



Creating a national, sustainable, and
effective media witness for the Orthodox Church

*I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.
I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I might share in its blessings. I COR. 9:22-23*

Dear Friend of OCN,

Here is a recent note I received about our new internet media outreach called “The Ark”

Fr. Chris:

As we write you this e-mail we are listening to the Ark on our computer. We very much enjoy this inspiration to our daily activities and congratulate you on this wonderful new internet outreach.

We feel this outreach will continue to spread the ministry worldwide.

Again congratulations.

Some have suggested that our SCOBA Hierarchs are pretty courageous to attempt to create a national, sustainable, and effective media witness for the Orthodox Christian Church. Facing the challenges of funding an enterprise like this, staffing the ministry with talented people, producing the programming, and then working to make sure the programming is a real help to local parishes is a daunting task for anyone. But it is a task we at OCN as an agency of SCOBA gratefully accept in light of all Jesus Christ has already done for us, and especially in light of His command to make disciples of all nations.

I never imagined 10 years ago that we'd be able to accomplish establishing this media outreach as well as we have. But, as usual, the grace of God was bigger than my dreams and the prayers of our Hierarchs more powerful than I ever imagined.

It just goes to show you that we can accomplish so much if we dare to reach for lofty goals. But those goals have to be for God's glory. It has been His blessings that have brought us to this place. He has brought us friends like you to stand with us in providing the financial support for this media work.

And look what the Lord has accomplished through us!

- Come Receive The Light, our nationally syndicated radio program is heard in over **150 communities nationwide** with a potential audience in the millions.
- People from over **120 countries around the world** listen to our programming on our internet site
- With the launch of our two newest internet based radio ministries—The Ark and The Rudder—we are offering **24 hours of Orthodox Christian music and teaching through the world wide web.**
- The Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA) has recognized OCN as the **media outreach tool of our Orthodox hierarchs in this country.** This is another way we are developing a united voice for Orthodoxy!

But there is so much more to do.

Even with the advances we've made in the last few years, we still do not reach enough people here at home with this support ministry. Major cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Pittsburgh still don't hear Come Receive The Light on a local station. Smaller communities that have mission parishes would be helped if we could air in their towns while they work to plant Orthodox churches in these places. Some of these towns have NEVER had an Orthodox Christian Church witness at all!



Plus, we still lack a presence for our Orthodox faith on television. We NEED to create quality video teaching materials that can be syndicated around the country on TV channels to show the depth and beauty of our Orthodox faith.

We have the ability. We have the technology. We have the desire. All we need are the financial resources to continue expanding the use of media to share the timeless beauty of our faith with others.

Our SCOBA hierarchs look to you to support the work of the ministry, and, on their behalf, I want to ask you to give a generous gift to Orthodox Christian Network during this holy season of Pascha.

Specifically, we are looking for 500 heroes of the faith who are willing to become a Share The Light Partner by donating \$1000 or more on an annual basis to help OCN grow. But even if you can't do that now, your gift of \$50, \$100, \$200 or more would be a real source of help to me at this critical time.

People in America are hungry for the fullness of the faith. Many of our own faithful are rediscovering the beauties of the Church of their youth. And countless Orthodox Christians are praying that their own children will remain connected to the Church.

We can use media to help these dear souls discover Orthodox Christianity and stay connected to Orthodoxy, but not alone. We need your support.

Please use the enclosed postage paid envelope to send your financial gift today so we can continue using media to share the faith tomorrow.

Thank you for your special gift this Paschal season.

Yours for the spread of Orthodoxy,

Fr. Christopher T. Metropulos
Executive Director – Orthodox Christian Network

P.S. We are looking for 500 Orthodox heroes who will become Share The Light Partners by committing to give \$1000 or more to grow our media ministry across the nation. Your gift, no matter what size, helps me keep ministering the precious Orthodox faith to people all over the world. What a wonderful legacy to leave behind you!

Yes, Fr. Chris, here is my special Pascha gift to Orthodox Christian Network of:

200.00 100.00 50.00 25.00 **Other:** _____



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