



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

***A parish of the UOC-USA and the Ecumenical Patriarchate***

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*“Each one shall give what he has decided in his own mind, not Grudgingly or because he is made to - for God loves a cheerful giver.” - II Cor. 9:7*

***November 19, 2023***

## **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, Nov. 19:** 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Ven. Luke, steward of the Kyiv Caves

**Tone 7 / Epistle:** Eph. 2:14-22; **Gospel:** Lk. 8:41-56

**9:00AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Memorial Litia for the victims of the Holodymor – Live video broadcast on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/>**

## **WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Mon., Nov. 20:** Holy 33 martyrs of Melitene

**Epistle:** 1 Thess. 1:1-10; **Gospel:** Lk. 12: 13-15, 22-31

**Tues, Nov. 21: Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers: the Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel.**

**Epistle: Heb. 2:2-10; Gospel: Lk. 10:16-21**

**Wed., Nov. 22: Ven. Onesiphorus the Confessor of the Kyiv Caves – FAST**

**Epistle: 2 Thess. 2:1-12; Gospel: Lk. 12:48-59**

**Thur, Nov. 23: Apostles Erastus, Olympas, Herodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertius of the Seventy / THANKSGIVING DAY**

**Epistle: 2 Thess. 2:13 – 3:5; Gospel: Lk. 13:1-9**

**Fri., Nov. 24: Great-Martyr Menas of Egypt / HOLODYMOR MEMORIAL DAY– FAST**

**Epistle: 2 Thess. 3:6-18; Gospel: Lk. 13:31-35**

**Sat., Nov. 25: St. John the Merciful, patriarch of Alexandria**

**Epistle: Gal.1:3-10; Gospel: Lk. 9:37-43**

**Sunday, Nov. 26: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / St. John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople**

**Tone 8 / Epistle: Eph. 4:1-6; Gospel: Lk. 10:25-37**

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

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

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, NOV. 19, 2023**

### **Ephesians 2:14-22 (Epistle)**

BRETHREN, For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

## Luke 8:41-56 (Gospel)

And there came a man named Ja'irus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

## **PARISH NEWS**

**--WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:** Barbara Johnson (Nov. 18), and **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:** Clifford & Susan Chase (Nov.16), and Fr. Boris & Panimatushka Izabela Kroner (Nov. 18), may God grant you, **Many Happy Years!**  
**Многая літа!**

**--SPECIAL MEETING:** December 3, 2023, During Coffee Hour

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,

On December 3, 2023, there will be a Special Meeting in the church hall regarding the request of some of the parishioners to change from the from the Julian ("old") calendar to the Revised Julian ("new") calendar.

I have asked Father Boris to speak regarding this requested change and to report on what our Hierarchs in South Bound Brook have spoken about the

calendar change at the annual Clergy Conference held in October 2023. There will be opportunity for questions and we also encourage anyone who would like to speak on the matter to please do so at this meeting.

This is a very important meeting and we want to keep everyone aware of the discussions on this topic in order to discern our parish's interest. A vote would need to take place (possibly at the next annual meeting in June 2024) before any change to the calendar would take place. Please note, only those parishioners in good standing (have paid their yearly dues/diocese fee of \$105 per person) will be able to participate in this vote to change the parish calendar. We need everyone's input regarding this topic and more importantly your support of the Church. The \$105 fee per parishioner is money we take out of our parish treasury and send to the Consistory to support the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this Special Meeting.

Your servant in Christ, Irene Shewchuk, Parish Board President

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

**--ADOPT-A-FAMILY:** The Senior UOL asks for your help with this outreach project! For 37 years, the Community Care Alliance of Woonsocket has sponsored "Adopt-A-Family" at the Christmas Season. This is a program that helps families with children who would normally not have anything for Christmas. These families are provided with gifts that they can leave under the Christmas tree for their children.

We have "adopted" a family of a single mother, with with four children. They are asking for help that her children might have a normal Christmas. Please visit the "Christmas Tree" display on the wall in the Parish Hall and take the ornaments for the gifts you will be providing.

