



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 15, 2024

SERVICE SCHEDULE

THE ST. PHILIP'S/NATIVITY FAST

Sunday, Dec. 15: 25th Sunday after Pentecost /Prophet Habakkuk -
FAST W/ FISH, WINE & OIL ALLOWED

Tone 8: Epistle: Eph. 4:1-6; Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

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

WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon., Dec. 16: Prophet Zephaniah – ***FAST***

Epistle: I Tim. 1:1-7; Gospel: Luke 20:27-44

Tues, Dec. 17: Great-martyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana at Heliapolis in Syria – ***FAST W/ WINE & OIL ALLOWED***

Epistle: I Tim. 1:8-14; Gospel: Luke 21:12-19

Wed., Dec. 18: St. Sabbas the Sanctified – ***FAST W/ FISH, WINE & OIL ALLOWED***

Epistle: Gal. 5:22-6:2; Gospel: Matt. 11:27-30

7:00PM Vespers/Moleben followed by Adult Ed

Thur, Dec. 19: St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, archbishop of Myra in Lycia – *FAST W/ FISH, WINE & OIL ALLOWED*

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

Fri., Dec. 20: St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan – *FAST*

Epistle: I Tim. 4:4-8, 16; Gospel: Luke 21:37-22:8

Sat., Dec. 21: Ven. Patapius of Thebes – *FAST W/ FISH, WINE & OIL ALLOWED*

Epistle: Eph. 1:16-23; Gospel: Luke 16:10-15

Sunday, Dec. 22: 26th Sunday after Pentecost /The Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos - *FAST W/ FISH, WINE & OIL ALLOWED*

Tone 1: Epistle: Eph. 5:8b-19; Gospel: Luke 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. 15, 2024

Eph. 4:1-6 (Epistle)

Brethren, I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Luke 18:18-27 (Gospel)

At that time, a ruler asked Jesus, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said, “All these I have observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom

of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” But he said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”

PARISH NEWS

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

--SPECIAL THANK YOU: A special thank you to all who made our annual Cookie Walk a success. Thank You!

--FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Reconfirm your Parish Membership for the year 2025:

The Parish of St. Michael must meet a monetary obligation of \$105 per adult member to the Consistory of the UOC of USA at the beginning of each year. We ask that all members of St. Michael Parish please complete a membership form and submit your “dues and diocese” obligation of \$105 as soon as possible to reconfirm your membership for 2025. Forms will also be available at the Annual Meeting and in the narthex of the Church. (Please mark your payment with the memo "Dues & Diocese 2025") Thank you!

Reminder: Only parishioners who have reconfirmed their membership and participate in the life of the parish (members in good standing) have the right to participate in votes/elections that happen at the Annual Meeting in June.

Yearly giving statements for 2024 will be available for pick up at the end of January 2025. If you have recently moved, have new contact information or would like to receive your giving statement by email, please let Erika know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions email please email Erika Namaka, Financial Secretary at einamaka@gmail.com.

--2025 WALL CALENDARS: are now available in the entrance of the church for a donation of \$3.00.

--CANNED GOOD DRIVE: We will be collecting canned goods throughout the month of December (*this has been extended*) and will donate them to a local food pantry in memory of those who perished during the Holodomor. Please put your donations in the box set up by the entrance to the Parish Hall. Please see Janice or Erika if you have any questions.

--THE SHAPE OF UKRAINE AND RUSSIA TODAY: The Shape of Ukraine and Russia Today / Thursday, December 19, 2024 6:30-8 PM / Large Program Room of the Woonsocket Harris Public Library / Join us for an engaging discussion on the ongoing conflict

between Russia and Ukraine by Dr. Peter Brown. This lecture will explore historical context, key events, and potential future scenarios, providing valuable insights into this complex geopolitical issue. Dr. Brown has decades of college-level teaching experience and speaks fluent Russian and Ukrainian.

