



## **WELCOME TO THE GOD-LOVING & GOD-PROTECTED PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL'S!**

*A parish of the UOC-USA and the Ecumenical Patriarchate*

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*“Each one shall give what he has decided in his own mind, not Grudgingly or because he is made to - for God loves a cheerful giver.” - II Cor. 9:7*

***January 11, 2026***

### **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

***CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!***

***ХРИСТОС НАРОДИВСЯ! СЛАВИМ ЙОГО!***

**Sunday, Jan. 11:** 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday after Nativity / The 14,000 Infants (Holy Innocents) slain by Herod at Bethlehem  
Tone 6 / Gal. 1:11-19; Matt. 2:13-23

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy -- Live video broadcast on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/>

### **WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FROM JANUARY 7TH TILL JANUARY 18TH IS A FAST-FREE PERIOD**

**Mon., Jan. 12:** Virgin-martyr Anysia at Thessalonica  
Jas. 2:14-26; Mk. 12:13-17

**Tues, Jan. 13:** Apodosis of the Nativity of Christ / St. Peter Mogila,

metropolitan of Kiev

Heb. 7:26–8,2; Jn. 10:9-16

**Wed., Jan. 14: THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS**

**CHRIST / St. Basil the Great, archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia**

Col. 2:8-12; Lk. 2:20-21, 40-52

10:00AM Divine Liturgy

**Thur., Jan. 15: St. Sylvester of the Kiev Caves**

Gal. 5:22–6:2; Lk. 6:17-23

**Fri., Jan. 16: Prophet Malachias**

**The Royal Hours: 1: Acts 13:25-32; Mt. 3:1-11; 3: Acts 19:1-8; Mk.**

**1:1-8; 6: Rom. 6:3-11; Mk. 1:9-15; 9: Titus 2:11-14; Mt. 3:13-17**

No Liturgy

**Sat., Jan. 17: Saturday before Theophany / Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles**

1 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Matt. 3:1-11

**Sunday, Jan. 18: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday before**

**Theophany – FAST DAY**

Tone 7 / 2 Tim. 4:5-8; Mk. 1:1-8

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Great Compline – Blessing of

The Waters and Blessing of the Parish Grounds / Followed by the

UOL sponsored Holy Supper -- Live video broadcast on our Facebook

page: <https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/>

*Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue*

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, JAN. 11**

**Gal. 1:11-19 (Epistle)**

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

## **Matt. 2:13-23 (Gospel)**

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt have I called my son.” Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more.” But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archela’us reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

## **PARISH NEWS**

**--WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:** Richard Charest (Jan. 5), may God grant you, Many, Happy Years! Многая літа!

**--FROM THE PARISH BOARD: 1)** In the event of inclement weather, parish services and events will be cancelled only if the Governor should declare a State of Emergency. Otherwise, please, use your better judgment for driving on snowy roads. Fr. Boris & Deacon Vasyl will be available for services as planned. The safety of our parishioners and guests are too important.

**2)** Cold/Flu/COVID season is upon us once again! Please remain at home and take care of yourself if you are not feeling well. Thank you for keeping our parish community safe!

**--FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY:** Reconfirm your Parish Membership for the year 2026: (Renewal form available for download here:

[https://mcusercontent.com/b2f173593a47cf95a6fa0a549/files/3ec374c0-a2aa-558f-eb8d-396cfc9b3d9/St.M.UOC\\_Membership2026\\_rev\\_12.14.25.01.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/b2f173593a47cf95a6fa0a549/files/3ec374c0-a2aa-558f-eb8d-396cfc9b3d9/St.M.UOC_Membership2026_rev_12.14.25.01.pdf))

The Parish of St. Michael must meet a monetary obligation of \$150 per adult member to the Consistory of the UOC of USA at the beginning of each year. (please note increase approved at the recent Sobor of the UOC of USA in October 2025)

We ask that all members of St. Michael Parish please complete a membership form and submit your Dues and Diocese obligation of \$150 as soon as possible to reconfirm your membership for 2026. Forms will also be available in the narthex of the Church. The obligation can be paid in full, or over time weekly/monthly prior to the Annual meeting in June. Please mark your payment with the memo "Dues & Diocese 2026"- Thank you!

