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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 23, 2025

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 23: Meatfare Sunday of the Last Judgment

Tone 2: Epistle: 1 Cor. 8:8–9:2; Gospel: Mt. 25:31-46

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy -- 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. 24: Hieromartyr Blaise, bishop of Sebaste – FAST FROM MEAT

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

Tues, Feb. 25: St. Meletius, archbishop of Antioch -- FAST FROM MEAT

Epistle: Jude 1:1-10; Gospel: Lk. 22:39-42, 45 – 23:1

Wed., Feb. 26: St. Martinian -- FAST FROM MEAT

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

7:00PM Moleben followed by Adult Ed

Thur, Feb. 27: St. Auxentius, monk of Bithynia -- FAST FROM MEAT

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

Fri., Feb. 28: Apostle Onesimus of the Seventy -- FAST FROM MEAT

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

Sat., Apr. 1: All of the venerable fathers, lit up with great deeds -- FAST FROM MEAT

Epistle: Rom. 14:19-26; Gospel: Mt. 6:1-13

7:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Apr. 2: Cheesefare Sunday, of Forgiveness / Expulsion of Adam from the Paradise of Bliss -- FAST FROM MEAT

Tone 3: Epistle: Rom. 13:11–14:4; Gospel: Mt. 6:14-21

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

THE LAST DAY BEFORE THE GREAT LENT

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue

SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, FEB. 23

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.

Mt. 25:31-46 (Gospel)

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."

PARISH NEWS

--WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO: Valentina Sternadore (Feb. 9), Fr. Dn. Paul Cherkas (Feb. 14), Michael Karolyshyn (Feb. 20), and **Wedding Anniversary Greetings to:** Natalie & Michael Brennan (Feb. 18), may God grant you, all, **Many, Happy Years! Многая літа!**

--FROM THE PARISH BOARD: 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 judgment for driving on snowy roads. Fr. Boris & the Deacons will be available for services as planned. The safety of our parishioners and guests are too important.

--SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, [CANCELLED]:

PLEASE BE EXTRA GENEROUS!

(especially since we needed to cancel Souper Bowl event!)

This is a major fundraiser organized by Ukrainian Orthodox League (UOL) chapters throughout the UOC of USA to raise funds that are desperately needed to support soup kitchens that help feed the elderly in

Ukraine. The war has intensified the situation and donations are needed more than ever!

The "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!

-ELEANOR GEMSKI: has officially moved to Assisted Living. Her mailing address for any informal letters, cards, notifications etc is

*6316 Great Meadow Road,
Dedham, MA 02026.*

She still has her cell phone-but her land line is 781-234-2262.

-MEATFARE SUNDAY BRUNCH: Feb. 23, after the Divine Liturgy / Cost: \$15

-CHEESEFARE SUNDAY POTLUCK BRUNCH: March 2.
There will be a sign-up sheet for people to list what cheese type foods they would like to bring for the potluck meal.

-WE HAVE A NEW ONLINE STORE!



We have changed our online store to a platform called Zeffy which will be more beneficial to us. The store is currently open for orders for pick up on April 12th. This is in conjunction with our Spring Cookie Walk. As usual we will also be taking in person orders while supplies last. (You will not be able to order through Square from now on)

Here is the new link:

zeffy.com/ticketing/the-ukrainian-kitchen-at-st-michaels

(You can also scan the QR code above)

A portion of our sales will be directed towards Ukraine Aid.

FYI - Zeffy relies on donations to them, directly from you, our customer, rather than charge us a credit card fee. Kindly consider making a small donation to them so we can continue to use Zeffy. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Cookie Walk/Frozen Food Sale Saturday Apr 12, (9-11am)

Pysanky Easter Egg Class March 26 (info coming soon)

Spring Cookie Decorating Class Apr 4 (info coming soon)

For updates please go to our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063525952305>

--BEYOND BUCHA: By Steve Richards

I am thrilled to announce in conjunction with the Jamestown Ukraine Relief Project (JURP) and the Friends of the Jamestown Library are proud to announce the world premiere screening of Beyond Bucha: Finding the Spirit in Ukraine, from the Churches to the Front, on the heels of the three-year anniversary of the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine. I will of course be on hand to introduce the film, the third in the Trek to Bucha series.

