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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

March 8, 2026

SERVICE SCHEDULE

GREAT LENT

Sunday, Mar. 8: 2nd Sunday of the Great Lent / St. Gregory Palamas the Archbishop of Thessalonica / Synaxis of all Venerable Fathers of the Kyiv Caves -- FAST

Tone 6 / Heb. 1:10–2:3; Mark 2:1-12

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

WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon., Mar. 9: First and Second Findings of the Precious Head of St. John the Baptist. -- FAST

2 Cor. 4:6-15; Mt. 11:2-15

Tues, Mar. 10: St. Tarasius, archbishop of Constantinople -- FAST

Vesp.: Gen. 7:1-5; Prov. 8:32–9:11

Wed., Mar. 11: St. Porphyrius, bishop of Gaza -- FAST

Vesp.: Gen. 7:6-9; Prov. 9:12-18

7:00PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thur., Mar. 12: St. Procopius the Confessor of Decapolis -- FAST

Vesp.: Gen. 7:11–8:3; Prov. 10:1-22

Fri., Mar. 13: St. Basil the Confessor -- FAST

Vesp.: Gen. 8:4-21; Prov. 10:31–11:12

Sat., Mar. 14: Memorial Saturday / Martyr Eudocia of Heliopolis -- FAST

Heb. 10:32-38; Mk. 2:14-17

7:00PM Sorokousty for the Departed

Sunday, Mar. 15: 3rd Sunday of the Great Lent / Sunday of the Adoration of the Holy Cross / Synaxis of all Venerable Fathers of the Kyiv Caves -- FAST

Tone 7 / Heb. 4:14–5:6; Mk. 8:34–9:1

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

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue

SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, MAR. 8

Hebrews 1:10–2:3 (Epistle)

Brethren, In the beginning, “Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end.” But to what angel has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him,

Mark 2:1-12 (Gospel)

At that time Jesus returned to Caper'na-um after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when

Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

PARISH NEWS

--LIST OF NAMES FOR THE SOROKOUSTY SERVICES: If you want your deceased family & friends remembered at our Lenten Services for the Departed, please give the names to Fr. Boris as soon as possible.

--COFFEE HOUR: If you've signed up to host a coffee hour, please check the schedule to verify your date. **Thank You.**

--COOKIE WALK: Think Spring...(Cookie Walk!!)

Are you making cookies for The Spring Cookie Walk??? If so... PLEASE LET US KNOW!

The Spring Cookie Walk this year will take place on Saturday, March 28th

BAKERS NEEDED!!!

Though this is a Sr. UOL sponsored event, we still need to rely on cookie donations from our parishioners to have a successful sale!

Think flowers, birds, bunnies, eggs, chicks, light flavors such as citrus, pastel colors! Vegan Easter Sugar Cookies (GF-Options) This "Walk" will coincide with the Ukrainian Frozen Foods Sale on the same day.

Please talk to Janice or Erika if you can help out or have any questions.

Sponsored by the Sr. UOL

--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 our goal of securing donations for our parking lot. Please consider a donation today. *Thank You!*

--WE WELCOME ANY AND ALL DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH, LARGE OR SMALL: We are most grateful for your kindness. Your donation is essential to the church. From your contribution, we pay the priest's salary and health insurance, as well as pay the utilities for the church including water, heat, electricity, lawn care and at this time of year, snow plowing and salting the ice on the driveway. Checks should be made out to St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Please offer your donations during the church collection or send your dues and donations to:

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

UOL CORNER

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

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

--GOALS OF THE UOL:

- Promoting active participation in all aspects of the Orthodox faith and supporting the Church.
- Developing and maintaining programs and projects which educate members and promote dedication and commitment to the Church, Her teachings, traditions, and missions.
- 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.

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

--Mar. 13: 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>

Join us for a Ukrainian Pysanka Class, where you'll learn the traditional Ukrainian art of decorating eggs, using a wax resist method. Step by step, you'll create your own pysanka using wax, dye, and time-honored technique and designs.

