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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*

***October 30, 2022***

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Sunday, Oct. 30 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Prophet Hosea**

**Tone 3 / Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19; Gospel: Lk. 8:5-15**

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

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

## WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

**Mon., Oct. 31: Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke**

**Epistle: Phil. 4:10-23 ; Gospel: Lk. 9:18-22**

**Tues, Nov. 1: Prophet Joel**

**Epistle: Col. 1:1-2, 7-11; Gospel: Lk. 9:23-27**

**Wed., Nov. 2: Great-martyr Artemius at Antioch -- FAST**

**Epistle: Col. 1:18-23; Gospel: Lk. 9:44-50**

**Thur, Nov. 3: St. Hilarion the Great of Palestine**

**Epistle: Phil. 1:24-29; Gospel: Lk. 9:49-56**

**Fri., Nov. 4: Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius, bishop and wonderworker of Hierapolis – FAST**

**Epistle: Col. 2:1-7; Gospel: Lk. 10:1-15**

**Sat., Nov. 5: Demetrious memorial Saturday / Holy Apostle James the Brother of the Lord**

**Epistle: 2 Cor. 3:12-18; Gospel: Lk. 7:1-10**

**10:00AM Moleben**

**Sunday, Nov. 6 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Martyr Arethas of Omir and with him 4299 Martyrs, including Martyr Syncletica and her two daughters**

**Tone 4 / Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19; Gospel: Lk. 8:5-15**

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

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

## **PARISH NEWS**

**--WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:** Chelsea Wojciechowski (Oct. 25), Joanne Goralski (Oct. 28), and Wedding Anniversary Greeting to: Matthew & Jennifer Hreczuck (Oct. 30), may God grant you all, Many, Happy Years! Многая літа!

**--DONATING LITURGICAL ITEMS:** We are looking for donations for a metal hand-cross for Theophany blessing of the Waters, as well as, any items like icons, vestments and other liturgical appliances. These are a great way to remember your loved ones who have passed away. Please see Fr. Borislav. Thank You!

**--CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK 2022:**

**Holiday Cookie Walk 2022  
December 17, 2022 9-11AM**

This is the year! **WE'RE BACK!!!** And we need your help more than ever to make this Holiday Cookie Walk something special for all.

**\*\*The most important part of this sale will be a firm commitment from YOU!** Your commitment to baking lots of cookies will be key to our success (and sanity!).

Please let us know ASAP how you will help, by completing the form below. Return this form to Donna or Cindy. And remember, you can work as a team with someone else to help ease the work (or better yet, **double it!**)

We are also planning some work sessions for cookie making. Watch your bulletin and email for information on how YOU can help.

Bins for freezing will be availed and are preferred.  
**ALL** cookies need to be completely trayed and delivered by 7AM  
December 17!  
And just as information, we will have a frozen food sale this day as well!  
Watch your bulletin for work dates and please come help if you can!

**Please return to Cindy or Donna ASAP**

\_\_\_ I will make 10-12 dozen of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I will make 10-12 dozen each of two kinds:

1)\_\_\_\_\_

2)\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I can make a more labor intensive/fancier cookie (minimum 50) that  
can be featured on its own. (For example mice, Grinch, etc.)

1)\_\_\_\_\_

2)\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I'll be there to help on the day of the walk!

**--UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:** The Ukrainian festival committee has started planning for next year's festival with the hope that it will be back to normal and better than ever before! As part of our planning, we have decided to go back to getting sponsors for the festival (as is common with any type of fundraising) and the much loved (and missed) raffle table. We are asking our parishioners to think about people or businesses that may be willing to be a sponsor and/or make a donation to the raffle table such as gift cards or a product that can be raffled off. At this time, we are putting together a list of people and businesses with the plan to reach out in February or March with plenty of time before the festival in September. If you know of someone or a business that may be willing to help, please give their information (name, address, email or phone) to Sue Chase at [susanjchase@yahoo.com](mailto:susanjchase@yahoo.com) or by text at 508-380-4302. As always, we thank you for your help in making the festival a success!

**--UKRAINIAN KITCHEN:** Here is the schedule for the kitchen for the fall. Our next sale will be at the cookie walk, which is scheduled for Saturday Dec 17.