Yearly giving statements for 2025 will be available for pick up at the end of January 2026. If you have recently moved, have new contact information or would like to receive your giving statement by email, please let Erika or Irene know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please email Erika Namaka, Financial Secretary at [einamaka@gmail.com](mailto:einamaka@gmail.com)

**--FROM FR. BORIS:** We are still collecting money to cover the costs of additional covering for the 4 icon stands (analogions) in the church. Please help in this undertaking.

**--FROM THE KITCHEN STAFF:** The kitchen would be most grateful for donation of any of the following items. Please note that we do use specific brands for quality control.

King Arthur flour, 5# bags, all purpose

Gold Medal AP flour, 5 # bag

Mazola corn oil

Wesson Vegetable oil

Canola oil for frying

Carnation evaporated milk

George Washington seasoning, yellow box

Beef Herb-ox, powder only, no cubes

Onion powder, small jars

White pepper

Shredded sharp or extra sharp cheddar cheese, white or yellow

5 lb block Land O' Lakes American cheese, white or yellow

Shredded sauerkraut, silver floss

Butter

Imperial or Blue Bonnet margarine

Paper towels

White vinegar

Freeze tite

Food Prep Gloves: Large & Extra Large

We could, also, use a volunteer to take the used towels home for washing.

Thanks a bunch! Donna

**--A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURERS:** Dear Parishioners and Friends, we have not yet reached the halfway mark of securing donations for our parking lot. Please consider a donation today. *Thank You!*

**--WE WELCOME ANY AND ALL DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH, LARGE OR SMALL:** We are most grateful for your kindness. Your donation is essential to the church. From your contribution, we pay the priest's salary and health insurance, as well as pay the utilities for the church including water, heat, electricity, lawn care and at this time of year, snow plowing and salting the ice on the driveway. Checks should be made out to St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Please offer your donations during the church collection or send your dues and donations to:

St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church

74 Harris Ave.

Woonsocket, RI 02895

## **UOL CORNER**

**--UOL'S MISSION STATEMENT:** "The Ukrainian Orthodox League is a national volunteer organization of members in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, who are committed to promoting the Orthodox Faith, supporting the Church, developing the potential of our youth and their active participation in the life of the Church, and preserving Ukrainian heritage and culture."

**--UOL MOTTO:** "Dedicated to our Church, Devoted to Its Youth"

### **--GOALS OF THE UOL:**

- Promoting active participation in all aspects of the Orthodox faith and supporting the Church.
- Developing and maintaining programs and projects which educate members and promote dedication and commitment to the Church, Her teachings, traditions, and missions.
- Providing opportunities for the development of leadership skills and responsibility among the youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.
- Providing and promoting information on Ukrainian heritage and history to the general public and establishing means which ensure the continuation of cultural awareness and pride within our membership.

**--Jan. 11, 2026:** UOL Meeting after Divine Liturgy

**--Feb. 8:** Souper Bowl Sunday

**--Mar. 2 – 27:** Praying our way together for Great Lent

**--Mar.28:** UOL Retreat in Philadelphia, PA

**--Jul 29 – Aug. 2:** UOL Convention / Palos Park, IL

## **ST. MICHAEL'S MEN'S GROUP**

Meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.



### **ST. MICHAEL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH NATIVITY/THEOPHANY SCHEDULE 2026 – UPDATED**

**Sunday, January 11th – Sunday After Nativity**

**9:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

**Wednesday, January 14th – Circumcision of the Lord / St. Basil's Day**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil**

**\*\* PLEASER NOTE THE CHANGE \*\* Sunday, January 18th – The Eve of the Theophany of Our Lord**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Great Compline – Blessing of The Waters and Blessing of the Parish Grounds / Followed by the UOL sponsored Holy Supper / Menu: baked fish / varenyky / borsch / bread / herring / kutia / dessert / wine**

