



# 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 14, 2024***

## **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, Jan. 14:** THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST / Sunday before Theophany / St. Basil the Great, archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia – FAST FREE

Epistle: Col. 2:8-12; Gospel: Mk. 1:1-8

9:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil – 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. 15:** St. Sylvester of the Kyiv Caves – FAST FREE

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:21-3:9; Gospel: Mark 12:13-17

**Tues, Jan. 16:** Prophet Malachias – FAST FREE

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:10-22; Gospel: Mark 12:18-27

**Wed., Jan. 17: Ven. Aquila, deacon of the Kyiv Caves – FAST FREE**

**Epistle: 1 Peter 4:1-11; Gospel: Mark 12:28-37**

**Thur., Jan. 18: The Eve of the Theophany / Martyr Theopemptus, bishop of Nicomedia – STRICT FAST**

**Epistle: 1 Cor. 9:19-27; Gospel: Lk. 3:1-18**

**5:00PM Great Compline followed by the Holy Supper**

**Fri., Jan. 19: FEAST OF THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD – FAST FREE**

**Epistle: Titus 2:11-14–3:4-7; Gospel: Mt. 3:13-17**

**9:30AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil / followed by the blessing of water and blessing of the parish grounds.**

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

**Sat., Jan. 20: Afterfeast of the Theophany / Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John.**

**Epistle: Acts 19:1-8; Gospel: Jn. 1:29-34**

**Sunday, Jan. 21: Sunday after Theophany / Ven. Gregory, wonderworker of the Kyiv Caves**

**Tone 8 / Epistle: Eph. 4:7-13; Gospel: Mt. 4:12-17**

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

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

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, JAN. 14, 2024**

### **Colossians 2:8-12 (Epistle)**

BRETHREN, See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fulness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

### **Mark 1:1-8 (Gospel)**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before thy

face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight—" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **-THE SR. UOL WILL BE HOSTING THIS YEAR'S SVIAT VECHIR (HOLY SUPPER) AFTER THE THEOPHANY SERVICE.**

We have sent out an invitation to Ukrainian refugees in our state to be our guests! We hope they will join us! Please make an extra effort to attend this service and dinner so we can warmly welcome them to St. Michael's! **Menu:** Baked fish, varenyky, kapusta, borsch, bread, herring, kutia, dessert, wine. Suggested donation: \$10, (but give more if you can!!) **PLEASE RSVP** to Cindy so we can plan the meal accordingly! [charestr@aol.com](mailto:charestr@aol.com)

### **-FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY / Dues and Diocese**

**Obligation: \$105** A reminder that St. Michael parish must meet a monetary obligation of \$105 per adult member to the Consistory of the UOC of USA at the beginning of each year. **TO RECONFIRM YOUR MEMBERSHIP** with St. Michael parish each year we ask that you please use an envelope marked "dues and diocese" and submit this obligation as soon as possible at the start of each calendar year. There are envelopes available at the desk in the narthex of the church. (Use memo: "Dues and Diocese 2024" if paying by bank check, online bill pay or PayPal... Thank you!)

**Reminder:** Only parishioners who have reconfirmed their membership by submitting their yearly Dues and Diocese obligation and participate in the life of the parish (members in good standing) have the right to participate in votes/elections that happen the annual meeting. Please keep this in mind as we have a special vote coming up this year regarding the possibility of adopting the Revised Julian Calendar as our liturgical calendar. (More details forthcoming)

Yearly giving statements for 2023 are being prepared this month. They will be available in the narthex of the Church by early February. If you would like to received yours by email instead, please email Erika Namaka [einamaka@gmail.com](mailto:einamaka@gmail.com)

**IMPORTANT:** If you have recently moved or have new contact information (email/phone number), please contact Erika ASAP so the parish database can be updated and the correct information will appear on your statement.

**Offering Envelopes.** There are some boxes of offering envelopes available in Narthex of the Church for those that use them. Offerings can also be submitted by mail or through your bank's "bill pay" system when you are unable to attend services in person. (This is helpful to the parish so that we can continue to keep up with any weekly or incidental expenses that arise!)

Please contact Erika (Financial Secretary) with any questions regarding membership or to confirm that your information is up to date in the Parish database. Erika - [einamaka@gmail.com](mailto:einamaka@gmail.com) Thank you!

**-2024 LITURGICAL CALENDARS ARE IN!** They are available in the vestibule. Suggested donation of \$3.00.

**-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

**-DESPERATELY SEEKING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS:**

We are seeking volunteers to sponsor a coffee hour. There will be a white board setup in the Hall with the dates. Simply, write your name for the Sunday you wish to sponsor. Usually the coffee pot and water kettle are ready to go upon your arrival. The coffee pot needs to be plugged in by 8:30 am. You are responsible for purchasing milk and half & half for the coffee. There are presently packaged goods in the kitchen. There also may be frozen items in the freezer designated for coffee hour. Feel free to bring your own items as well. At the end of coffee hour, you are responsible for washing the coffee pot, utensils, plates, etc., wrapping any leftovers, cleaning the food tables and kitchen counter. Please ask if you have any questions or need help with your coffee hour. Thank you for volunteering. Thanks, Eleanor

**-ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY ACCESS:** Polish National Cemetery has a contract to excavate and to remove gravel from their cemetery. The

operation will take place **Monday thru Friday between 7am – 5pm and Saturday 9am – 12 pm.** Be aware that you may encounter quite a bit of activity involved on the shared road. Excavation and removal of the sand has begun, so please be careful entering and leaving the cemetery.

