



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

February 15, 2026

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 15: Meatfare Sunday, of the Last Judgment / THE MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
Tone 3 / [Meatfare] 1 Cor. 8:8–9:2 [Meeting] Heb. 7:7-17; [Meatfare] Mt. 25:31-46 [Meeting] Lk. 2:22-40

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

LAST DAY TO EAT MEAT UNTIL HOLY PASCHA

WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon., Feb. 16: Holy and Righteous Symeon the God-receiver and Anna the Prophetess -- MEATLESS

3 Jn. 1:1-15; Lk. 19:29-40; 22:7-39

Tues, Feb. 17: Ven. Isidore of Pelusium, monk -- MEATLESS

Jude 1:1-10; Lk. 22:39-42, 45–23:1

Wed., Feb. 18: Holy Martyr Agatha -- FAST

6 Hour: Joel. 2:12-26; Vesp.: Joel. 3:12-21

7:00PM Moleben

Thur, Feb. 19: Ven. Bucolus, bishop of Smyrna -- MEATLESS

Jude 1:11-25; Lk. 23:1-34, 44-56

Fri., Feb. 20: Ven. Parthenius, bishop of Lampsacus on the Hellespont -- FAST

6th hour: Zech. 8:7-17; Vesp.: Zech. 8:19-23

Sat., Feb. 21: All of the venerable fathers, lit up with great deeds / Great-martyr Theodore Stratelates -- MEATLESS

Rom. 14:19-26; Matt. 6:1-13

Sunday, Feb. 22: Cheesefare Sunday, Sunday of Forgiveness / Expulsion of Adam from the Paradise of Bliss.

Tone 4 / Rom. 13:11-14:4; Mt. 6:14-21

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

LAST DAY TO EAT DAIRY UNTIL HOLY PASCHA
TOMORROW BEGINS GREAT LENT

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue

SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, FEB. 15

Meatfare] 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2 (Epistle)

Brethren, Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

[Meeting] Heb. 7:7-17 (Epistle)

Brethren, It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his

ancestor when Melchiz'edek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levit'ical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchiz'edek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchiz'edek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchiz'edek."

[Meatfare] Mt. 25:31-46 (*Gospel*)

At that time Jesus said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

[Meeting] Lk. 2:22-40 (*Gospel*)

And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel.” And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is set for the fall^[b] and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phan’u-el, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

PARISH NEWS

--WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO: Valentina Sternadore (Feb. 9), and Fr. Dn. Paul Cherkas (Feb. 14), may God grant you, all, Many, Happy Years! Многая літа!

--ZAPUSTY DINNER: (Meatfare Dinner) / Sunday February 15, 2026 / Dinner to follow at Coffee Hour

“Chef Jeff” and his sous-chefs will be preparing his ever famous PASTA AND MEATBALLS!! (salad, bread, dessert, beverages)

Adults (over 18) - \$15 / Children – free

--CHEESEFARE POTLUCK BRUNCH: Sunday, February 22, 2026 / During Coffee Hour

On the Sunday of Forgiveness (aka Cheesefare) we are asking for food donations for our Cheesefare Potluck Brunch. Please bring your favorite "cheesy" dish to share with everyone! Please remember by this time we will have eliminated meat (except eggs) from our diets... so anything made with cheese/eggs/dairy, veggies, etc. would be greatly appreciated!
THANK YOU!

--SOUPER BOWL: A "Souper Bowl" collection pot will be located in the back of the church throughout the month of February. Please make a donation on your way in or out of Church on Sunday (or see either Janice, Erika or Cindy at Coffee Hour). Checks can also be mailed to:

St. Michael UOL
Attn: Cindy Charest
74 Harris Ave
Woonsocket, RI 02895

Please write checks to "St. Michael UOL" with "Souper Bowl" in the memo line. Thank you for your support! Your contributions DO make a difference!

