

# WELCOME TO THE GOD-LOVING 8. GOD-PROTECTED PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL'S!

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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 28, 2024

# SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 28: 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Venn. Paul of Thebes Tone 1 / Epistle: Col. 3:12-16; Gospel: Luke 18:18-27 9:00AM Divine Liturgy of – Live video broadcast on our Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/</u>

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

## WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon., Jan. 29: Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Apostle Peter Epistle: Heb. 11:17-23, 27-31; Gospel: Mark 9:42-10:1 <u>Tues, Jan. 30</u>: Ven. Anthony the Great Epistle: Heb. 12:25-26; 13:22-25; Gospel: Mark 10:2-12

Wed., Jan. 31: St. Athanasius the Great and St. Cyril, archbishops of Alexandria – FAST **Epistle: James 1:1-18; Gospel: Mark 10:11-16** Thur, Feb. 1: St. Macarius the Great of Egypt / Ven. Macarius of the Kyiv Caves / Ven. Macarius, deacon of the Kyiv Cave **Epistle: James 1:19-27; Gospel: Mark 10:17-27** Fri., Feb. 2: Ven. Euthymius the Great / Venn. Laurence the Recluse and Euthymius the Silent, of the Kyiv Caves – FAST Epistle: Heb. 13:17-21; Gospel: Luke 6:17-23 Sat., Feb. 3: Ven. Maximus the Confessor Epistle: Col. 1:3-6; Gospel: Luke 16:10-15 Sunday, Feb. 4: 35th Sunday after Pentecost / Apostle Timothy of the Seventy / Martyr Anastasius the Deacon of the Kyiv Caves Tone 2 / Epistle: Timothy 1:15-17; Gospel: Luke 18:35-43 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. 28, 2024

### Colossians 3:12-16 (Epistle)

BRETHREN, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

### Luke 18:18-27 (Gospel)

A that time a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother." And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

## <u>PARISH NEWS</u>

--<u>WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:</u> Nancy Egan (Jan. 24), Michael Hreczuck (Jan. 26), and the Diaconal Ordination Anniversary of Archdeacon Vasyl (Jan. 28) may God grant you all, Many, Happy Years! Многая літа!

--**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** His Eminence Metropolitan Antony who has been hospitalized with heart illness, just as the plenitude of the Church prepares to mark the 11th anniversary of his enthronement.

--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 now on the table in the narthex.

**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.

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 - <u>einamaka@gmail.com</u> Thank you!

--<u>2024 LITURGICAL CALENDARS ARE IN</u>! 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. Woonmsocket, RI 02895

#### --<u>DESPERATELY SEEKING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS</u>:

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

--<u>ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY ACCESS</u>: 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.

--<u>2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION</u>: 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!

### **KITCHEN SESSIONS**

Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> -- Cabbage Filling Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> -- Cabbage varenyky Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> -- Potato filling Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> -- Potato Varenyky Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> -- Meat holubtsi, mushroom holubtsi (make & bake)

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – fried perohe

### **UPCOMING PARISH & INTER-PARISH EVENTS**

--<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month</u> - 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.

--<u>SPRING COOKIE WALK</u>: March 23<sup>rd</sup> / 9 – 11AM. More info to follow.

### 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"

### --<u>GOALS OF THE UOL</u>:

- 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. 28: UOL Meeting, TODAY, during coffee hour.

### --**FEB. 11**: Souper Bowl Sunday

--MAR. 31: UOL Soup Sale \$5 for a bowl/container

## **2024 UOL ESSAY CONTEST TOPICS**

#### **Pre-K and Kindergarten:** (Category A)

Draw a picture of your favorite plant or animal that God created.

### Grades 1 and 2: (Category B)

Draw a picture of Moses with the Ten Commandments. Then, please, write two to three sentences on why we need to follow the Ten Commandments.

### Grades 3 and 4: (Category C)

How does God show His Love to man? Please write a paragraph (5 to 7 sentences) on your thoughts about this question.

#### Grades 5 and 6: (Category D)

What must we do to please God and save our souls? Please write 75 to 100 words on your thoughts.

#### Grades 7 and 8: (Category E)

Please write 150 to 200 words on the following. Define "faith" in your own words. How do you know you are faithful? Give examples from your life that showed people your faithfulness.

