



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 17, 2023

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 17: 28th Sunday after Pentecost / Great-martyr

Barbara – 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/>

WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

NATIVITY FAST

Mon., Dec. 18: St. Sabbas the Sanctified - FAST

Epistle: Heb. 3:5-11, 17-19; Gospel: Lk. 20:27-44

Tues, Dec. 19: St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, archbishop of Myra in Lycia - FAST

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

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

Epistle: Heb. 5:11–6:8; Gospel: Lk. 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24

Thur, Dec. 21: Ven. Patapius of Thebes - FAST

Epistle: Heb. 7:1-6; Gospel: Lk. 21:28-33

Fri., Dec. 22: The Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos – FAST

Epistle: Heb. 7:18-25; Gospel: Lk. 21:37 - 22:8

Sat., Dec. 23: Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eucraphus -- FAST: Wine & Oil

Epistle: Heb. 2:11-13; Gospel: Lk. 13:18-29

Sunday, Dec. 24: 29th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of the Holy Forefathers – FAST: Wine & Oil

Tone 4 / Epistle: 3:4-11; Gospel: Lk. 14:16-24

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. 17, 2023

Colossians 1:12-18 (Epistle)

BRETHREN, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he[c] might be pre-eminent.

Luke 17:12-19 (Gospel)

Now Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?”

Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

PARISH NEWS

--CONGRADULATIONS: To Dan Bourgery on his induction to the BMR Athletic HALL OF Fame. May God grant you many, happy years!

--REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, who was hospitalized.

--SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 – St. Nicholas Day Children’s Celebration. *Note the change of date, due to illnesses in the parish.*

--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: We would like to thank all those who helped make this year’s Cookie Walk a success. THANK YOU!

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.

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 18, 2024: Theophany Eve Holy Supper with Ukrainian Refugees.

--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.

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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

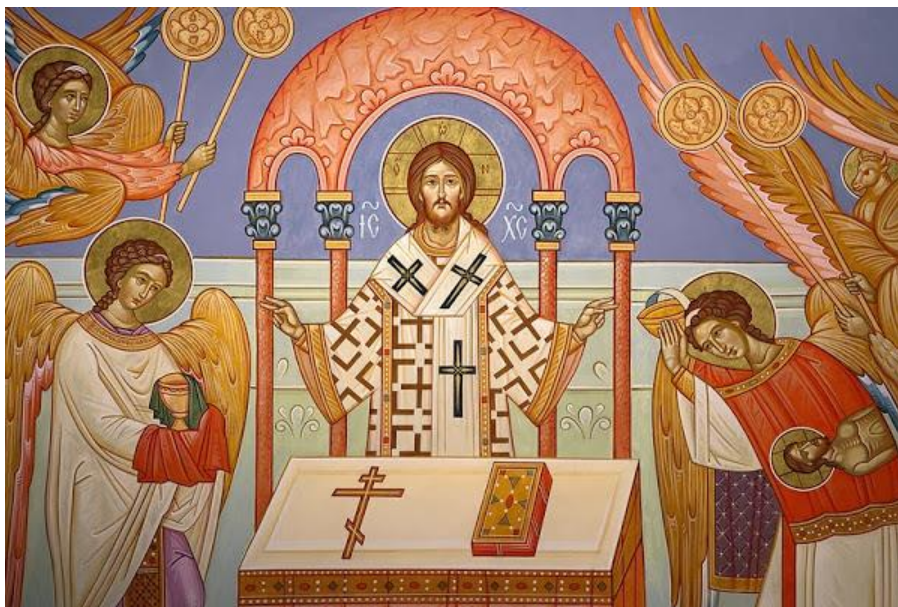
The Nativity Fast is one of the four Canonical Fasting Seasons in the Church year. This is a joyous fast in anticipation of the Nativity of Christ. That is the reason it is less strict than other fasting periods. The fast is divided into two periods.

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.