--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 9AM
Divine Liturgy



GREAT LENT 2026

[Additions & Corrections]

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 6:00PM	Divine Liturgy of St Basi Pan Orthodox Vespers @ Sts. Mary & Mena Coptic Orthodox Church – 2433 Scituate Ave., Cranston (Hope), RI
Wednesday, April 1	7:00 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, April 4	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.

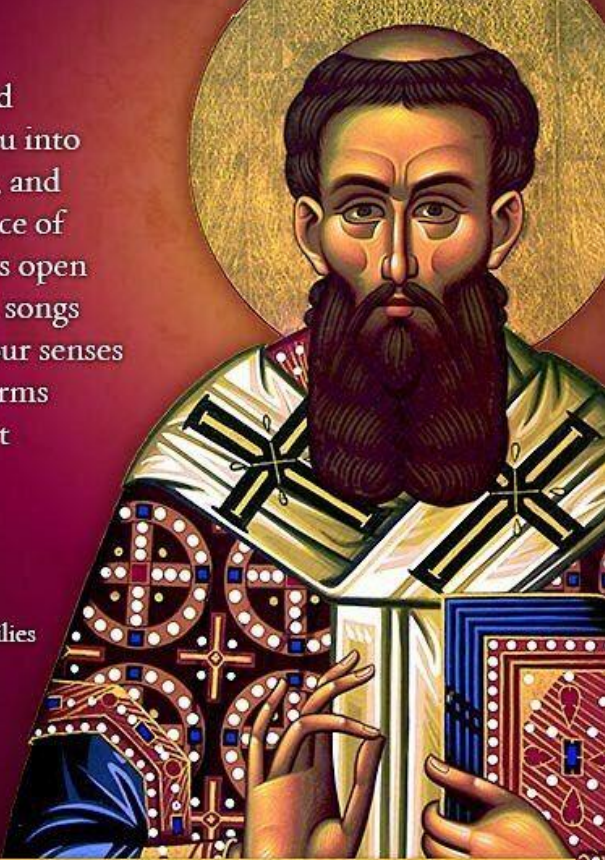
During Great Lent, we are encouraged to partake of the Sacraments of Holy Confession & Holy Communion and to slow down the pace of our lives and spend more time in quiet

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**
- Tuesday, 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 Vespers 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]**



“If you abstain from food while your sight lures you into adultery, inquisitiveness, and malice in the hidden place of your soul, your hearing is open to insulting words, lewd songs and evil slanders, and your senses are open to whatever harms them, what is the benefit of fasting?”

p. 62, Homily 9,
St. Gregory Palamas: The Homilies

GREAT LENT, HOLY WEEK & PASCHA
GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA Visit LENT.GOARCH.ORG to begin your journey.

THE FASTING GUIDELINES OF THE ORTHODOX **CHURCH**

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

First Week of Lent: 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.

The rules given here are of course only one part, the most external part, of a true fast, which will include increased prayer and other spiritual disciplines, or to take up practices such as visiting the sick.

Obviously, many Orthodox do not keep the traditional rule. If you adopt it, beware of pride, and pay no attention to anyone's fast but your own. As one monastic put it, we must "keep our eyes on our own plates."

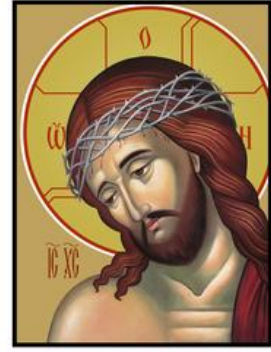
Do not substitute the notion of "deciding what to give up for Lent" for the rule that the Church has given us. First, keep the Church's fasting rule as well as you are able, then decide on additional disciplines, in consultation with your priest.

We are always advised to fast according to our strength, and you may find from experience that you need to modify the fasting rule to fit your own strength and situation. But do not assume beforehand that the rule is too difficult for you. The Lord is our strength, and can uphold us in marvelous and unforeseen ways.

Those who attempt to keep the Church's traditional fast will find that, though the temptations to pride and legalism are real, the spiritual benefits are great. A return to more diligent fasting could play a large part in the spiritual renewal of our Orthodox churches.



OBSERVING
HOLY AND GREAT LENT AMIDST
UKRAINE'S
PAIN & STRUGGLE



1. FAST WITH AND FOR UKRAINE – As we enter the sacred season of Lent, we dedicate our fasting not only for our own spiritual renewal but also as a prayerful offering for Ukraine, its people, and its defenders.

