



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

December 10, 2023

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 10: 27th Sunday after Pentecost / Great-martyr

James the Persian – FAST: Wine & Oil

Tone 2 / Epistle: Eph. 6:10-17; Gospel: Lk. 13:10-17

9:00AM Obidna/Typica will be celebrated, as Fr. Boris will be in Boston for St. Andrew's patronal feast day with

Metropolitan Antony. – Live video broadcast on our Facebook

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

WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

NATIVITY FAST

Mon., Dec. 11: Martyr Stephen the New of Mt. St. Auxentius - FAST

Epistle: 2 Tim. 2:20-26; Gospel: Lk. 19:37-44

Tues, Dec. 12: Ven. Nectarius the Obedient of the Kyiv Caves - FAST

Epistle: 2 Tim. 3:16–4:4; Gospel: Lk. 19:45-48

Wed., Dec. 13: Holy and All-praised Apostle Andrew the First-called – FAST

Epistle: 2 Tim. 4:9-22; Gospel: Lk. 20:1-8

Thur, Dec. 14: Prophet Nahum - FAST

Epistle: Titus 1:5–2:1; Gospel: Lk. 20:9-18

7:00PM Moleben to the Mother of God , followed by Adult Education class

Fri., Dec. 15: St. Athanasius, recluse of the Kyiv Caves, whose relics are in the Near Caves / St. Athanasius, recluse of the Kyiv Caves whose relics are in the Far Caves – FAST

Epistle: Titus 1:15–2:10; Gospel: Lk. 20:19-26

Sat., Dec. 16: Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) -- FAST: Wine & Oil

Epistle: Eph. 1:16-23; Gospel: Lk. 12:32-40

Sunday, Dec. 17: 28th Sunday after Pentecost / Great-martyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana at Heliapolis in Syria – FAST: Wine & Oil

Tone 3 / Epistle: Col. 1:12-18; Gospel: Lk. 17:12-19

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, DEC. 10, 2023

Ephesians 6:10-17 (Epistle)

BRETHREN, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; above all taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Luke 13:10-17 (*Gospel*)

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

PARISH NEWS

--WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO: Lesia Fasiak (Dec. 10), may God grant you, Many Happy Years! Многая літа!

--2024 LITURGICAL CALENDARS ARE IN! They are available in the vestibule. Suggested donation of \$3.00.

--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

--ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY ACCESS: Polish National Cemetery has a contract to excavate and to remove gravel from their cemetery. The operation will take place **Monday thru Friday between 7am – 5pm and Saturday 9am – 12 pm.** Be aware that you may encounter quite a bit of activity involved on the shared road. Excavation and removal of the sand has begun, so please be careful entering and leaving the cemetery.

--2ND 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: Saturday, Dec. 16 9AM to 11AM. Cookies are \$13.50/pound. Order frozen Ukrainian Foods and Apple Pies Dec. 9 @ Noon through Noon Dec. 15. <https://st-michael-uoc.square.site>
Frozen foods will also be available in person while supplies last.

--TIME TO TRIM THE 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 of the UOCofUSA. His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel eagerly awaits the ornaments, which he will hang on the Christmas tree himself. *Ornaments must be received by Dec. 18th.*

UPCOMING PARISH & INTER-PARISH EVENTS

--2nd 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.

--Saturday, December 16 – Annual Cookie Walk. 9 – 11AM

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.

--ADOPT-A-FAMILY: The UOL would like to thank the parish for their generosity and support of our Adopt - A - Family project.