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. ЗМИЦНИ ЛЮДЕЙ, У ЧАСІ ЦІЄЇ ВЕЛИКОЇ НЕБЕЗПЕКИ, ЯКІ
ЗВЕРТАЮТЬСЯ ДО ТЕБЕ У БЕЗМІРНО ГЛИБОКІЙ ВІРІ, ДОВІРІ ТА ЛЮБОВІ, ЯКІ
ВОНИ ПЛЕКАЛИ ДО ТЕБЕ УСЕ СВОЄ ЖИТТЯ. ЗІШЛИ ГОСПОДИ, СВОЇХ
НЕБЕСНИХ АНГЕЛІВ, ЯКИМИ КЕРУЄ ПОКРОВИТЕЛЬ МІСТА КИЄВА
АРХІСТРАТИГ МИХАЇЛ, ЩОБ ВИКОРИНИТИ БАЖАННЯ АГРЕСОРА ЗНИЩИТИ
НАШ НАРОД.

ДАРУЙ ГОСПОДИ, ЄДНІСТЬ РОЗУМУ, СЕРЦЯ І ДУШІ ВСІМ ДЕРЖАВНИМ
ЛІДЕРАМ І ТИМ, КОМУ ВОНИ СЛУЖАТЬ. ОБ'ЄДНАЙ ЇХ УСІХ В ОДНУ ВЕЛИКУ
ХРИСТІЯНСЬКУ РОДИНУ, ЩОБ ВОНИ РАЗОМ, ЯК БРАТИ І СЕСТРИ,
ПРОСЛАВЛЯЛИ ТВОЄ ВЕЛИЧНЕ ІМ'Я – БОГА В СВЯТІЙ ТРОЙЦІ – ОТЦЯ,
СИНА І СВЯТОГО ДУХА, НИНІ І ПОВСЯКЧАС, І НА ВІКИ ВІЧНІ.

АМІНЬ.



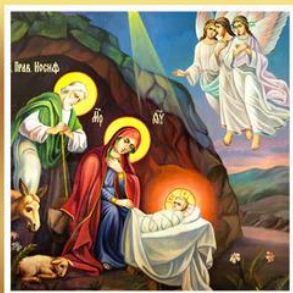
PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

LORD OUR GOD,
GREAT AND ALMIGHTY, WE YOUR SINFUL CHILDREN TURN TO YOU WITH
HUMILITY IN OUR HEARTS AND BOW OUR HEADS LOW BEFORE YOU. WE
BESEECH YOUR LOVING KINDNESS AND ABUNDANT BLESSINGS UPON THE
NATION – THE PEOPLE – OF UKRAINE DURING THESE DAYS OF GREAT DANGER
TO THEIR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING.

OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, LORD, ARE ONCE AGAIN THREATENED BY
AGGRESSORS WHO SEE THEM ONLY AS SIMPLE OBSTACLES BLOCKING THE
PATH TO THE COMPLETE DOMINATION OF THE PRECIOUS LAND AND
RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY OF UKRAINE. STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE AS
THEY FACE THIS GREAT DANGER, TURNING TO YOU IN THE IMMEASURABLY
DEEP FAITH, TRUST AND LOVE THEY HAVE PLACED IN YOU ALL THEIR LIVES.
SEND YOUR HEAVENLY LEGIONS, O LORD, COMMANDED BY THE PATRON OF
KYIV, ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, TO CRUSH THE DESIRES OF THE AGGRESSOR
WHOSE DESIRE IS TO ERADICATE YOUR PEOPLE.

GRANT UNITY OF MIND, HEART AND SOUL, O LORD TO ALL LEADERS IN PUBLIC
SERVICE WITH THOSE THEY SERVE. UNITE THEM ALL INTO ONE, GREAT
CHRISTIAN FAMILY, SO THAT TOGETHER, AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THEY
MAY GLORIFY YOUR MAJESTIC NAME – GOD IN THE HOLY TRINITY – FATHER,
SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND UNTO THE AGES OF AGES.

AMEN.



Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA
DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS
У ГРУДНІ СВЯТКУЄМО
УКРАЇНЬСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США



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INTO THE TEMPLE**

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