It began with the original film shot in April 2022 after Russia's full-scale invasion. 2023's follow-up, "Back to Bucha," continues to impact audiences with its ongoing American outreach campaign. The latest film continues to document Ukraine's resilience by focusing on Evangelical pastors and their flocks in Kyiv, Bucha, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, and the Orthodox church in Odesa.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Jamestown Philomenian Library

Admission: Free (Donations welcome)

Following the film, I will host a live Q&A (via Zoom) between the audience and interviewees in Ukraine who appear in the film. Among these is Sasha Pinchuk, who made many friends in Jamestown as a Melrose School student during the 2022-23 school year.

For more information please go to the event page at:

theoeco.org/beyondbuchajamestown.html.

All donations will go toward covering event costs, supporting the film, and aiding charities dedicated to helping Ukraine. For this event, half of the proceeds will go to the Jamestown Ukrainian Relief Project to further their work for Ukraine.

--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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

--SATURDAY, MARCH 15: Lenten retreat with Archbishop Daniel. More info to follow.

--FRIDAY, MARCH 21: UOL FISH BAKE / 5 - 7PM / \$20. More info to follow

--SATURDAY, MARCH 22: in the morning (time to be announced) making PB&J sandwiches for Feeding Woonsocket.

--SUNDAY, MARCH 23: St. Michael's will host the Pan Orthodox Lenten Service, Sunday evening. More info to follow.

--SATURDAY, APRIL 12: Spring Cookie Walk. 9 – 11AM, followed by Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy at 11:15AM

--SUNDAY, MAY 4: Teaching Divine Liturgy

KITCHEN SESSIONS

Feb. 25 - cabbage prep / Feb. 26 - pinch cabbage

Mar. 12 - fried (9:15 am), potato prep same day

UOL CORNER

--UOL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "The Ukrainian Orthodox League is a national volunteer organization of members in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, who are committed to promoting the Orthodox Faith, supporting the Church, developing the potential of our youth and their active participation in the life of the Church, and preserving Ukrainian heritage and culture."

--UOL MOTTO: "Dedicated to our Church, Devoted to Its Youth"

--GOALS OF THE UOL:

- Promoting active participation in all aspects of the Orthodox faith and supporting the Church.
- Developing and maintaining programs and projects which educate members and promote dedication and commitment to the Church, Her teachings, traditions, and missions.
- Providing opportunities for the development of leadership skills and responsibility among the youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.
- Providing and promoting information on Ukrainian heritage and history to the general public and establishing means which ensure the continuation of cultural awareness and pride within our membership.

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

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

--Friday, March 21: UOL FISH BAKE / 5 - 7PM \$20. More info to follow











--March 30, May 18 & June 22: UOL meeting during coffee hour.

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



OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 9th	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 16th	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 23rd FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 2nd FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 9th	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 16th	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 23rd	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 30th	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 6th	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 13th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 18th	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 20th NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

THE FASTING RULES OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH: THE LENTEN FAST

Great Lent is the longest and strictest fasting season of the year.

Week before Lent (“Cheesefare Week”): Meat and other animal products are prohibited, but eggs and dairy products are permitted, even on Wednesday and Friday.

First Week of Lent: As for all weekdays in Lent, meat and animal products, fish, dairy products, wine and oil are avoided. On Saturday of the first week, the usual rule for Lenten Saturdays begins (see below).

Weekdays in the Second through Sixth Weeks: The strict fasting rule is kept every day: avoidance of meat, meat products, fish, eggs, dairy, wine and oil.

