

# WELCOME TO THE GOD-LOVING 8. GOD-PROTECTED PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL'S!

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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 5, 2023

# SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 5 – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Tone 1 / Epistle: 2 Tim. 3:10-15; Gospel: Lk. 18:10-14
9:00AM Divine Liturgy – Live video broadcast on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/

### **FAST FREE WEEK**

# WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon., Feb. 6: Ven. Xenia of Rome and her two slaves - FAST FREE

Epistle: 2 Pet. 1:20-2:9; Gospel: Mk. 13:9-13

Tues, Feb. 7: St. Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of

**Constantinople – FAST FREE** 

Epistle: 2 Pet. 2:9-22; Gospel: Mk. 13:14-23

Wed., Feb. 8: Ven. Xenophon and his wife, St. Mary, and their

two sons, Sts. Arcadius and John – FAST FREE

Epistle: 2 Pet. 3:1-18; Gospel: Mk. 13:24-31

<u>Thur, Feb. 9</u>: Translation of the relics of St. John Chrysostom –

**FAST FREE** 

Epistle: Heb. 7:26-8:2; Gospel: Jn. 10:9-16

Fri., Feb. 10: St. Ephraim the Syrian – FAST FREE

Epistle: 1 Jn. 2:7-17; Gospel: Mk. 14:3-9

Sat., Feb. 11: Translation of the relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the

**God-bearer – FAST FREE** 

Epistle: 2 Tim. 3:1-9; Gospel: Lk. 20:45-21:4

<u>Sunday, Feb. 12 – Sunday of Prodigal Son / Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom</u>

Tone 2 / Epistle: 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Gospel: Lk. Lk. 15:11-32 9:00AM Divine Liturgy – Live video broadcast on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue

# PARISH NEWS

**--MOLEBEN FOR UKRAINE:** Please join us at St. Michael's at 4:00PM, on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, for a Moleben for peace in Ukraine on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the invasion of our ancestral homeland by Putin and the Russian Federation. Invite your family and friends to join us. The media will be present so let's fill the church to its capacity.

-- **UKRAINIAN REFUGEES:** Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

I was approached by a member of the RI for Ukraine Board (of which I am a member) because I had mentioned at our last board meeting that St. Michael's has some funds available to help Ukrainian refugees.

These funds are coming from sales of merchandise from our little gift shop and donations left in our collection basket. To date we have collected JUST over \$10,000. We have previously given \$1000 to Krakow Deli for shipping costs of items they have been collecting and sending to Ukraine. And then we pledged \$2500 toward Misto Dobra.

I was informed that a family of 6 would be arriving from Ukraine very soon, a Mom, Dad, and 4 children. Sponsorship and housing have been acquired, but the family was in need of two bunkbeds, 4 mattresses and a small kitchen set. Slavic Krishchuk, another board member, reached out to me to see if we could help at all.

Knowing what the amount of our "kitty" still held, I spoke with Irene and then expressed that we were happy to help, purchasing the bunk bed, mattresses and the kitchen set, for a total of \$1563.53.

I am truly proud of the fact that our small parish will have a positive impact on this family, and in welcoming them here. I have express to Slavik, that if they are Orthodox, and would like to come to our church to worship with us, they would be welcome with open arms.

Please keep all of this in mind, as you purchase the gift shop items, or feel you can afford to drop some money into the basket in the vestibule. Little amounts add up, and look how we have helped!!

Thank you all for your continued generosity! In His Love, Cindy Hi Christine,

Thank You for being part of this effort to help fellow Ukrainian folks to feel welcomed in RI. You guys are God sent! This is an eighth family that I was able to help with securing the basics for the apartments, but I was not able to provide those bunk beds. Big Thank You personally to you, Christine, and also to your church community for responding so quickly to this need. I believe that that's what Church is called to be part of, helping those in need.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" Matthew 25:34-40

Please, share this with your parish.

It is my pleasure to attend together with You to the needs of the Samofalov family. Best regards, Slavik Krishchuk

# -- FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Dues and Diocese Obligation: \$105

A reminder that St. Michael parish must meet a monetary obligation of \$105 per adult member to the Consistory of the UOC of USA at the beginning of each year. To reconfirm your membership with St. Michael parish we ask that you please use an envelope marked "dues and diocese" and submit this obligation as soon as possible at the start of each calendar year. Thank you!

Offering Envelopes will soon be available in the Narthex of the Church for those that use them. Offerings can also be submitted by mail or through your bank's "bill pay" system if you are unable to attend services in person. (This is helpful to the parish so that we can continue to keep up with any weekly or incidental expenses!) Guidance for sacrificial giving for the year 2023 is forthcoming.

Yearly giving statements for 2022 are being prepared this month. They will be available in the narthex of the Church by early February. If you would like to received yours by email instead, please email Erika

If you have recently moved or have new contact information, please contact Erika ASAP so the parish database can be updated and the correct information will appear on your statement.