2. LENTEN REPENTANCE AS A PATH TO VICTORY – Just as Lent calls us to personal repentance, Ukraine seeks deliverance from suffering. We unite our prayers with the cry for justice, truth, and peace in the land of our ancestors.

3. BEARING THE CROSS WITH UKRAINE – The suffering of Ukraine is a reflection of the Cross of Christ. As we walk the Lenten journey, we embrace the call to carry this burden in solidarity through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

4. ALMSGIVING AS AN ACT OF MERCY FOR UKRAINE – This Lent, our charitable giving should extend to those affected by war: the wounded, the displaced, and the grieving families. Every act of mercy strengthens Ukraine's spirit and witness.

5. PRAYER FOR THE TRIUMPH OF LIGHT OVER DARKNESS – Just as Pascha is the victory of life over death, we fervently pray that Ukraine, too, will see the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and peace over war.

6. STRENGTH IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE – Great Lent is a time of spiritual battle against sin and temptation. As Ukraine fights for freedom, we fight in prayer, lifting up the nation's soldiers and civilians who endure trials beyond words.

7. THE EXILE AND HOMECOMING OF UKRAINE'S PEOPLE – Many Ukrainians have been forced into exile. As we reflect on Christ's journey through the wilderness, we remember those seeking refuge and pray for their safe return.

8. RESURRECTION AND HOPE FOR UKRAINE – Even in the darkest nights of suffering, Lent reminds us that Pascha will come. We hold fast to the promise of resurrection, trusting that Ukraine will rise again in freedom and peace.

9. THE LENTEN CALL TO HUMILITY AND SERVICE – The humility of Christ inspires us to serve those in need. We dedicate this season to supporting Ukraine through advocacy, humanitarian aid, and heartfelt prayer.

10. "BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS" – PRAYING FOR A JUST PEACE – As we strive for inner peace in Lent, we also pray for a just peace in Ukraine, where truth and righteousness will prevail.

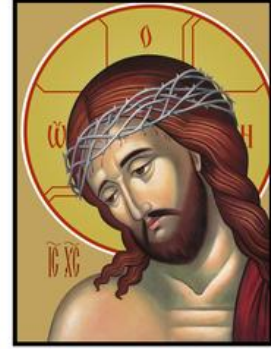
May this Lent be a time of deep spiritual renewal, personal transformation, and steadfast support for Ukraine in its time of trial.





ДОТРИМАННЯ СВЯТОГО І
ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ СЕРЕД

БОЛЮ ТА БОРотьБИ УКРАЇНИ



1. ПІСТ З УКРАЇНОЮ ТА ЗА УКРАЇНУ – Вступаючи у священну пору Великого посту, ми присвячуємо свій піст не лише для власної духовної віднови, але й як молитовну жертву за Україну, її народ та її захисників.

2. ВЕЛИКОПІСНЕ ПОКАЯННЯ ЯК ШЛЯХ ДО ПЕРЕМОГИ – Так само, як Великий піст закликає нас до особистого покаяння, Україна прагне визволення від страждань. Ми єднаємо наші молитви з криком за справедливість, правду та мир на землі наших предків.

3. НЕСИМО ХРЕСТ РАЗОМ З УКРАЇНОЮ – Страждання України є відображенням Хреста Христового. Проходячи Великопостну дорогу, ми приймаємо заклик нести цей тягар солідарно через молитву, піст і милостиню.

4. МИЛОСТИНЯ ЯК АКТ МИЛОСЕРДЯ ДЛЯ УКРАЇНИ – Цього Великого посту наша благодійна пожертва має поширюватися на тих, хто постраждав від війни: поранених, переселенців та скорботних родин. Кожен акт милосердя зміцнює дух і свідчення України.

5. МОЛИТВА ЗА ПЕРЕМОГУ СВІТЛА НАД ТЕМРЯВОЮ – Як Пасха – це перемога життя над смертю, ми щиро молимося, щоб і в Україні відбулося торжество світла над темрявою, добра над злом і миру над війною.