Saturdays and Sundays in the Second through Sixth Weeks: Wine and oil are permitted; otherwise the strict fasting rule is kept.

How Much?

Sad to say, it is easy to keep the letter of the fasting rule and still practice gluttony. When fasting, we should eat simply and modestly. Monastics eat only one full meal a day on strict fast days, two meals on “Wine and oil” days (see below). *Laymen are not usually encouraged to limit meals in this way: consult your priest.*

Exceptions

The Church has always exempted small children, the sick, the very old, and pregnant and nursing mothers from strict fasting. While people in these groups should not seriously restrict the amount that they eat, no harm will come from doing without some foods on two days out of the week — simply eat enough of the permitted foods. Exceptions to the fast based on medical necessity (as with diabetes) are always allowed.

Communion Fast

So that the Body and Blood of our Lord may be the first thing to pass our lips on the day of communion, we abstain from all food and drink from the time that we retire (or midnight, whichever comes first) the night before.

When communion is in the evening, as with Presanctified Liturgies during Lent, a total fast beginning at noon is sometimes prescribed.



GREAT LENT 2025

Sunday, March 2	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy w/ Rite of Mutual Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday)
Monday, March 3	7:00 PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew
Tuesday, March 4	7:00 PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew
Wednesday, March 5	7:00 PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew
Thursday, March 6	7:00 PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew
Saturday, March 8	7:00 PM	Sorokousty for the Deceased, followed by THE RITE OF THE SYNODIKON OF ORTHODOXY

Sunday, March 9	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Sunday of Orthodoxy
	6:00 PM	Pan Orthodox Vespers – TBA
Wednesday, March 12	7:00 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Friday, March 14	5:00 PM	Lamentations of the Mother of God
Saturday, March 15	TBA AM	Lenten Retreat with Archbishop Daniel
Sunday, March 16	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy of St Basil The Great
	6:00 PM	Pan Orthodox Vespers – TBA
Wednesday, March, 19	7:00 PM	Lamentations of the Mother of God, followed by Adult Ed
Friday, March 21	7:00 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, March 22	7:00 PM	Sorokousty for the Deceased
Sunday, March 23	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy of St Basil The Great
	6:00 PM	Pan Orthodox Vespers – St. Michael’s in Woonsocket
Wednesday, March 26	7:00 PM	Lamentations of the Mother of God, followed by Adult Ed
Friday, March 28	7:00 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, March 29	7:00 PM	Sorokousty for the Deceased
Sunday, March 30	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy of St Basil
	6:00 PM	Pan Orthodox Vespers – TBA
Wednesday, April 2	7:00 PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Friday, April 4	7:00 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, April 5	7:00 PM	Akathist to the Mother of God
Sunday, April 6	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy of St Basil
	6:00 PM	Pan Orthodox Vespers – TBA
Monday, April 7	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy for Annunciation
Wednesday, April 9	7:00 PM	Lamentations of the Mother of God, followed by Adult Ed
Friday, April 11	7:00 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, April 12	11:15 AM	Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy



HOLY WEEK, PASCHA, AND BRIGHT WEEK 2025

Sunday, April 13	9:00 AM	PALM SUNDAY - Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom + blessing of Willows
Wednesday, April 16		GREAT WEDNESDAY – 6:00 PM Service Of Holy Anointing at St5. John the Baptist (Romanian Church)
Thursday, April 17		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 18		GREAT FRIDAY – Commemoration of the Saving Passion of Christ 6:30 PM Great Vespers – Commemoration of the Burial of Christ Procession
Saturday, April 19	4:00PM	Holy Saturday Vespertal Divine Liturgy
Sunday, April 20		SUNDAY OF PASCHA 8:00 AM Paschal Midnight Office, Procession, Matins & Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Baskets
Monday, April 21		BRIGHT MONDAY 10:30 AM Paschal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, April 26	7:00PM	Great Vespers
Sunday, April 27		ST THOMAS SUNDAY 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Graves at St. Michael Cemetery
Saturday, May 18	11:00 AM	Blessing of Graves at St. John’s Cemetery
	1:00PM	Blessing of graves at Stephen’s Cemetery

7:00PM Great Vespers

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.