**Suggested donation: \$20 per person / Children are free / (but give more if you can !)**

**PLEASE RSVP with Cindy at Coffee Hour or by email ASAP so we can plan Sunday's meal accordingly! [charestr@aol.com](mailto:charestr@aol.com)**

**Monday, January 19th – Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord**

**10:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

***Orthodox Christians have their homes blessed after Theophany.  
Please let Fr. Borislav know when he can come by and bless  
your home.***

# Saint Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church

74 Harris Avenue, Woonsocket, RI 02895 - (401) 762-3939



**Dear Friend of St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church,**

Since 1947, St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church has been a cornerstone of faith and community for Orthodox Christians in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and the surrounding area. As a private, nonprofit, and tax-exempt organization, all contributions made to our church are fully tax-deductible.

We are reaching out today to ask for your support with a much-needed project: the replacement of our church parking lot. This improvement is essential for the safety, accessibility, and continued service of our parish community. The cost of this project is approximately \$50,000.

We invite both individuals and businesses to consider making a donation toward this important effort. Enclosed below is a Donor Pledge Form, which you can return with your contribution or your pledge to donate.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity. With your support, St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church will continue to be a place of spiritual nourishment and community for many years to come.

With heartfelt gratitude,

**The Parish Board of St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church**

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of donation:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$2500.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$5000.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Amount

**\*\*\* МОЛИТВА ЗА ВОЇНІВ \*\*\*  
І ТИХ ХТО ПОТЕРПАЄ ВІД ВІЙНИ**

Боже Великий, Боже Всесильний! Ми, грішні діти Твої,  
у покорі сердець наших приходимо до Тебе і схиляємо голови наші.

Отче! Прости провини наші та провини батьків, дідів і  
прадідів наших.

Прийми нині, благаємо Тебе, щиру молитву нашу і подяку  
нашу за безмежне милосердя Твоє до нас.

Вислухай наші молитви і прийми благання сердець наших.

Благослови нашу Батьківщину Україну, перемогу над  
ворогом, долю, мир та щастя їй дай.

Премилосердний Господи, усім, хто вдається до Тебе з  
благанням, милість Твою подай.

Благаємо Тебе, Боже, за Воїнів і Захисників, за братів і  
сестер наших, за вдовиць, за сиріт, за калік і немічних, за  
тих, хто в окупації і полоні, за тих, хто в скрутних життєвих  
обставинах, за біженців і за всіх тих, хто Твого милосердя та  
допомоги Твоєї потребують.

З'єднай нас усіх в єдину велику Христову сім'ю, щоб усі  
люди України нашої єдністю й перемогами славили величне  
Ім'я Твоє завжди, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні.

Амінь!

УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США



**\*\*\* PRAYER FOR SOLDIERS \*\*\*  
AND THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM WAR**

O Great God, Almighty God! We, Your sinful children,  
come to You in the humility of our hearts and bow our heads.

Father! Forgive our sins and the sins of our fathers, grandfathers  
and great-grandfathers.

Accept now, we beseech You, our sincere prayer and our  
gratitude for Your boundless mercy toward us.

Hear our prayers and accept the supplications of our hearts.

Bless our homeland Ukraine, granting prosperity, happiness,  
peace, and victory over her enemies.

Most merciful Lord, grant Your mercy to all who come to You in  
supplication.