Nov 7 - Prep potatoes

Nov 8 - Potato Varenyky

Nov 22 - Fried

Also the freezers are ready for your cookies. As usual we are asking that you make a sizable amount of your cookie, 10-12 dozen unless they are complicated to make (fancy) and require too much time to make that many. Containers are also available.

**IMPORTANT:** please use a scoop for your cookies (if appropriate) in order for them to be as uniform as possible. Think like a bakery, not a home baker. You may borrow a scoop from the kitchen, we have quite a few. See you in the kitchen! Donna

**--REMEMBER,** when using the church hall to turn off all electrical and gas appliances and the lights, before leaving, as well as make sure the doors are locked. Thank You!

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

1--Please stop at the desk in the Narthex and greet the ushers so they can register you in (for contact tracing purposes.) You should NOT be in attendance if you have ANY symptoms of COVID-19, or are generally not feeling well (sniffles, body aches).

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

3--Please use your better judgment when venerating liturgical object/icons/crosses by touch/kiss. The Sign of the Cross and a reverent bow in front of an icon is also an acceptable form of veneration.

4--When seated in church, we ask that you stay 3-6 feet apart as much as possible. Back and side pews will remain cordoned off, allowing the extra chairs to stay in place.

**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!**

## UPCOMING PARISH & INTER-PARISH EVENTS

**\*\*Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – Children's Harvest Festival, after the Divine Liturgy**

**\*\*Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Michael Feast Day celebration and dinner. Adults: \$15. More info to follow.**

**\*\*Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Annual Christmas Cookie Walk, more info to follow.**





**ST. SOPHIA UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
1950 Easton Ave. - Somerset, NJ 08873



# Christmas Seminary

**AT THE**

**Saturday**  
**December 17, 2022**  
**2-5 pm**

**ENJOY A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY THE**  
**ST. SOPHIA SEMINARY CHOIR**

**Admission and holiday appetizers included**  
**with your donation of items from the Wish List**

**GIFT CARDS:** Amazon, Costco, Home Depot, Restaurant Depot, Shop Rite, Target, Visa, Walmart

**CLEANING PRODUCTS:** Floor cleaner, bathroom cleaner, multipurpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, disinfecting spray & wipes, wood polish & cleaner, stainless-steel cleaner, Swiffer duster refills, dishwasher detergent/pods, kitchen sponges

**LAUNDRY PRODUCTS:** HE laundry detergent/pods, Clorox, Oxi Clean, Starch Spray

**HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS:** Paper towels, toilet paper, 13 gallon kitchen garbage bags, Ziploc bags (all sizes), hot and cold disposable cups

**SHOP ONLINE ON THE TARGET GIFT REGISTRY:**

<http://tgt.gifts/SaintSophiaSeminary>



**For more information, contact**  
**Fr. Vasyl at 732-356-0090**





## 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

## OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS У ЖОВТНІ СВЯТКУЄМО

УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США



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The Conception of the Honorable, Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

Зачаття чесного, славного Пророка, Передвісника і Хрестителя Господнього Іоана

**9**

Repose of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian

Преставлення св. апостола і євангелиста Іоана Богослова

**11**

Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kyiv Caves Monastery (Near caves)

Собор Преподобних Отців Києво-Печерських (в ближніх печерах)

**13**

St. Michael - first Metropolitan of Kyiv

Святителя Михаїла - першого митрополита Київського

**14**

THE PROTECTION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

ПОКРОВ ПРЕСВЯТОЇ ВЛАДИЧИЦІ НАШОЇ БОГОРОДИЦІ І ВСЕДІВИ МАРІЇ

**19**

Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas

Апостола Фоми

**22**

Holy Apostle James, son of Alphaeus

Ап. Якова Алфеева

**23**

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Пам'ять святих отців сьомого Вселенського Собору

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Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Апостола і євангелиста Луки





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Ukrainians seeking refuge in the United States have been arriving in Rhode Island via Community Sponsors. We are working around the clock to help and support our new neighbors.

