



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

May 31, 2026

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 31: PENTECOST – TRINITY SUNDAY / Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra and seven virgin-martyrs / TONE 7 / Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52, 8:12

9:00AM Divine Liturgy (with Kneeling Prayers); Live video broadcast on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/>

WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

FAST FREE WEEK

Mon., June 1: DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT / Hieromartyr Patrick, bishop of Prusa, and his companions / Eph. 5:8-19; Mt. 18:10-20

10:00AM Moleben to the Holy Spirit

Tues, June 2: Martyr Thalelaeus at Aegae in Cilicia and companions / Rom. 1:1-7, 13-17; Mt. 4:25–5:13

Wed., June 3: Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine and Helen, his mother

Rom. 1:18-27; Mt. 5:20-26

7:00PM Moleben & Adult Ed

Thur., June 4: Hieromartyr Basiliscus, bishop of Comana / Rom. 1:28–2:9; Mt. 5:27-32

Fri., June 5: Ven. Michael the Confessor, bishop of Synnada

Rom. 2:14-29; Mt. 5:33-41

Sat., June 6: Apodosis of the Pentecost / Ven. Symeon Stylites (the Younger) of the Wonderful Mountain / Rom. 1:7-12; Mt. 5:42-48

Sunday, June 7: ALL SAINTS / Third Finding of the Precious Head of St. John the Baptist / TONE 8 / Heb. 11:33–12:2; Mt. 10:32-33, 37-38–19:27-30

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

THE LAST DAY BEFORE THE APOSTOLIC FAST

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue

SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, MAY 31

Acts 2:1-11 (Epistle)

NOW IN THOSE DAYS, When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Par’thians and Medes and E’lamites and residents of Mesopota’mia, Judea and Cappado’cia, Pontus and Asia, Phryg’ia and Pamphyl’ia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyre’ne, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

John 7:37-52, 8:12 (Gospel)

Now, On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given,

because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

PARISH NEWS

--WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO: Eleanor Sadowski (May 25), David Schneider (May 30), may God grant you, all, Many, Happy Years! Многая літа

--ANNUAL MEETING WITH ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS: June 7th, during coffee hour.

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

Coffee Hour volunteers for **June:** June 7: LaChapelle / June 14: Lim / June 21: Meschisen / June 28: Santos. **Thank You.**

--CHECK OUT OUR LENDING LIBRARY: Be sure to check out our parish's lending library, located in the church hall.

--FROM THE PARISH BOARD: 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.
- Proving 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.

--Sunday, June 28 / July 19 / Aug. 16: UOL Meeting during coffee hour

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

--Friday, Sept. 25: Painting Class / more info to follow

--Friday, Nov. 6: Zentangle Class / more info to follow

ST. MICHAEL'S MEN'S GROUP

Meet every 2nd Sunday of the month.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

--Sunday, June 7: Annual Parish Meeting, be sure to attend this important meeting in the life of St. Michael's