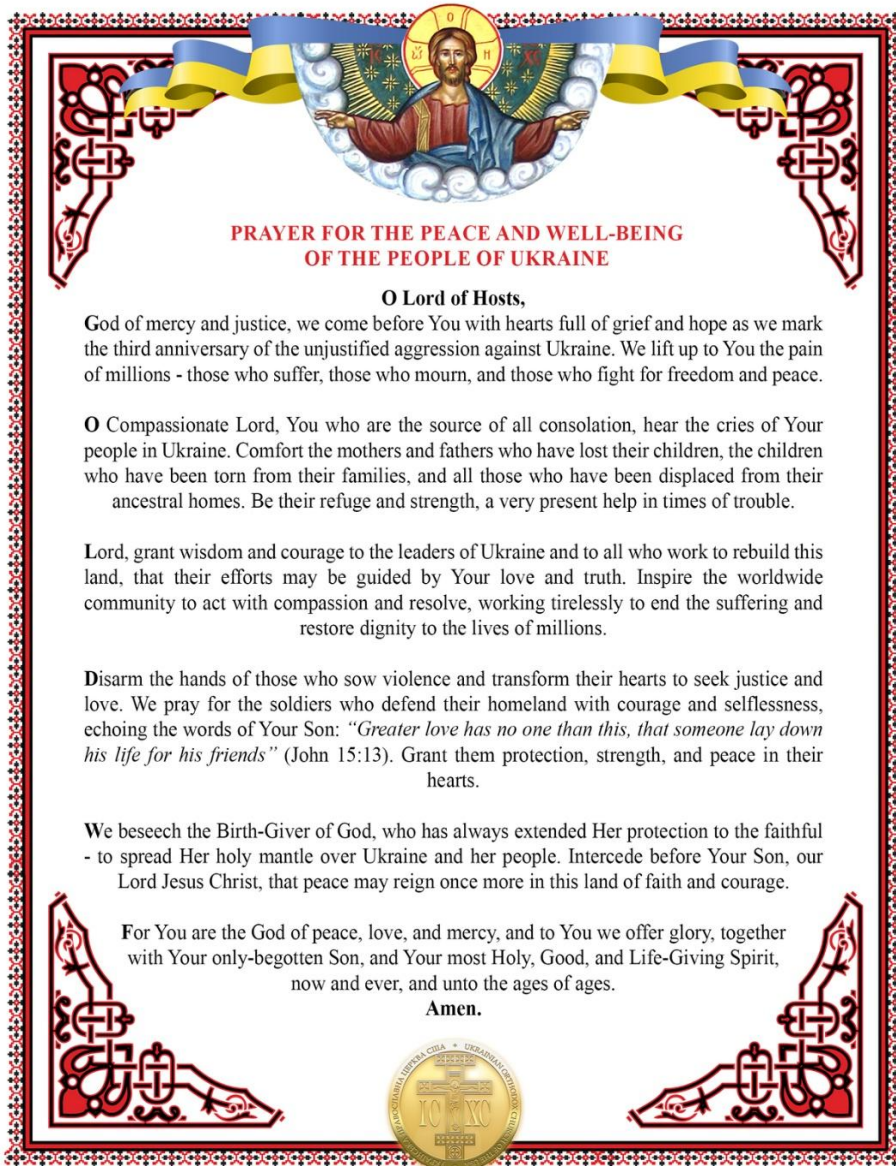
We beseech You, O God, for the soldiers and defenders, for our  
brothers and sisters, for widows, orphans, the crippled and the  
infirm, for those who are under occupation and in captivity, for  
those in difficult life circumstances, for refugees, and for all  
those who need Your mercy and help.

Unite us all in one great family of Christ, so that through our  
unity and victory, all the people of Ukraine may glorify Your  
majestic Name, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Amen!

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA





**PRAYER FOR THE PEACE AND WELL-BEING  
OF THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

**O Lord of Hosts,**

God of mercy and justice, we come before You with hearts full of grief and hope as we mark the third anniversary of the unjustified aggression against Ukraine. We lift up to You the pain of millions - those who suffer, those who mourn, and those who fight for freedom and peace.

O Compassionate Lord, You who are the source of all consolation, hear the cries of Your people in Ukraine. Comfort the mothers and fathers who have lost their children, the children who have been torn from their families, and all those who have been displaced from their ancestral homes. Be their refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Lord, grant wisdom and courage to the leaders of Ukraine and to all who work to rebuild this land, that their efforts may be guided by Your love and truth. Inspire the worldwide community to act with compassion and resolve, working tirelessly to end the suffering and restore dignity to the lives of millions.

Disarm the hands of those who sow violence and transform their hearts to seek justice and love. We pray for the soldiers who defend their homeland with courage and selflessness, echoing the words of Your Son: *"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends"* (John 15:13). Grant them protection, strength, and peace in their hearts.