6. СИЛА В ДУХОВНІЙ БОРотьБИ – Великий Піст – це час духовної боротьби з гріхом і спокусами. Коли Україна бореться за свободу, ми боремося в молитві, піднімаючи воїнів і мирних жителів країни, які витримали невимовні випробування.

7. БИЖЕНЦІ ТА ЗВОРОТНІЙ ШЛЯХ ДОДОМУ НАРОДУ УКРАЇНИ – багато українців були змушені виїхати. Роздумуючи про подорож Христа через пустелю, ми згадуємо тих, хто шукає притулку, і молимося за їх безпечно повернення.

8. ВОСКРЕСІННЯ І НАДІЯ ДЛЯ УКРАЇНИ – Навіть у найтемніші ночі страждань Великий піст нагадує нам, що прийде Пасха. Ми міцно тримаємося обіцянки воскресіння, вірячи, що Україна воскресне у волі та мирі.

9. ВЕЛИКОПІСНИЙ ЗАКЛИК ДО СМирЕННЯ ТА СЛУЖІННЯ – Смирення Христа надихає нас служити тим, хто потребує. Ми присвячуємо цей період підтримці України через обізнаність, гуманітарну допомогу та щирі молитви.

10. «БЛАЖЕННІ МИРОТВОРЦІ» - МОЛИТВА ЗА СПРАВЕДЛИВИЙ МИР – Прагнучи внутрішнього миру у Великий піст, ми також молимося за справедливий мир в Україні, де пануватимуть правда та праведність.

Нехай цей Великий піст стане для України часом глибокої духовної віднови, особистої зміни та непохитної підтримки в час випробувань.



**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: _____

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***** 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, ширу 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.

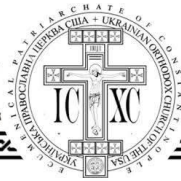
Most merciful Lord, grant Your mercy to all who come to You in
supplication.

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.







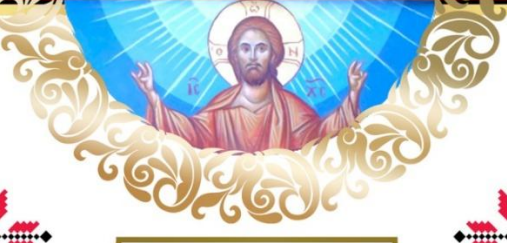
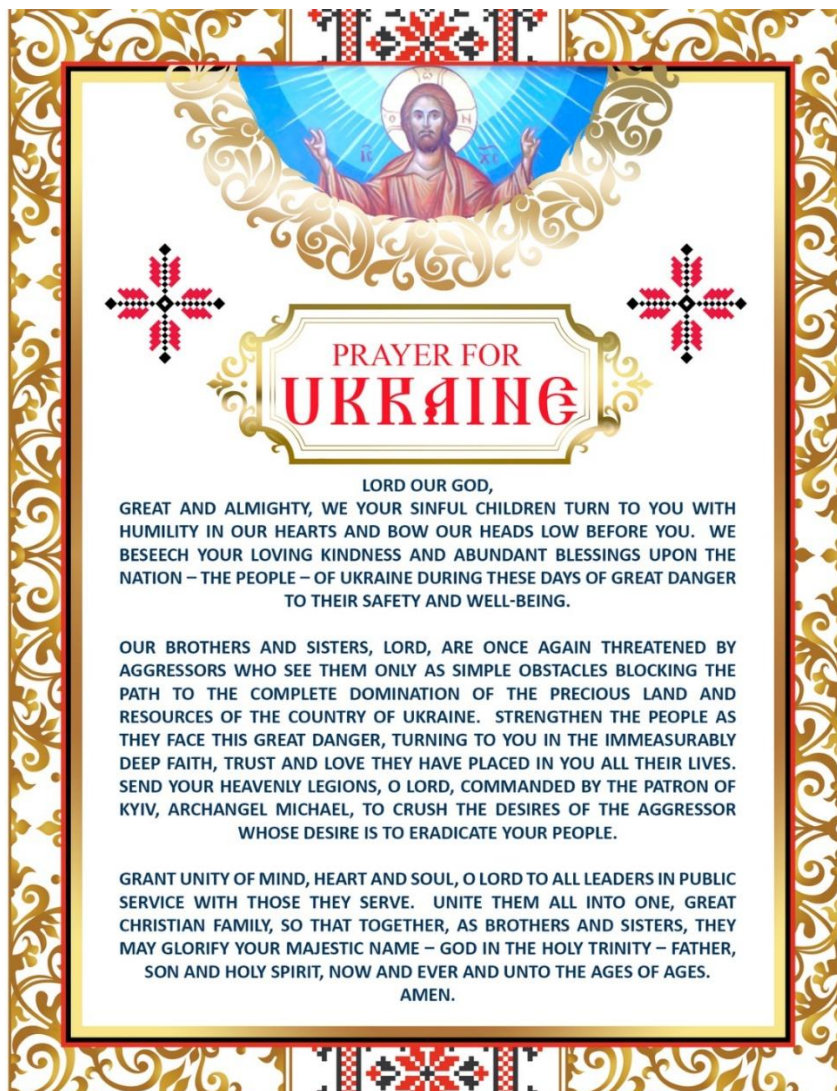
МОЛИТВА ЗА УКРАЇНУ