--FROM THE PARISH BOARD: 1) In the event of inclement weather, parish services and events will be cancelled only if the Governor should declare a State of Emergency. Otherwise, please, use your better judgment for driving on snowy roads. Fr. Boris & Deacon Vasyly will be available for services as planned. The safety of our parishioners and guests are too important.

2) Cold/Flu/COVID season is upon us once again! Please remain at home and take care of yourself if you are not feeling well. Thank you for keeping our parish community safe!

--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

KITCHEN SESSIONS

- Feb. 22 peel potatoes
- Feb. 23 make potato filling
- Feb. 24. pinch potato

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.

--Feb. 22: UOL Meeting after Divine Liturgy

--Feb. 27: Zentangle Class / 6-8PM Cost \$45 / class size limited sign up at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/zentangle-class>

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

--Mar. 3: Pysanky classes 2-4PM and 6-8PM \$50 minimum 6 to hold class max 12 / Sign up at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/pysanka-class>

-- Friday, Mar. 6: Fish Bake / 5-7PM (Eat in or Take out) \$20 adults/\$12 kids under 5, free

--Mar. 22: UOL Meeting after Divine Liturgy

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

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

ST. MICHAEL'S MEN'S GROUP

Meet every 2nd Sunday of the month.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

-- **Saturday, Mar. 28:** Spring Cookie Walk and Frozen Food Sale / 9-11AM

-- **Saturday, Apr. 4:** Lazarus Saturday Spring Clean-up after Divine Liturgy



GREAT LENT 2026

Sunday, February 22	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy w/ Rite of Mutual Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday)
Monday, February 23	7:00 PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew
Tuesday, February 24	7:00 PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew
Wednesday, February 25	7:00 PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew
Thursday, February 26	7:00 PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew
Saturday, February 28	7:00 PM	Sorokousty for the Deceased, followed by THE RITE OF THE SYNODIKON OF ORTHODOXY
Sunday, March 1	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Sunday of Orthodoxy
Wednesday, March 4	7:00 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, March 7	7:00 PM	Sorokousty for the Deceased
Sunday, March 8	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy of St Basil The Great
Wednesday, March, 11	7:00 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, March 14	7:00 PM	Sorokousty for the Deceased
Sunday, March 15	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy of St Basil The Great
Wednesday, March 18	7:00 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, March 21	7:00 PM	Sorokousty for the Deceased
Sunday, March 22	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy of St Basil
Wednesday, March 25	7:00 PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Saturday, March 28	7:00 PM	Akathist to the Mother of God
Sunday, March 29	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy of St Basil
Wednesday, April 9	7:00 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, April 12	9:00 AM	Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy followed by Church Clean-up

The purpose of Lent is not to force on us a few formal obligations, but to “soften” our hearts so that it may open itself to the realities of the spirit, to experience the hidden “thirst and hunger” for communion with God.

During Great Lent, we are encouraged to partake of the Sacraments of Holy Confession & Holy Communion and to slow down the pace of our lives and spend more time in quiet and prayer. Unless we focus on the basics (prayer, family, worship) and downsize the rest, the additional disciplines of Lent will either go unused or just add stress to our lives. Neither approach is useful.



HOLY WEEK, PASCHA, AND BRIGHT WEEK 2026

- Sunday, April 5** **9:00 AM** **PALM SUNDAY - Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom + blessing of Willows**
- Monday, April 7** **10:00AM** **Divine Liturgy for Annunciation**
- Wednesday, April 8** **GREAT WEDNESDAY –**
6:00 PM Service Of Holy Anointing
- Thursday, April 9** **GREAT THURSDAY – Commemoration of the Mystical Supper**
12:00 PM Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil, preparation Reserved Sacrament
7:00 PM Matins of the Holy Passion (Service of the 12 Passion Gospels)
- Friday, April 10** **GREAT FRIDAY – Commemoration of the Saving Passion of Christ**
6:30 PM Great Vespers – Commemoration of the Burial of Christ Procession
- Saturday, April 11** **12 NOON** **Chrismations & Moleben**
- Sunday, April 12** **SUNDAY OF PASCHA**
8:00 AM Paschal Midnight Office, Procession, Matins & Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Baskets
- Monday, April 13** **BRIGHT MONDAY**
10:00 AM Paschal Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, April 19** **ST THOMAS SUNDAY**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Graves at St. Michael Cemetery [Rain date: Sunday, April 26th]
- Saturday, April 25** **11:00 AM Blessing of Graves at St. John’s Cemetery ***
12:15PM Blessing of graves at Stephen’s Cemetery *
*** [Rain date: Saturday, May 2nd]**