We beseech the Birth-Giver of God, who has always extended Her protection to the faithful - to spread Her holy mantle over Ukraine and her people. Intercede before Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that peace may reign once more in this land of faith and courage.

For You are the God of peace, love, and mercy, and to You we offer glory, together with Your only-begotten Son, and Your most Holy, Good, and Life-Giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Amen.**



**МОЛИТВА ЗА МИР І ДОБРОБУТ  
НАРОДУ УКРАЇНИ**

**Господи Сил,**

Боже милосердя і справедливості, припадаємо до Тебе з серцем, сповненим скорботи і надії, у третю річницю невинної агресії проти України. Підносимо до Тебе біль мільйонів - тих, хто страждає, тих, хто сумує, і тих, хто бореться за свободу і мир.

Милосердний Господи, Ти, що є джерелом усякої втіхи, вислухай благання Твого народу в Україні. Утіш матерів і батьків, які втратили своїх дітей. Дітей, які були відірвані від своїх родин, і всіх тих, хто був змушений покинути рідні домівки. Будь для них притулком і силою, справжньою допомогою в часі біди.

Господи, даруй мудрість і відвагу лідерам України та всім, хто працює над відбудовою цієї землі, щоб їхні зусилля спрямовувалися Твоєю любов'ю і правдою. Надихни світову спільноту діяти зі співчуттям і рішучістю, невтомно працюючи, щоб покласти край стражданню і повернути гідність у життя мільйонів людей.

Обеззброй руки тих, хто сіє насильство, і переміни їхні серця, щоб вони шукали справедливості та любові. Ми молимося за воїнів, які мужньо і самовіддано захищають свою Батьківщину, повторюючи слова Твого Сина: *"Ніхто більшої любові не має над ту, як хто свою душу поклав би за друзів своїх"* (Ів. 15:13). Подай їм захист, силу та мир у серці.

Богородицю, котра невтомно захищає вірних, благаємо, щоб розпростерла Свій святій покров над Україною та її народом. Заступися перед Твоїм Сином, Господом нашим Ісусом Христом, щоб на цій землі віри і відваги знову запанував мир.

Бо Ти є Бог миру, любові і милосердя, і Тобі славу возсилаємо з Єдинородним Твоїм Сином і Пресвятим, і Благим, і Животворящим Твоїм Духом, нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні.