Please contact Erika (Financial Secretary) with any questions regarding membership or to confirm that your information is up to date in the Parish database. Erika - <a href="mailto:einamaka@gmail.com">einamaka@gmail.com</a> Thank you!

**--2**ND COLLECTION for the reminder of February will be for replacing the boiler in the rectory.

### -- SOUPER BOWL: ARE YOU READY FOR SOME... Soup???

The Sr. UOL is planning to bring back Souperbowl Sunday this year!

Sunday, Feburary 12<sup>th</sup> / During Coffee Hour

There will be a variety of soups to try and/or take home. All proceeds benefit the St. Andrew Society (Soup Kitchens in Ukraine) Can't join us? There will be a "Soup Pot" collection at the back of the Church during the month of February for donations to St. Andrew Society. **More details coming soon!** 

### -- SPRING COOKIE WALK! Saturday, April 1, 2023

If you recall, we were planning for a Spring Cookie Walk in 2020 right before "you know what" started and we had to cancel subsequent "walks"... With the successful Christmas Cookie Walk as inspiration, we are now planning a Cookie Walk for the Spring! More details to come, but start thinking about "Spring" theme cookies NOW! Sponsored by the Sr. UOL

# \*\*CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR COMING TO CHURCH DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC\*\*

- 1--You should NOT be in attendance if you have ANY symptoms of COVID-19, or are seriously ill. Please use your best judgment.
- 2--People who have knowingly been in contact with anyone who has been infected/diagnosed with COVID-19 should NOT enter the church and should quarantine according to State guidelines. They should not return to church until they have tested negative for COVID-19

# \*\* If you have been to church and have later tested positive for COVID-19 you MUST:

- 1-Inform Father Boris OR a parish officer as soon as possible
- 2- Tell them the date you were last in church
- 3- Tell them date of your positive test

This information is VERY important for the health and safety of our (YOUR) parish family! Parishioners who attended at the same time as an infected person need to know in order to be tested and stay healthy, or be treated.

Please remember to keep an eye on your emails before coming to Church for any changes in guidance due to the pandemic. **Thank you!** 

# KITCHEN WORK SESSIONS

Tuesday, Feb. 7 prepare cabbage filling.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 pinch cabbage perohe

Tuesday, Feb. 21 prepare potato filling

Wednesday, Feb.22 pinch potato perohe

Tuesday, Mar. 7 prepare potato filling

Wednesday, Mar. 8 pinch potato perohe

# UPCOMING PARISH & INTER-PARISH EVENTS

--Monday, February 6 @ 7:00PM – Orthodoxy On Tap -- @ Yoleni's / 292 Westminister St., Providence, RI 02903 / Topic: What makes a meaningful life by Fr. Luke Veronis.

--Saturday, February 25 @ 4:00PM – Moleben for5 Ukraine on the 1st year anniversary of the invasion by the Russian Federation.

## **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"
- **--MEMBERSHIP IN THE UOL:** Anyone wishing to join us in our ministries, please contact Erika Namaka or Janice Meschisen.

- --Sunday, Feb. 12 Souper Bowl Sunday
- --Sunday, March 19 UOL Meeting, after Liturgy
- --Saturday, April 1, Spring Cookie Walk
- --Saturday, April 8 Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy followed by church clean-up.

On the morning of February 24, 2022, as dawn broke over Ukraine, Russia declared war in the form of a "special military operation" against Ukraine.

It was at 4 am on that day that the war in Ukraine began with a strike of a rocket. With a 7-hour time difference - it was 9pm on February 23, 2022 on the East coast of the United States of America.

Millions of innocent children, men and women became refugees overnight in the neighboring Poland, Moldova, Germany and other countries, including the United States of America. Thousands of men and women lost their lives while protecting the peace and life and Ukraine. Thousands of civilians lost their homes and belongings.... Over a thousand children have been wounded and killed. Millions of people worldwide have felt the consequences of the war in Ukraine, due to food shortage, etc. That is the reality of a yearlong unprovoked war of Russian in Ukraine.

Please join us at the Spiritual Center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in South Bound Brook/Somerset, NJ for a commemorative Prayer Vigil on February 23, 2023 at 8pm in order to embrace the people and nation of Ukraine with reflections and prayers, as the world marks the first anniversary of this barbaric attack on civilization.

The Prayer Vigil will take place at the Ukrainian Cultural Center (135 Davidson Ave; Somerset, NJ 08873) at 8pm, marking the first moments of the strikes/attacks in Ukraine.

With prayers for the people of Ukraine,

+Daniel, Archbishop of the UOC of the USA



# ORTHODOXY ON TAP PROVIDENCE

"What makes a meaningful life"

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH | 7:00 PM YOLENI'S 292 WESTMINISTER ST PROVIDENCE, RI 02903

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING GOD AND HEARING OUR SPECIAL GUEST FATHER LUKE VERONIS.

PIZZA IS ON US, REMEMBER TO BRING A FRIEND!





