



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

A parish of the UOC-USA and the Ecumenical Patriarchate

www.StMichaelUOC.org | Fr. Borislav Kroner

“Each one shall give what he has decided in his own mind, not Grudgingly or because he is made to - for God loves a cheerful giver.” - II Cor. 9:7

February 8, 2026

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 8: Sunday of Prodigal Son

Tone 2 / 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Lk. 15:11-32

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

WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon., Feb. 9: Translation of the relics of St. John Chrysostom

1 Jn. 2:18-3:10; Mk. 11:1-10

Tues, Feb. 10: St. Ephraim the Syrian

1 Jn. 3:10-20; Mk. 14:10-42

Wed., Feb. 11: Translation of the relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer -- FAST

1 Jn. 3:21-4:6; Mk. 14:43-15:1

7:00PM Moleben

Thur, Feb. 12: Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom

Heb. 13:7-16; Matt. 5:14-19

Fri., Feb. 13: Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John and with them Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters Theoctiste, Theodota, and Eudoxia -- FAST

2 Jn. 1:1-13; Mk. 15:22-25, 33-41

Sat., Feb. 14: Memorial Saturday (Meatfare) / Martyr Tryphon of Campsada near Apamea in Syria

1 Cor. 10:23-28; Lk. 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36

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/>

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue

SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, FEB. 8

1 Cor. 6:12-20 (Epistle)

Brethren, “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Lk. 15:11-32 (Gospel)

At that time Jesus told this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the

citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

PARISH NEWS

--SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: During Coffee Hour! This is the Sr. UOL's annual fundraiser for the St. Andrew Society Soup kitchens of Ukraine. There will be a variety of soups to try and/or take home. Suggested donation to try soups: \$15 (but please offer more if you are able to!) Soup to take home: \$5 per container.

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 Vasyl 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. 8 peel potatoes
- Feb. 9 make potato filling
- Feb. 10 pinch potato
- 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. 8: Souper Bowl Sunday

--Feb. 22: UOL Meeting after Divine Liturgy

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

--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

--Sunday, Feb. 8: Souper Bowl Sunday

-- Friday, Mar. 6: Fish Bake / 5-7PM (Eat in or Take out)

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

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

THE PRODIGAL SON



YOUR BROTHER, WAS DEAD,
AND IS ALIVE AGAIN. HE WAS LOST, AND IS FOUND

Saint Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church

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



Dear Friend of St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church,

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

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

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

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

With heartfelt gratitude,

The Parish Board of St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church

Name of Donor: _____

Address of Donor: _____

Email address: _____

Amount of donation:

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

_____ Other Amount

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

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

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

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

Вислухай наші молитви і прийми благання сердець наших.

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

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

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

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

Амінь!

УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США



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

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

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

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

Hear our prayers and accept the supplications of our hearts.