Once you choose the gift(s) you'd like to purchase, here's what you'll do. You will wrap your gift, and leave tags on, in the event exchange is needed. Do NOT put receipts with the gifts.

Your gift must be labeled with the child/family information provided on the back of the ornament.

All gifts **MUST** be delivered to the Church Hall by Sunday, December 3rd!! There are absolutely **NO** exceptions to this date. (We must deliver on December 4th)

Please see or contact Cindy if you can help or volunteer for the drop off day. [charestr@aol.com](mailto:charestr@aol.com)

Thank you all for your participation in making this holiday a little brighter for at least one local family! "God Bless Us, Everyone"!



**--NOV. 26<sup>TH</sup> :** Sr. UOL Soup Sale with Fr. Dn. Paul's famous borsch.

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

**--COOKIE WALK:** "Now that our festival is over, we need to turn to our next largest fund raiser of the year, the annual Cookie Walk! It is not too early to begin baking and freezing your favorite cookies! Bins will be available for freezing and storage. And you can bring them here to freeze. We need at least six dozen cookies of each variety. "

Thank you all in advance for your **participation. If any questions, (or you need a recipe), see Cindy!**

**--ST. ANDREW, BOSTON:** "I want to extend a personal invitation to the parishioners of St. Michael's to join us for St. Andrew's Day, Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Metropolitan Antony will celebrate with us as we honor Fr. Roman on the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Most sincerely, Jane P.S. I do not have any details as of yet regarding the dinner, but I anticipate tickets to be in the \$25 to \$30 dollar range."

## **KITCHEN SESSIONS**

Tuesday, Dec. 5 – 8:00AM – prepare potato filling.

Wednesday, Dec. 6 – 8:00AM – make Potato Varenyky.

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

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

**--Sunday, Nov. 19** – St. Michael's Day Celebration Luncheon, after the Liturgy.

**--Saturday, December 16** – Annual Cookie Walk

## **UOL CORNER**

**--UOL'S MISSION STATEMENT:** "The Ukrainian Orthodox League is a national volunteer organization of members in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, who are committed to promoting the Orthodox Faith, supporting the Church, developing the potential of our youth and their active participation in the life of the Church, and preserving Ukrainian heritage and culture."

**--UOL MOTTO:** "Dedicated to our Church, Devoted to Its Youth"

### **--GOALS OF THE UOL:**

- Promoting active participation in all aspects of the Orthodox faith and supporting the Church.
- Developing and maintaining programs and projects which educate members and promote dedication and commitment to the Church, Her teachings, traditions, and missions.
- Providing opportunities for the development of leadership skills and responsibility among the youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.
- Providing and promoting information on Ukrainian heritage and history to the general public and establishing means which ensure the continuation of cultural awareness and pride within our membership.

**--UOL ADVENT PRAYER PROGRAM:** Glory to Jesus Christ! The deadline for the UOL Advent Prayer Program is November 20th. Anyone interested in taking part in this program should contact Oleh

Bilynsky via email at [nsufler@aol.com](mailto:nsufler@aol.com) by the 20th. Yours in Christ,  
Brittany Brettell

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

**CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER**

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

**--SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 --** St. Nicholas Day Children’s Celebration

**THE ICONS OF THE PATRON SAINTS OF THE  
YOUTH OF THE UOC OF THE USA - HOLY MARTYRS  
CHRISTINA AND JULIAN BLESSED AND  
DISTRIBUTED TO THE PARISH COMMUNITIES OF  
THE CHURCH DURING THE ANNUAL CLERGY  
CONFERENCE**



Earlier in the year, under the direction of Mrs. Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon, Director of the UOC Youth Ministry, the children cast their votes to pick two patron saints for the youth of the Church. Much consideration went into the voting process, ensuring that the lives of the various saints were read and understood. After the ballots were counted, the Director announced that Saints Christina of Tyre and Saint Julian of Tarsus would be the patron saints of the youth of the UOC of the USA.