-CHRISTMAS AT THE SEMINARY: Enjoy a musical performance by the St. Sophia Seminary Choir. **Saturday, Dec. 21 2-5PM** / Admission & holiday appetizers included with your donation from the Wish List. **WISH LIST: GIFT CARDS:** Amazon, Costco, Home Depot, Restaurant Depot, Shop Rite, Target, Visa or Walmart.

CLEANING PRODUCTS: Floor, bathroom, multipurpose & toilet bowl cleaners, disinfecting spray & wipes, wood polish, & 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, 13gal kitchen garbage bags & Ziploc bags (all sizes).

-WE WELCOME ANY AND ALL DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH, LARGE OR SMALL: We are most grateful for your kindness. Your donation is essential to the church. From your contribution, we pay the priest's salary and health insurance, as well as pay the utilities for the church including water, heat, electricity, lawn care and at this time of year, snow plowing and salting the ice on the driveway. Checks should be made out to St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Please offer your donations during the church collection or send your dues and donations to:

St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church
74 Harris Ave.
Woonsocket, RI 02895

ST. PHILIP / NATIVITY FAST

Did you know that the Nativity Fast prepares us to experience the true meaning of Christmas?

IN THE RUBRICS BOOK OF THE CHURCH WE READ:

At all times it is essential to bear in mind that 'you are not under the law but under grace' (Romans 6:14), and that 'the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life' (2 Cor. 3:6).

The rules of fasting, while they need to be taken seriously, are not to be interpreted with dour and pedantic legalism; 'for the Kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit' (Romans 14:17).

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

--Thursday, December 19, 2024: The Shape of Ukraine and Russia Today / 6:30-8 PM / Large Program Room of the Woonsocket Harris Public Library / Join us for an engaging discussion on the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine by Dr. Peter Brown.

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.

--IMPORTANT NEWS FROM OUR SR. UOL CHAPTER: We have been selected (by our choice) to once again host an Annual UOL Convention! We have plenty of time to plan and fund raise as our year will be **2027**.....10 years since the last time we hosted!

Our first fund raiser is now underway! We have a Christmas Basket full of gifts that will be more fun to open than scratching a block of scratch tickets! The tickets for the basket will be available at our September Festival and Christmas cookie Walk, when the basket winner will be chosen!

Please help support our worthy cause by helping however you can. Do you have an idea for a fundraiser to help and would you be willing to take charge of it? We need you, as the churches need the UOL! Please

consider offering your help. See any of the officers, or better yet, join us at a meeting and consider joining the UOL!! You will not regret it!"

