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## CHRIST IS RISEN!



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Christ is Risen!

We pray that despite our social distancing requirements, that your Holy PASCHA was beautiful. In the midst of these difficult times, I'm pleased bring you some wonderful news. After months of collaboration with the Holy Theotokos of Iveron Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) in Honolulu, Hawaii, **I have the privilege of announcing the successful purchase of a new home for the "Hawaiian" Myrrh-streaming Iveron Icon.**

In June of 2008, this treasured Icon was officially recognized by the Russian Orthodox Church as worthy of veneration, and was officially blessed to travel to various ministries in Holy Orthodoxy. The story behind this incredible icon is moving, and recounted here on [the Holy Theotokos of Iveron ROC website.](#)

**Tight Spaces**

The main challenge for the Holy Icon



located at the Holy Theotokos of Iveron ROC was space.

According to Father Athanasius Kone, the Parish Rector, often there would be 80 to 100 people who would come to see the Holy Icon at one time, yet their space only holds about 40.

Yet real estate in Hawaii is limited, so finding a new home would take a great deal of dedication and determination.

As with many things associated with the Holy Icon, miraculously a new home for the church came available. All the church needed was a bit of help...



### **Collaborating with OCCIF**

Several months ago we started taking with Father Kone about how OCCIF could aid in their plans to obtain a new space for their Church and the Holy Icon.

The Holy Theotokos of Iverson ROC raised \$300,000 in donations from all around world. “We even received a donation from India,” said Father Kone. “The overwhelming generosity we’ve seen has been a blessing.”

To help secure the new church property, OCCIF worked with Father Kone and the Parish Council to provide capital resources to complete the purchase of the Calvary Church of the Islands, a Christian church that had recently come onto the market.



The new space nearly doubles the size of the current Holy Theotokos of Iverson ROC, and provides many more faithful the opportunity to spend time with the Holy Icon.

We are grateful that we were able to work with Father Kone and the Holy Theotokos of Iverson ROC to secure a new home for this precious icon.

Yours in Christ,

John Della Monica  
President

## The Hawaiian Myrrh –Streaming Icon of the Mother of God



Here is an excellent video on the Icon that was created by the Eastern American Diocese of ROCOR back in 2012. There are some excellent interviews here, including an interview with Brother Nectarios Yangson, the official Guardian of the Hawaiian Icon. [Click Here to see the video](#)

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