

# WELCOME TO THE GOD-LODING & 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

November 13, 2022

# SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Nov. 13 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Venn. Spyridon and Nicodemus the Prosphorabakers of the Kyiv Caves

Tone 5 / Epistle: Gal. 6:11-18; Gospel: Lk. 8:26-39

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

# WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon., Nov. 14: Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and

Damian and their mother St. Theodota

Epistle: 1 Thess. 1:1-5; Gospel: Lk. 11:29-33

Tues, Nov. 15: Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphthonius,

Elpidephorus, and Anempodistus of Persia

Epistle: 1 Thess. 1:6-10; Gospel: Lk. 11:34-41

Wed., Nov. 16: Martyrs Acepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the

Presbyter, and Aeithalas the Deacon -- FAST

Epistle: 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Gospel: Lk. 11:42-46

Thur, Nov. 17: Ven. Ioannicius the Great of Bithynia

Epistle: 1 Thess. 2:9-14; Gospel: Lk. 11:47 - 12:1

Fri., Nov. 18: Martyrs Galacteon and his wife Episteme - FAST

Epistle: 1 Thess. 2:14-19; Gospel: Lk. 12:2-12

Sat., Nov. 19: St. Paul the Confessor, archbishop of Constantinople

Epistle: 2 Cor. 8:1-5; Gospel: Lk. 9:1-6

10:00AM Moleben

<u>Sunday, Nov. 20 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene</u>

Tone 6 / Epistle: Eph. 2:4-10; Gospel: Lk. 8:41-56

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

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

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue

# PARISH NEWS

### -WE EXTEND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Robert & Pamela Fontaine (Nov. 12), and special congratulations on the wedding of Joshua & Rebecca Bourgery (Nov. 12), may God grant you all, Many, Happy Years! Многая літа!

**--PLEASE REMEMBER** when entering the Church Hall, after the Divine Liturgy, please only use the Main Entrance. The side entrance and hall are being used by the Sunday school classes and are shut so as to keep the area quite for their lessons. Thank You for your consideration.

**--PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ST. MICHAEL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION!** Sunday November 20, 2022, After Divine Liturgy on In the Parish Hall. Suggested donation per person: \$15 (Children under 8 are free)

**Menu:** Baked Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Kovbasa, Kapusta, Lazy Man's Holuptsi, Salad and Dessert

IMPORTANT! We are asking everyone to please RSVP with a head count for their family so we can plan the meal accordingly. No exceptions! We had a dilemma last year where only 17 people were reserved but 50 people attended! We cannot promise that there will be enough food for everyone if we do not have an accurate head count in advance! Please respond by email to: Erika einamaka@gmail.com as

soon as possible to reserve your seats! Thank you very much for your understanding.

### -- ORNAMENTS FOR THE CONSISTORY CHRISTMAS TREE:

Children of all ages are invited to submit handmade ornaments to be hung on the official tree located in the rotunda of the Metropolitan Center. All ornaments must be received by Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

# -- 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. [To date only 2 people have responded, please let Donna or Cindy know if you will be baking cookies for this year's Cookie Walk. Its very important that they know as soon as possible.] 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 <u>completely trayed</u> 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 <b>two kinds:</b>
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 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 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!

# 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

- \*\*<u>Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup></u> St. Michael Feast Day celebration and dinner. Adults: \$15. Children under 8 are free.
- \*\*Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Cookie Walk, more info to follow.

# **UOL CORNER**

--Join us as we prepare for the Nativity as we hold our "Praying Our Way Together" series for Advent. Programs available for adults & children. To participate, please email Oleh Bilynsky <a href="mailto:nsufler@aol.com">nsufler@aol.com</a> by Nov. 20th. Information also available on our website at <a href="https://www.uolofusa.org/news">https://www.uolofusa.org/news</a> 221109 1

# -- The 2022 Adopt-A-Family Christmas Tree is now available in the church hall!

Please choose your gift tags for the family, (which are 4 children) and follow the Adopt-a-family rules.

Buy new items only. Please wrap your items and label them (Christmas tag) with "Family #20 and child name".

The agency asks that we do not purchase any gift cards. Foods are taken care of through another agency.

Mom and Dad are only allowed generic gifts. (scarf, gloves, hats etc) but we need to focus on the kids first.

Please use all tags before adding to the gifts. These were the listed items. Cindy can give new ideas if the tags run out. Clothing is always needed.

