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“In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity” (2nd Corinthians 8:2)

Beloved Hierarchs, reverend Clergy, and Christ-loving Faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese,

Greetings to you in the name of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Each year, the Sunday before Thanksgiving is set aside to highlight the vital philanthropic work of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). This year, this occasion falls on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November.

For decades, IOCC has been a shining witness to the love of Jesus Christ, offering care and aid to those in need both in the USA and across the globe. While it is unfortunate that the need for such support has grown due to the increase in wars and natural disasters, it is a blessing that IOCC continues to expand and rise to meet these challenges, offering hope and practical assistance where it is most needed.

We invite you to support the work of IOCC, a mission that provides all of us with an opportunity to live out the commandment of our Savior—to love one another and care for those in need of hope and comfort.

As we approach this season of Thanksgiving, let us deepen its meaning by helping IOCC extend its hand to those facing hardship. Offering thanks to God through our generous giving will make our Thanksgiving even more profound.

As we have done in the past, we encourage all the parishes of our God-protected Archdiocese to support IOCC especially in the upcoming month of November by raising funds to contribute to their important mission. Please send all donations to the Archdiocese, and we will present one unified offering to IOCC on behalf of our entire Archdiocese.

May the Lord bless you, reward your generosity, and protect you against all distress and need.

Yours in the Service of Christ,

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*“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)*

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