



# PASSPORT

**IOCC FOOD AND WINE TOUR**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022**

**CO-HOSTED BY**

**IOCC METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE**

**OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**AND RESURRECTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**



## **OUR MISSION**

IOCC, in the spirit of Christ's love, offers emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination, and strengthens the capacity of the Orthodox Church to so respond.



## **ABOUT TONIGHT'S FOOD AND WINE TOUR**

On behalf of the IOCC Metropolitan Committee of Northern California, we would like to welcome you and to thank the participating parishes in this year's IOCC event, especially the parishioners of the Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church for hosting our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual fund-raising event in the Bay Area.

Upon your entry to the hall, you probably noticed five food stations with foods provided by different parishes representing a small sample of the countries and regions of the world in which IOCC is working or has worked in the past. At each station, please notice the small cultural arrangements as well as flyers on your tables describing some of the programs IOCC is running in those areas. In the back of the hall, you will find wine stations with wines from **Serbia, Lebanon, Greece** and of course California!

Along with my wife Angie, and dedicated volunteers from across the Bay Area, it has been our honor to start this Metropolitan Committee - one of the very first in the United States - and to lead our committee efforts these past 30 years. Tonight, I am pleased to introduce the team that will be taking the reins and leading the Bay Area IOCC efforts; Karim and Kristen Azar from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Belmont along with Jon and Larissa Geleris from St John the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church in Orinda. Please introduce yourselves to them, thank them for taking on this responsibility and ask how you can assist in spreading the word and mission of the IOCC in the Bay Area.

**Stephen J. Kreta**

**IOCC Metropolitan Committee of Northern California**



## **EVENING PROGRAM**

### **Invocation**

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco

### **Food and Wine Stations Open**

*4:30 pm - 5:30 pm*

### **Welcome**

Steve Kreta, IOCC Metropolitan Committee of Northern California

Jasmina Boulanger, IOCC Chairman of the Board

### **Desserts and Coffee**

### **Entertainment**

Two music ensembles: Pianist Karen Hutchinson & Ensemble; Hector & Michael, Greek Music

### **Silent Auction Closes**

*6:15 pm - 6:30 pm*

### **Closing Remarks**

Nick Kasemeotes, IOCC Gift Officer

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco

### **Benediction**

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco

## **MENU**

### **American**

Meatball Sliders and Fries

### **Greek**

Spanakopita (spinach pie), Dolmades (Stuffed Grape Leaves),  
Feta cheese and olives

### **Middle Eastern**

Fattoush (mixed greens and vegetables), Baba Ghanoush  
(eggplant dip), Zataar Manakeesh, and Shawarma

### **Serbian**

Gibanica (Pastry with cheese)

### **Russian**

Halpuki (cabbage rolls) and Mizeria (Polish cucumbers)







## WINES



*Please enjoy wines from the following regions:  
Greece, Serbia, Lebanon, and featuring  
a few California wines*

## DESSERT MENU

### **American**

Chocolate Chip Cookies

### **Middle Eastern**

Namoura (semonlina cake)

Asafir (cream filled pancakes)

Ghraybeh (butter cookies)

### **Greek**

Baklava

### **Serbian**

Kolac sa Visniam (Sour Cherry Cake)

Mramorni Kolac (Marble Cake)

Lenja Pita (Lazy Apple Cake)

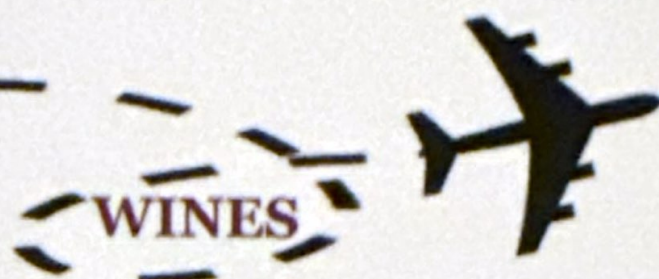
Rozen Kocke (walnuts, sugar & butter mixture)



## **OUR DEEPEST THANKS**

Thank you to all of you who could join us tonight  
and especially to the parishes who worked tirelessly  
to provide food and wine for our event:

Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church, Castro Valley  
St. Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church, Saratoga  
St. Christina Orthodox Church, Fremont  
Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross, Belmont



In addition to the wines donated by the Resurrection  
Greek Orthodox Church and St. Archangel Michael  
Serbian Orthodox Church, we would like to thank the  
following individuals and wineries for their donations:

Kristen and Karim Azar  
Padis Vineyards  
Varda Vineyards

## **HUMANITARIAN SPONSORS**

Dave and Shirley Gray  
Kreta Family  
Resurrection Ladies Philoptochos Society  
Resurrection Parish Council





Hi Mom & Dad,

## POSTCARD

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

Fell in love with Greece, Romania & Russia. Trying tasty new dishes everywhere I go. Now enjoying the fall leaves at Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia. Looking forward to the Middle East next.

FROM: Maria

ps: wish you were here! xoxo

Mom & Dad

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