



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 7, 2025

SERVICE SCHEDULE

NATIVITY FAST

Sunday, Dec. 7: 26th Sunday after Pentecost / Great-martyr Catherine

– FAST: Fish, oil and wine permitted

Tone 1 / Eph. 5:8-19; Lk. 13:10-17

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy -- Commemorating all departed members of the

UOL -- Live video broadcast on our Facebook page:

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

WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon., Dec. 8: Leave-taking of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos / Hieromartyr Clement, pope of Rome – STRICT FAST

1 Tim. 5:1-10; Lk. 19:37-44

Tues, Dec. 9: St. Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis – FAST w/ Oil and wine permitted

1 Tim. 5:11-21; Lk. 19:45-48

Wed., Dec. 10: Great-martyr James the Persian – STRICT FAST

1 Tim. 5:22–6:11; Lk. 20:1-8

7:00PM Moleben to the Birth-Giver of God

Thur., Dec. 11: Martyr Stephen the New of Mt. St. Auxentius – FAST

w/ Oil and wine permitted

1 Tim. 6:17-21; Lk. 20:9-18

Fri., Dec. 12: Ven. Nectarius the Obedient of the Kyiv Caves –

STRICT FAST

2 Tim. 1:1-2, 8-18; Lk. 20:19-26

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

FAST: Fish, oil and wine permitted

1 Cor. 4:9-16; Jn. 1:35-51

11:00 AM Akathist to the Archangel Michael

Sunday, Dec. 14: 27th Sunday after Pentecost / Prophet Nahum –

FAST: Fish, oil and wine permitted

Tone 2 / Eph. 6:10-17; Lk. 18:18-27

9:00 AM 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. 7

Eph. 5:8-19 (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, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart,

Lk. 13:10-17 (Gospel)

At that time 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: Janice Meschisen (Dec. 2), may God grant you, Many, Happy Years! Многая літа!

--FROM THE KITCHEN STAFF: Frozen food sales will be paused until the online store is open. Thanks! Donna Eichorn

--UOL HELP NEEDED: Our UOL is actively seeking your help with our current community outreach programs and convention needs.

Can you please help???

1) **RAFFLE DONATIONS** for Cookie Walk.....

(To benefit Convention '27)

A) **Liquor basket**—seeking wines and more

B) **Scratch tickets**—seeking actual unscratched tickets or cash (for us to buy some)

C) **Toys**—for any age

D) **Christmas Quilt** --Please consider buying tickets for this beautiful quilt. Hand cross stitched By Olga Chaharyn (of Blessed repose) and painstakingly hand quilted by Eleanor Kogut.

Thank you all for your participation! “God Bless Us, Everyone”!

--ITS THAT TIME, AGAIN! To start gearing up for our annual Christmas Cookie Walk.

--A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURERS: Dear Parishioners and Friends, we have not yet reached the halfway mark of securing donations for our parking lot. Please consider a donation today. *Thank You!*

--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

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.

--Dec. 1 to Jan. 2: -- Praying our way together for the Nativity Fast

--Dec. 7 - UOL SUNDAY: Commemorating all departed members of the UOL

--Jan. 11, 2026: UOL Meeting after Divine Liturgy

--Feb. 8: Souper Bowl Sunday

--Mar. 2 - 27: Praying our way together for Great Lent

--Mar.28: UOL Retreat in Philadelphia, PA

--Jul 29 - Aug. 2: UOL Convention / Palos Park, IL

CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

--LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 15 Minutes with Father

TBD: Proposed Special Event: Making Proshphora *In need of an instructor*

--Dec. 21st: St. Nicholas Day Celebration with visit by St. Nicholas

November Schedule:

ST. MICHAEL'S MEN'S GROUP

Meet every 2nd Sunday of the month.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

--Dec. 7: Semi-Annual Meeting during Coffie Hour

--Dec. 20th: Cookie Walk

THE NATIVIY FAST / (NOV. 28 – JAN. 6)

During the early part of the fast, the rule is identical to that of the Apostles' Fast. [The rule for this variable-length fast is more lenient than for Great Lent.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: Strict fast.

Tuesday, Thursday: Oil and wine permitted.

Saturday, Sunday: Fish, oil and wine permitted.]

During the latter part of the fast, fish is no longer eaten on Saturdays or Sundays.





