



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

A parish of the UOC-USA and the Ecumenical Patriarchate
www.StMichaelUOC.org | Fr. Borislav Kroner

“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 22, 2024

SERVICE SCHEDULE

THE ST. PHILIP'S/NATIVITY FAST

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/>

WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon., Dec. 23: Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugegraphus – *FAST*
Epistle: I Tim. 5:1-10; Gospel: Mark 8:11-21

Tues, Dec. 24: Ven. Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople – *FAST W/ WINE & OIL ALLOWED*

Epistle: I Tim. 5:11-21; Gospel: Mark 8:22-26

Wed., Dec. 25: St. Spyridon the Wonderworker of Tremithon / New Calendar Christmas – *FAST*

Epistle: 1 Tim. 5:22–6:11; Gospel: Mark 8:30-34

7:00PM CANCELLED

Thur, Dec. 26: Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes at Sebaste – *FAST W/ WINE & OIL ALLOWED*

Epistle: 1 Tim. 6:17-21; Gospel: Mark 9:10-16

Fri., Dec. 27: Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, and Callinicus – *FAST*

Epistle: 2 Tim. 1:1-2, 8-18; Gospel: Mark 9:33-41

Sat., Dec. 28: Hieromartyr Eleutherius, bishop of Illyria, and his mother, Martyr Anthia and Martyr Corivus the Eparch – *FAST W/ FISH, WINE & OIL ALLOWED*

Epistle: Gal. 5:22–6:2; Gospel: Luke 14:1-11

Sunday, Dec. 29: 27th Sunday after Pentecost / Prophet Haggai- *FAST W/ FISH, WINE & OIL ALLOWED*

Tone 2: Epistle: Col. 3:4-11; Gospel: Luke 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. 22, 2024

Eph. 5:8b-19 (Epistle)

Brethren, for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart,

Luke 17:12-19 (Gospel)

At that time, 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

--WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to: Carolyne Sullo (Dec. 19), Dorothy Karolyshyn (Dec. 21), and Dalton LaChapelle (Dec. 21). may God grant you, all, Many, Happy Years! Многая літа!

--A BANNER DAY: COOKIE WALK 2024

\$4,396.66 in charges

-136.35 (charges fees)

\$4,260.31 (charges income)

+2,930.00 cash sales

\$7,190.31

- 454.00 Valley Breese Ads

\$6,736.31 PROFIT

BREAK DOWN:

\$1,992.00 Kitchen

4,744.31 Cookies

\$6,736.31 PROFIT

And we sold out! So we definitely need more cookies next year.

--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.

--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

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.
- Proving 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.

