

# WELCOME TO THE GOD-LOVING 8. 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 29, 2023

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 29 – 33 Sunday after Pentecost, of Zacchaeus / Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Apostle Peter.

Tone 8 / Epistle: 1 Tim. 4:9-15; Gospel: Lk. 19:1-10

9:00AM Divine Liturgy – Live video broadcast on our Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/

### WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon., Jan. 30: Ven. Anthony the Great

Epistle: Heb. 13:17-21; Gospel: Lk. 6:17-23

Tues, Jan. 31: St. Athanasius the Great

Epistle: 1 Pet. 3:10-22; Gospel: Mk. 12:18-27

Wed., Feb. 1: St. Macarius the Great of Egypt – FAST

Epistle: 1 Pet. 4:1-11; Gospel: Mk. 12:28-37

Thur, Feb. 2: Ven. Euthymius the Great

Epistle: 1 Pet. 4:12-5:5; Gospel: Mk. 12:38-44

Fri., Feb. 3: Ven. Maximus the Confessor -- FAST

Epistle: 2 Pet. 1:1-10; Gospel: Mk. 13:1-8

**Sat., Feb. 4: Apostle Timothy of the Seventy** 

Epistle: 2 Tim. 2:11-19; Gospel: Lk. 18:2-8

Sunday, Feb. 5 – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Tone 1 / Epistle: 2 Tim. 3:10-15; Gospel: Lk. 18:10-14

9:00AM Divine Liturgy – Live video broadcast on our Facebook page:

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### **FAST FREE WEEK**

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue

### PARISH NEWS

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

### -- From the Financial Secretary: <u>Dues and Diocese</u> 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 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. Thank you!

Offering Envelopes will soon be available in the Narthex of the Church for those that use them. Offerings can also be submitted by mail or through your bank's "bill pay" system if 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!) Guidance for sacrificial giving for the year 2023 is forthcoming.

Yearly giving statements for 2022 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

If you have recently moved or have new contact information, 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 - einamaka@gmail.com Thank you!

**--2**ND COLLECTION for the reminder of January and February will be for replacing the boiler in the rectory.

### --SOUPER BOWL: ARE YOU READY FOR SOME... Soup???

The Sr. UOL is planning to bring back Souperbowl Sunday this year!

### Sunday, Feburary 12th / During Coffee Hour

There will be a variety of soups to try and/or take home. All proceeds benefit the St. Andrew Society (Soup Kitchens in Ukraine) Can't join us? There will be a "Soup Pot" collection at the back of the Church during the month of February for donations to St. Andrew Society. **More details coming soon!** 

### -- SPRING COOKIE WALK! Saturday, April 1, 2023

If you recall, we were planning for a Spring Cookie Walk in 2020 right before "you know what" started and we had to cancel subsequent "walks"... With the successful Christmas Cookie Walk as inspiration, we are now planning a Cookie Walk for the Spring! More details to come, but start thinking about "Spring" theme cookies NOW! Sponsored by the Sr. UOL

# \*\*CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR COMING TO CHURCH DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC\*\*

- 1--You should NOT be in attendance if you have ANY symptoms of COVID-19, or are seriously ill. Please use your best judgment.
- 2--People who have knowingly been in contact with anyone who has been infected/diagnosed with COVID-19 should NOT enter the church and should quarantine according to State guidelines. They should not return to church until they have tested negative for COVID-19

## \*\* If you have been to church and have later tested positive for COVID-19 you MUST:

- 1- Inform Father Boris OR a parish officer as soon as possible
- 2- Tell them the date you were last in church
- 3- Tell them date of your positive test

This information is VERY important for the health and safety of our (YOUR) parish family! Parishioners who attended at the same time as an infected person need to know in order to be tested and stay healthy, or be treated.

Please remember to keep an eye on your emails before coming to Church for any changes in guidance due to the pandemic. **Thank you!** 

### KITCHEN WORK SESSIONS

Tuesday, Feb. 7 prepare cabbage filling.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 pinch cabbage perohe

Tuesday, Feb. 21 prepare potato filling

Wednesday, Feb.22 pinch potato perohe

Tuesday, Mar. 7 prepare potato filling

Wednesday, Mar. 8 pinch potato perohe

### UPCOMING PARISH & INTER-PARISH EVENTS

- --Sunday, January 29th, 2 PM -- Benefit Concert for Ukraine: Yevshan Ukrainian Vocal Ensemble Central Baptist Church / 99 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI -- Admission is free Donations gratefully received.
- --Monday, February 6 @ 7:00PM Orthodoxy On Tap -- @ Yoleni's / 292 Westminister St., Providence, RI 02903 / Topic: What makes a meaningful life by Fr. Luke Veronis.