Please contact our Ukrainian Response Coordinator if you are in need of assistance: [mkrishchuk@diiri.org](mailto:mkrishchuk@diiri.org) or 401-602-0871.

## Humanitarian Parole

Ukrainian individuals or non-Ukrainian individuals who last habitually resided in Ukraine, and who have been granted humanitarian parole status may be eligible for federal benefits, such as cash assistance through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), health insurance through Medicaid, and food assistance through Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). These individuals may also be eligible for cash assistance, medical assistance, employment preparation, job placement, English language training, and other services offered through the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). Click below for more details.

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/fact-sheet/benefits-ukrainian-humanitarian-parolees>

## Uniting for Ukraine | U.S. Sponsor Program

The United States government recently established the Uniting for Ukraine program allowing U.S.-based individuals and organizations to sponsor a Ukrainian individual or family in the United States. For more information and to apply to sponsor a Ukrainian, please see the USCIS site: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/uniting-for-ukraine>. Once approved, Ukrainians, through the program will receive humanitarian parole for two years and will be eligible for Employment Authorization Documents (EADs). Note: Ukrainian parolees are not currently eligible for ORR services.

### Important information

- The sponsor must fill out a Form I-134, Declaration of Financial Support, through the online USCIS portal. The Form I-134 requires an individual to sign the form; organizations may not serve as the named supporter on a Form I-134. However, if an organization or other entity is providing financial or other services to the named individual for the purpose of facilitating support, this information should be provided as part of the evidence submitted with the Form I-134 and will be taken into account in determining the supporter's ability to support the named beneficiary.
- Individuals who can be sponsors include: U.S. citizens and nationals, lawful permanent residents (including lawful temporary residents and conditional permanent residents), nonimmigrants in lawful status (i.e., maintain the nonimmigrant status and have not violated any of the terms or conditions of the nonimmigrant status), asylees, refugees, parolees, TPS holders, and beneficiaries of deferred action (including DACA) or Deferred Enforced Departure.
- Beneficiaries are eligible for the process if they: Resided in Ukraine immediately prior to the Russian invasion (through Feb. 11, 2022) and were displaced as a result of the invasion; Are a Ukrainian citizen and possess a valid Ukrainian passport (or are a child included on a parent's passport); If not a Ukrainian citizen, are an immediate family member of a Ukrainian citizen beneficiary of Uniting for Ukraine with a valid passport; Have a supporter who filed a Form I-134 on their behalf that has been vetted and confirmed as sufficient by USCIS; and Clear biographic and biometric security checks; To be eligible for this process, children under the age of



18 must be traveling to the United States in the care and custody of their parent or legal guardian.

- If you already filed a Form I-131, Application for Travel Document, for humanitarian parole on behalf of a Ukrainian who is outside the United States, you may either withdraw your pending Form I-131 or leave your Form I-131 pending with USCIS. If you choose to withdraw your pending Form I-131, you will receive a fee refund. If you choose to leave your Form I-131 pending, we will retain the fee, and adjudicate it in the future. If you wish to provide support to a Ukrainian beneficiary under the Uniting for Ukraine process, you must file a new Form I-134, Declaration of Financial Support, even if you already submitted a prior Form I-134, Affidavit of Support, with your pending Form I-131. On April 25, 2022, the Form I-134 was updated from the Affidavit of Support to the Declaration of Financial Support, which is being used for Uniting for Ukraine.
- EADs: After the beneficiary is paroled into the United States, they are eligible to apply for discretionary employment authorization from USCIS. To apply for discretionary employment authorization, you must submit Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, using the (c)(11) category code with the required fee or apply for a fee waiver.