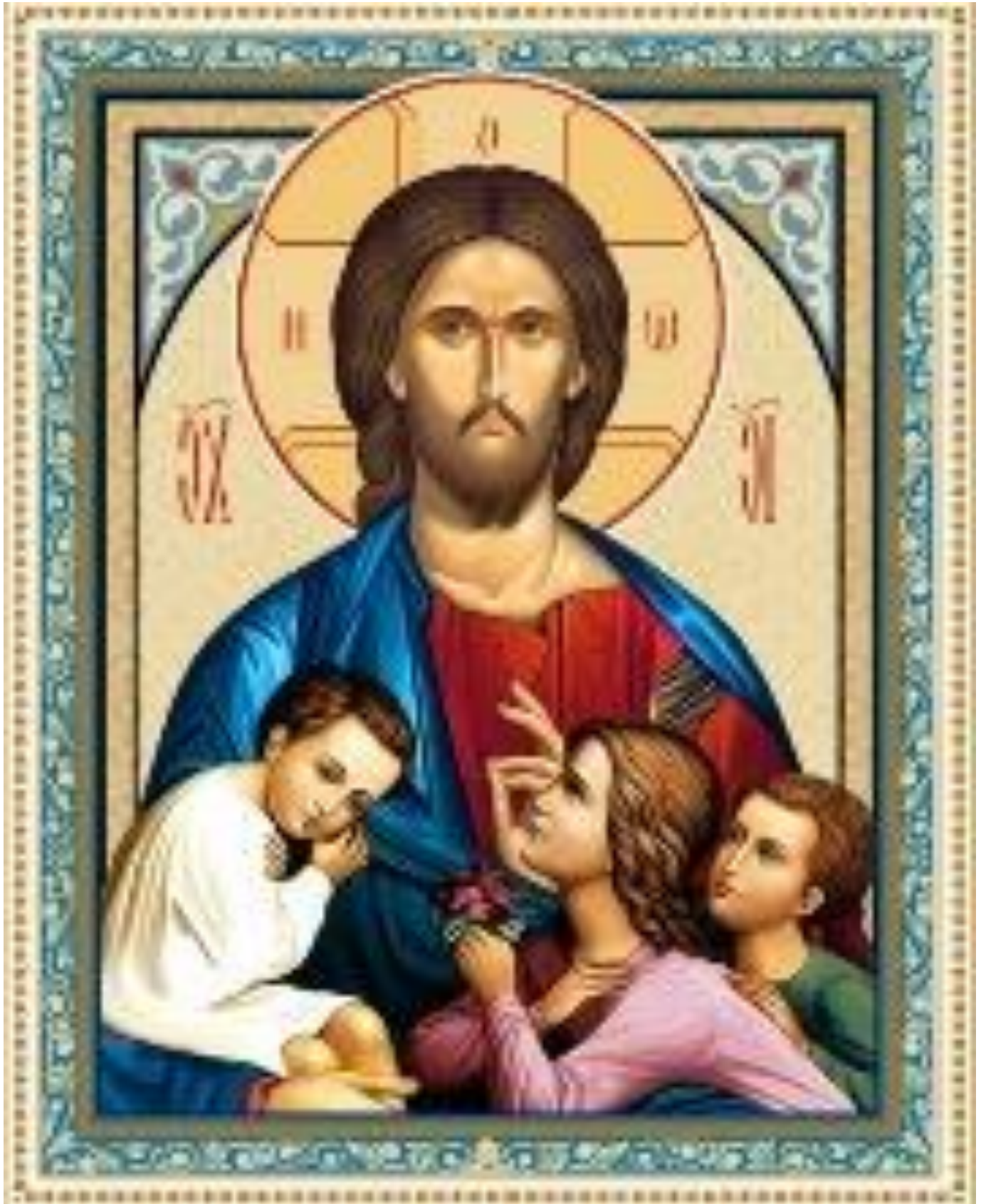
--**February 9, 2025**: Souper Bowl Sunday

--**July 23 - 27, 2025**: UOL Convention in Tampa, Florida

CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

--**Sunday, Dec. 22**: Church School classes

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





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, НИНІ І ПОВСЯКЧАС, І НА ВІКИ ВІЧНІ.

АМІНЬ.



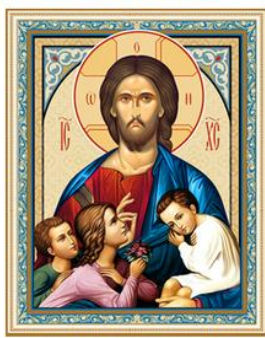
PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

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.



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.

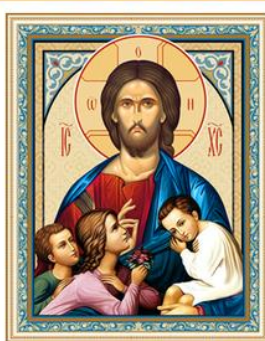
Surround these children with the Resurrection Love and Peace that emanate from your Empty Tomb. Comfort them in their fear and confusion, granting them the strength to endure these present trials and the knowledge that their families yearn for them and the nations of the world are struggling to free 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.

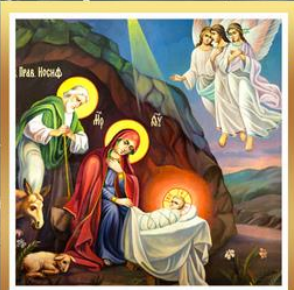
Ми постаємо перед Тобою, о Всемогутній Боже, з обтяженим серцем, підносячи наші молитви за невинних дітей України, які були викрадені до Російської Федерації, насильно забрані з їхніх домівок і сімей у час цього чергового вторгнення та геноциду нашої улюбленої Батьківщини. Господи, Ти є захисником немічних 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 відчутти 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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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

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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

(ЗГІДНО ГРИГОРІАНСЬКОГО КАЛЕНДАРЯ)

СВТ. СПИРИДОНА

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HOLY PROPHET DANIEL

ПРОРОКА ДАНИЇЛА