FEBRUARY 23 ЛЮТОГО
**COMMEMORATING THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF
THE GENOCIDAL INVASION OF UKRAINE**
**ВШАНУВАННЯ ТРЕТЬОЇ РІЧНИЦІ
ГЕНОЦИДНОГО ЗАГАРБАННЯ УКРАЇНИ**
FEBRUARY 24 ЛЮТОГО

We ask all faithful, clergy, and people of goodwill to spend the day in prayer, fasting, meditation, and silence, reflecting on the suffering of Ukraine and praying for peace and justice.

Просимо всіх вірних, духовенство та людей доброї волі 24 лютого провести цей день у молитві, пості, роздумах та тиші, розмірковуючи над стражданнями України та молячись за мир і справедливість.

Beloved in the Lord: Christ is Among us!

With hearts burdened by the suffering of millions, yet steadfast in our faith in the mercy and justice of our Lord Jesus Christ, we, the Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, prayerfully mark the third anniversary of the brutal, unjustified and genocidal invasion by the Russian Federation into the peaceful and sovereign nation of Ukraine.

Three years of relentless aggression have brought immeasurable pain and suffering to Ukraine and her people. Millions of innocent men, women, and children have been displaced, forced to leave their ancestral homeland seeking refuge in foreign lands - throughout Europe, the United States, Australia, South America and beyond. Hundreds of thousands of lives have been lost - innocent victims of indiscriminate violence, including children torn from their families, and brave men and women of the Ukrainian Armed Forces who sacrificed their lives in defense of their beloved homeland.

We weep with the Psalmist who cried, “How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?” (Psalm 13:1). Yet, as people of faith, we hold firm to the promise of our Savior: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted” (Matthew 5:4).

Today, we grieve not only for the lives lost but also for the thousands of children who have been forcibly removed from Ukraine and relocated to Russia, torn from their families and communities. We join the global outcry for justice and fervently pray for their swift reunion with their loved ones. As our Lord commands us to love and protect the innocent, we beseech all nations and organizations to continue their efforts to bring these children home.

We are reminded of Christ's words: "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). The sacrifice of Ukraine's defenders reflects this divine love - a selflessness that echoes the call of the Gospel to stand for truth, justice, and peace.

As we approach the solemn anniversary of February 24, 2025, we direct all parishes of our Church to dedicate Sunday, February 23, 2025, to the well-being of Ukraine. Following the Triple Litany of the Liturgy all clergy are instructed to read the prayer for the living attached hereto. At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, a Memorial Service (Litia) will be held in every parish to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have perished – military and civilian – giving their lives in defense of Ukraine and all her people.

On February 23, 2025, we call upon every parish under our spiritual authority to ring their church bells – at 8:59p.m. Eastern Time Zone, 7:59pm Central Time Zone, 6:59pm Mountain Time Zone and 5:59pm Pacific Time Zone - in the United States, and at the local times throughout the Diaspora, which correspond to 3:59am on February 24 in Ukraine. This act will mark the exact hour the aggression began three years ago. **On February 24, we ask all faithful, clergy, and people of goodwill to spend the day in prayer, fasting, meditation, and silence, reflecting on the suffering of Ukraine and praying for peace and justice.**

Let us unite in humility before God, praying for peace, for the end of suffering and for the triumph of love over hatred. As Christ's Body – the Holy Church, we reaffirm our commitment to charitable aid, financial support, and the spiritual well-being of all our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. We encourage all faithful to continue their generous contributions to the **[Ukrainian Relief Fund](#)**, accessible through our official website, **www.uocofusa.org**

Finally, we offer our blessings and prayers for the religious, civil, and military authorities of Ukraine, for all people of goodwill who have selflessly given their lives, resources, and talents in service to Ukraine, and for the faithful of our Church who have supported them fully. May our merciful God strengthen Ukraine and bring peace to her suffering people.