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

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

--FEB. 11, 2024: Souperbowl Sunday

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

CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

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

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



THE NATIVITY FAST

NOVEMBER 28TH THROUGH JANUARY 6TH

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

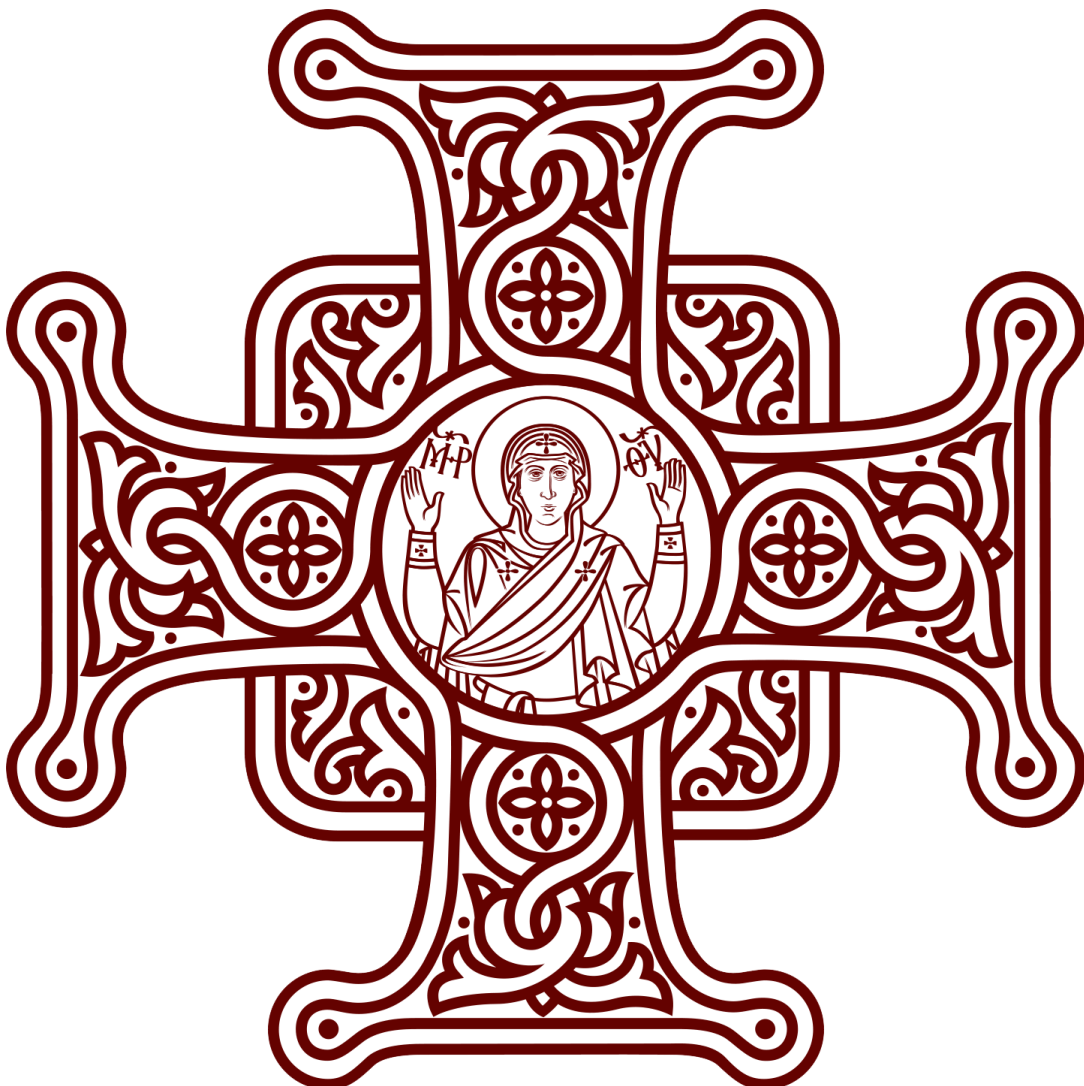
The Nativity Fast is one of the four Canonical Fasting Seasons in the Church year. This is a joyous fast in anticipation of the Nativity of Christ. That is the reason it is less strict than other fasting periods. The fast is divided into two periods.

1. **November 28th through January 1st** 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 2nd through January 6th** 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 18th (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.



UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE U.S.A. - УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США

Time to Trim the Tree Час Прикрашати Ялинку!



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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 18, 2023

Запрошуємо усіх дітей незалежно від віку, зробити орнамент щоб прикрасити офіційну ялинку, що стоятиме в ротонді Центру Митрополії Української Православної Церкви США.

Його Високопреосвященство Архієпископ Даниїл особисто прикрашатиме Різдвяну ялинку. Не заставляйте Владику довго чекати, а висилайте Вашу ручну роботи до

18 ГРУДНЯ, 2023

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



UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA
УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США

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



Christmas AT THE Seminary

Saturday
December 16, 2023
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



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 БОГОРОДИЦІ ВСЕЦАРИЦЯ

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

First Thursday of each month
5 January 2023 at 7:00pm
Перший четвер кожного місяця
5 січня 2023 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 темою – **МОЛИТВИ**

Future dates: 5 Jan,
2 Feb, 2 Mar, 6 April, 4 May, 1 June,
6 July, 3 Aug...

Майбутні дати: 5 січня,
2 лютого, 2 березня, 6 квітня, 4 травня,
1 червня, 6 липня, 3 серпня...



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. ЗМІЦНИ 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, НИНИ І ПОВСЯКЧАС, І НА ВІКИ ВІЧНІ.

АМІНЬ.



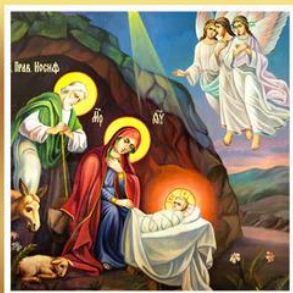
PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

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
DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS
У ГРУДНІ СВЯТКУЄМО
УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США



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**THE ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS
INTO THE TEMPLE**

ВВЕДЕННЯ В ХРАМ ПРЕСВЯТОЇ ВЛАДИЧИЦІ
НАШОЇ БОГОРОДИЦІ І ВСЕДІВИ МАРІЇ

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GREAT-MARTYR CATHERINE
ВЕЛИКОМУЧИНЕЦІ КАТЕРИНИ

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GREAT-MARTYR BARBARA
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ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER
СВЯТИТЕЛЯ МИКОЛАЯ, ЧУДОТВОРЦЯ

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**THE CONCEPTION BY ST. ANNA OF THE MOST
HOLY THEOTOKOS**

ЗАЧАТТЯ ПРАВЕДНОЮ АННОЮ ПРЕСВЯТОЇ
БОГОРОДИЦІ

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**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
(ACCORDING TO THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR)**
ST. SPYRIDON THE WONDERWORKER

РІЗДВО ХРИСТОВЕ
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СВТ. СПИРИДОНА

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HOLY PROPHEET DANIEL
ПРОРОКА ДАНІІЛА