***Holy Martyr Christina*** lived during the third century in Tyre, modern-day Lebanon. Her father, governor of Tyre, wanted the exceptionally beautiful girl to be a pagan priestess. He, therefore, placed her at age 11 in a tower with gold and silver idols. St. Christina begged God to reveal Himself and was visited by an angel who revealed Christ to her. St. Christina smashed all the idols and as a result endured many tortures at the hands of her father, including beatings, being burned, and having a large stone put around her neck in an attempt to drown her at sea. Each time an angel protected her. In terror, her father ascribed this to sorcery and he decided to execute her in the morning. That night he suddenly died. Subsequent governors subjected St. Christina to many more cruel tortures including cutting off her tongue. The martyr took her tongue and threw it in the governor's face, and he was instantly blinded. Finally, the torturers executed St. Christina with a sword.

***The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus*** was born in the Asia Minor province of Cilicia. He was the son of a pagan senator, but his mother was a Christian. After the death of her husband the mother of Saint Julian moved to Tarsus, where her son was baptized and raised in Christian piety.

When Julian reached age 18, a persecution against Christians began under the emperor Diocletian (284-305 AD). Among those arrested was Saint Julian. They brought him before the governor Marcian for trial, and for a long time they urged him to renounce Christ. Neither tortures nor threats, nor promises of gifts and honors could convince the pious youth to offer pagan sacrifice and deny Christ. The holy confessor remained steadfast in his firm faith.

For a whole year they led the martyr through the cities of Cilicia, everywhere subjecting him to interrogation and tortures, after which they threw him in prison. After continued imprisonment and the young man's refusal to deny Christ, they tied the Martyr Julian into a sack, filled with sand and poisonous snakes and scorpions, and threw him into the sea. The body of the sufferer was carried by the waves to the shores of Alexandria, where it was found by Christians and given a proper burial.

Through the intercession and example of these two young martyrs the youth of the Church have strong mentors and protectors. In today's ever darkening society, the youngest members of the Church are continuously faced with difficult decisions and situations. It is easy to get lost in all the propaganda and misinformation they are exposed to. Therefore, more than ever, it is crucial that the Church continue to pray for the safety and salvation of the children of the Church.

An icon of the two young martyrs was commissioned and written by Church iconographer Michael Kapeluck. Copies were made of the icon and during the evening service, the hierarchs blessed them all before distributing them

to the clergy present in order to be taken back with them to their home parishes. In addition to the regularly served Akathist to the Birth-Giver of God – the Nurturer of Children served monthly, additional services and prayers will be raised to benefit the youth, to grant them wisdom, guidance, integrity, maturity and dedication to Christ and His teachings, and not to wander off the narrow path which leads them to salvation.

***TROPAR (St. Julian)***

Your holy martyr Julian, O Lord, through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through his intercessions save our souls!

***TROPAR (St. Christina)***

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions since Thou art great in mercy.



# Holiday Cookie Walk 2023

## December 16, 2023 9-11AM

We're back! But we have competition! And we **NEED** your help!!! We are trying to make this Cookie walk something special for us all! We want to offer new items and wonder if you have an idea?????

This year we will offer pre-scooped, frozen ready to bake chocolate chip cookies. And also quart sized jars of ready to mix cookies adding a few fresh ingredients. We are considering offering a fresh frozen home made cheeseball for an appetizer table. But we need to think of, and do MORE! You may know that Wright's Dairy Farm is now using the Cookie walk concept, as is Mount St. Charles, Blackstone Library, North Smithfield Library and many more! Some charge more than we do (yes, some less), but frankly, we think our cookies can't be beat! What you can offer us as ideas to help offer NEW products???

The MOST important part of this sale will be a firm commitment from YOU!!! Your promise to bake lots of cookies will be the key to our success (and sanity).

Please let us know ASAP how you will help, by completing this form and returning to Donna or Cindy. And remember....you can team up! It eases the work and doubles the profit...er product!

White bins will be available for freezing and are our preferred form of delivery as they pack nicely in our freezers. Yes, you can bring your cookies as soon as they're baked. We'll take good care of them (nom, nom)! And if you're a last minute Suzy, all cookies need to be delivered and trayed by 7AM the morning of the walk. Please don't make us more anxious by not being prepared. Organization is a key and is extremely important to us. This is one of our largest fund raisers and lots of fun!!!