- --Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023 UOL Meeting, after Liturgy
- --Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023 -- Theophany Dinner, more info to follow.





**BONUS**: Deliver your ornaments in person at the Consistory Offices, and get a photo taken with Vladyka.

Please call in advance to schedule appointment: 732-356-0090

**БОНУС**: Доставте свої орнаменти особисто до консисторії та сфотографуйтеся з Владикою. Будь ласка, призначте зустріч заздалегідь: 732-356-0090

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT HANDMADE ORNAMENTS TO BE HUNG ON THE OFFICIAL TREE LOCATED IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE METROPOLIA CENTER OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE U.S.A.

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DANIEL EAGERLY AWAITS THE ORNAMENTS, WHICH HE WILL HANG ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE HIMSELF.

DON'T KEEP VLADYKA WAITING TOO LONG. ORNAMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY

# December 9, 2022

ЗАПРОШУЄМО УСІХ ДІТЕЙ НЕЗАЛЕЖНО ВІД ВІКУ, ЗРОБИТИ ОРНАМЕНТ ЩОБ ПРИКРАСИТИ ОФІЦІЙНУ ЯЛИНКУ. ЩО СТОЯТИМЕ В РОТОНДІ ЦЕНТРУ МИТРОПОЛІЇ УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ ПРАВОСЛАВНОЇ ЦЕРКВИ С.Ш.А.

ЙОГО ВИСОКОПРЕОСВЯЩЕНСТВО АРХІЄПИСКОП ДАНИЇЛ ОСОБИСТО ПРИКРАШАТИМЕ РІЗДВЯНУ ЯЛИНКУ НЕ ЗАСТАВЛЯЙТЕ ВЛАДИКУ ДОВГО ЧЕКАТИ, А ВИСИЛАЙТЕ ВАШУ РУЧНУ РОБОТИ ДО



9 грудня, 2022



# Praying our Way Together Sponsored by UOL Education Commission



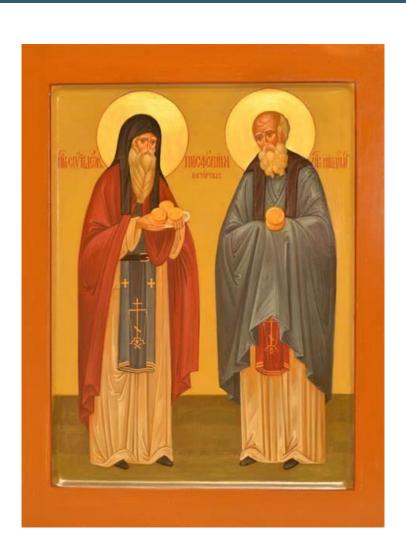
Looking for something to heighten your spiritual journey to prepare for the Nativity.

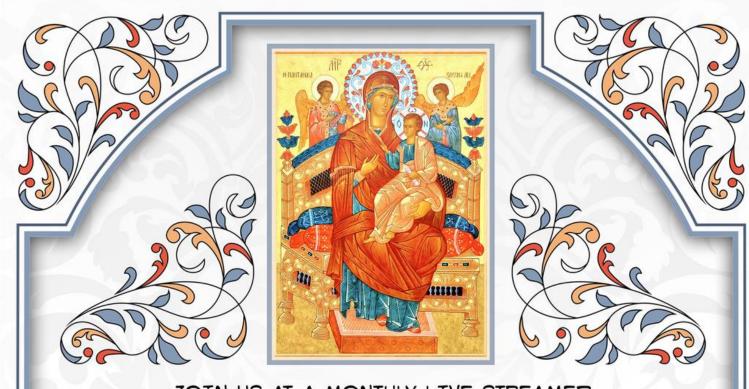
Enjoy daily readings in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord. If you would like to participate, please email your name, phone number, parish name, and parish address to Oleh Bilynsky at nsufler@aol.com and more information will be sent to you.

Programs are available for adults and children.