**Амінь.**



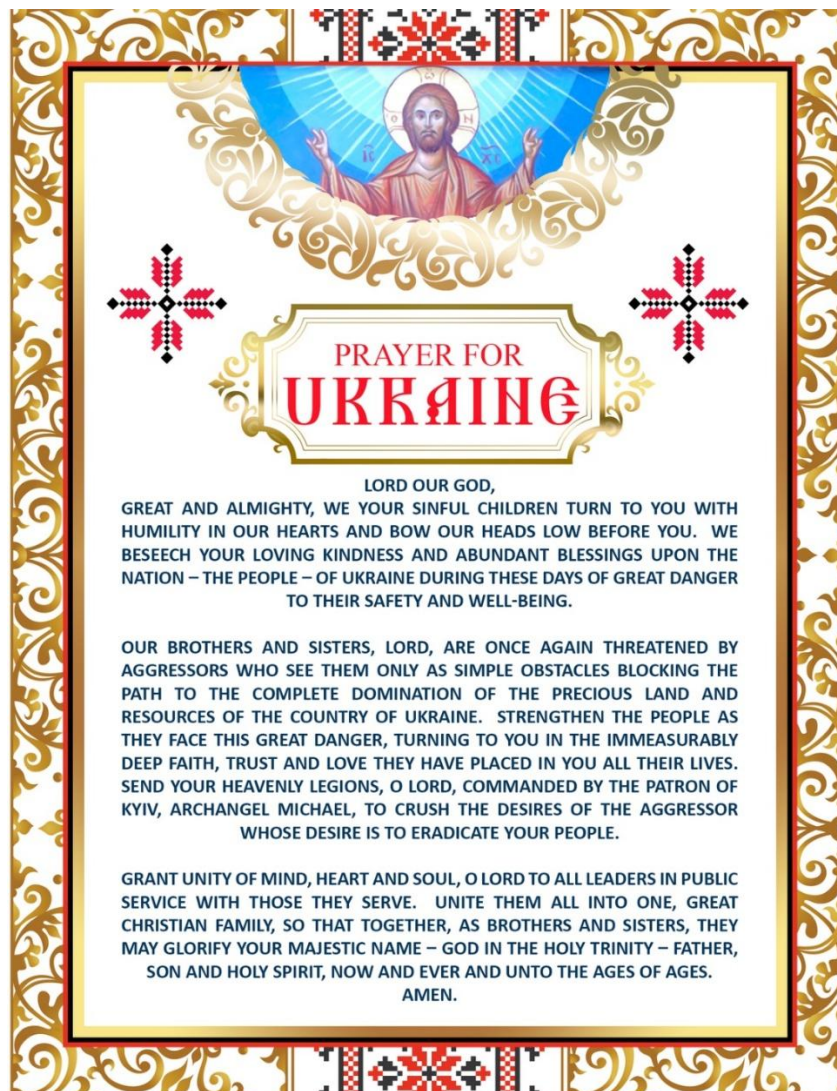


**МОЛИТВА ЗА  
УКРАЇНУ**

ГОСПОДИ, БОЖЕ НАШ,  
ВЕЛИКИЙ І ВСЕСИЛЬНИЙ, МИ ГРИШНІ ДІТИ ТВОЇ, ЗВЕРТАЄМОСЯ ДО ТЕБЕ У  
ПОКОРІ СЕРДЕЦЬ НАШИХ І НИЗЬКО СХИЛЯЄМО ГОЛОВИ НАШІ ПЕРЕД  
ТОБОЮ. БЛАГАЄМО ТЕБЕ ЗА БЕЗМЕЖНЕ МИЛОСЕРДЯ ТА ЩЕДРІ  
БЛАГОСЛОВЕННЯ ДЛЯ НАРОДУ – ЛЮДЕЙ – УКРАЇНИ, У ЦІ ДНІ ВЕЛИКОЇ  
НЕБЕЗПЕКИ ДЛЯ ЇХ МИРНОГО ЖИТТЯ І ДОБРОБУТУ.

О ГОСПОДИ, НАШИМ БРАТАМ І СЕСТРАМ, ЗНОВУ ЗАГРОЖУЮТЬ АГРЕСОРИ,  
ЯКІ БАЧАТЬ У НИХ ЛИШЕ ПРОСТУ ПЕРЕШКОДУ, ЩО ПЕРЕГОРОДЖУЄ ШЛЯХ  
ДО ПОВНОГО ПАНУВАННЯ НАД ДОРОГОЦІННОЮ ЗЕМЛЕЮ ТА РЕСУРСАМИ  
УКРАЇНИ. ЗМИЦНИ ЛЮДЕЙ, У ЧАСІ ЦІЄЇ ВЕЛИКОЇ НЕБЕЗПЕКИ, ЯКІ  
ЗВЕРТАЮТЬСЯ ДО ТЕБЕ У БЕЗМІРНО ГЛИБОКІЙ ВІРІ, ДОВІРІ ТА ЛЮБОВІ, ЯКІ  
ВОНИ ПЛЕКАЛИ ДО ТЕБЕ УСЕ СВОЄ ЖИТТЯ. ЗІШЛИ ГОСПОДИ, СВОЇХ  
НЕБЕСНИХ АНГЕЛІВ, ЯКИМИ КЕРУЄ ПОКРОВИТЕЛЬ МІСТА КИЄВА  
АРХІСТРАТИГ МИХАЇЛ, ЩОБ ВИКОРИНИТИ БАЖАННЯ АГРЕСОРА ЗНИЩИТИ  
НАШ НАРОД.