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Please return to Cindy or Donna ASAP

I will make 10-12 dozen of:

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

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

3) \_\_\_\_\_

MORE????? Please use the back side ----->

I'll be there to help at the walk!! \_\_\_\_\_yes!! Oh! What fun! 😊

Sorry, no, \_\_\_\_\_ I can't be there with you all. ☹

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# **THE NATIVITY FAST**

## **NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

During the Nativity Fast the Church encourages us to intensify our spiritual lives in order to ready our souls and bodies for the Feast. We do this through fasting, prayer, alms-giving, confession and increased attention given to "preparing for His coming", to make sure we've done what we can to make a "fit dwelling place for Him" in our hearts and lives.

*"increase your prayer life, read more scripture and spiritual books, especially lives of the saints. A little less television, no anger, no gossiping, no laziness and let's try to avoid the Christmas parties. If we prepare in this way, God will bless us and we will find the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord to be far more spiritually rewarding than ever before. May God help us to struggle courageously." Bishop Joseph*

### **The Purpose of Fasting**

The purpose of fasting is to focus on the things that are above, the Kingdom of God. It is a means of putting on virtue in reality, here and now. Through it we are freed from dependence on worldly things. We fast faithfully and in secret, not judging others, and not holding ourselves up as an example.

- Fasting in itself is not a means of pleasing God. Fasting is not a punishment for our sins. Nor is fasting a means of suffering and pain to be undertaken as some kind of atonement. Christ already redeemed us on His Cross. Salvation is a gift from God that is not bought by our hunger or thirst.
- We fast to be delivered from carnal passions so that God's gift of Salvation may bear fruit in us.
- We fast and turn our eyes toward God in His Holy Church. Fasting and prayer go together.
- Fasting is not irrelevant. Fasting is not obsolete, and it is not something for someone else. Fasting is from God, for us, right here and right now.
- Most of all, we should not devour each other. We ask God to "set a watch and keep the door of our lips."

### **Fasting Periods**

The Nativity Fast is one of the four Canonical Fasting Seasons in the Church year. This is a joyous fast in anticipation of the Nativity of Christ. That is the reason it is less strict than other fasting periods. The fast is divided into two periods.

1. **November 28<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>** the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil) is observed. There is dispensation given for wine and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Similarly, fish, wine, and oil are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays.
2. **January 2<sup>nd</sup> through January 6<sup>th</sup>** traditional fasting discipline (no meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil) is observed. There is dispensation given for wine and oil only on Saturday and Sunday during this period.

Please note that this is the letter of the tradition and certain allowances should be made for the occasional suspension of the severity of the fast, not as an excuse for laxity or indulgence, but when love requires. When in doubt, talk to your priest!

### **When Not to Fast**

- between January 7 and January 18<sup>th</sup> (even on Wednesdays and Fridays);
- if you are pregnant or nursing a newborn;
- during serious illness;
- without prayer;
- without alms-giving;
- according to your own will without guidance from your spiritual father.



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## **St. Philip Fast in Anticipation of the Nativity of our Savior!**

*Dearly beloved Clergy, Monastics and Faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Churches beyond the borders of Ukraine and those of our Holy Church in Ukrainian lands:*

***CHRIST IS AMONG US!***

We have begun the Fast of St. Philip, called such because it commences the day after the Feast of St. Philip the Apostle, which falls on 27 November (14 November on the Gregorian or New Calendar) and continues through the Eve of the Holy Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on 6 January (24 December on the Gregorian Calendar).

During this time of spiritual journey, we are to seek the ways in which we can place our lives into the context of the events of Bethlehem, knowing that in Christ our Savior we are claimed as God's own forever. The whole of this St. Philip's Fast and the salvation story is premised on the birth of the Child, which offers us a glimpse and hope of new life. Unfortunately, during this time each year we often fail to comprehend the reason of this special and sacred season.