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

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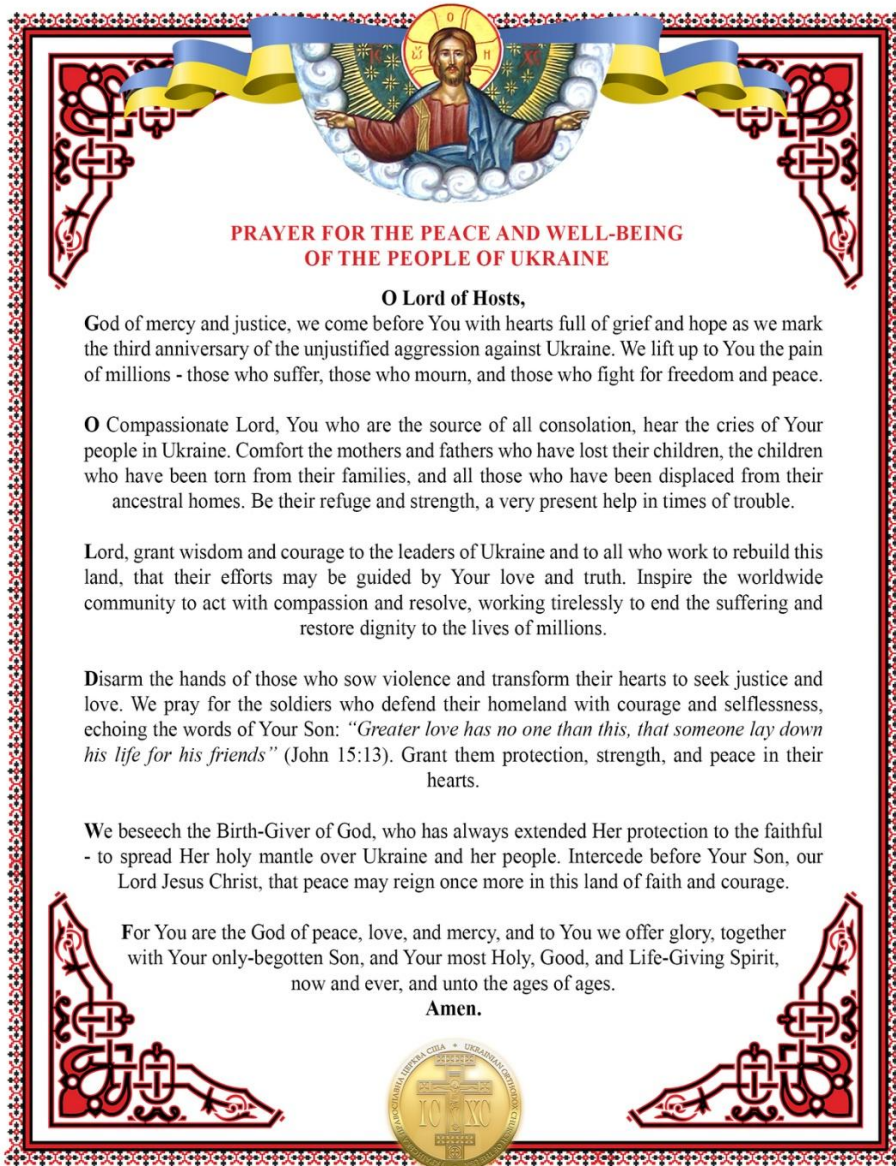
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<p>*** МОЛИТВА ЗА ВОЇНІЄ *** І ТИХ ХТО ПОТЄРПЄ ВІД ВІЙНИ</p> <p>Боже Великий, Боже Всесильний! Ми, грішні діти Твої, у покорі сердець наших приходимо до Тебе і схиляємо голови наші.</p> <p>Отче! Прости провини наші та провини батьків, дідів і прадідів наших.</p> <p>Прийми нині, благаємо Тебе, щиру молитву нашу і подяку нашу за безмежне милосердя Твоє до нас.</p> <p>Вислухай наші молитви і прийми благання сердець наших.</p> <p>Благослови нашу Батьківщину Україну, перемогу над ворогом, долю, мир та щастя їй дай.</p> <p>Премилосердний Господи, усім, хто вдається до Тебе з благанням, милість Твою подай.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Амінь!</p> <p>УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США</p>		<p>*** PRAYER FOR SOLDIERS *** AND THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM WAR</p> <p>O Great God, Almighty God! We, Your sinful children, come to You in the humility of our hearts and bow our heads.</p> <p>Father! Forgive our sins and the sins of our fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers.</p> <p>Accept now, we beseech You, our sincere prayer and our gratitude for Your boundless mercy toward us.</p> <p>Hear our prayers and accept the supplications of our hearts.</p> <p>Bless our homeland Ukraine, granting prosperity, happiness, peace, and victory over her enemies.</p> <p>Most merciful Lord, grant Your mercy to all who come to You in supplication.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Amen!</p> <p>UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA</p>
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**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 невинної 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 святій 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.