In His Love, (and thank you), Janice, Erika, Cindy and Eleanor

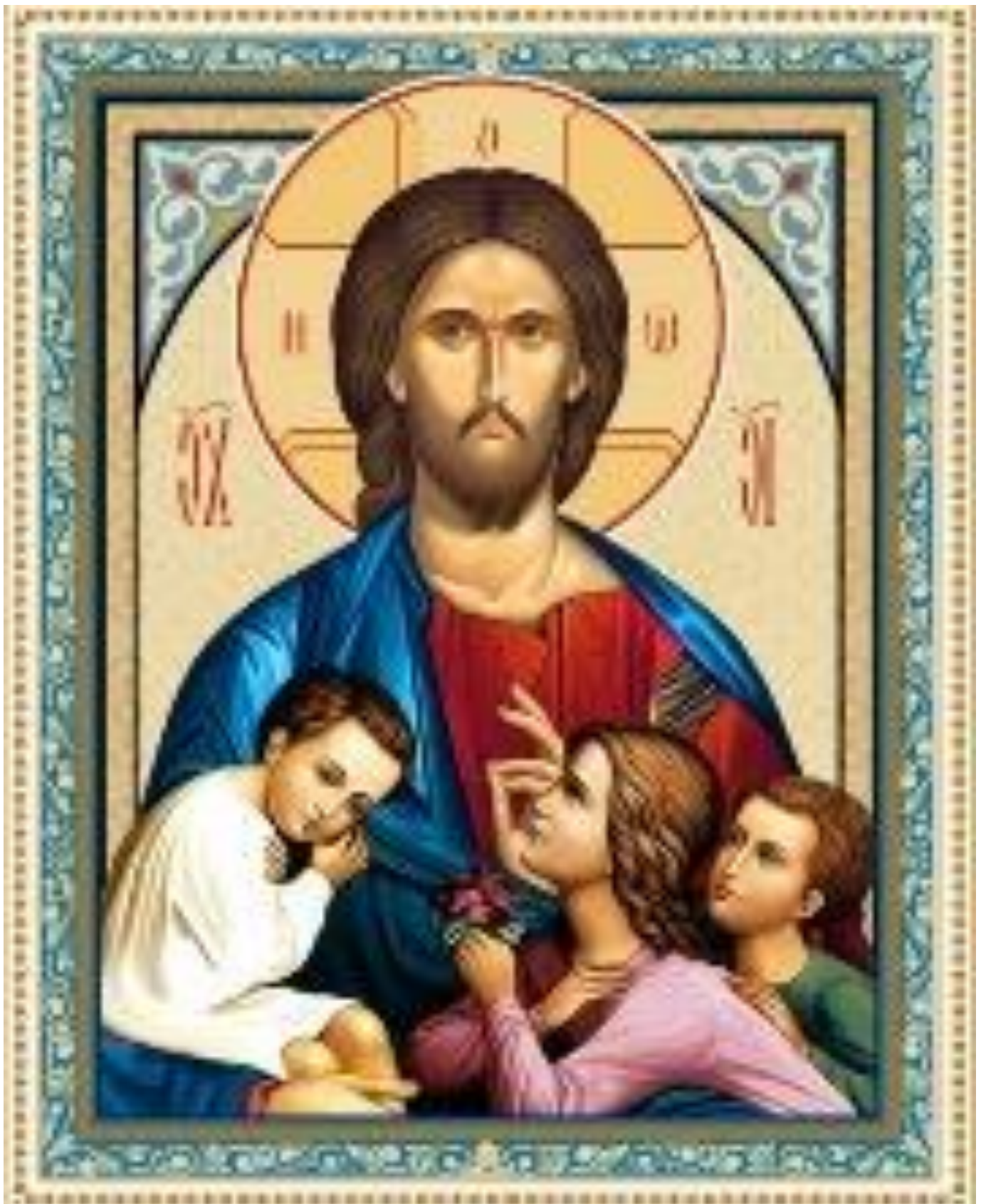
--Sunday, Dec. 29: UOL Meeting during coffee hour.

CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

--Sunday, Dec. 15: St. Nicholas Day celebration

--Sunday, Dec. 22: Church School classes

--Sunday, Dec. 29: 15 mins with Father



The Shape of Ukraine and Russia Today: Rival Background Interpretations - Current Dislocations



A Special Guest Lecture from an Expert on Russia, Ukraine, and Eastern Europe.

Join us for an engaging discussion on the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. This guest lecture will explore historical context, key events, and potential future scenarios, providing valuable insights into this complex geopolitical issue.

Dr. Peter Brown received his BA from Stanford University and PhD from the University of Chicago. Dr. Brown has decades of college-level teaching experience and speaks fluent Russian and Ukrainian.