With love in Christ,

+Antony

Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora

+Jeremiah

Archbishop of the Ukrainian Orthodox Eparchy of South America

+Daniel

Archbishop of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora

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.

COMMEMORATING THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE GENOCIDAL INVASION OF UKRAINE

AS WE APPROACH THE SOLEMN ANNIVERSARY OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025, WE DIRECT ALL PARISHES OF OUR CHURCH TO DEDICATE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025, TO THE WELL-BEING OF UKRAINE.

FEBRUARY 23

FOLLOWING THE TRIPLE LITANY OF THE LITURGY ALL CLERGY ARE INSTRUCTED TO READ THE PRAYER FOR THE LIVING AND SERVE A MEMORIAL SERVICE (LITIA) AFTER DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE PERISHED IN DEFENSE OF UKRAINE AND ALL HER PEOPLE.

WE CALL UPON EVERY PARISH UNDER OUR SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY TO RING THEIR CHURCH BELLS - AT:

8:59 P.M. EASTERN TIME ZONE

7:59 P.M. CENTRAL TIME ZONE

6:59 P.M. MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE

5:59 P.M. PACIFIC TIME ZONE

CORRESPONDING TO 3:59 A.M. ON FEBRUARY 24 IN UKRAINE

MARKING THE EXACT HOUR THE AGGRESSION BEGAN THREE YEARS AGO.

FEBRUARY 24

WE ASK ALL FAITHFUL, CLERGY, AND PEOPLE OF GOODWILL TO SPEND THE DAY IN PRAYER, FASTING, MEDITATION, AND SILENCE, REFLECTING ON THE SUFFERING OF UKRAINE AND PRAYING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE.

LET US UNITE IN HUMILITY BEFORE GOD, PRAYING FOR PEACE,
FOR THE END OF SUFFERING AND FOR THE TRIUMPH OF LOVE
OVER HATRED

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

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НАБЛИЖАЮЧИСЬ ДО УРОЧИСТОЇ РІЧНИЦІ 24 ЛЮТОГО 2025 РОКУ, МИ
ЗАКЛИКАЄМО ВСІ ПАРАФІЇ НАШОЇ ЦЕРКВИ ПРИСВЯТИТИ НЕДІЛЮ, 23 ЛЮТОГО
2025 РОКУ, ДОБРОБУТУ УКРАЇНИ.

23 ЛЮТОГО

ПІСЛЯ ПОТРІЙНОЇ ЕКТЕНІЇ ЛІТУРГІЇ ВСІМ СВЯЩЕНОСЛУЖИТЕЛЯМ ДОРУЧАЄМО
ПРОЧИТАТИ МОЛИТВУ ЗА ЖИВИХ, ЩО ДОДАЄТЬСЯ ДО ЦЬОГО ЛИСТА. ПО
ЗАВЕРШЕННІ БОЖЕСТВЕННОЇ ЛІТУРГІЇ ПРОСИМО ВІДСЛУЖИТИ ПАНАХИДУ (ЛІТІЮ)
ЗА УПОКІЙ ДУШ ЗАГИБЛИХ - ВІЙСЬКОВИХ І ЦИВІЛЬНИХ, ЯКІ ВІДДАЛИ СВОЄ
ЖИТТЯ, ЗАХИЩАЮЧИ УКРАЇНУ ТА ВЕСЬ ЇЇ НАРОД.