20th Annual
COOKIE WALK

And Ukrainian Frozen Food Sale

Saturday December 20, 2025
9 to 11AM

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

Cookies \$ 13.50/pound

Pre-order Ukrainian frozen foods and apple pies:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/december-sale>

FROZEN FOODS WILL BE AVAILABLE
IN PERSON WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

Saint Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church

74 Harris Avenue, Woonsocket, RI 02895 - (401) 762-3939



Dear Friend of St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church,

Since 1947, St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church has been a cornerstone of faith and community for Orthodox Christians in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and the surrounding area. As a private, nonprofit, and tax-exempt organization, all contributions made to our church are fully tax-deductible.

We are reaching out today to ask for your support with a much-needed project: the replacement of our church parking lot. This improvement is essential for the safety, accessibility, and continued service of our parish community. The cost of this project is approximately \$50,000.

We invite both individuals and businesses to consider making a donation toward this important effort. Enclosed below is a Donor Pledge Form, which you can return with your contribution or your pledge to donate.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity. With your support, St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church will continue to be a place of spiritual nourishment and community for many years to come.

With heartfelt gratitude,

The Parish Board of St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church

Name of Donor: _____


Address of Donor: _____

Email address: _____

Amount of donation:

_____ \$500.00 _____ \$1000.00 _____ \$2500.00 _____ \$5000.00

_____ Other Amount



LET US BECOME THE HELPERS OF SAINT NICHOLAS!

As we approach the feast of **Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker**, I invite you to join me in continuing his holy legacy of selfless love and compassion.

Saint Nicholas is known throughout the ages as the protector of the poor, the comforter of widows and orphans, the defender of the innocent, and the helper of those in need. In his spirit, let us open our hearts and become his hands in our own generation.

Today, the families of **displaced persons, widows, orphans, children, our wounded soldiers, courageous chaplains**, and the brave **men and women serving on the front lines in Ukraine** cry out for comfort, support, and hope. They will surely feel the warmth of Christ's love through our kindness.

Most of us are blessed with material and physical comforts. A charitable offering — whether **\$100, \$50, or any heartfelt gift** — can transform into:

- Winter essentials for displaced families
- Food and medicine for widows and orphans
- Small gifts for children missing the warmth of home
- Aid for wounded soldiers and those defending their homeland
- Support for chaplains who bring the light of Christ to the darkest of places

Every offering — great or small — becomes a blessing in the hands of God.

HOW TO GIVE & BECOME A HELPER OF SAINT NICHOLAS?

Please make your financial donation by scanning the QR code so that we may offer our assistance in a timely and effective manner.

You may also mail your donation to:
UOC of USA
P.O. Box 495
South Bound Brook, NJ 08873
Memo: Helpers of Saint Nicholas



Let us become the **Helpers of Saint Nicholas**, so that together we may place comfort, hope, and love into the hands of those who need it most this Nativity season.

With prayerful love in Christ,
Archbishop Daniel



ST. SOPHIA UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
СВЯТО-СОФІЇВСЬКА УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА БОГОСЛОВСЬКА СЕМІНАРІЯ
1950 Easton Ave. - Somerset, NJ 08873

CHRISTMAS AT THE SEMINARY



«РІЗДВО В СЕМІНАРІЇ – ДЕНЬ КОЛЯДОК»

Saturday - Субота
DECEMBER 13 ГРУДНЯ
2025
2-5 pm
14:00 – 17:00

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)

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

SHOP ONLINE ON THE TARGET GIFT REGISTRY:
www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/stsophiaseminary



TARGET GIFT REGISTRY

TIME TO TRIM THE TREE ЧАС ПРИКРАШАТИ ЯЛИНКУ!

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

are invited to submit handmade ornaments to be hung on the official tree located in the Rotunda of the Metropolia Center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A.

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 16, 2025

ЗАПРОШУЄМО УСІХ ДІТЕЙ НЕЗАЛЕЖНО ВІД ВІКУ,

зробити орнамент щоб прикрасити офіційну ялинку, що стоятиме в ротонді Центру Митрополії Української Православної Церкви С.Ш.А.

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

16 ГРУДНЯ, 2025

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 КОНСИСТОРИЇ ТА СФОТОГРАФУЙТЕСЯ З ВЛАДИКОЮ. БУДЬ ЛАСКА, ПРИЗНАЧТЕ ЗУСТРІЧ ЗАЗДАЛЕГІДЬ: 732-356-0090



***** МОЛИТВА ЗА ВОЇНІВ ***
І ТИХ ХТО ПОТЕРПАЄ ВІД ВІЙНИ**

Боже Великий, Боже Всесильний! Ми, грішні діти Твої,
у покорі сердець наших приходимо до Тебе і схиляємо голови наші.

Отче! Прости провини наші та провини батьків, дідів і
прадідів наших.