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ЯКІ БАЧАТЬ У НИХ ЛИШЕ ПРОСТУ ПЕРЕШКОДУ, ЩО ПЕРЕГОРОДЖУЄ ШЛЯХ
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ДАРУЙ ГОСПОДИ, ЄДНІСТЬ РОЗУМУ, СЕРЦЯ І ДУШІ ВСІМ ДЕРЖАВНИМ
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АМІНЬ.



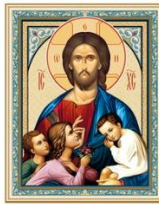
PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

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.

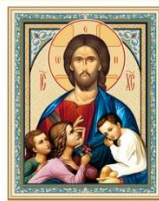
Surround these children with the Resurrection Love and Peace that emanate from your Empty Tomb. Comfort them in their fear and confusion, granting them the strength to endure these present trials and the knowledge that their families yearn for them and the nations of the world are struggling to free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

- 1 1st Sunday of the Great Lent: Triumph of Orthodoxy**
Неділя 1-ша Великого посту: Торжество Православ'я
- 7 Memorial Saturday**
Поминальна Субота
- 8 Second Sunday of the Great Lent - St. Gregory Palamas the Archbishop of Thessalonica**
Неділя 2-га Великого посту - Свт. Григорія Палами, архиеп. Фессалонітського
- 14 Memorial Saturday**
Поминальна Субота
- 15 3rd Sunday of the Great Lent ADORATION OF THE CROSS**
Неділя 3-тя Великого посту. ХРЕСТОПОКЛОННА
- 21 Memorial Saturday**
Субота поминальна
- 22 4th Sunday of the Great Lent - Venerable John Climacus, of the Ladder (Listvychnyk)**
Неділя 4-тя Великого посту - Іоана Ліствичника
- 28 Glorification of the Birth-Giver of God (Akafist Saturday)**
Похвала Пресвятої Богородиці (Субота Акафіста)
- 29 Fifth Sunday of the Great Lent - Venerable Mary of Egypt**
Неділя 5-та Великого посту. Прп. Марії Єгипетської

"... Adam chose the treason of the serpent, the originator of evil, in preference to God's commandment and counsel, and broke the decreed fast. Instead of eternal life he received death and instead of the place of unsullied joy he received this sinful place full of passions and misfortunes, or rather, he was sentenced to Hades and nether darkness. Our nature would have stayed in the infernal regions below the lurking places of the serpent who initially beguiled it, had not Christ come. He started off by fasting (cf. Mk. 1:13) and in the end abolished the serpent's tyranny, set us free and brought us back to life."

+ St. Gregory Palamas

"Let us not procrastinate till tomorrow. For we 'know not what the next day may bring forth,' nor let us say, 'we shall conquer this habit little by little,' since this little and little will never come to an end."

"How can you ask your Lord to be mild and merciful to you, when you have been so hard and unforgiving to your fellow-man?"

"This do with regard to your brethren; when you see them cut off from your friendship, make all haste to recover them."

-St. John Chrysostom