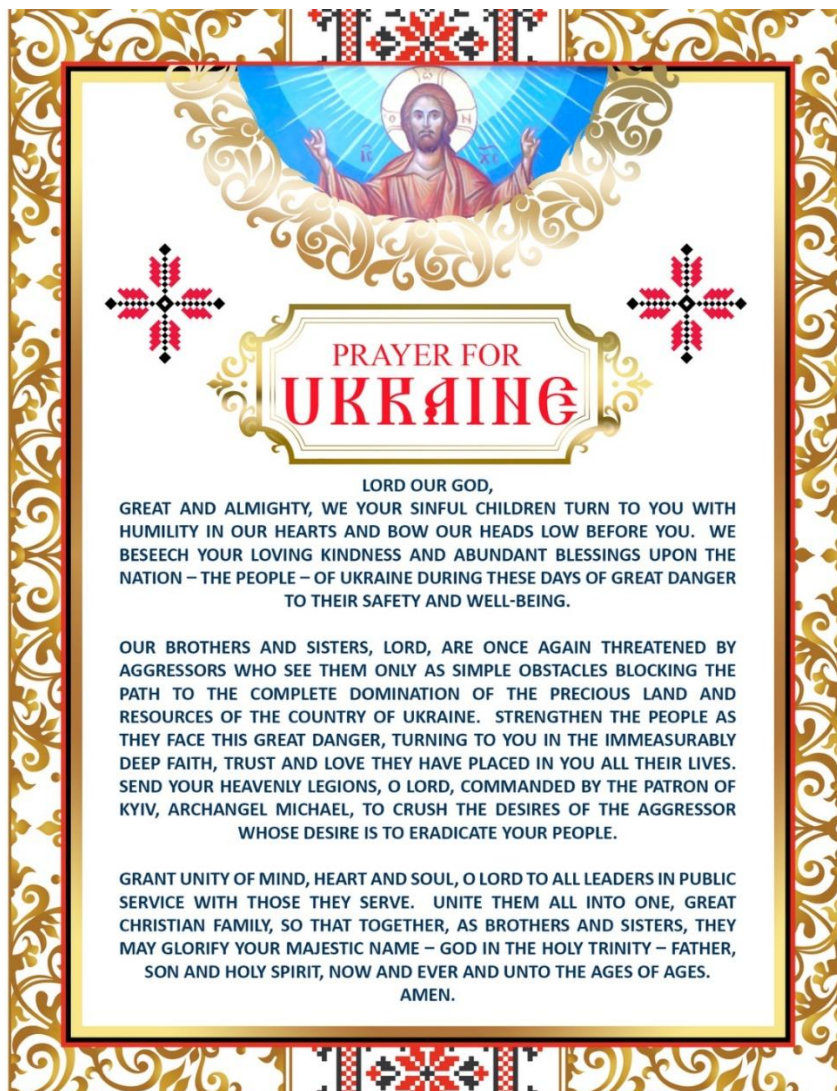
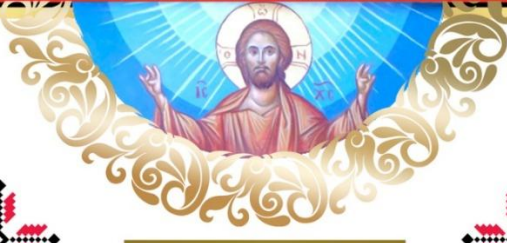