#### Grades 9 and 10: (Category F)

During the UOL convention this past summer, Metropolitan Antony told us that once we have received the body and blood of Christ, we are perfect. He said our challenge is to stay that way as we go out in our current society past our church doors. Please write 175 to 250 words on what you think the Metropolitan meant by these words.

### Grades 11 and 12: (Category G)

In an article written by Rev. Nicholas Fedorovich in 1971 for the Golden Anniversary of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the USA and later published in 1973 he talks about the future of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the USA; "Our forefathers were forced to leave their native land we inherited neither silver, gold nor millions. ...they brought with them into new settlements a deep love for their church, their native tongue and their national traditions." How has this love of church, language and traditions shaped your life and prepared you for your future? Please write 200 to 300 words on your thoughts.

#### Adult: (Category H)

Over 2,000 years ago "normal" people condemned Christ to death by shouting crucify Him. On Good Friday we erect tombs in our Churches to

symbolize the burial of Christ. But Good Friday does not deal with the past alone. It is a day of sin, a day of evil, a day in which our Church invites us to realize the reality of the power sin and evil has over our lives. It invites us to ask ourselves, what side would we have been on had we lived in Jerusalem under Pilate. Please write 300 or more words explaining why and how you came to this decision.

### **CONTEST GUIDELINES AND RULES**

### 1. Entries must be postmarked by April 8, 2024.

### 2. NO NAMES ON THE FRONT OF ANY ENTRY.

- 3. All entries must include the following information:
- a. Participant's first and last name
- b. Age and grade in school
- c. The name and address of participant's parish, including city and state

4. Drawings must be no larger than 12 x 18 and **NO** names on the front of drawing. Please attach a **COVER PAGE** or use the **BACK** of the drawing for the information listed above. **All drawings MUST be mailed.** 

5.Written entries must be on 8  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" paper. Include a cover page with the identifying information listed above. Entries for 9th grade and above must be typed or printed.

6. Emailed entries must be scanned in and emailed, **DO NOT TAKE PHOTOS OF ENTRIES AND EMAIL THEM, THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO READ AND WILL NOT BE JUDGED.** Emailed entries must be time stamped no later than 7:00 PM of the deadline date. All entries must be submitted in English or Ukrainian.

### ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED FOR CONTENT,

**CREATIVITY AND NEATNESS.** No entries will be accepted after the previously mentioned deadlines.

Please send entries to Teresa Linck: 413 Juniper Lane, Cheshire, CT 06410

Teresa Linck at: <u>tlinck.essays@gmail.com2</u>

### CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

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



Join us for the Prayerful Commemoration of the Second Anniversary of

# RUSSIA'S GENOCIDAL WAR IN UKRAINE

on the Day of Resistance to the Russian occupation of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol

## **26 FEBRUARY**

2024

### 7pm

UKRAINIAN CULTURAL CENTER 135 Davidson Ave. Somerset, NJ 08873

ORGANIZED BY THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA



Запрошуємо Вас на спільну молитву за Україну в другу річницю повномасштабної

# ВІЙНИ РОСІЇ ПРОТИ УКРАЇНИ

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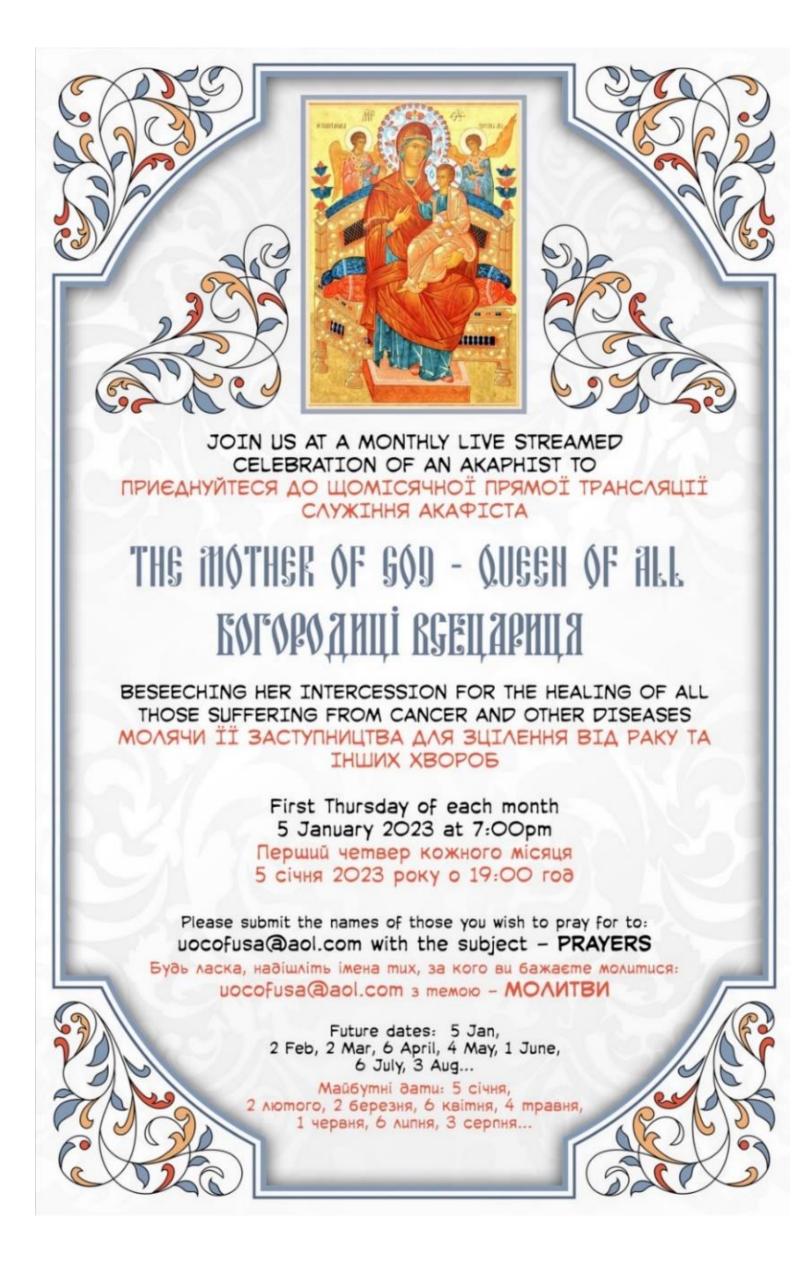
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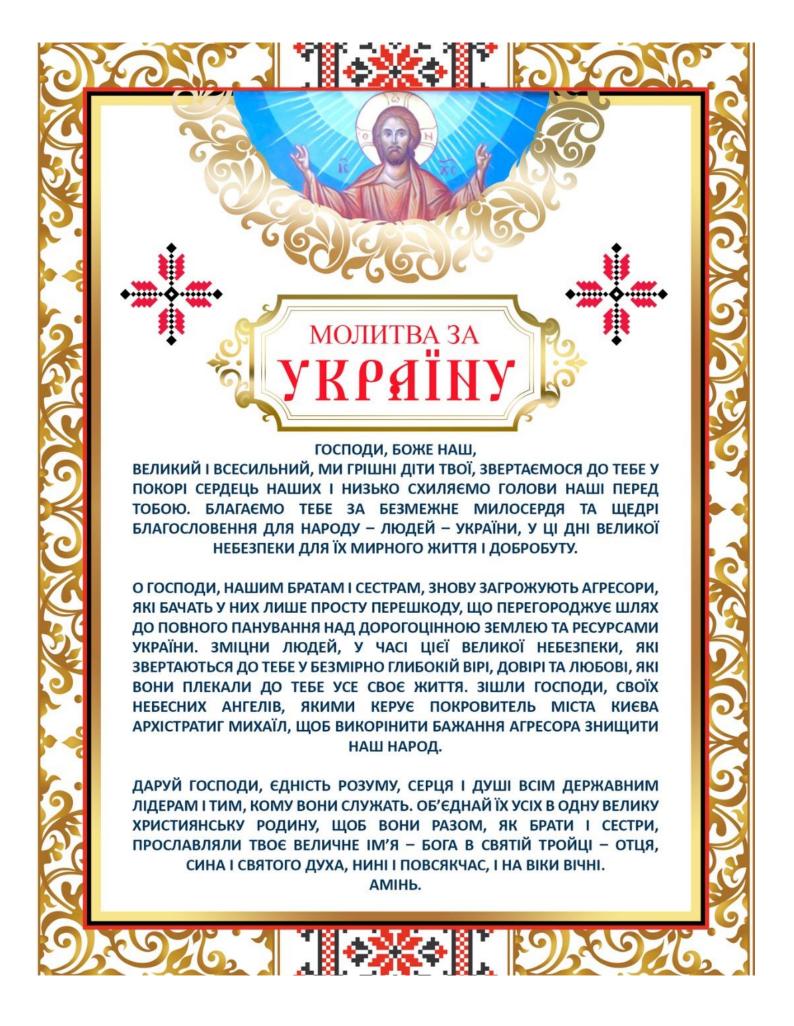
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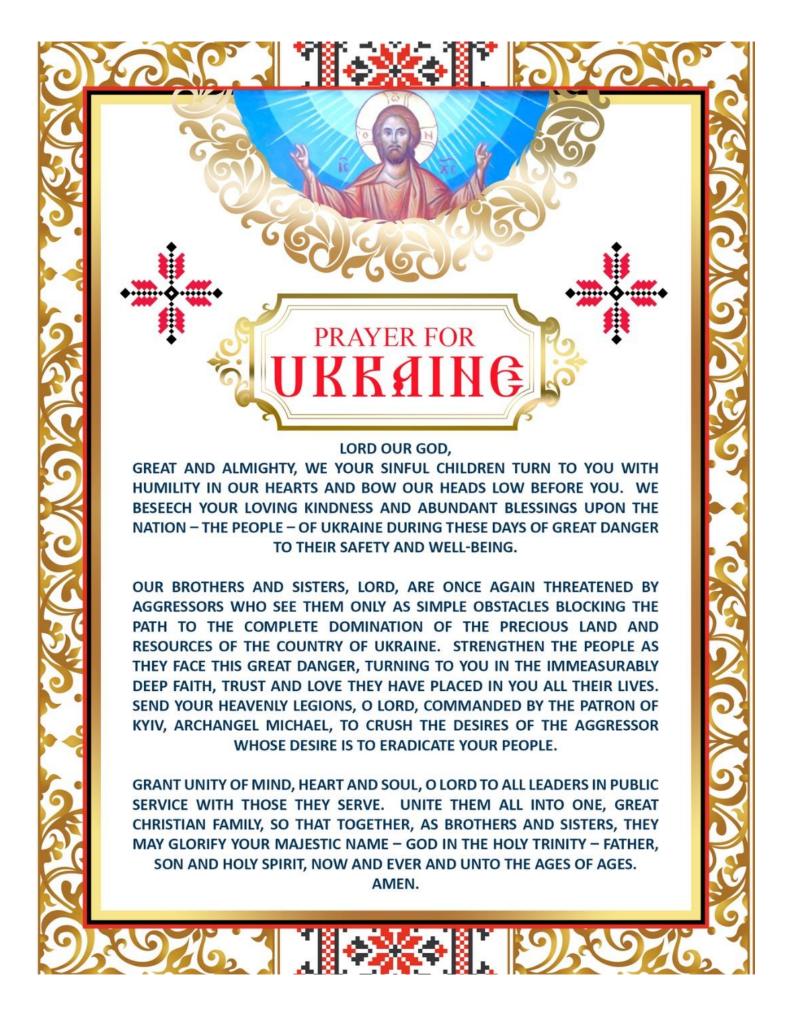
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#### 7

## 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

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

#### 14 ST. BASIL THE GREAT СВТ. ВАСИЛІЯ ВЕЛИКОГО

**18 ЕVE OF THE THEOPHANY** НАВЕЧІР'Я БОГОЯВЛЕННЯ

#### 19

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

#### **20** SYNAXIS OF THE FORERUNNER, JOHN THE BAPTIST

СОБОР ПРЕДТЕЧІ І ХРЕСТИТЕЛЯ ГОСПОДНЬГО ІОАНА

#### **30** ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT

ПРП. АНТОНІЯ ВЕЛИКОГО