**Thursday, December 19th, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
in the Program Room @ the Library**



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1950 Easton Ave. - Somerset, NJ 08873

Christmas AT THE Seminary



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ST. SOPHIA SEMINARY CHOIR

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

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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)

SHOP ONLINE ON THE TARGET GIFT REGISTRY:
<http://tgt.gifts/SaintSophiaSeminary>

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

Saturday
DECEMBER 21
2024
2-5 pm





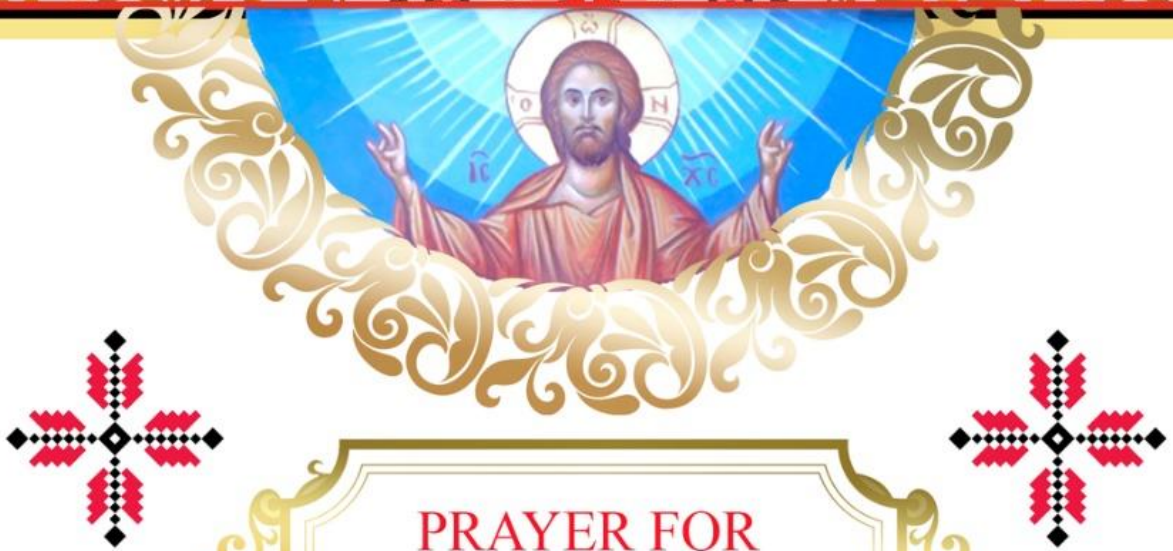
МОЛИТВА ЗА УКРАЇНУ

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
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СИНА І СВЯТОГО ДУХА, НИНИ І ПОВСЯКЧАС, І НА ВІКИ ВІЧНІ.

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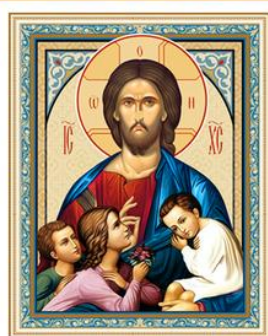
PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

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.



PRAYER FOR CHILDREN OF UKRAINE KIDNAPPED BY RUSSIAN FEDERATION INVADERS

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We come before You in sincere prayer, O God Almighty and with heavy hearts, we lift up the innocent children of Ukraine who have been kidnapped into the Russian Federation, taken forcefully from their homes and families during this, yet another invasion and genocide of our beloved homeland. Lord, You are the protector of the weak and the guardian of the vulnerable. We ask for Your divine intervention in and for their lives. Put an end to the soviet style "re-education policies" to turn them against their families and their native Ukraine.

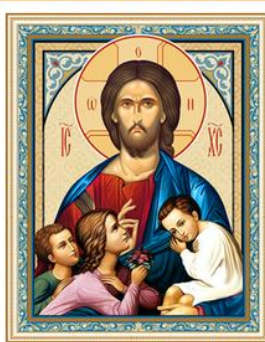
Surround these children with the Resurrection Love and Peace that emanate from your Empty Tomb. Comfort them in their fear and confusion, granting them the strength to endure these present trials and the knowledge that their families yearn for them and the nations of the world are struggling to free them. Lord, we pray for their safety and that these struggles will conclude in their swift return to their families and homeland.