Please sign up by November 20, 2022

www.uolofusa.org





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 когородиці всецариця

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

> First Thursday of each month -- beginning on 3 November 2022 at 7:00pm

Перший четвер кожного місяця -- починаючи з 3 листопада 2022 року о 19:00 год

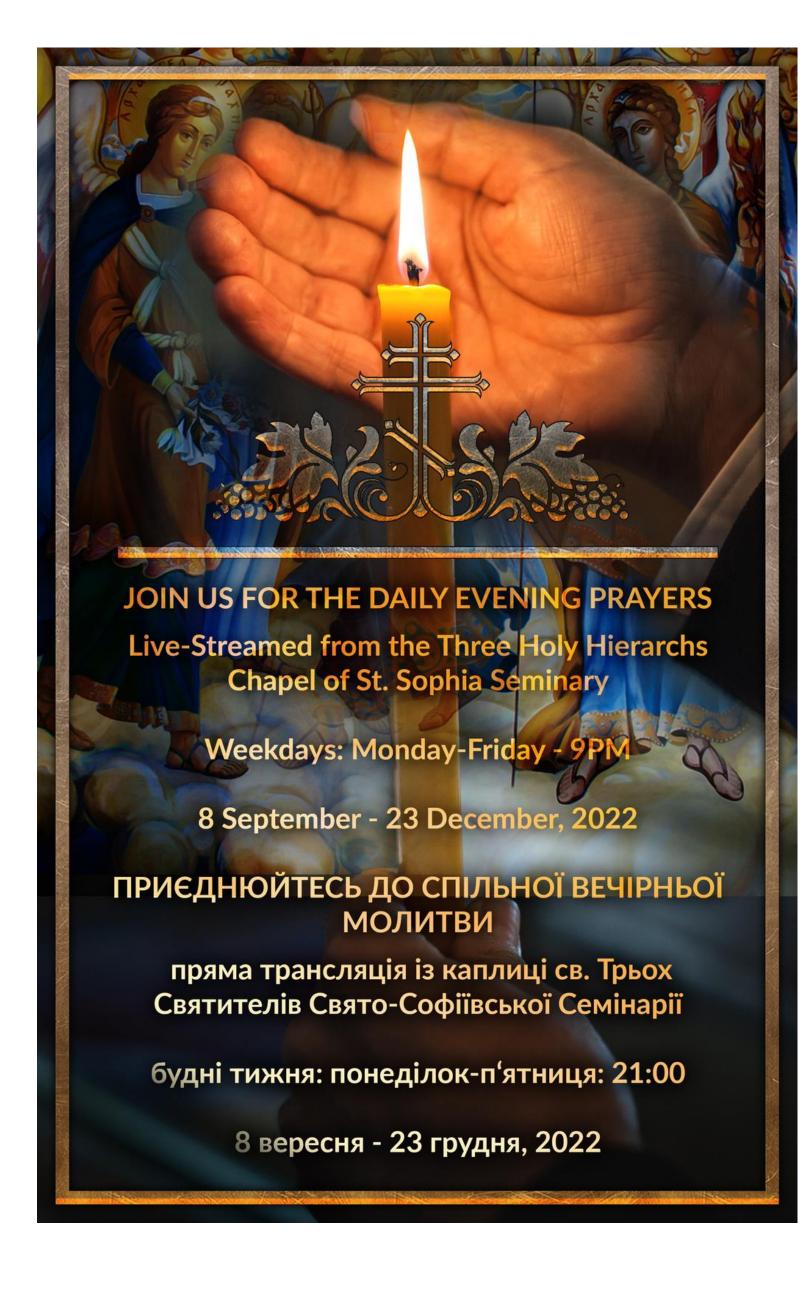
Please submit the names of those you wish to pray for to: uocofusa@aol.com with the subject - PRAYERS

Будь ласка, надішліть імена тих, за кого ви бажаєте молитися: uocofusa@aol.com з meмою - МОЛИТВИ

Future dates: 1 Dec, 5 Jan, 2023: 2 Feb, 2 Mar, 6 April, 4 May, 1 June, 6 July, 3 Aug... Майбутні дати: 1 грудня, 5 січня,

2 лютого, 2 березня, 6 квітня, 4 травня, 1 червня, 6 липня, 3 серпня...