ЗАКЛИКАЄМО КОЖНУ ПАРАФІЮ ПІД НАШОЮ ДУХОВНОЮ ОПІКОЮ ВДАРТИ У
ЦЕРКОВНІ ДЗВОНИ :

О 8:59 ЗА СХІДНІМ ЧАСОМ

О 7:59 ЗА ЦЕНТРАЛЬНИМ ЧАСОМ

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О 5:59 ЗА ТИХООКЕАНСЬКИМ ЧАСОМ

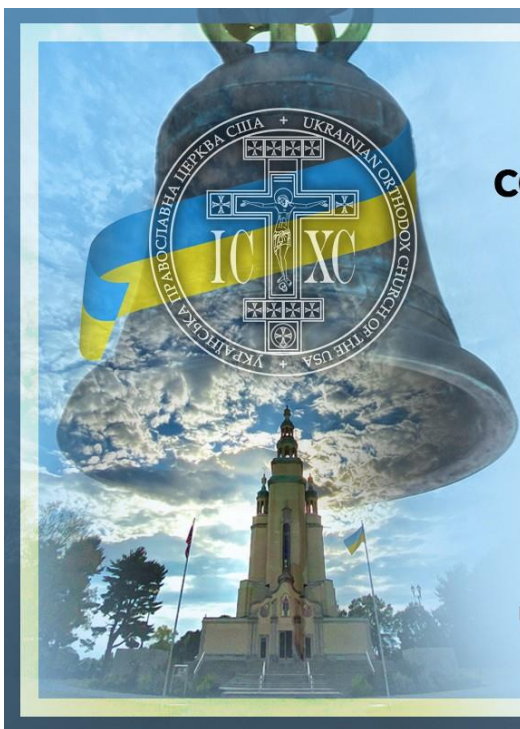
ВІДПОВІДАЄ 3:59 РАНКУ 24 ЛЮТОГО В УКРАЇНІ. ЦИМ АКТОМ МИ ВІДЗНАЧИМО ТОЧНУ ГОДИНУ,
КОЛИ ТРИ РОКИ ТОМУ РОЗПОЧАЛАСЯ АГРЕСІЯ. ПРОСИМО ВСІХ ВІРНИХ, ДУХОВЕНСТВО ТА ЛЮДЕЙ
ДОБРОЇ ВОЛІ 24 ЛЮТОГО

24 ЛЮТОГО

ПРОСИМО ВСІХ ВІРНИХ, ДУХОВЕНСТВО ТА ЛЮДЕЙ ДОБРОЇ ВОЛІ 24 ЛЮТОГО
ПРОВЕСТИ ЦЕЙ ДЕНЬ У МОЛИТВІ, ПОСТІ, РОЗДУМАХ ТА ТИШІ, РОЗМІРКОВУЮЧИ
НАД СТРАЖДАННЯМИ УКРАЇНИ ТА МОЛЯЧИСЬ ЗА МИР І СПРАВЕДЛИВІСТЬ.

ОБ'ЄДНАЙМОСЯ У СМІРЕННІ ПЕРЕД БОГОМ, МОЛЯЧИСЬ ЗА
МИР, ЗА ПРИПИНЕННЯ СТРАЖДАНЬ І ЗА ПЕРЕМОГУ ЛЮБОВІ
НАД НЕНАВИСТЮ

УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США



FEBRUARY 23 ЛЮТОГО
**COMMEMORATING THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF
THE GENOCIDAL INVASION OF UKRAINE**
**ВШАНУВАННЯ ТРЕТЬОЇ РІЧНИЦІ
ГЕНОЦИДНОГО ЗАГАРБАННЯ УКРАЇНИ**
FEBRUARY 24 ЛЮТОГО

We ask all faithful, clergy, and people of goodwill to spend the day in prayer, fasting, meditation, and silence, reflecting on the suffering of Ukraine and praying for peace and justice.

Просимо всіх вірних, духовенство та людей доброї волі 24 лютого провести цей день у молитві, пості, роздумах та тиші, розмірковуючи над стражданнями України та молячись за мир і справедливість.

Улюблені у Господі: Христос посеред нас!