## Temporary Protected Status

As a reminder, Ukrainians are eligible to submit an initial registration application for TPS and apply for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD). All Ukrainians who meet eligibility requirements and who entered the U.S. before April 11 of this year can apply. The designation of TPS for Ukraine lasts until October 19, 2023. Please follow the following link to apply: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status/temporary-protected-status-designated-country-ukraine>

You can find a breakdown of eligibility requirements, how to register for TPS and how to register for an EAD here: [https://cliniclegal.org/resources/humanitarian-relief/temporary-protected-status-and-deferred-enforced-departure/april-19-0?ct=t\(TIPS\\_042022\)](https://cliniclegal.org/resources/humanitarian-relief/temporary-protected-status-and-deferred-enforced-departure/april-19-0?ct=t(TIPS_042022))



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## **Ukrainian (or similar) Cuisine & Culture Locations**

### **Rhode Island**

#### **Polonia Market**

Polish grocery store  
756 Broadway  
Pawtucket RI 02861

#### **European Food Market**

Eastern European cuisine / food market  
102 Rolfe Square  
Cranston RI 02910

#### **Krakow Deli Bakery & Smokehouse**

Polish cuisine / food market  
855 Social Street  
Woonsocket RI 02895

#### **Patti's Pierogis**

Polish and Ukrainian restaurant  
1019 S. Main Street  
Fall River, MA 02724

### **Massachusetts**

**(approximately one hour away)**

#### **Moldova Restaurant**

Moldovan and Ukrainian restaurant  
344 Watertown Street  
Newton, MA 02458  
<https://www.tastemoldova.com>

#### **Berezka Market**

Eastern European grocery store  
1215 Commonwealth Avenue  
Allston, MA 02134  
<http://www.berezkaboston.com>

#### **Café Polonia**

Polish café and restaurant  
611 Dorchester Avenue  
South Boston, MA 02127  
<https://cafepolonia.com>

#### **Baza Gourmet Food & Spirits**

Eastern European grocery store  
30 Tower Road  
Newton Upper Falls, MA 02464  
<https://bazaarsupermarkets.com>

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### **Advice for applying for Federal Benefits**

Ukrainian humanitarian parolees are immediately eligible for federal benefits such as:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, often referred to as “Food Stamps”)
- Cash Assistance (this could be Refugee Cash Assistance if the newly arrived person is an adult without children, or RIWorks for adults with children. RIWorks also helps prepare for and find employment)
- Medicaid (health insurance)
- Child Care Assistance

People apply for federal benefits through the Rhode Island Department of Human Services. Ukrainian arrivals have documentation that is different from other immigrant groups, and so we are urging Ukrainians and their sponsors to follow this process as they apply for federal benefits:

- Download a hard copy of the DHS-2 Application for Assistance. This can be found on this webpage: [Apply for DHS Benefits | RI Department of Human Services](#)
- Complete the application, place it in an envelope along with the necessary documents (see below), mark it:

RI Department of Human Services  
249 Roosevelt Avenue  
Pawtucket, RI 02860  
Attention: Anita Chase; KeriAnne Paquin

and bring it to a nearby Department of Human Services Field Office (for locations, see: [DHS Offices | RI Department of Human Services](#)) or mail it using that same address.

- Be sure that the following documents are included with the application. Send copies only; never send originals. Copy front and back of documents if there is printing on both sides:
  - Immigration documents (I-94)
  - Social Security Cards if applicant has it
  - Proof of any income the applicant is receiving and/or funds being received from other agencies
  - Proof of residence; Proof of residence may be any one of the following:
    - Letter from the person the applicant is staying with if none of the documents listed below is available
    - Rent receipt
    - Lease agreement
    - Utility bill
    - Medical bill
    - Bank statement
    - Payroll statement
    - Mortgage statement
    - Car registration
    - Municipality tax statement
    - School record



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8/29/2022

To Whom it May Concern,

Sponsored Ukrainians arrive in the United States through the **Uniting for Ukraine Program** through the Department of Homeland Security. Per the **Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022** (effective May 21, 2022) Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees are immediately eligible for public benefits including:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Cash Assistance (Refugee Cash Assistance and/ or RIWorks)
- Medicaid
- Child Care Assistance

Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees have immigration/ entry documentation that is different from other immigrant groups that may not be typically processed through DHS. Anyone with Humanitarian Parole should have a stamp in their passport to evidence their parole into the US (DT, U4U, or UHP) and/or an I-94 record indicating entry under parole. Some may have an Employment Authorization Card (EAD) with the category C I I, though EADs do not arrive immediately.

Should you have questions or concerns about eligibility, please consult Anita Chase or KeriAnne Paquin, as directed to us through Frederick Sneesby, the Rhode Island State Refugee Coordinator.