ДАРУЙ ГОСПОДИ, ЄДНІСТЬ РОЗУМУ, СЕРЦЯ І ДУШІ ВСІМ ДЕРЖАВНИМ  
ЛІДЕРАМ І ТИМ, КОМУ ВОНИ СЛУЖАТЬ. ОБ'ЄДНАЙ ЇХ УСІХ В ОДНУ ВЕЛИКУ  
ХРИСТІАНСЬКУ РОДИНУ, ЩОБ ВОНИ РАЗОМ, ЯК БРАТИ І СЕСТРИ,  
ПРОСЛАВЛЯЛИ ТВОЄ ВЕЛИЧНЕ ІМ'Я – БОГА В СВЯТІЙ ТРОЙЦІ – ОТЦЯ,  
СИНА І СВЯТОГО ДУХА, НИНІ І ПОВСЯКЧАС, І НА ВІКИ ВІЧНІ.  
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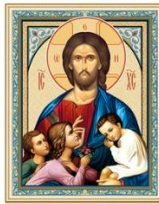


**PRAYER FOR  
UKRAINE**

LORD OUR GOD,  
GREAT AND ALMIGHTY, WE YOUR SINFUL CHILDREN TURN TO YOU WITH  
HUMILITY IN OUR HEARTS AND BOW OUR HEADS LOW BEFORE YOU. WE  
BESEECH YOUR LOVING KINDNESS AND ABUNDANT BLESSINGS UPON THE  
NATION – THE PEOPLE – OF UKRAINE DURING THESE DAYS OF GREAT DANGER  
TO THEIR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING.

OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, LORD, ARE ONCE AGAIN THREATENED BY  
AGGRESSORS WHO SEE THEM ONLY AS SIMPLE OBSTACLES BLOCKING THE  
PATH TO THE COMPLETE DOMINATION OF THE PRECIOUS LAND AND  
RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY OF UKRAINE. STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE AS  
THEY FACE THIS GREAT DANGER, TURNING TO YOU IN THE IMMEASURABLY  
DEEP FAITH, TRUST AND LOVE THEY HAVE PLACED IN YOU ALL THEIR LIVES.  
SEND YOUR HEAVENLY LEGIONS, O LORD, COMMANDED BY THE PATRON OF  
KYIV, ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, TO CRUSH THE DESIRES OF THE AGGRESSOR  
WHOSE DESIRE IS TO ERADICATE YOUR PEOPLE.

GRANT UNITY OF MIND, HEART AND SOUL, O LORD TO ALL LEADERS IN PUBLIC  
SERVICE WITH THOSE THEY SERVE. UNITE THEM ALL INTO ONE, GREAT  
CHRISTIAN FAMILY, SO THAT TOGETHER, AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THEY  
MAY GLORIFY YOUR MAJESTIC NAME – GOD IN THE HOLY TRINITY – FATHER,  
SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND UNTO THE AGES OF AGES.  
AMEN.



## PRAYER FOR CHILDREN OF UKRAINE KIDNAPPED BY RUSSIAN FEDERATION INVADERS

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We come before You in sincere prayer, O God Almighty and with heavy hearts, we lift up the innocent children of Ukraine who have been kidnapped into the Russian Federation, taken forcefully from their homes and families during this, yet another invasion and genocide of our beloved homeland. Lord, You are the protector of the weak and the guardian of the vulnerable. We ask for Your divine intervention in and for their lives. Put an end to the soviet style "re-education policies" to turn them against their families and their native Ukraine.

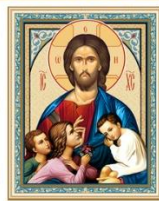
Surround these children with the Resurrection Love and Peace that emanate from your Empty Tomb. Comfort them in their fear and confusion, granting them the strength to endure these present trials and the knowledge that their families yearn for them and the nations of the world are struggling to free them. Lord, we pray for their safety and that these struggles will conclude in their swift return to their families and homeland.

Touch the hearts of even those who have stolen them, O Lord, that they may be moved by compassion and conscience to act with justice and mercy. Soften their hearts of these kidnapers, guiding them towards actions that will bring these children back to their homes, lest they be equated to those who slaughtered the innocents in Bethlehem after the Incarnation of Christ our Lord.