МОЛИТВА ЗА
УКРАЇНУ

ГОСПОДИ, БОЖЕ НАШ,
ВЕЛИКИЙ І ВСЕСИЛЬНИЙ, МИ ГРИШНІ ДІТИ ТВОЇ, ЗВЕРТАЄМОСЯ ДО ТЕБЕ У
ПОКОРІ СЕРДЕЦЬ НАШИХ І НИЗЬКО СХИЛЯЄМО ГОЛОВИ НАШІ ПЕРЕД
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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
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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, НИНИ І ПОВСЯКЧАС, І НА ВІКИ ВІЧНІ.
АМІНЬ.

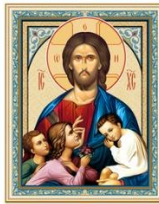



PRAYER FOR
UKRAINE

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.



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.

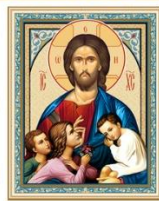
Surround these children with the Resurrection Love and Peace that emanate from your Empty Tomb. Comfort them in their fear and confusion, granting them the strength to endure these present trials and the knowledge that their families yearn for them and the nations of the world are struggling to free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



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FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS - В ЛЮТОМУ СВЯТКУЄМО

1 Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Неділя про митаря та фарисея

Week of the Prodigal Son - Fast Free Week
Седмиця блудного сина - Седмиця всеїдна.

7 St. Gregory the Theologian
Свт. Григорія Богослова

8 Sunday of Prodigal Son
Неділя про блудного сина

Meatfare Week
Седмиця м'ясопустна

12 Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom
Собор Вселенських учителів і святителів:
Василія Великого, Григорія Богослова і Іоана Златоуста

14 Memorial Saturday
Субота поминальна

15 THE MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
СТРІТЕННЯ ГОСПОДА БОГА І СПАСА НАШОГО ІСУСА ХРИСТА
Meatfare Sunday, of the Last Judgment
Неділя М'ясопустна, про Страшний суд

Cheesefare Week
Седмиця сирна (масляниця)

22 Cheesefare Sunday, of Forgiveness
Неділя Сиропусна, прощена

23 Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
THE BEGINNING OF THE GREAT LENT
Покаянний канон прп. Андрія Критського
ПОЧАТОК ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ

"And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry. And the tempter came to him"
(Matt. 4:2, 3)

"Devils take great delight in fullness, and drunkenness and bodily comfort. Fasting possesses great power and it works glorious things. To fast is to banquet with angels."
+ St. Athanasius the Great

"Many human activities, good in themselves, are not good because of the motive for which they are done. For example, fasting and vigils, prayer and psalmody, acts of charity and hospitality are by nature good, but when performed for the sake of self-esteem they are not good."
+ St. Maximos the Confessor