please offer a portion of your prayers, your



His Eminence Metropolitan Gregorios of Cameroon and Central Africa. Photo by Nenad Prelevic/IOCC

time, your talent, and your treasure to assist the noble work of IOCC.

May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to bless us with abundance and with opportunities to transform ourselves and our world through IOCC.

With Love in Christ,

+ Metropolitan Nicholas

+NICHOLAS

METROPOLITAN OF DETROIT

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Emergency Response Network of trained clergy and lay counselors provide spiritual support and hands-on assistance to disaster survivors.

Qualified individuals interested in becoming part of IOCC's *Frontline* are encouraged to contact:

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By extending your heart and your hand, you help create a fresh start for families in need.

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