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

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

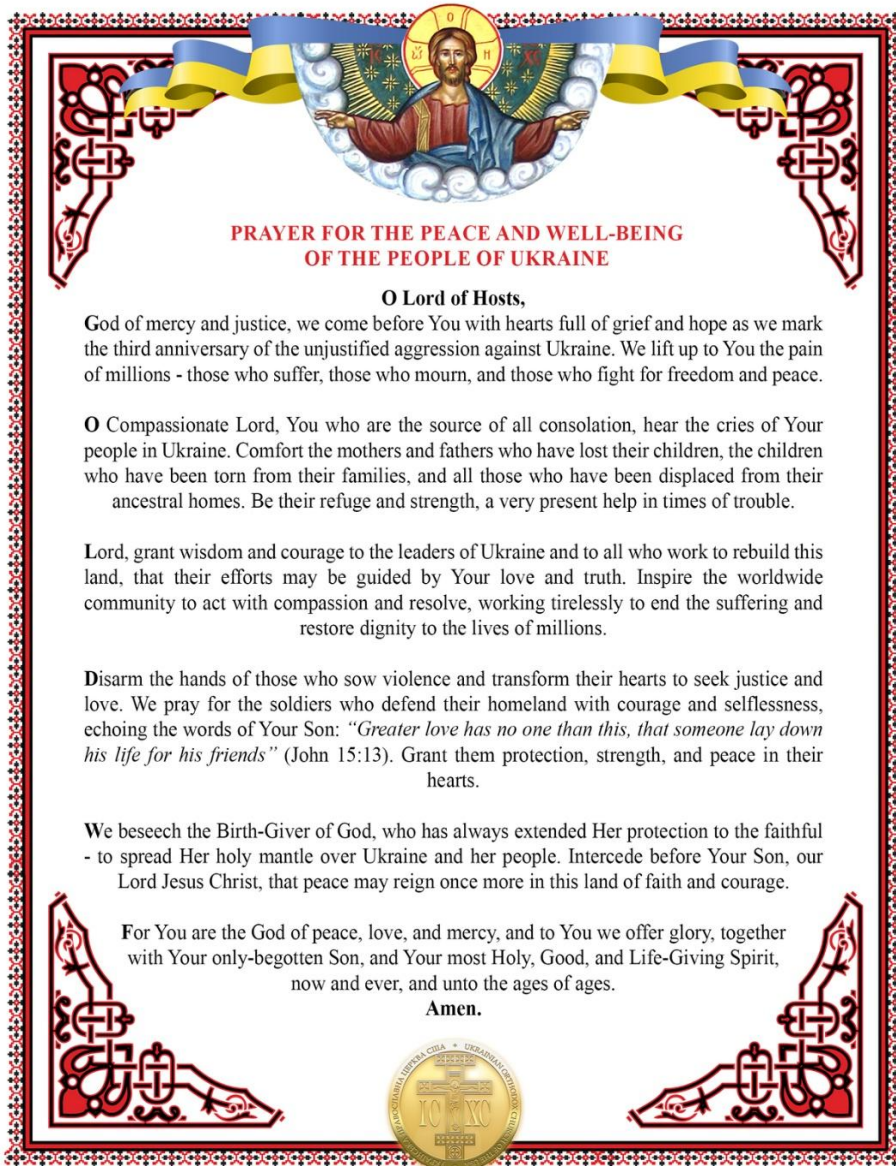
We beseech You, O God, for the soldiers and defenders, for our
brothers and sisters, for widows, orphans, the crippled and the
infirm, for those who are under occupation and in captivity, for
those in difficult life circumstances, for refugees, and for all
those who need Your mercy and help.

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

Amen!

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA





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

O Lord of Hosts,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amen.



**МОЛИТВА ЗА МИР І ДОБРОБУТ
НАРОДУ УКРАЇНИ**

Господи Сил,

Боже милосердя і справедливості, припадаємо до Тебе з серцем, сповненим скорботи і надії, у третю річницю 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.



