

World Food Day 2015
Canned Food Drive, October-December
38 million people in North America
need our help!

Attention Parish Priests, Parish Councils & all Parishioners

WORLD FOOD DAY, October 16th is sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organizations of the United States, and was especially designed to heighten public awareness of food and hunger issues around the world.

The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America is one of the sponsoring organizations for the National Committee for World Food Day. We now join **457** voluntary organizations throughout the United States and **163** countries around the world observing **WORLD FOOD DAY!** Last year **137 of our Parishes** reported participating in this much needed program, with **40 parishes** participating **all year long**. We distributed a record breaking **521,216 pounds of food within our communities.**

For 31 years we have pledged our support to our local food banks, and again are asking each Parish to sponsor a **CANNED FOOD DRIVE**. Please ask your parishioners to bring canned goods to Church between Sunday, October 4th and Sunday, December 29th.



Since 1984 we have collected over 4 million pounds of food.

Each Parish will Distribute the Food to the Needy in their Local Community. Through this activity, people everywhere will be expressing their faith and sharing their love.



Feeding the Community

Please weigh your food. This can be done quite easily by totaling the amount of food weight listed on each can. Please email me with your totals. We will publish the weight collected in "THE WORD" magazine.

Please review the attached 2015 Food For Hungry People update and the 2014 World Food Day (canned food drive totals.) Please contact me ASAP if you have any questions, additions or corrections.

There are several Parishes that have not yet reported their food pounds or turned in their 2015 FFHP money.

Please check your totals now. Remember this report will be forwarded to Metropolitan JOSEPH and published in "THE WORD."

Parish Highlight



LENDING A
HELPING HAND

Fr. Milad Selim of St. George Orthodox Cathedral in Worcester, MA lead his community on June 27th in one of the largest outreach projects in our Archdiocese, and the only one of its kind in the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts. St. George Cathedral teamed up with a non-profit Christian organization called, Feed My Starving Children, where they packed 108 thousand meals in one day for children who are actively starving to death in 70 different countries, including Iraq and the USA. They raised \$24,500 in three short months and welcomed 524 volunteers from around Central MA on the day of the event, both Orthodox and non-Orthodox. These meals have been scientifically engineered to transform a life of an actively dying child in a matter of 6 months to the point where the child is now able to play and learn. This was a great way to share the message of Christ with thousands of people who read and heard about this event before, during and after it took place.

Please inform us of your year-round charitable activities. We want to share them with the entire Archdiocese!

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**If you do NOT NEED Food For Hungry People BOXES for 2016 please let me know as soon as possible!
Collection Cans are by request only.**