



Dear Friends,

We invite you to join the fundraising efforts of the **Greater Philadelphia Metropolitan Committee of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)** by donating an item or gift certificate to our **Silent Auction**, to be held on **Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.**, during our **Thirteenth Annual Benefit Banquet for IOCC**. Your support is crucial for IOCC to continue its global lifesaving and life changing missions to help people in crisis. Please read on to learn the IOCC story:

Founded in 1992, IOCC is a humanitarian organization that ministers to those suffering the effects of political upheaval and war, famine, natural disasters, and community tragedies by sharing with them God's gifts of food, shelter, economic self-sufficiency and hope. Assistance is provided solely on the basis of need, and benefits orphans, refugees and displaced persons, the elderly, school children, families and people with disabilities, without regards to race, religion, or ethnic identity. Through the generosity of caring donors like you, over **\$830 million** in humanitarian aid and disaster relief has been distributed worldwide over the past 31 years following events such as: the current war in Ukraine; the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria; Beirut explosions; spring/summer floods in the U.S.; wildfires in Greece and California; and destructive hurricanes (Louisiana/ U.S. Gulf Coast, the Carolinas) and earthquakes (Haiti). At present, IOCC is responding to the crisis in Ukraine by providing food, generators and fuel to displaced persons, as well as flashlights, batteries, and candles. IOCC has also deployed staff to Greece, Romania and Moldova to provide emergency supplies including food, water, cots, mattresses, blankets and other bedding, baby food, wipes and diapers, school supplies, plus other hygiene and sanitary items to refugees. Finally, IOCC continues to support: Syrian war refugees living in the Middle East and throughout the Mediterranean; suffering families in the West Bank and Gaza, in post-war Lebanon and the Balkans, and in drought-stricken Ethiopia and other clean water deprived countries throughout Africa; and literacy and education in impoverished communities in American big cities. IOCC's work is tireless, life-saving, and life-changing, both here in the U.S. and throughout the world. The Greater Philadelphia Metropolitan Committee is honored to support IOCC's ongoing humanitarian programs.

Therefore, the Thirteenth Annual Benefit Banquet will take place at **Adelphia Restaurant, 1750 Clements Bridge Road, Deptford Township, NJ** on **October 27, 2024**, and is expected to draw more than 300 people from throughout the Delaware Valley. Anything you wish to donate to the Silent Auction will be graciously displayed and your business will be acknowledged. We respectfully ask that the fair market value of your donation be a minimum of \$100. Suggested donations include gift baskets, weekend getaways, jewelry, restaurant or store gift certificates, housewares, sports tickets, and symphony/theater tickets. Your donation is tax deductible and will be recognized in our program book, if received, along with the Gift-in-Kind form that accompanies this letter, **by October 16, 2024**. Please contact **Rania Pappas at (856) 316-8914 (cell) or Pappasrania@aol.com with questions, or to offer or confirm a donation**. Your generosity will ensure that IOCC's ministry to the needy continues effectively and efficiently - 90% of all funds raised goes directly towards emergency relief and development programs.

We thank you for considering our request for a donation and for your support of IOCC's mission to bring dignity, respect and hope to communities around the world.

Sincerely,

Greater Philadelphia Metropolitan Committee of IOCC
Tony Pantazopoulos & Charles Sandilos, Greater Philadelphia Metropolitan Committee Co-Chairs
Rania Pappas, Auction Chair

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