During the next several weeks, we shall seek to proclaim in word and deed the possibility of new life for all humanity. By the time Orthodox Christians enter into the season of St. Philip fast and begin to prepare to greet into the world a new-born Child, the commercial world has already declared its version of the "Xmas Holidays". Being bombarded by the materialism surrounding the celebration of this "joyful season", we sometimes forget that we have entered the time of waiting, reflection and a heavy dose of joyful expectation. We are invited to fast in order to renew our faith, deepen our prayer life and prepare ourselves for a Holy Encounter with the Christ-Child.

Now more than ever, we who proclaim our love to Christ must remind the world that the Nativity season is, indeed, a proclamation of the Incarnation of Christ – the Word who "was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1;14) in all humility as a child in a manger – while we remember the promise of Christ to return in all His Glory at the Great and Final Judgment.

To reflect on the historical Nativity of the Christ-Child and to await His glorious return has no value unless we willing and able to nurture this birth in our hearts every single day. In order to worthily celebrate Christ's Nativity, we are invited during this fasting period to participate in the fulfillment of God's mission "to bring good news to the poor, to release the captives and all who are oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Lk. 4:18-19).

The liturgical readings of the next several weeks, leading us to the Nativity of Christ are as much about our birth as they are to prepare us for the Nativity of the Savior. They are about our identification with the events we read and hear in the Sacred Scriptures. As Orthodox Christians, we need understand that there is certain urgency about how we live out our Christian values. We are invited to come and see Him – the Christ-Child – and to see ourselves in Him. Where do we encounter weakness in our own hearts? How do we become a neighbor to those who are weak in our society? How well do we represent the caring presence of God in the world?

When we live lives characterized by love and caring, we do image that presence to the world today. The parish communities that take seriously their call to image the reality of God offer what secular institutions cannot: holiness of life, rejection of evil, compassion for the other and a willingness to share. We cannot model a better way of living without first encountering the Christ-Child – the Incarnation. This time of St. Philip's fast calls us to detach from the things and ways that are not of God and to stand with God.

As in the past, we call upon you all as our spiritual children to join us in praying fervently during this season for the leaders of the world we live in, especially for the end of the invasion of Ukraine with her boundaries intact. We ask you to also join in our prayers for all the many war-torn areas in the world – Israel, Gaza, and in other nations around the world suffering also through genocide, slavery and repression. Finally, we ask you to pray for our United States of America, that the divisions, hatred, racism and mass murders be ended. It is a secularized world full of strife, economic weakness and political instability. Pray for the maturity of those who lead the nations – again especially Ukraine, which is so dear to our hearts.

As we prepare ourselves for the sacred time of the Nativity of our Lord, we pray for your successful journey through St. Philip's Fast and for your willingness to accept God's Gift of Love to us all. May we all respond to the Good News of Christ's Nativity by looking not only down at the world's misery, but up to God and out to your family, friends, neighbors – and strangers.

*Assuring you of our prayers and love and requesting yours, we remain your servants in the Lord,*

**+ ANTONY**

*By the Grace of God, Metropolitan*

**+ JEREMIAH**

*By the Grace of God, Archbishop*

**+ DANIEL**

*By the Grace of God, Archbishop*



## ***Свято-Пилипівський піст - підготовка до Різдва Ісуса Христа, нашого Спасителя***

*Дорогі улюблені священнослужителі, монахи та вірні Українських Православних Церков поза межами України та нашої Святої Церкви на українських землях:*

### ***ХРИСТОС ПОСЕРЕД НАС!***

Вже розпочався піст св. Пилипа, названий так через те, що він починається на наступний день після свята св. Апостола Пилипа, яке припадає 27 листопада (14 листопада за григоріанським чи новим календарем) і продовжується до надвечір'я святого свята Різдва Господа нашого і Спасителя Ісуса Христа 6 січня (24 грудня за григоріанським календарем).

Під час наступних декілька тижнів, ми будемо проповідувати словом і ділом можливість нового життя для всього людства. Заки настає час Свято-Пилипівського посту для православних християн, які почнуть готуватись зустрічати у світ новонародженого Дитяти, промисловий світ вже давно оголосив свою версію "Різдвяних свят". Будучи заваленими матеріалізмом, що оточив святкування цього "радісного сезону", ми часто забуваємо, що прийшов час очікування великої радості. Ми постимо для того, щоб відновити свою віру, покращити своє молитовне життя та підготувати до святої зустрічі з Дитятком-Христом.

