

Lenten Coin Box Appeal 2026

Lent is a season of prayer, fasting, and giving—doing good and helping others. This Lenten season, we invite you to collect donations for the **Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)** using the OCMC Coin Box. Our goal is to raise funds to support OCMC's mission: **to make disciples of all nations by bringing all people to the fullness of faith in Christ.**

OCMC works with local Orthodox churches around the world, building up the Church and sharing the love of Christ with all people. Your donations help:

- **Send Missionaries** – Currently, 15 OCMC missionaries and their families are serving in Albania, Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala, Mexico, and Romania, preaching the Gospel.
- **Support Seminaries and Train Church Leaders and Clergy** – In Albania, Guatemala, Kenya, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Southeast Asia, and other regions, OCMC sends missionaries and funds to train future clergy and church leaders to share God's love and message of salvation.
- **Fund Mission Initiatives** – In 2025, over \$1.6 million was sent worldwide to help the Orthodox Church bring the fullness of the faith that Christ promises—reaching unevangelized regions, establishing churches, and tending to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of His people.
- **Support Mission Priests (SAMP)** – Through parish and individual donations, OCMC provides monthly financial assistance to over 450+ local priests in Africa, Indonesia, and India so they can help their communities hear about Jesus Christ.

Each day during Lent, joyfully fill your OCMC Coin Box with your family's offering. A little each day adds up to a lot!

Please return your box on **Sunday of St. Thomas, April 19, 2026**. If you cannot attend church that day, kindly return it to the church office or your classroom teacher. Thank you for your efforts and prayers for OCMC missionaries!

A Prayer for Missions

God of truth and love: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hear our prayer for those who do not know You. May they come to a saving knowledge of the truth, and may Your Name be praised among all peoples of the world. Sustain, inspire, and enlighten Your servants who bring them the Gospel. Strengthen wavering faith; uphold us when our faith is fragile. Renew missionary zeal in ourselves and in the Church and raise up new missionaries who will follow You to the ends of the earth. Make us witnesses to Your goodness—full of love, strength, and faith—for Your glory and the salvation of the entire world. Through the prayers of all missionary saints, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.