### **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"
- **--MEMBERSHIP IN THE UOL:** Anyone wishing to join us in our ministries, please contact Erika Namaka or Janice Meschisen.
- --Sunday, Feb. 12 Souper Bowl Sunday
- --Sunday, March 19 UOL Meeting, after Liturgy
- --Saturday, April 1, Spring Cookie Walk
- --Saturday, April 8 Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy followed by church clean-up.



January, 2023

RE: Volunteering for RSVP program

Dear Pastor,

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program 32 Goff Avenue Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860 401.723.4520 Fax 401.725.6550 www.bvcap.org

James R. Hoyt, Jr. Chairman

Vincent Ceglie Executive Director

My name is Paul Gauthier, I am the Volunteer Coordinator for the RSVP program with Blackstone Valley Community Action Program. We are in need of volunteers 55 and older in your area.

Volunteers are a vital part of our program and can help in a variety of ways including Meals on Wheels, Food Pantries, Adult Day Care, Educational classes, Health Mentorship and more.

Volunteers will gain great benefits that will cultivate their mental health by meaningful and productive activities, increases physical activity which is important to staying healthy and independent.

Volunteering also bridges the generation gap by teaching and also learning from younger generations.

Lastly, it can uplift a person's morale and their sense of purpose with life. Regaining a feeling of purpose through volunteering can help older adults feel recharged with a new zest for life.

If you would be so kind to post the enclosed information on your church bulletin or website it would be greatly appreciated. This is a great way for members of your congregation to share their gifts of ministry.

I can be reached by phone at (401)-475-5022 or by email at pgauthier@bvcap.org Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

**Paul Gauthier** 

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program

**RSVP Volunteer Coordinator** 



On the morning of February 24, 2022, as dawn broke over Ukraine, Russia declared war in the form of a "special military operation" against Ukraine.

It was at 4 am on that day that the war in Ukraine began with a strike of a rocket. With a 7-hour time difference - it was 9pm on February 23, 2022 on the East coast of the United States of America.

Millions of innocent children, men and women became refugees overnight in the neighboring Poland, Moldova, Germany and other countries, including the United States of America. Thousands of men and women lost their lives while protecting the peace and life and Ukraine. Thousands of civilians lost their homes and belongings.... Over a thousand children have been wounded and killed. Millions of people worldwide have felt the consequences of the war in Ukraine, due to food shortage, etc. That is the reality of a yearlong unprovoked war of Russian in Ukraine.

Please join us at the Spiritual Center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in South Bound Brook/Somerset, NJ for a commemorative Prayer Vigil on February 23, 2023 at 8pm in order to embrace the people and nation of Ukraine with reflections and prayers, as the world marks the first anniversary of this barbaric attack on civilization.

The Prayer Vigil will take place at the Ukrainian Cultural Center (135 Davidson Ave; Somerset, NJ 08873) at 8pm, marking the first moments of the strikes/attacks in Ukraine.

With prayers for the people of Ukraine,

+Daniel, Archbishop of the UOC of the USA

### **Benefit Concert for Ukraine:**

Yevshan Ukrainian Vocal Ensemble Sunday, January 29th, 2 PM Central Baptist Church 99 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI

Admission is free — Donations gratefully received

### **About Yevshan**

Led by Music Director Alexander Kuzma, Yevshan performed its first full-length concert more than 20 years ago, in 1999. Since then, the choir has performed in concerts and liturgical services in Boston, New Haven, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C., and in benefit concerts

