

PASSPORT



FOOD AND WINE TOUR
Sunday November 5, 2023

*Co-hosted by
IOCC San Francisco Bay Area Committee
&
Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross*

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 San Francisco Bay Area Committee, we would like to welcome you and to thank the participating parishes in this year's IOCC event, especially the parishioners of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross for hosting our 31st Annual fund-raising event in the Bay Area.

Our four food stations, donated by different parishes and one generous local restaurant, represent a small sample of the countries and regions of the world in which IOCC is working. The signage at each station and the flyers at each table describe some of the programs IOCC is running globally. We are also grateful to the generous donors who have supplied an amazing variety of wine to go with your meal!

Words cannot express the immense gratitude we feel for the many people who worked so hard to make this event happen. The world needs IOCC now, more than ever and all of you here are part of their mission to alleviate human suffering.

Your support can make a profound difference in the lives of those in great need. Please consider donating today to help IOCC continue its vital work in the U.S. and around the world.

IOCC San Francisco Bay Area Committee

Kristen & Karim Azar, Co-chairs

Jon & Larissa Geleris, Co- chairs

Laila Louridas

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If you would like to join us or learn more about the committee please email:
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EVENING PROGRAM

WELCOME

Karim & Kristen Azar and Jon & Larissa Geleris
Co-Chairs, IOCC San Francisco Bay Area Committee

INVOCATION

Father Peter Salmas,
Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross

Appetizers (seated at table)

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Food and Wine Stations Open

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Desserts and Coffee (seated at table)

ENTERTAINMENT: Eikona

*Eikona is a three-sister ensemble who chant Byzantine-styled
Hymns and sing Contemporary Christian Music*

5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

CLOSING REMARKS

Nick Kasemeotes, IOCC Gift Officer

RAFFLE

BENEDICTION

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco

6:15 pm - 7:00 pm

FOOD TOUR

American

California Mac 'n Cheese
Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes



Greek

Stifado Beef Stew
Rice Pilaf



Middle Eastern

Falafel
Tabbouleh
Baba Ghanoush (eggplant dip)
Hummus
Pita



Serbian

Gibanica (cheese pastry)
Salad
Serbian-Style Cornbread
Cream Cheese & Red Pepper Spread



DESSERT TOUR

All-American Chocolate Chip Cookies
Assorted Greek Sweets
Assorted Middle Eastern Sweets

WINE POURS

2020 Cabernet Sauvignon; Alexander Valley
- DeLoach Vineyards
2022 Sauvignon Blanc; Sonoma County
- Varda Vineyards
2020 Pinot Noir; Carneros Sonoma
- Varda Vineyards
2021 Santorini
- Anhydrous
2017 Syrah; Evia, Greece
- Avantis Estate
2022 Rose; Peloponnese, Greece
- Little Ark



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OUR DEEPEST THANKS

Thank you to all who could join us tonight, and thanks especially to the sponsors who provided raffle prizes and the parishes and donors who worked tirelessly to host food and wine for this event:

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RAFFLE PRIZES

Cabin Getaway near Yosemite

3 night stay for up to 12 people in Groveland, CA; just 25 minutes to Yosemite National Park. Enjoy all that Pine Mountain Lake has to offer: lake activities, fishing, golfing, swimming and gorgeous views from your own private decks! \$1000 value.

In-Home Luxury Wine Tasting Experience

Sip, savor and indulge 10 to 14 of your wine-loving friends, clients or business associates in a luxurious, guided wine tasting! Your personal Boisset Collection Wine Ambassador will bring the private tasting room experience from their acclaimed, historic and sustainable wineries in California and France to you! \$250 value.

"Napa D'Italia Experience" at V. Sattui Winery

Get ready for a day of fun and some of Napa Valley's best wines! Includes complimentary wine tasting for two and 3 bottles of V. Sattui's award winning wines: 2022 Gamay Rouge, 2021 Napa Valley Chardonnay, & 2019 Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel. \$200 value.

Dinner Out at Waterbar

Take the night off and enjoy an amazing dinner for two at this scenic San Francisco destination restaurant! \$150 value.

afaLUXE Facial Chemical Peel by The Peel Guy

Pamper yourself with a luxurious afaLuxe facial & follow up exfoliating treatment! Reduces fine lines and wrinkles, fades age and sun spots, reduces acne and scarring. \$250 value.

California Rewined Exclusive Wine Barrel Charcuterie Board & Ancient Faith Gift Card

Entertain in style with this gorgeous one-of-a-kind handmade artisan charcuterie board made from beautiful repurposed wine barrels! \$95 value. Comes with a \$50 gift card to Ancient Faith Ministries.

Exclusive Commemorative Bottle of Assyrtiko Greek Wine Enjoy this exclusively labeled bottle of Assyrtiko, a white Greek wine made of grapes native to the island of Santorini!

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