Touch the hearts of even those who have stolen them, O Lord, that they may be moved by compassion and conscience to act with justice and mercy. Soften their hearts of these kidnapers, guiding them towards actions that will bring these children back to their homes, lest they be equated to those who slaughtered the innocents in Bethlehem after the Incarnation of Christ our Lord.

We also pray fervently for the families left behind who, without question, are enduring unimaginable pain and anguish. Grant them hope and courage that they may feel Your Loving Presence in this time of suffering and assurance that Your Holy Spirit is with their children eternally.

In Your infinite mercy and power, Lord, bring about a resolution to this invasion. Restore peace and justice to independent Ukraine, which will once again rise from the ashes like the proverbial Phoenix, and soar amongst the free nations of the world. We trust in Your mighty power and unfailing love, believing that You hear our prayers and are with us always.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



МОЛИТВА ЗА ДІТЕЙ УКРАЇНИ ВИКРАДЕНИХ ЗАГАРБНИКАМИ РОСІЙСЬКОЇ ФЕДЕРАЦІЇ

В Ім'я Отця, і Сина, і Святого Духа. Амінь.

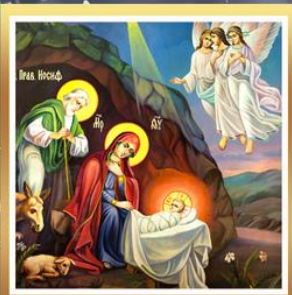
Ми постаємо перед Тобою, о Всемогутній Боже, з обтяженим серцем, підносячи наші молитви за невинних дітей України, які були викрадені до Російської Федерації, насильно забрані з їхніх домівок і сімей у час цього чергового вторгнення та геноциду нашої улюбленої Батьківщини. Господи, Ти є захисником немічних і охоронцем вразливих. Ми просимо Твого божественного втручання та заступництва за їхнє життя. Господи, могутністю Твою, зупини радянську «політику перевиховання», налаштовуючи дітей проти їх сімей та рідної України.

Огорни цих дітей Любов'ю та Миром Воскресіння, які виходять із Твого Порожнього Гробу. Подай утішення їм серед страху та збентеження, даруючи їм сили витримати ці нинішні випробування та подай їм розуміння того, що їхні сім'ї прагнуть повернути їх, а нації по всьому світу намагаються їх звільнити. Господи, ми молимося за їхню безпеку і щоб ці випробування завершилися їхнім швидким поверненням до своїх родин на свою Батьківщину.

Доторкнись, Господи, навіть до сердець тих, хто їх викрав, спонукаючи їх до співчуття і сумління діяти справедливо й милосердно. Пом'якши серця цих викрадачів, скеровуючи їх до дій, які повернуть цих дітей до їхніх домівок, щоб не прирівняти їх до тих, хто вбивав невинних дітей у Вифлеємі після Втілення Христа, нашого Господа. Ми також палко молимося за родини, які залишилися без своїх дітей та, без сумніву, терплять невимовний біль і страждання. Дай їм надію та відвагу, щоб вони могли відчувати Твою люблячу присутність у цей час страждань і впевненість у тому, що Твій Святий Дух вічно перебуває з їхніми дітьми.

У Твоєму безмежному милосерді та силі, Господи, поклади кінець цьому вторгненню. Поверни мир і справедливість у незалежну Україну, яка знову повстане з попелу, як прославлений Фенікс, і злетить серед вільних націй світу. Покладаємось на Твою могутню силу та незмінну любов, вірячи, що Ти чуєш наші молитви та завжди перебуваєш з нами.

В Ім'я Отця і Сина і Святого Духа. Амінь.



UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

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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 BARBARA

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СВЯТИТЕЛЯ МИКОЛЯ, 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)
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РІЗДВО ХРИСТОВЕ

(ЗГІДНО ГРИГОРІАНСЬКОГО КАЛЕНДАРЯ)

СВТ. СПИРИДОНА

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HOLY PROPHET DANIEL

ПРОРОКА ДАНИЇЛА