Thank you,

Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island

Resources for Additional Information:

<https://www.uscis.gov/ukraine>

<https://www.dhs.gov/ukraine>

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/fact-sheet/benefits-ukrainian-humanitarian-parolees>







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## **Basic Resource Guide for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees**

### **BENEFITS**

Congress signed into law the **Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022** (effective May 21, 2022) which makes Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees eligible for public benefits (including SNAP/food stamps, medical insurance, housing, and cash assistance).

Benefits are explained via the links below:

English: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/fact-sheet/benefits-ukrainian-humanitarian-parolees>

Ukrainian: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/fact-sheet/benefits-ukrainian-humanitarian-parolees-ukr>

Russian: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/fact-sheet/benefits-ukrainian-humanitarian-parolees-rus>

### **DORCAS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Dorcas International is able to provide limited case management services for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees. There are also many community resources that can assist with a variety of needs. For referrals, please reach out to 401-784-8602 and explain that you are looking for resources for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees.

Initial arrivals are encouraged to visit Dorcas International during our **Walk-In Center** hours 10am-3pm, Monday through Thursday at 220 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907. Questions and referrals may be made as well as a brief orientation on the necessary steps to take post-arrival.

Dorcas International offers **English classes** in-person or virtually. All are welcome to register in person or at <https://diiri.org/esl/>. Call 401-784-8602 for more information.

Everyone is eligible for **Employment Services** at Dorcas International. Individuals must be able to prove work eligibility in order to be eligible for job placement assistance. Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees need an Employment Authorization card (EAD) to prove work authorization.

Dorcas International's **Clothing Collaborative** is also available to Ukrainian Parolees in need of clothing. Appointments are necessary. Located at 645 Elmwood Avenue, Providence RI 02907. Call 401-784-8663.

**Pinpoint Translation Services** can assist with interpretation or document and records translation. Located at 645 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907. Call 401-784-8633 for more information.

Dorcas International can provide **intensive case management** for needs such as federal/state benefits registration, health, mental health, childcare, and other supports for those exhibiting long-term, high need or risk. This service will be assessed by appointment.

Dorcas International's **Citizenship and Immigration Services** are explained immediately below.



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### Immigration Status, Documentation and Public Benefits Eligibility

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For assistance applying for a EAD (Category: C11), please contact **Citizenship & Immigration Services** by calling 401-784-8607, to speak directly with an attorney or legal representative.

Consultations appointments are available Monday - Friday at the following times:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9am – 1pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 1pm – 5pm

The I-765 Application for Employment Authorization application form includes a check box to request a Social Security Number, so no additional application is needed for an SSN card; it comes automatically once the I-765 is approved. A Social Security Number is required to apply for Supplemental Security Income or SSI.

EADs do not arrive immediately; a parolee will need to wait for their EAD and SSN card to arrive. An EAD could take between 3-10 months due to USCIS backlogs, which have been expedited for Ukrainian parolees.

For Ukrainians who cannot obtain or are not eligible for Humanitarian Parole, there are several alternatives, two of which are specifically for Ukrainians:

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Ukrainians** If you are from Ukraine, and you were already in the United States before 04/11/2022, you may be eligible for Temporary Protected Status. Please contact the Citizenship & Immigration Services at Dorcas International during consultation hours to determine if you are eligible to apply. TPS beneficiaries do not qualify for many public benefits as of 7/25/22; however, under specific circumstances may qualify for Medicaid and CHIP (unmarried children under 19) if deemed “lawfully present”.

**Lautenberg Program for Ukrainians:** Certain religious groups from Ukraine who reside in one of the countries in the former Soviet Union can apply for family reunification through the Lautenberg Program at Dorcas International by requesting an appointment via email at [FR@diiri.org](mailto:FR@diiri.org). The religious groups are: Jews, Evangelical Christians, Ukrainian Catholics, and members of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church.

**Unaccompanied children** who enter the US, typically through the U.S.–Mexican border, should have been granted parolee status upon entry if they entered the U.S. on or after February 24, 2022.