Прийми нині, благаємо Тебе, щирю молитву нашу і подяку
нашу за безмежне милосердя Твоє до нас.

Вислухай наші молитви і прийми благання сердець наших.

Благослови нашу Батьківщину Україну, перемогу над
ворогом, долю, мир та щастя їй дай.

Премилосердний Господи, усім, хто вдається до Тебе з
благанням, милість Твою подай.

Благаємо Тебе, Боже, за Воїнів і Захисників, за братів і
сестер наших, за вдовиць, за сиріт, за калік і немічних, за
тих, хто в окупації і полоні, за тих, хто в скрутних життєвих
обставинах, за біженців і за всіх тих, хто Твого милосердя та
допомоги Твоєї потребують.

З'єднай нас усіх в єдину велику Христову сім'ю, щоб усі
люди України нашої єдністю й перемогами славили величне
Ім'я Твоє завжди, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні.

Амінь!

УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США



***** PRAYER FOR SOLDIERS ***
AND THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM WAR**

O Great God, Almighty God! We, Your sinful children,
come to You in the humility of our hearts and bow our heads.

Father! Forgive our sins and the sins of our fathers, grandfathers
and great-grandfathers.

Accept now, we beseech You, our sincere prayer and our
gratitude for Your boundless mercy toward us.

Hear our prayers and accept the supplications of our hearts.

Bless our homeland Ukraine, granting prosperity, happiness,
peace, and victory over her enemies.

Most merciful Lord, grant Your mercy to all who come to You in
supplication.

We beseech You, O God, for the soldiers and defenders, for our
brothers and sisters, for widows, orphans, the crippled and the
infirm, for those who are under occupation and in captivity, for
those in difficult life circumstances, for refugees, and for all
those who need Your mercy and help.

Unite us all in one great family of Christ, so that through our
unity and victory, all the people of Ukraine may glorify Your
majestic Name, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Amen!

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA





PRAYER FOR THE PEACE AND WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

O Lord of Hosts,

God of mercy and justice, we come before You with hearts full of grief and hope as we mark the third anniversary of the unjustified aggression against Ukraine. We lift up to You the pain of millions - those who suffer, those who mourn, and those who fight for freedom and peace.

O Compassionate Lord, You who are the source of all consolation, hear the cries of Your people in Ukraine. Comfort the mothers and fathers who have lost their children, the children who have been torn from their families, and all those who have been displaced from their ancestral homes. Be their refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Lord, grant wisdom and courage to the leaders of Ukraine and to all who work to rebuild this land, that their efforts may be guided by Your love and truth. Inspire the worldwide community to act with compassion and resolve, working tirelessly to end the suffering and restore dignity to the lives of millions.

Disarm the hands of those who sow violence and transform their hearts to seek justice and love. We pray for the soldiers who defend their homeland with courage and selflessness, echoing the words of Your Son: "*Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends*" (John 15:13). Grant them protection, strength, and peace in their hearts.

We beseech the Birth-Giver of God, who has always extended Her protection to the faithful - to spread Her holy mantle over Ukraine and her people. Intercede before Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that peace may reign once more in this land of faith and courage.

For You are the God of peace, love, and mercy, and to You we offer glory, together with Your only-begotten Son, and Your most Holy, Good, and Life-Giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.





МОЛИТВА ЗА МИР І ДОБРОБУТ НАРОДУ УКРАЇНИ

Господи Сил,

Боже милосердя і справедливості, припадаємо до Тебе з серцем, сповненим скорботи і надії, у третю річницю невинувинуваної агресії проти України. Підносимо до Тебе біль мільйонів - тих, хто страждає, тих, хто сумує, і тих, хто бореться за свободу і мир.

Милосердний Господи, Ти, що є джерелом усякої втіхи, вислухай благання Твого народу в Україні. Утіш матерів і батьків, які втратили своїх дітей. Дітей, які були відірвані від своїх родин, і всіх тих, хто був змушений покинути рідні домівки. Будь для них притулком і силою, справжньою допомогою в часі біди.

Господи, даруй мудрість і відвагу лідерам України та всім, хто працює над відбудовою цієї землі, щоб їхні зусилля спрямовувалися Твоєю любов'ю і правдою. Надихни світову спільноту діяти зі співчуттям і рішучістю, невтомно працюючи, щоб покласти край стражданню і повернути гідність у життя мільйонів людей.

Обеззброй руки тих, хто сіє насильство, і переміни їхні серця, щоб вони шукали справедливості та любові. Ми молимося за воїнів, які мужньо і самовіддано захищають свою Батьківщину, повторюючи слова Твого Сина: *“Ніхто більшої любові не має над ту, як хто свою душу поклав би за друзів своїх”* (Ів. 15:13). Подай їм захист, силу та мир у серці.

