



Mission & Evangelism  
Agency of the Assembly of  
Canonical Orthodox Bishops of  
the United States of America

Dear Reverend Clergy, Brothers, and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in Christ.

*On March 10th, the Orthodox churches across the country are invited to recognize missions by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States.*

This day is a wonderful opportunity to engage your community in the vital work of sharing the Gospel with those who have yet to receive it. By praying for missions, supporting missions ministries, and participating in the evangelistic outreach of the Church, Orthodox Christians not only share the gift of the Faith with others, but also grow in the Faith themselves.

Orthodox missions is a movement, and it is growing. Everyone can play a part in sharing the treasure that is Orthodox Christianity. The materials in this packet outline some of the ways that the faithful can be involved.

Included you will find a listing of short-term mission teams that will serve around the world in 2019. These teams will serve around the world teaching about the Faith, building up the Church, and ministering to those in need.

The poster in this packet shows all of the long-term missionaries that are currently serving in the mission field. Please pray for these women, men, and families, and help us find others that may be called to give their lives serving the Lord in the mission field. Please display this at your parish. Your community's prayers for these workers in the Lord's vineyard are needed and felt.

It is critical that the work of mission teams and missionaries continues and grows. By ordering OCMC coin boxes and missions-related lesson plans, using the order form in this packet, you can help shape future generations of Orthodox Christians to have a heart for missions. Throughout Lent the youth of your community can collect funds to support the work of missions using the coin boxes and learn why this is so important through the lesson plans.

Yes, Orthodox missions are growing. Just imagine how many more people will be reached with the saving love of Christ if we teach our children about the importance of sharing their Faith!

As priests, Sunday School Directors, and Ambassadors, you play one of the most important roles in furthering the Church's mission. By talking about Orthodox missions, by advocating for it, and by inviting the people you lead to participate, you can raise up the armies of prayer partners, supporters, volunteers, and missionaries that are needed to answer the cries for Christ that are becoming louder and louder throughout the world. Please talk about missions on Mission Sunday, March 10th, and throughout the Lenten season.

If you have questions or would like someone from the Mission Center to visit your community, please e-mail us at [missions@ocmc.org](mailto:missions@ocmc.org), call us at 1-877-463-6784, or visit [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org).

Most Sincerely in Christ,

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