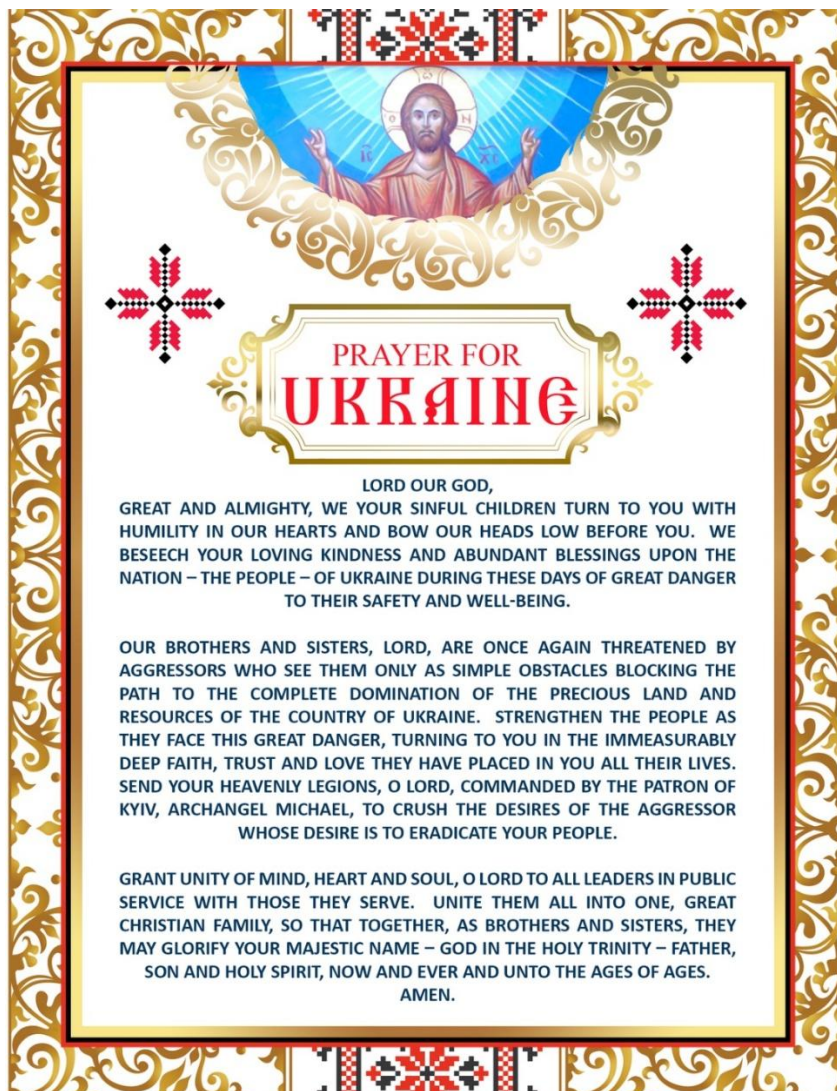




**МОЛИТВА ЗА
УКРАЇНУ**

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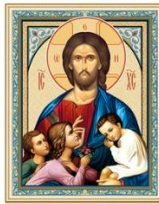



**PRAYER FOR
UKRAINE**

LORD OUR GOD,
 GREAT AND ALMIGHTY, WE YOUR SINFUL CHILDREN TURN TO YOU WITH
 HUMILITY IN OUR HEARTS AND BOW OUR HEADS LOW BEFORE YOU. WE
 BESEECH YOUR LOVING KINDNESS AND ABUNDANT BLESSINGS UPON THE
 NATION – THE PEOPLE – OF UKRAINE DURING THESE DAYS OF GREAT DANGER
 TO THEIR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING.

OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, LORD, ARE ONCE AGAIN THREATENED BY
 AGGRESSORS WHO SEE THEM ONLY AS SIMPLE OBSTACLES BLOCKING THE
 PATH TO THE COMPLETE DOMINATION OF THE PRECIOUS LAND AND
 RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY OF UKRAINE. STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE AS
 THEY FACE THIS GREAT DANGER, TURNING TO YOU IN THE IMMEASURABLY
 DEEP FAITH, TRUST AND LOVE THEY HAVE PLACED IN YOU ALL THEIR LIVES.
 SEND YOUR HEAVENLY LEGIONS, O LORD, COMMANDED BY THE PATRON OF
 KYIV, ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, TO CRUSH THE DESIRES OF THE AGGRESSOR
 WHOSE DESIRE IS TO ERADICATE YOUR PEOPLE.

GRANT UNITY OF MIND, HEART AND SOUL, O LORD TO ALL LEADERS IN PUBLIC
 SERVICE WITH THOSE THEY SERVE. UNITE THEM ALL INTO ONE, GREAT
 CHRISTIAN FAMILY, SO THAT TOGETHER, AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THEY
 MAY GLORIFY YOUR MAJESTIC NAME – GOD IN THE HOLY TRINITY – FATHER,
 SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND UNTO THE AGES OF AGES.
 AMEN.



PRAYER FOR CHILDREN OF UKRAINE KIDNAPPED BY RUSSIAN FEDERATION INVADERS

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We come before You in sincere prayer, O God Almighty and with heavy hearts, we lift up the innocent children of Ukraine who have been kidnapped into the Russian Federation, taken forcefully from their homes and families during this, yet another invasion and genocide of our beloved homeland. Lord, You are the protector of the weak and the guardian of the vulnerable. We ask for Your divine intervention in and for their lives. Put an end to the soviet style "re-education policies" to turn them against their families and their native Ukraine.

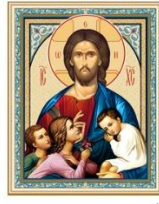
Surround these children with the Resurrection Love and Peace that emanate from your Empty Tomb. Comfort them in their fear and confusion, granting them the strength to endure these present trials and the knowledge that their families yearn for them and the nations of the world are struggling to free them. Lord, we pray for their safety and that these struggles will conclude in their swift return to their families and homeland.

Touch the hearts of even those who have stolen them, O Lord, that they may be moved by compassion and conscience to act with justice and mercy. Soften their hearts of these kidnapers, guiding them towards actions that will bring these children back to their homes, lest they be equated to those who slaughtered the innocents in Bethlehem after the Incarnation of Christ our Lord.

We also pray fervently for the families left behind who, without question, are enduring unimaginable pain and anguish. Grant them hope and courage that they may feel Your Loving Presence in this time of suffering and assurance that Your Holy Spirit is with their children eternally.

In Your infinite mercy and power, Lord, bring about a resolution to this invasion. Restore peace and justice to independent Ukraine, which will once again rise from the ashes like the proverbial Phoenix, and soar amongst the free nations of the world. We trust in Your mighty power and 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.

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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