



# Holy Trinity Cathedral Church School

## 2017 Lenten Collection for IOCC

The church school children will be collecting donations to benefit International Orthodox Christian Charities during Great Lent.

The children will share a different aspect of the mission of IOCC each week:

March 12

**Food**

March 19

**Health**

March 26

**Education**

April 2

**Economic Development**

IOCC has been a great helper in economic development to people in other countries, such as Greece, Syria, and Lebanon. The IOCC starts by helping a single person or family, and then spreads their help to a neighborhood, then a community, and so on. Starting in 2002, the IOCC loaned around \$19 million to 2,000 people in other countries to help them “get on their feet”. This has helped 1,800 people to get sustainable jobs which support about 31,000 family members. In Greece, the IOCC helps the Greek economy by giving people prepaid IOCC grocery cards, so businesses still benefit. In Syria, the IOCC has a “cash for work” program which gives people short-term jobs. Finally, in Lebanon, the organization loans money to refugees. The organization helps many people in many different countries around the world.

