

YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK



ARMENIA: More than 100 disadvantaged preschoolers from Armenia's Shirac Diocese received personal hygiene kits from IOCC during an outing to celebrate International Children's Day. The distribution was aimed at helping the children learn to take better care of themselves and value their health and well-being.



SERBIA: Last year's floods left 1,400 children in the village of Tekija with a badly damaged school, forcing them to be bused to school in the next town. IOCC is installing a new roof and heating system to be completed in time for Tekija's children to return to their own school this fall.



USA: IOCC volunteers traveled to Toms River, NJ, a town still recovering from Superstorm Sandy, to provide home repairs for the elderly and families in need. To learn more about joining an IOCC Orthodox Action Team, visit iocc.org/actionteams.



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IOCC EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

- **August 22, 2015 – Denver, CO**
Pan-Orthodox Run/Walk and Picnic
St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church
- **October 11, 2015 – Stockton, CA**
An Evening to Benefit IOCC
St. Basil Orthodox Greek Orthodox Church
- **October 17, 2015 – Baltimore, MD**
TEAM IOCC at the Baltimore Running Festival
iocc.org/racetorespond/baltimore
- **October 24, 2015 – Arcadia, CA**
StepUp So Cal Walkathon

FATHERS: PLEASE DISPLAY THE INSIDE POSTER IN YOUR PARISH

School Kits Are Needed!

HELP A CHILD IN NEED.
Find easy to follow kit assembly directions at iocc.org/kits



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PRIEST to PRIEST

Summer 2015

A Faith Based On Giving and Doing

"Be mindful, O Lord, of those who bear fruit and do good works in Thy holy churches, and those who remember the poor."

– Anaphora Prayer of the Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great

The content of this Anaphora Prayer reflects precisely what the Scripture commands of us: "Open your hand to the poor and the needy neighbor in your land" (*Deut. 15:11*); "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the Law of Christ" (*Gal. 6:8*); "As each has received a gift, employ it for one another as good stewards of God's various grace" (*I Peter 4:10*); "Whatever you do for the least of My brethren, you do it for Me" (*Matthew 25:40*).

These actions reflect the very things that Our Lord Himself did: He fed the multitudes who were hungry; He made the blind see, the deaf hear, the crippled walk, and the dead rise ... He freed those who were demon-possessed; and saved sinners by His death on the Cross ... and the power of forgiveness that He gave to His Church in the Holy Mysteries.

The commands of the Scripture were imitated by the Saints of every century: St. Nicholas, who gave away his wealth for the poor and to free the slave; the Byzantine tradition, which established hospitals, schools, orphanages and centers of agape caring in various dioceses; St. John the Almsgiver, whose example provides a lifestyle to monks and laypersons; and St. John of Shanghai, who walked barefoot because he gave away his shoes to those in need.

Let us remember to "bear fruit and do good works ... and remember the poor" – especially through our support of IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) – which helps so generously the "least of the brethren" ... in their greatest need; in times of war and persecution, poverty and disease, hunger and homelessness ... to the glory of the God Who loves us more than we love ourselves!

*Bishop Michael of New York and New Jersey
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IOCC RELIEF FOR SYRIA'S BESIEGED FAMILIES

Syria's civil war has created the largest humanitarian crisis in the world today.

IOCC has been responding since 2012, delivering relief to three million Syrian people displaced in their own country or living as refugees.



Syria

Food, shelter, and crisis counseling for families displaced from their homes, jobs, way of life.

Jordan

Housing assistance to secure shelter for families adjusting to their new and unsettling refugee status.



Lebanon

Education support to ensure access to learning for Assyrian refugee children exiled from their communities in Syria.



Greece

Access to improved shower and sanitation facilities for refugees fleeing to the island of Chios.



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