А зараз як ніколи, ми, що проповідуємо нашу любов до Христа, мусимо нагадати світові, що Різдвяний період, насамперед, є проголошенням втілення Христа - Слово, що "стало тілом і перебувало між нами" (Ів. 1:14) з повною смиренністю як дитя у яслах - пам'ятаючи про обіцянку Христа повернутись у всій Своїй Славі під час великого та остаточного суду.

Згадуючи про історичне Різдво Христа та очікуючи Його славне повернення не має для нас ніякої цінності аж поки ми не будемо хотіти та виховувати це народження у наших серцях кожного дня. Щоб достойно відсвяткувати Різдво Христа нас закликається, під час цього періоду, взяти участь у завершені Божої місії "Добру Новину звіщати вбогим,

проповідувати полоненим визволення, відпустити на волю помучених, щоб проповідувати рік Господнього змилування” (Лк. 4:18-19)

Літургійні читання на наступних декілька тижнів, що ведуть нас до Різдва Христового, є і про наше народження, так як вони готують нас до Різдва Спасителя. В цих читаннях ідеться про наше спів-ставлення з подіями про які ми читаємо і чуємо у Святому Письмі. Як православні християни, ми повинні розуміти, що існує певне занепокоєння про те, як ми живемо вживаючи християнські чесноти. Нас закликається прийти і побачити Його - Дитя-Христа - і побачити в Ньому самих себе. Де ми знаходимо слабкість у нашому серці? Як ми стаємо ближніми до тих котрі є немічні у нашому суспільстві? Чи вміло показуємо світові дбайливу Божу присутність?

Коли ми живемо своє життя осягнене любов'ю та дбайливістю, ми показуємо добрий приклад світові. Парафіяльні громади, які серйозно ставляться до свого покликання - показати Божу присутність, пропонують те, що світські установи не можуть робити, а саме: святість життя, відхилення від злого, співчуття іншим та бажання ділитися. Ми не можемо показати кращий шлях життя не беручи до уваги Дитяти-Христа - Втілення. Цей час Свято-Пилипівського посту закликає нас відкинути шляхи та дії що не від Бога і бути з Богом.

Як і в минулому, ми закликаємо вас усіх, наших духовних дітей, приєднатися до нас у ревній молитві протягом цього сезону за лідерів світу, в якому ми живемо, особливо за кінець вторгнення в Україну з її недоторканими кордонами. Ми просимо вас також приєднатися до наших молитов за всі охоплені війною території світу – Ізраїль, Газу та інші країни по всьому світу, які також страждають через геноцид, рабство та репресії. Нарешті, ми просимо вас молитися за наші Сполучені Штати Америки, щоб було покладено кінець поділам, ненависті, расизму та масовим вбивствам. Це секуляризований світ, повний чвар, економічної слабкості та політичної нестабільності. Моліться за зрілість тих, хто веде народи – знову ж таки, особливо Україну, яка так дорога нашим серцям.

Готуючись до Різдва нашого Господа ми молимося за ваше успішне проведення Свято-Пилипівського посту та за ваше бажання прийняти Божий дар любові. Нехай ми всі у відповідь на Добру Вістку Різдва Христового будемо дивитись не лиш на долю світу, а на Бога, на нашу сім'ю, друзів, ближніх та незнайомих.

*Запевняємо вас у наших молитвах та просимо ваших, ми залишаємось слугами у Господі,*

**+ АНТОНІЙ**

*Ласкою Божою, Митрополит*

**+ ЄРЕМІЯ**

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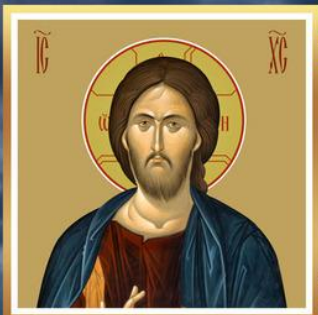
## PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

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.



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