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### RESOURCES

#### General Community Support

- 211 United Way | <https://www.unitedwayri.org/get-help/2-1-1/>  
Information on resources, available low-cost housing (limited), and more
- Jewish Alliance/Dwars Jewish Community Center | 401 Elmgrove Ave, Providence, RI 02906  
401-421-4111 | Religious needs, family programs, daycare, child and youth activities, and more
- Jewish Collaborative Services | 1165 North Main Street Providence, RI 02904 | 401-331-1244  
Basic needs support, mental health individual & family counseling services, religious needs and more
- Refugee Dream Center | 747 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02907 | 401-300-0544  
Health promotion, case management, youth programs, and more
- Diocese of Providence | 1 Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903 | 401-278-4500  
Immigration services, after-school tutoring, housing assistance, English classes, and more

#### For Sponsors

- Welcome. US | <https://ukraine.welcome.us/>
- Nova Ukraine USA Resources for Ukrainian Refugees (English, Ukrainian, & Russian)  
<https://www.refugees.novaukraine.org/>

#### Medical

**Entrants have an extended 90-day period for to be tested for tuberculous (TB), this may be completed at the RISE TB Clinic located at 14 Third St., Providence, RI 02906 | 401-793-2422 or 401-793-2430**

Entrants over 65 years of age or individuals who qualify as disabled under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) once they have a Social Security number and card assigned. There are several Social Security Administration offices in Rhode Island which can be searched for at: <https://www.ssa.gov/boston/RI.htm> and the main website is <https://www.ssa.gov/> Russian language is offered on the site as well as by phone: 800-772-1213.

Additional medical needs:

Department of Human Services (DHS) | Medicaid (health insurance) |  
<https://healthyrhode.ri.gov/HIXWeb13/StartAnonymousBrowsing.action>

Hope Clinic – Clinica Esperanza: 401-347-9093 | 60 Valley St, Suite 104 Providence, RI 02909

RI Free Clinic: 401-274-6347 | 655 Broad St, Providence, RI 02907 | [www.rifreeclinic.org](http://www.rifreeclinic.org)

Thundermist: 401-615-2800 | 186 Providence St, W. Warwick, RI 02893 [www.thundermisthealth.org](http://www.thundermisthealth.org)



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### Food

SNAP (Food Stamps) | Department of Human Services (DHS) | <https://dhs.ri.gov/apply-now>

Rhode Island Community Food Bank | 401-942-6325 | <http://rifoodbank.org>

Locate a food pantry location using | <https://rifoodbank.org/find-food/>

### Religious Needs

St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church | 401-762-3939 | 74 Harris Ave, Woonsocket, RI  
<http://stmichaeluoc.org/>

St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church | (401) 762-2733 | 394 Blackstone St, Woonsocket, RI 02895 | <https://stmichaelsri.org/>

Second Baptist Church (Slavic) | (401) 434-4146 | 80 Taunton Road, East Providence  
[www.rhodeisland.church](http://www.rhodeisland.church)

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church | (508) 673-2353 | 327 Center St, Fall River, MA 02724

Sanctuary Church | 401-584-3855 | 15 Hayes St, Providence | <https://sanctuaryri.org/>

Temple Beth El | 401-331-6070 | 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, RI 02906

### U.S. Emergency Contacts

Uniting for Ukraine Support Line | 407-591-3963 (Ukrainian and Russian language access)

Local Emergency Services (police/fire department/ambulance) | 911

National Human Trafficking Hotline | 888-373-7888 or text 233733

Federal Trade Commission to report immigration fraud or scams | 877-FTC-HELP

Sojourner House Helpline in Rhode Island (victims/survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking) | 401-765-3232

### Further Questions

If you'd like to speak with someone at Dorcas International to access additional information, resources or referrals, please call 401-784-8602 and explain that you are looking for resources for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees.