З серцем, обтяженим стражданнями мільйонів людей, але непохитні у вірі в милосердя і справедливість Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, ми, Собор Єпископів Української Православної Церкви США та Діаспори, молитовно відзначаємо третю річницю жорстокого, невинного і геноцидного вторгнення Російської Федерації в мирну і суверенну державу Україну.

Три роки безперервної агресії принесли Україні та її народу незмірний біль і страждання. Мільйони ні в чому невинних чоловіків, жінок і дітей були переміщені, змушені покинути батьківщину своїх предків у пошуках притулку на чужині - в Європі, США, Австралії, Південній Америці та інших країнах. Втрачено сотні тисяч життів - невинних жертв безпощадного насильства, в тому числі дітей, відірваних від своїх родин, та відважних чоловіків і жінок Збройних Сил України, які по жертвували своїм життям, захищаючи улюблену Батьківщину.

Ми звиваємо разом із псалмоспівцем, який вигукував: "Доки, о Господи, зовсім будеш мене забувати? Доки ховатимеш лице твоє від мене?" (Псалом 13:1). Проте, як люди віри, ми міцно тримаємося обітниці нашого Спасителя: "Блаженні ті що плачуть, бо вони утішаться" (Матвія 5:4).

Сьогодні ми сумуємо не лише за втраченими життями, але й за тисячами дітей, які були примусово вивезені з України та переселені до Росії, відірвані від своїх родин та громад. Ми приєднуємося до глобального протесту за справедливість і палко молимося за їхнє швидке возз'єднання зі своїми близькими. Оскільки наш Господь наказує нам любити і захищати невинних, ми просимо всі країни та організації продовжувати свої зусилля, щоб повернути цих дітей додому.

Ми пригадуємо слова Христа: "Ніхто більшої любові не має над ту, як хто свою душу поклав би за друзів своїх" (Ів. 15:13). Жертва захисників України відображає цю божественну любов - самовідданість, яка перегукується з євангельським закликком стояти за правду, справедливість і мир.

Наближаючись до річниці 24 лютого 2025 року, *ми закликаємо всі парафії нашої Церкви присвятити неділю, 23 лютого 2025 року, добробуту України.* Після потрійної ектенії Літургії всім священнослужителям доручаємо прочитати молитву за живих, що додається до цього листа. По завершенні Божественної Літургії просимо відслужити Панахиду (Літію) за упокій душ загиблих - військових і цивільних, які віддали своє життя, захищаючи Україну та весь її народ.

Закликаємо кожну парафію під нашою духовною опікою 23 лютого 2025 року вдарити у церковні дзвони - о 8:59 за Східним часом, о 7:59 за Центральним часом, о 6:59 за Гірським часом та о 5:59 за Тихоокеанським часом - у Сполучених Штатах, а також за місцевим часом по всій діаспорі, що відповідає 3:59 ранку 24 лютого в Україні. Цим актом ми відзначимо точну годину, коли три роки тому розпочалася агресія. Просимо всіх вірних, духовенство та людей доброї волі 24 лютого провести цей день у молитві, пості, роздумах та тиші, розмірковуючи над стражданнями України та молячись за мир і справедливість.

Об'єднаймося у смиренні перед Богом, молячись за мир, за припинення страждань і за перемогу любові над ненавистю. Як Тіло Христове - Свята Церква, ми підтверджуємо нашу відданість благодійній допомозі, фінансовій підтримці та духовному добробуту всіх наших братів і сестер в Україні. Заохочуємо всіх вірних продовжувати робити щедрі пожертви до Українського Фонду Допомоги, який можна знайти на нашому офіційному веб-сайті www.uocofusa.org.

Насамкінець, ми заносимо наші благословення та молитви за релігійне, цивільне та військове управління України, за всіх людей доброї волі, які самовіддано віддали своє життя, ресурси та таланти на служіння Україні, а також за вірних нашої Церкви, які їх всебічно підтримують. Нехай наш милосердний Бог зміцнить Україну та принесе мир її стражденому народові.

