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FOOD AND WINE TOUR
Sunday November 2, 2025

*Co-hosted by
IOCC San Francisco Bay Area Committee
&
St. George Orthodox Cathedral*

OUR DEEPEST THANKS

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

St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Daly City (Middle Eastern & Greek food)
St. Christina of Tyre Orthodox Church, Fremont (American food)
Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral, San Francisco (Slavic food)
St. John the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church, Orinda (Greek food
& Middle-Eastern style appetizers)

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EVENING PROGRAM

WELCOME

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

INVOCATION

Father John Khoury
St. George Orthodox Cathedral
5:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Food and Wine Stations Open
5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Desserts and Coffee (seated at table)

ENTERTAINMENT: Cal Jazz Choir

*The Cal Jazz Choir is a co-ed a cappella ensemble at UC Berkeley
dedicated to exploring the colorings of vocal jazz.*

6:30 pm - 7 pm

CLOSING REMARKS

Gift Officer Luke O'Dell, introduced by Nick Kasemeotes
His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco

RAFFLE

BENEDICTION

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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 St. George Orthodox Cathedral for hosting our 33rd annual fundraising event in the Bay Area.

Our four food stations, donated by local parishes, represent a small sample of the 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. We especially thank our host parish's event coordinators, **Fr. John Khoury, Jallal Mogannam, Fady Khoury and Rick Nahass**. 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

If you would like to join us or learn more about the committee please email: sfbayareaiocc@gmail.com



RAFFLE PRIZES

Guernville Vacation Home Stay

You and five guests can enjoy a two night (Fri-Sat) or three night (Sun-Thur) in this woodland home located in the Rio Nido community of Guerneville. A beautiful escape in Russian River Valley for golfing, fine dining, and hiking.

Dinner Out at Dish Dash

Enjoy a night out at this wonderful restaurant with several locations around the Bay Area. We will raffle **TWO** gift cards (\$250 each);

<https://www.dishdash.com/>

Dinner Out at Beit Rima Arabic Comfort Food

Enjoy a night out in San Francisco at this wonderful restaurant! We will raffle **FOUR** gift cards (\$200 each); <https://beitrimasf.com/>

Dinner Out at Waterbar

Enjoy an amazing dinner for two at this upscale San Francisco restaurant! (\$100 gift card); <https://www.waterbarsf.com/>

Wine Gift Sets

1.5ltr Bottle - 2016 Stag's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon

1/2 Case - 2014 Symmetry Meritage

1.5ltr Bottle - 2016 Trinchero Forte Red Wine

3ltr Bottle - 2017 Cipressi Nizza Red Wine

1.5ltr Bottles - 2019 Mersoleil Chardonnay & 2021 Boen Pinot Noir

Wine & Glass Set - 2018 Adaptation Cabernet Sauvignon

& 2018 Hertelendy Chardonnay + 6 Wine Glasses

CharBroil Brand Portable Gas BBQ

Cook juicy and delicious food every time with the convenience of this innovative grill. Grill on the Go with Charbroil's Portable Grills, Perfect for Tailgating and Camping (retail value \$135)

The North American Thebaid Gift Basket

This wonderful gift basket is valued at \$350 and includes:

Coffee table book: The North America Thebaid by Ralph H Sidwys

3 Gift certificates from local SF Bay Area Orthodox bookstores:

Holy Cross Church - Belmont \$100

Holy Virgin Cathedral - SF \$50

Holy Assumption Monastery - Calistoga \$100

- Fine Coffee and Tea

FOOD TOUR

Appetizers- Mazza

Spinach Pies & Cheese Pies
Feta

Palestinian Green Olives & Kalamata Olives
Hummus
Pita Bread
Labne
Cucumbers

American

Chilli
Cornbread

Greek

Greek salad
Dolmades (stuffed grape leaves)

Middle Eastern

Mansef
(Lamb cooked in a yogurt
sauce served with rice)

Slavic

Beef Piroshki
Cabbage Piroshki
(Piroshki is baked dough stuffed with filling)
Vinigret (beet and potato salad)



DESSERT TOUR

Greek Orange Cake
Arabic Knafeh (layered shredded pastry and sweet cheese
soaked in syrup)

WINE POURS

202X Dabouki, Bethlehem, Palestine

- Cremisan Wine Estate

2023 Rtvelisi, Georgia

- Saperavi

2021 Bediani, Georgia

- Kisi

2023 Chardonnay; Central Coast

- Castle Rock Winery

2021 Zinfandel; Amador County

- Sobon Estate

2016 Cabernet Sauvignon; Columbia Valley

- Grand Estates

2024 Cabernet Sauvignon

- Fetzer Vineyards

2021 Chardonnay; Sonoma County

- Chalk Hill Winery

2018 Red Blend; Sonoma County

- Symmetry