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# **Ukrainians & Sponsors in Rhode Island We Can Help!**

## **Assistance & Referrals**

Help with federal/state benefits registration, healthcare, mental health, childcare, and other supports, and referrals to community resources for assistance with a variety of needs | By appointment only | 401.784.8602 for more information

## **Citizenship & Immigration Legal Services**

Meet directly with an attorney or legal representative | Consultation appointments are available | 401.784.8607 for more information & appointments

## **English Classes**

Classes held in-person or virtually | Visit <https://diiri.org/esl/> for more information

## **Employment Services, Job Placement Assistance & Training**

Must be able to prove work eligibility | Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees need an Employment Authorization card (EAD) to prove work authorization

<https://www.diiri.org/what-we-do/employment/> for more information

## **Clothing** - available through our Clothing Collaborative

Services are by appointment only | 401.784.8663 for more information

## **Translation Services**

Interpreting and document/records translation available | 401.784.8633 for more information

## **More Resources Are Available**

New arrivals are highly encouraged to visit Dorcas International's Walk-In Center

Walk-In Center | Open & available Monday – Thursday, 10am-3pm

Location | 220 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI

Call | 401.784.8602

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# INITIAL SPONSOR SERVICE CHECKLIST

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The United States has a rich tradition of welcoming newcomers through sponsorship. The following checklist is one resource, drawn from existing best practices and can be used by sponsors and newcomers to develop plans and track activities. Although this checklist may support anyone welcoming newcomers, some of the services listed may be specific to newcomers arriving through the Uniting for Ukraine program.

Sponsors, in addition to providing newcomers with critical financial support, will need to connect them with relevant services (such as health care and education), and support their integration by assisting them as they learn English and secure employment. The checklist below suggests activities and timelines for ensuring key services are provided for newcomers and can serve as a guide during the initial period of a newcomer's stay in the United States.

## PRIOR TO ARRIVAL (if applicable)

- ☐ For those sponsoring through the Uniting for Ukraine program: Complete Declaration of Financial Support (Form I-134) and other program specific requirements.
- ☐ For those sponsoring through the Uniting for Ukraine program: Receive approval of Declaration of Financial Support (Form I-134) from Department of Homeland Security.
- ☐ Research state, local and community based organizations that offer services to refugees and other immigrants, as well as faith and cultural institutions that may be relevant to the newcomer(s). Unsure where to start? Try connecting to [2-1-1](#).
- ☐ For those sponsoring through the Uniting for Ukraine program: Connect with state and city offices of immigrant affairs or local human services departments to learn what benefits are available to individuals granted humanitarian parole.
- ☐ Secure initial and/or permanent housing on behalf of the newcomer(s).
- ☐ Connect utilities and internet on behalf of the newcomer(s), including enrollment into plans discounted for low-income residents, where applicable.
- ☐ Furnish the housing with recommended items, including disposable items such as diapers that a newcomer may need.
- ☐ Stock the pantry with initial food items.
- ☐ Gather seasonally appropriate clothing for the airport/station greeting.

## DAY OF ARRIVAL (if applicable)

- ☐ Welcome newcomer(s) at the airport or station and transport to secured housing.
- ☐ Provide a ready-to-eat, culturally appropriate meal.
- ☐ Provide a brief orientation to new housing, including guidance on locks, smoke detector, fire extinguisher, and 9-1-1.
- ☐ Provide initial emergency contact information; ensure newcomer(s) have the ability to make contact (e.g., working phone and/or introductions to neighbors).

Find out more at: [ukraine.welcome.us](https://ukraine.welcome.us)

*This resource is supported in partnership with the Community Sponsorship Hub and Sponsor Circle Program coalition of partners.*