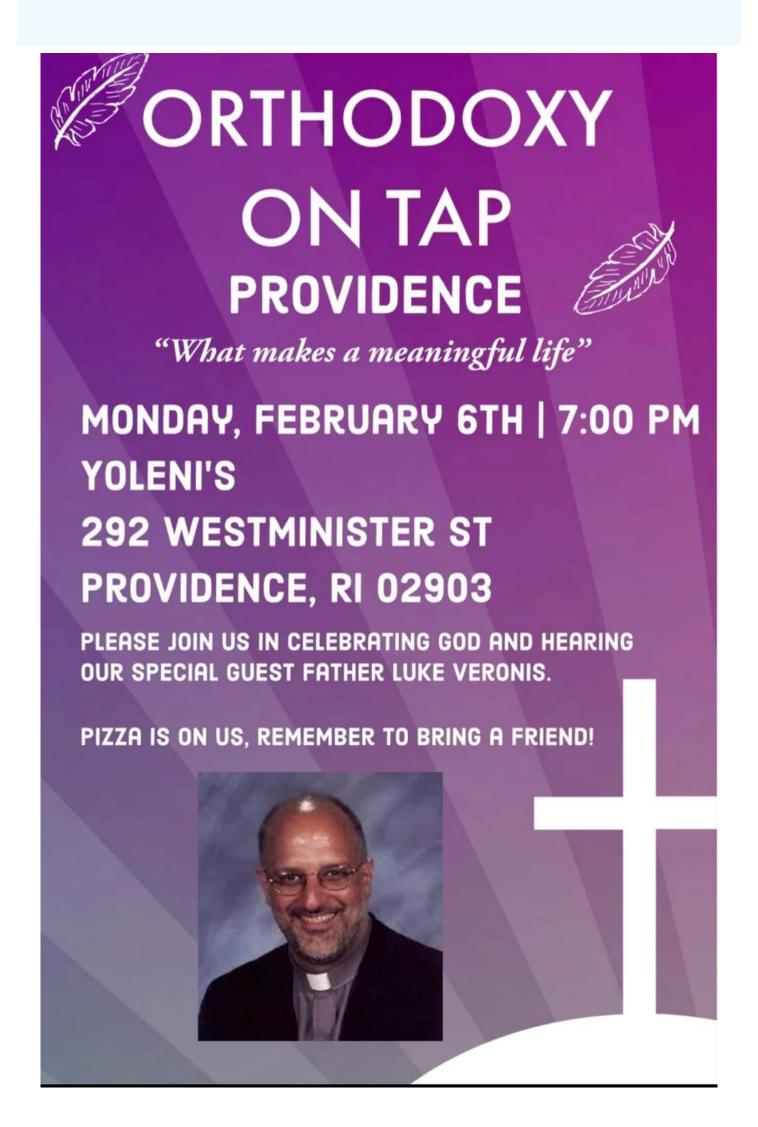
with Connecticut's Polish, Jewish, and Lithuanian communities. The choir has collaborated with Chorale Connecticut, the Yale Slavic Chorus, the Yale Russian Chorus, the Zolotyj Promin Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and other Connecticut-based ensembles.



### About the program

Yevshan's repertoire includes selections from Ukraine's rich tradition of liturgical, folk, seasonal, and patriotic choral music spanning more than 500 years — much of it banned during the Soviet era. The concert will include pieces rarely heard in North America. Many of these were painstakingly collected from various villages by ethnographers in the early

20th Century and later arranged for choirs and ensembles. The choir will also perform more recent arrangements of choral works composed since Ukraine regained its independence in 1991. Rounding out the program will be brief translations of Ukrainian folk poems and traditional New Year greetings offered during door-to-door caroling in Ukrainian villages.





To commemorate the 1-Year anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, we ask that children create and send Angels of Love to the Consistory of the UOC of the USA, by February 19, to be displayed in support of Ukraine's battle for freedom.

A template and instructions are provided on the website.

Please display a few angels at your parish as well, and send photos to be published in the UOW.

З нагоди 1-ої річниці вторгнення в Україну просимо дітей створити та надіслати до 19-го лютого, до Консисторії УПЦ США Ангелів. Любові, які будуть виставлені на підтримку боротьби України за волю.

Шаблон та інструкція розміщені на сайті.

Будь ласка, виставте також кількох ангелів вашій парафії та надішліть фотографії для публікації в UOW.

Ship to: Vladyka Daniel 135 Davidson Ave. Somerset, NJ 08873

### Create an **ANGEL OF LOVE**

Print template on cardstock Cut out Color heart/decorate angel

Cut out and color 2 angels

Cut out and color 3 angels Fold each in half

Glue half of one to the other, etc. for a 3-D angel