**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

<u>CLEANING PRODUCTS:</u> 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









UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

# NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS Y AUCTOПАДІ СВЯТКУЄМО

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УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США

5

Demetrious Saturday
Holy Apostle James the
Brother of the Lord

Димитрівська поминальна субота Апостола Якова, брата Господня по плоті

8

Holy and Glorious Great-martyr Demetrius of Thessalonica

Вмч. Димитрія Солунського

9

St. Nestor the Chronicler of the Kyiv Caves

Прп. Нестора Літописця, Печерського, в Ближніх печерах

10

Repose of Ven. Job of Pochaiv Прп. loва, iгумена Почаївського

21

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers

Собор Архистратига Михаїла і інших Небесних Сил безтілесних

26

St. John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople

Свт. İоана Золотоустого, архиєп. Константинопольського

**Holodomor Remembrance Day** 

День пам'яті жертв Голодомору

27

Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip

Апостола Пилипа

28

Beginning of Philip's Fast-Advant

Початок Пилипівки

29

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew Апостола і євангеліста Матвія



Ukrainians seeking refuge in the United States have been arriving in Rhode Island via Community Sponsors. We are working to 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 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)



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

#### **Rhode Island**

#### **Polonia Market**

Polish grocery store 756 Broadway Pawtucket RI 02861

# Krakow Deli Bakery & Smokehouse

Polish cuisine / food market 855 Social Street Woonsocket RI 02895

#### **European Food Market**

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

#### **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

#### Café Polonia

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

#### Berezka Market

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

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

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

401.784.8602 | info@diiri.org | diiri.org | 220 Elmwood Avenue, Providence RI 02907

Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island

#### 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: <u>DHS</u> <u>Offices | RI Department of Human Services</u>) 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:
    - o 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
    - o Car registration
    - Municipality tax statement
    - School record



#### 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 C11, 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





#### **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: <a href="https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/fact-sheet/benefits-ukrainian-humanitarian-parolees-ukr">https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/fact-sheet/benefits-ukrainian-humanitarian-parolees-ukr</a>

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 <a href="https://diiri.org/esl/">https://diiri.org/esl/</a>. 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.



#### Immigration Status, Documentation and Public Benefits Eligibility

Please note that Ukrainians who have received humanitarian parolee status do not have refugee or asylee (those granted asylum in US) status upon entry to the United States.

Anyone with <u>Humanitarian Parole</u> 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. This stamp or I-94 record should be sufficient to apply for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), in addition to an ID like a passport or birth certificate showing the person is from Ukraine.

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 - Ipm

Tuesday & Thursday: Ipm - 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 <a href="FR@diiri.org">FR@diiri.org</a>. The religious groups are: Jews, Evangelical Christians, Ukrainian Catholics, and members of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church.

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#### **RESOURCES**

#### **General Community Support**

- 211 United Way | <a href="https://www.unitedwayri.org/get-help/2-1-1/">https://www.unitedwayri.org/get-help/2-1-1/</a>
   Information on resources, available low-cost housing (limited), and more
- Jewish Alliance/Dwares 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 | I 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) <a href="https://www.refugees.novaukraine.org/">https://www.refugees.novaukraine.org/</a>

#### Medical

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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: <a href="https://www.ssa.gov/boston/Rl.htm">https://www.ssa.gov/boston/Rl.htm</a> and the main website is <a href="https://www.ssa.gov/">https://www.ssa.gov/</a> 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/HIXWebl3/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

Thundermist: 401-615-2800 | 186 Providence St, W. Warwick, RI 02893 www.thundermisthealth.org



#### 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 <a href="http://stmichaeluoc.org/">http://stmichaeluoc.org/</a>

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

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.



# 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 <a href="https://diiri.org/esl/">https://diiri.org/esl/</a> 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 <a href="https://www.diiri.org/what-we-do/employment/">https://www.diiri.org/what-we-do/employment/</a> 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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# Citizenship and Immigration Services & Information

## Immigration Status, Documentation & Public Benefits Eligibility

**Humanitarian Parole** | Anyone with this status 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. This stamp or I-94 record should be sufficient to apply for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), in addition to an ID like a passport or birth certificate showing the person is from Ukraine.

**I-765** Application for Employment Authorization application | This 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.

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# **INITIAL SPONSOR SERVICE CHECKLIST**

Last Updated 05/04/22

PRIOR TO ARRIVAL (if applicable)

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.

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	For those sponsoring through the Uniting for Ukraine program: Complete Declaration of Financial Support (Form I-134) and other program specific requirements.				
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	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.				
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	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).				

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 <u>I-765 Application for Employment Authorization</u> .			
	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.			
FIR	ST 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.			

FIRST MONTH AFTER ARRIVAL (con't)				
	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 <u>American Job Centers</u> 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.			
SE	COND 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.			
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ON	GOING 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).			
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