З любов'ю у Христі,

+Антоній

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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 невинуватої 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.



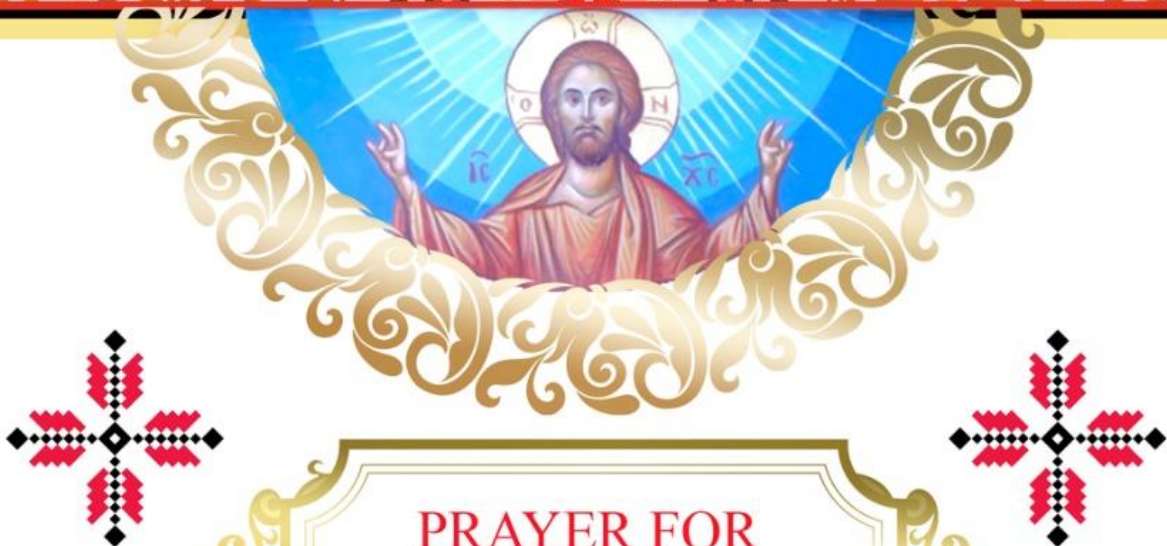
МОЛИТВА ЗА УКРАЇНУ

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, НИНИ І ПОВСЯКЧАС, І НА ВІКИ ВІЧНІ.

АМІНЬ.



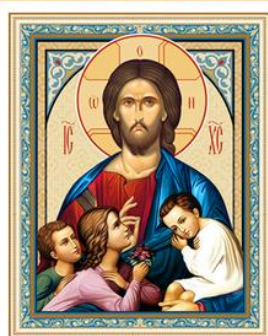
PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

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.

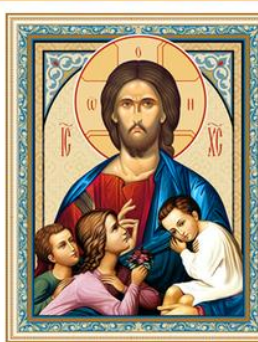
Surround these children with the Resurrection Love and Peace that emanate from your Empty Tomb. Comfort them in their fear and confusion, granting them the strength to endure these present trials and the knowledge that their families yearn for them and the nations of the world are struggling to free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

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2 Zacchaeus Sunday
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7 St. Gregory the Theologian
 Свт. Григорія Богослова

23 Meatfare Sunday, of the Last Judgment
 Неділя М'ясопусна, про Страшний суд

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

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 the revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel.
 (Lk 2.29-32).

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

15 THE MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
 СТРІТЕННЯ ГОСПОДА БОГА І СПАСА НАШОГО ІСУСА ХРИСТА

16 Sunday of Prodigal Son
 Неділя про блудного сина

"The rich exist for the sake of the poor. The poor exist for the salvation of the rich." -St. John Chrysostom