## WEEK OF ARRIVAL

- ☐ Ensure that newcomer(s) with acute health care requirements receive appropriate and timely medical attention, including for prescription refills. Enroll newcomers in discount pharmacy programs, as is applicable.
- ☐ Provide the newcomer(s) with pocket money to support their independence. (You can talk with the newcomer(s) about the amount that feels appropriate. \$50 per newcomer is standard practice.)
- ☐ Support the newcomer(s) in accessing their mailbox. As necessary, support the newcomer(s) in identifying bills, junk mail, etc.
- ☐ Support the newcomer(s) in going grocery shopping. Ideally, this should include a store with affordable staples, as well as one that offers culturally specific foods.
- ☐ Support the newcomer(s) in shopping for clothing, footwear, and other necessities.
- ☐ Support the newcomer(s) in creating a [household budget](#).
- ☐ Discuss short and long-term employment and educational goals with newcomer(s); connect them with mentors and workforce resources.
- ☐ Apply for social security card(s) and employment authorization document(s). Newcomers paroled will need to submit an [I-765 Application for Employment Authorization](#).
- ☐ Ensure other conditions of newcomer's status (e.g. parole), such as vaccination requirements, are met.
- ☐ Support the newcomer(s) in printing form(s), such as the I-94 via the US Customs and Border Protection website.
- ☐ Submit changes of address with the Department of Homeland Security and US Postal Service. Advise newcomer(s) that this will need to be done each time the newcomer(s) move(s).
- ☐ As appropriate, support newcomer males ages 18 – 25 in completing selective service registration. Advise newcomer males ages 18 – 25 of the necessity of submitting changes of address forms with the Selective Service each time there is a change of address.
- ☐ As appropriate, support the newcomer(s) in accessing benefits and services, such as Affordable Care Act health insurance plans through federal or state exchanges or enrollment of young children into Head Start programs.
- ☐ If appropriate, coordinate with state and/or local health care providers to provide medical services to newcomer(s) requiring medical care upon arrival.
- ☐ Connect the newcomer(s) with qualified legal assistance to ascertain future immigration options.

## FIRST MONTH AFTER ARRIVAL

- ☐ Ensure newcomer(s) are connected with affordable healthcare, such as at a community health care center, and receive vaccinations and health screenings through a provider visit or an appointment at a local public health department.
- ☐ Support the newcomer(s) in selecting a primary care physician.
- ☐ Support school-aged newcomer children in enrolling to school, after school and summer school programming, as is available.
- ☐ Connect parents of school-aged children to school and district staff, such as family liaisons, to support their understanding of the U.S. educational system.
- ☐ Support older youth's continued education by connecting with local community colleges or higher education institutions to understand options and opportunities.
- ☐ Once necessary documentation has arrived, support the newcomer(s) in obtaining state IDs and/or driver's license(s). Some states have different processes for newcomers with temporary immigration statuses.
- ☐ Continue to provide pocket money as appropriate until other income is received.
- ☐ Support the newcomer(s) in setting up checking and savings accounts. Credit unions often have better abilities to open accounts for individuals who do not yet have Social Security Numbers than national banks.



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- ☐ Ride public transit with the newcomer(s) to their points of interest (e.g., shopping, post office, library, grocery store, park, children's school, doctor's office, place of worship) and consider purchasing bus passes.
- ☐ Support the newcomer(s) in enrolling in English language training and digital literacy classes.
- ☐ Connect the newcomer(s) to workforce services at [American Job Centers](#) or local community-based agencies where they can access resume writing assistance and career navigation services.
- ☐ Support the newcomer(s) in applying to job and job training opportunities. Many job training activities do not require that the newcomer has received their Employment Authorization Document.
- ☐ Continue to support the newcomer(s) in connecting to available community benefits and services (e.g., mental health services and libraries), as well as extracurricular activities.
- ☐ Provide orientation to the newcomer(s) regarding such things as safety, health care, and US and local community laws.

**SECOND MONTH AFTER ARRIVAL**

- ☐ If not yet received, follow up on social security card(s) and employment authorization document(s) with USCIS.
- ☐ As appropriate, support the newcomer(s) in paying their bills, managing their finances, and locating financial education resources.
- ☐ Continue to support the newcomer(s) in finding career training opportunities and securing employment.
- ☐ Continue to support the newcomer(s) with language practice.
- ☐ Continue to support the newcomer(s) in learning about their new community and life in the United States.
- ☐ Continue to support the newcomer(s) in connecting to available community benefits, services, and extracurricular activities.

**ONGOING SUPPORT**

- ☐ Continue to support the newcomer(s) in finding career training opportunities and securing employment.
- ☐ Continue to support the newcomer(s) with language practice.
- ☐ Continue to support the newcomer(s) in learning about their new community and life in the United States, including by fostering connections between parents and schools (as applicable).
- ☐ Continue to support the newcomer(s) in connecting to available community benefits, services, and extracurricular activities.