**--2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION:** The Special Collection will be to help with the expenses of repairing the front steps of the Church and other capital improvements. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you!

**UPCOMING PARISH & INTER-PARISH EVENTS**

**--2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month** – Akathist to the Mother of God, Healer of Cancer @ 7PM / Followed by Adult Religious Education class. Please submit the names of those you want to have remembered to Fr. Boris.

**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.
- Proving 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. 14, 2024:** UOL Meeting during the coffee hour.

**CANCELED**


**--JAN 18, 2024:** Theophany Eve Holy Supper with Ukrainian Refugees.

**--FEB. 11, 2024: Souper Bowl Sunday**

**--MAR. 31<sup>ST</sup>: UOL Soup Sale \$5 for a bowl/container**

## **CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER**

**--15 MINUTES WITH FATHER --** Last Sunday of the month.



JOIN US AT A MONTHLY LIVE STREAMED  
CELEBRATION OF AN AKAPHIST TO  
ПРИЄДНУЙТЕСЯ ДО ЩОМІСЯЧНОЇ ПРЯМОЇ ТРАНСЛЯЦІЇ  
СЛУЖІННЯ АКАФІСТА

**THE MOTHER OF GOD - QUEEN OF ALL**  
**БОГОРОДИЦІ ВСЕЦАРИЦЯ**

BESEECHING HER INTERCESSION FOR THE HEALING OF ALL  
THOSE SUFFERING FROM CANCER AND OTHER DISEASES  
МОЛЯЧИ ЇЇ ЗАСТУПНИЦТВА ДЛЯ ЗЦІЛЕННЯ ВІД РАКУ ТА  
ІНШИХ ХВОРОБ

First Thursday of each month  
5 January 2023 at 7:00pm  
Перший четвер кожного місяця  
5 січня 2023 року о 19:00 год

Please submit the names of those you wish to pray for to:  
uocofusa@aol.com with the subject - **PRAYERS**  
Будь ласка, надішліть імена тих, за кого ви бажаєте молитися:  
uocofusa@aol.com з темою - **МОЛИТВИ**

Future dates: 5 Jan,  
2 Feb, 2 Mar, 6 April, 4 May, 1 June,  
6 July, 3 Aug...  
Майбутні дати: 5 січня,  
2 лютого, 2 березня, 6 квітня, 4 травня,  
1 червня, 6 липня, 3 серпня...



## МОЛИТВА ЗА УКРАЇНУ

ГОСПОДИ, БОЖЕ НАШ,  
ВЕЛИКИЙ І ВСЕСИЛЬНИЙ, МИ ГРІШНІ 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  
ХРИСТІЯНСЬКУ 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.

АМІНЬ.



## 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.



UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

## JANUARY CELEBRATIONS В СІЧНІ СВЯТКУЄМО

УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США



**6**

**EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST**  
НАВЕЧІР'Я РІЗДВА ХРИСТОВОГО

**7**

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR,  
JESUS CHRIST**  
РІЗДВО ГОСПОДА БОГА І СПАСА НАШОГО  
ІСУСА ХРИСТА

**8**

**SYNAXIS OF THE BIRTHGIVER OF GOD**  
СОБОР ПРЕСВЯТОЇ БОГОРОДИЦІ

**9**

**HOLY PROTOMARTYR AND ARCHDEACON  
STEPHEN**  
СВ. АП. ПЕРШОМУЧЕНИКА І АРХИДИЯКОНА  
СТЕФАНА

**11**

**HOLY INNOCENTS** (14,000 INFANTS SLAIN BY  
HEROD IN BETHLEHEM)  
СВВ. МУЧЕНИКІВ (14,000 НЕМОВЛЯТ ВБИТИХ  
ІРОДОМ У ВИФЛЕЄМІ)

**14**

**ST. BASIL THE GREAT**  
СВТ. ВАСИЛІЯ ВЕЛИКОГО

**18**

**EVE OF THE THEOPHANY**  
НАВЕЧІР'Я БОГОЯВЛЕННЯ

**19**

**HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR  
LORD/BAPTISM OF CHRIST**  
СВЯТЕ БОГОЯВЛЕННЯ,  
ХРЕЩЕННЯ ГОСПОДА БОГА

**20**

**SYNAXIS OF THE FORERUNNER,  
JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
СОБОР ПРЕДТЕЧІ І ХРЕСТИТЕЛЯ  
ГОСПОДНЬОГО ІОАНА

**30**

**ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT**  
ПРП. АНТОНІЯ ВЕЛИКОГО