January, 2023

RE: Volunteering for RSVP program

Dear Pastor,

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program 32 Goff Avenue Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860 401.723.4520 Fax 401.725.6550 www.bvcap.org

James R. Hoyt, Jr. Chairman

Vincent Ceglie Executive Director

My name is Paul Gauthier, I am the Volunteer Coordinator for the RSVP program with Blackstone Valley Community Action Program. We are in need of volunteers 55 and older in your area.

Volunteers are a vital part of our program and can help in a variety of ways including Meals on Wheels, Food Pantries, Adult Day Care, Educational classes, Health Mentorship and more.

Volunteers will gain great benefits that will cultivate their mental health by meaningful and productive activities, increases physical activity which is important to staying healthy and independent.

Volunteering also bridges the generation gap by teaching and also learning from younger generations.

Lastly, it can uplift a person's morale and their sense of purpose with life. Regaining a feeling of purpose through volunteering can help older adults feel recharged with a new zest for life.

If you would be so kind to post the enclosed information on your church bulletin or website it would be greatly appreciated. This is a great way for members of your congregation to share their gifts of ministry.

I can be reached by phone at (401)-475-5022 or by email at pgauthier@bvcap.org Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

**Paul Gauthier** 

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program

**RSVP Volunteer Coordinator** 



To commemorate the 1-Year anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, we ask that children create and send Angels of Love to the Consistory of the UOC of the USA, by February 19, to be displayed in support of Ukraine's battle for freedom.

A template and instructions are provided on the website.

Please display a few angels at your parish as well, and send photos to be published in the UOW.

З нагоди 1-ої річниці вторгнення в Україну просимо дітей створити та надіслати до 19-го лютого, до Консисторії УПЦ США Ангелів. Любові, які будуть виставлені на підтримку боротьби України за волю.

Шаблон та інструкція розміщені на сайті.

Будь ласка, виставте також кількох ангелів вашій парафії та надішліть фотографії для публікації в UOW.

Ship to: Vladyka Daniel 135 Davidson Ave. Somerset, NJ 08873

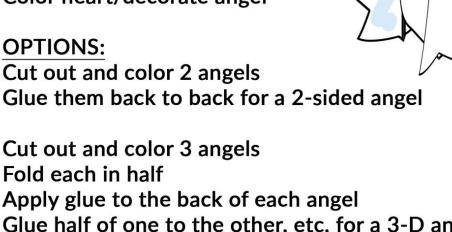
# Create an **ANGEL OF LOVE**

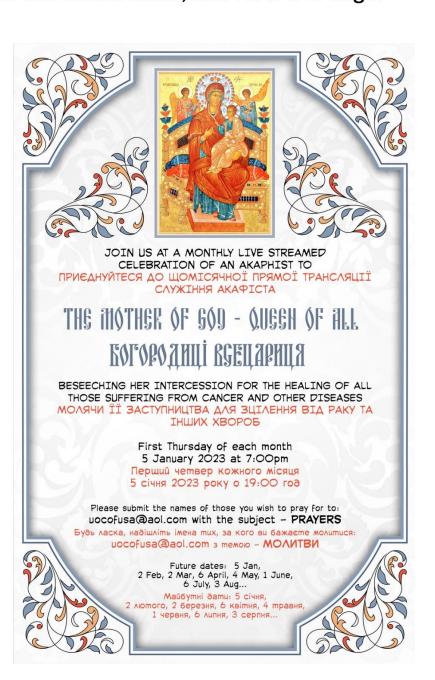
Print template on cardstock Cut out Color heart/decorate angel

Cut out and color 2 angels

Cut out and color 3 angels Fold each in half

Glue half of one to the other, etc. for a 3-D angel











UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

# FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS B AWTOMY CBATKYEMO

УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США



5 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE FAST-FREE WEEK НЕДІЛЯ ПРО МИТАРЯ ТА ФАРИСЕЯ СЕДМИЦЯ ВСЕЇДНА

**7 ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN** CBT. ГРИГОРІЯ БОГОСЛОВА

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

SUNDAY OF PRODIGAL SON НЕДІЛЯ ПРО БЛУДНОГО СИНА

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

MEMORIAL SATURDAY (MEATFARE) СУБОТА ПОМИНАЛЬНА (М'ЯСОПУСНА) **19 MEATFARE SUNDAY, OF THE LAST JUDGMENT**НЕДІЛЯ М'ЯСОПУСНА, ПРО СТРАШНИЙ СУД

**20 CHEESEFARE WEEK** CEДМИЦЯ СИРНА

26 CHEESEFARE SUNDAY - OF FORGIVENESS (EXPULSION OF ADAM FROM THE PARADISE) НЕДІЛЯ СИРОПУСНА - ПРОЩЕНА (СПОМИН ПРО ВИГНАННЯ АДАМА З РАЮ)

**27 1ST WEEK OF THE GREAT LENT**ПОЧАТОК ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ

28 CANON OF ST. ANDREW OF CRETE ПОКАЯННИЙ КАНОН ПРП. АНДРІЯ КРІТСЬКОГО