

# *75<sup>th</sup> Novogodny Ball*

*Crowne Plaza Hotel ~ Philadelphia ~Cherry Hill, NJ*

October 2011

Dear Friends,

On Sunday evening, January 15, 2012 (Eve of Martin Luther King Holiday) the **75<sup>th</sup> Annual, Diamond Anniversary, Novogodny Ball** will take place. This is no doubt one of the longest standing and continuous examples of Orthodox Christian fellowship in the United States. This traditional New Year's celebration in Philadelphia originated in the 1930's and for the last 25 years has been sponsored by St. Stephen's OCF of St. Stephen Orthodox Cathedral in Northeast Philadelphia. St. Stephen's OCF is a Chapter of the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America ([www.orthodoxfellowship.org](http://www.orthodoxfellowship.org)), an official organization of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA – [oca.org](http://oca.org)). The mission of the Novogodny Ball is and has always been to raise funds for deserving local, regional and national charities.

We have been blessed in recent years to be joined by a growing number of friends from not just the Philadelphia area but other parts of the country as well. Many who attend see this as an annual opportunity to celebrate with old and new friends they do not see during the rest of the year. For the Diamond Anniversary, we are expecting our biggest attendance in the last 25 years, which will help us increase our charitable giving.

This year for the first time we are excited and grateful to partner with International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC – [www.iocc.org](http://www.iocc.org)) and we will donate virtually all net proceeds to IOCC and to support Orthodox Christian Theological Education. Our goal is to raise more than \$25,000 for the domestic and worldwide humanitarian efforts of IOCC and for the support of Orthodox seminaries and seminarians in the United States.

In honor of this milestone event and to maximize the monies raised for these deserving causes, we will publish a commemorative program book dedicated to the merciful works of IOCC, to those men and women who have chosen to study and then teach the Orthodox Christian Way and to the founders of this great event, the former Alpha R Club of the FOCA. We humbly ask for your generous support of this year's event by publishing an ad or greeting in the program book to support two causes that we can all embrace for the good of Christ's Children and His Church. Enclosed is all of the information necessary to submit your ad or greeting. Please feel free to duplicate this appeal letter and order form for your friends & business associates. Please email Paul or Lisa to request all the details on the Novogodny Ball and for reservations.

Please contact us with any questions. Thank you so much. God Bless you for your generosity!

*Paul & Lisa*

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