Богородицю, котра невтомно захищає вірних, благаємо, щоб розпростерла Свій святий покров над Україною та її народом. Заступися перед Твоїм Сином, Господом нашим Ісусом Христом, щоб на цій землі віри і відваги знову запанував мир.

Бо Ти є Бог миру, любові і милосердя, і Тобі славу возсилаємо з Єдинородним Твоїм Сином і Пресвятим, і Благим, і Животворящим Твоїм Духом, нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні.

Амінь.





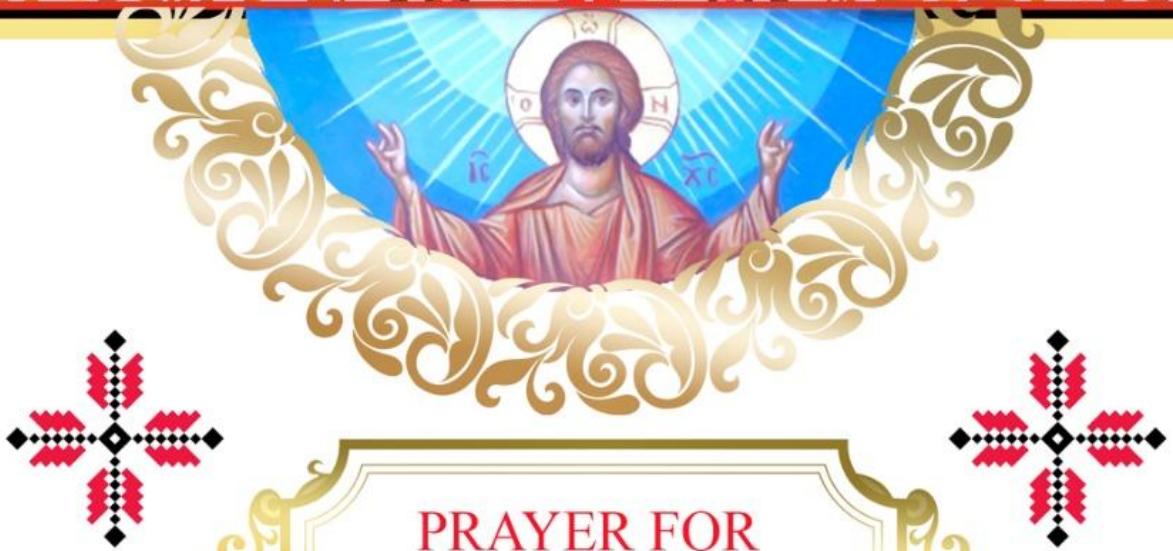
МОЛИТВА ЗА УКРАЇНУ

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
ХРИСТІАНСЬКУ РОДИНУ, ЩОБ ВОНИ РАЗОМ, ЯК БРАТИ І СЕСТРИ,
ПРОСЛАВЛЯЛИ ТВОЄ ВЕЛИЧНЕ ІМ'Я – БОГА В СВЯТІЙ ТРОЙЦІ – ОТЦЯ,
СИНА І СВЯТОГО ДУХА, НІНІ І ПОВСЯКЧАС, І НА ВІКИ ВІЧНІ.

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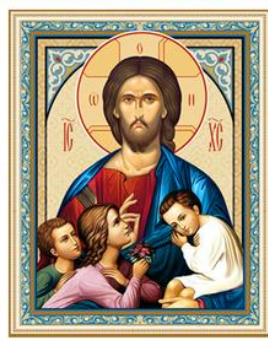
PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

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.

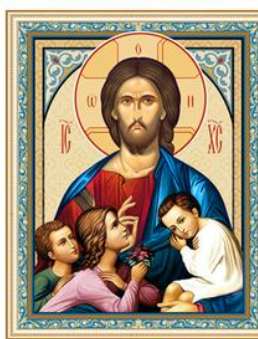
Surround these children with the Resurrection Love and Peace that emanate from your Empty Tomb. Comfort them in their fear and confusion, granting them the strength to endure these present trials and the knowledge that their families yearn for them and the nations of the world are struggling to free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



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Apolytikion (St. Nicholas)

The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause, thou hast achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Kontakion

Saintly One, (St. Nicholas) in Myra you proved yourself a priest; for in fulfilling the Gospel of Christ, venerable One, you laid down your life for your people and saved the innocent from death. For this you were sanctified as One learned in divine grace.