We also pray fervently for the families left behind who, without question, are enduring unimaginable pain and anguish. Grant them hope and courage that they may feel Your Loving Presence in this time of suffering and assurance that Your Holy Spirit is with their children eternally.

In Your infinite mercy and power, Lord, bring about a resolution to this invasion. Restore peace and justice to independent Ukraine, which will once again rise from the ashes like the proverbial Phoenix, and soar amongst the free nations of the world. We trust in Your mighty power and unending love, believing that You hear our prayers and are with us always.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## МОЛИТВА ЗА ДІТЕЙ УКРАЇНИ ВИКРАДЕНИХ ЗАГРБНИКАМИ РОСІЙСЬКОЇ ФЕДЕРАЦІЇ

В Ім'я Отця, і Сина, і Святого Духа. Амінь.

Ми постаємо перед Тобою, о Всемогутній Боже, з обтяженим серцем, підносячи наші молитви за невинних дітей України, які були викрадені до Російської Федерації, насильно забрані з їхніх домівок і сімей у час цього чергового вторгнення та геноциду нашої улюбленої Батьківщини. Господи, Ти є захисником немічних і охоронцем вразливих. Ми просимо Твого божественного втручання та заступництва за їхнє життя. Господи, могутністю Твою, зупини радянську «політику перевиховання», налаштовуючи дітей проти їх сімей та рідної України.

Огорни цих дітей Любов'ю та Миром Воскресіння, які виходять із Твого Порожнього Гробу. Подай утішення їм серед страху та збентеження, даруючи їм сили витримати ці нинішні випробування та подай їм розуміння того, що їхні сім'ї прагнуть повернути їх, а нації по всьому світу намагаються їх звільнити. Господи, ми молимося за їхню безпеку і щоб ці випробування завершилися їхнім швидким поверненням до своїх родин на свою Батьківщину.

Доторкнись, Господи, навіть до сердець тих, хто їх викрав, спонукаючи їх до співчуття і сумління діяти справедливо й милосердно. Пом'якши серця цих викрадачів, скеровуючи їх до дій, які повернуть цих дітей до їхніх домівок, щоб не прирівняти їх до тих, хто вбивав невинних дітей у Вифлеєм після Втілення Христа, нашого Господа. Ми також палко молимося за родини, які залишилися без своїх дітей та, без сумніву, терплять невимовний біль і страждання. Дай їм надію та відвагу, щоб вони могли відчутти Твою люблячу присутність у цей час страждань і впевненість у тому, що Твій Святий Дух вічно перебуває з їхніми дітьми.

У Твоєму безмежному милосерді та силі, Господи, поклади кінець цьому вторгненню. Поверни мир і справедливість у незалежну Україну, яка знову повстане з попелу, як прославлений Фенікс, і злетить серед вільних націй світу. Покладаємось на Твою могутню силу та незмінну любов, вірячи, що Ти чуєш наші молитви та завжди перебуваєш з нами.

В Ім'я Отця і Сина і Святого Духа. Амінь.



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*This Nativity night bestowed peace on the whole world;  
 So let no one threaten;*

*This is the night of the Most Gentle One – Let no one be cruel;*

*This is the night of the Humble One – Let no one be proud.*

*Now is the day of joy – Let us not revenge;*

*Now is the day of Good Will – Let us not be mean.*

*In this Day of Peace – Let us not be conquered by anger.*

*Today the Bountiful impoverished Himself for our sake;  
 So, rich one, invite the poor to your table.*

*Today we receive a Gift for which we did not ask;  
 So let us give alms to those who implore and beg us.*

*This present Day cast open the heavenly doors to our prayers;  
 Let us open our door to those who ask our forgiveness.*

*Today the DIVINE BEING took upon Himself the seal  
 of our humanity,*

*In order for humanity to be decorated by the Seal of  
 DIVINITY.*

(– St. Isaac Syrian, Nativity Sermon)