--Tuesday, June 9: Parish Board Meeting @ 6:00PM

--Saturday, June 20 (Rain date: June 27): Blessing of animals @ Noon

APOSTLES' FAST

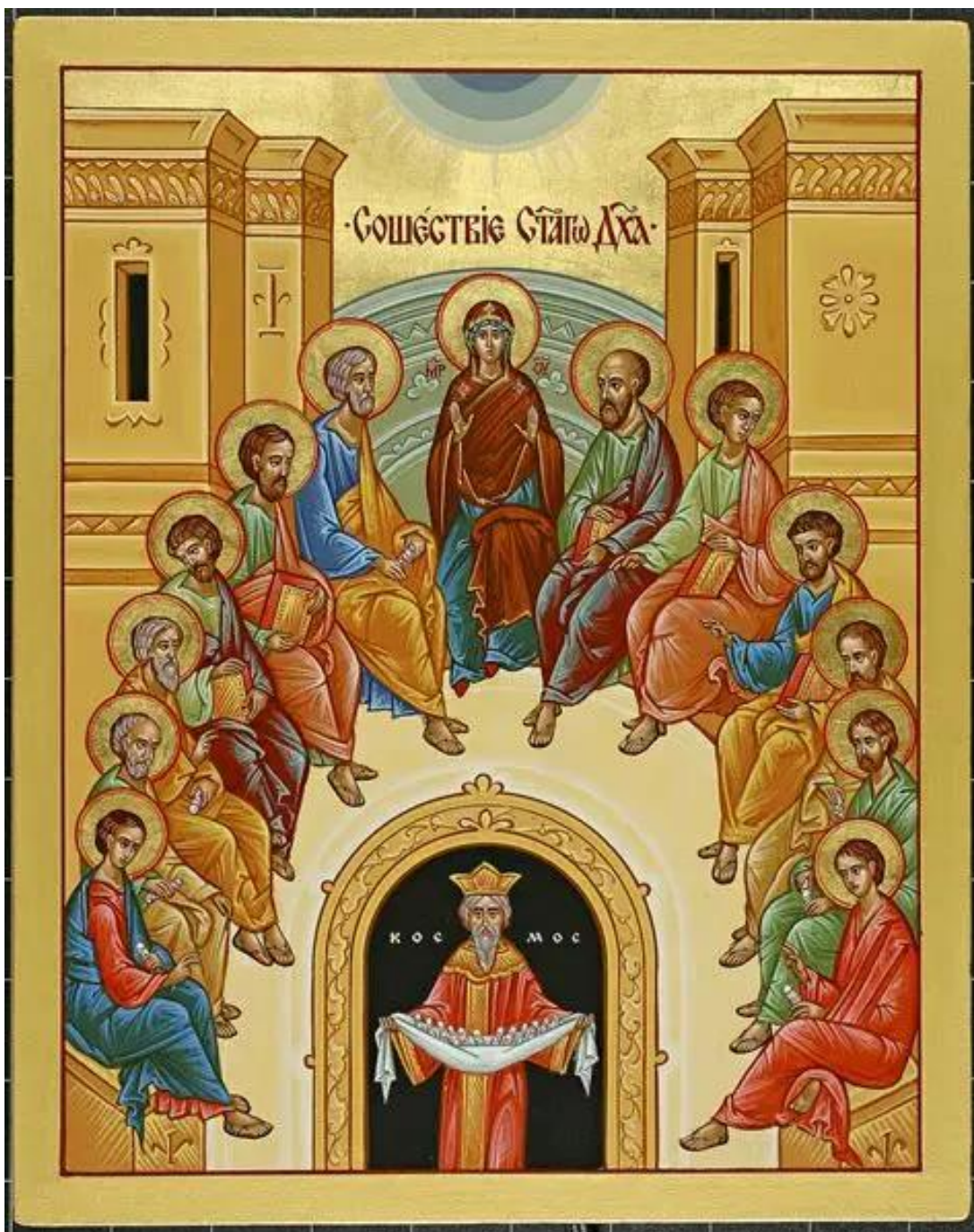
[June 8 to July 11]

The rule for this variable-length fast is more lenient than for Great Lent.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: Strict fast.

Tuesday, Thursday: Oil and wine permitted.

Saturday, Sunday: Fish, oil and wine permitted.



Saint Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

The community of St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church is blessed to have you as a member.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" St. John 11: 25-26

God bless you for making the most important decisions you can ever make:

- 1. To believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God.**
- 2. To order your life according to that belief.**

This is the Way to eternal life in the hereafter (St. John 3:16-17) and blessedness here and now (St. John 10:10). There are no "free agents" in Orthodoxy – our salvation is affected in community. In other words, you cannot say "YES!" to Christ and "NO!" to membership in His Church. Christ requires participation in His Body, both through the Eucharist (His very body and blood; see St. John 6: 53-58) and the Church (the physical body of which He is the head; see Ephesians 4: 1-16). As a member of the Body of Christ, you participate in the deifying Mysteries (e.g. Communion, Repentance, Corporal Worship and Prayer) that can heal all your infirmities and improve your relationship with God, your family, and your community. The Orthodox Church offers this blessed Truth in its fullness through your parish home, St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Then [Christ] said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

St. Matthew 9: 37-38

While there are specific obligations that come with being a member of this parish (e.g. regular attendance, financial support, sacrificial giving, participation in the Eucharist and Reconciliation, support of our various ministries & activities), the most important is a complete dedication of your very body and soul to God (St. Matthew 22:37). Everything else (from regular attendance through your own salvation) flows directly from this. Just as the sacrament of marriage blesses and sanctifies a couple and society, so to does parish membership. To deepen the analogy, no marriage can thrive without loving service and sacrifice. So, it is with parish membership – it is through this service that Christ saves us and each other. It is my calling as the priest, pastor, and spiritual father of this God-protected community of St. Michael's to serve and support you on The Way. I encourage you to call on me if there as anything that I can do to help. I ask you to keep this parish in your daily prayers as we work towards our mutual salvation. May God bless you as you grow in Him.

**Fr. Borislav Kroner
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Please complete the attached form to confirm your family's membership at St. Michael's UOC and to update your contact information!

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Parish Membership Form 2026

Do you consider yourself and your family members to be members of St Michael's in good standing?

To be a member in good standing you must meet the following criteria:

Active participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the church.

Financial obligation to the parish as well as active support and participation in the various ministries, activities and events at St Michael's UOC.

Stewardship guidance: After a careful review of expenses, it has been determined that a weekly donation of \$40 per member each week is the minimum donation necessary to cover our most basic expenses. Donations in excess of \$40 per week will help us address additional expenses as they arise. Additionally, St. Michael's must meet a yearly obligation of \$150 per member to the Consistory of the UOC of USA.

You Spouse Children

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Patron Saint:

Godparents:

Birthday:

Anniversary:

Address:

Phone:

Cell Phone:

Best time to call:

E-mail address:

Please list the names of loved ones you would like remembered at our weekly Moleban and Divine Liturgy:

Living:

Departed:

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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, щирю 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!

УКРАЇНЬКА 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 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 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.



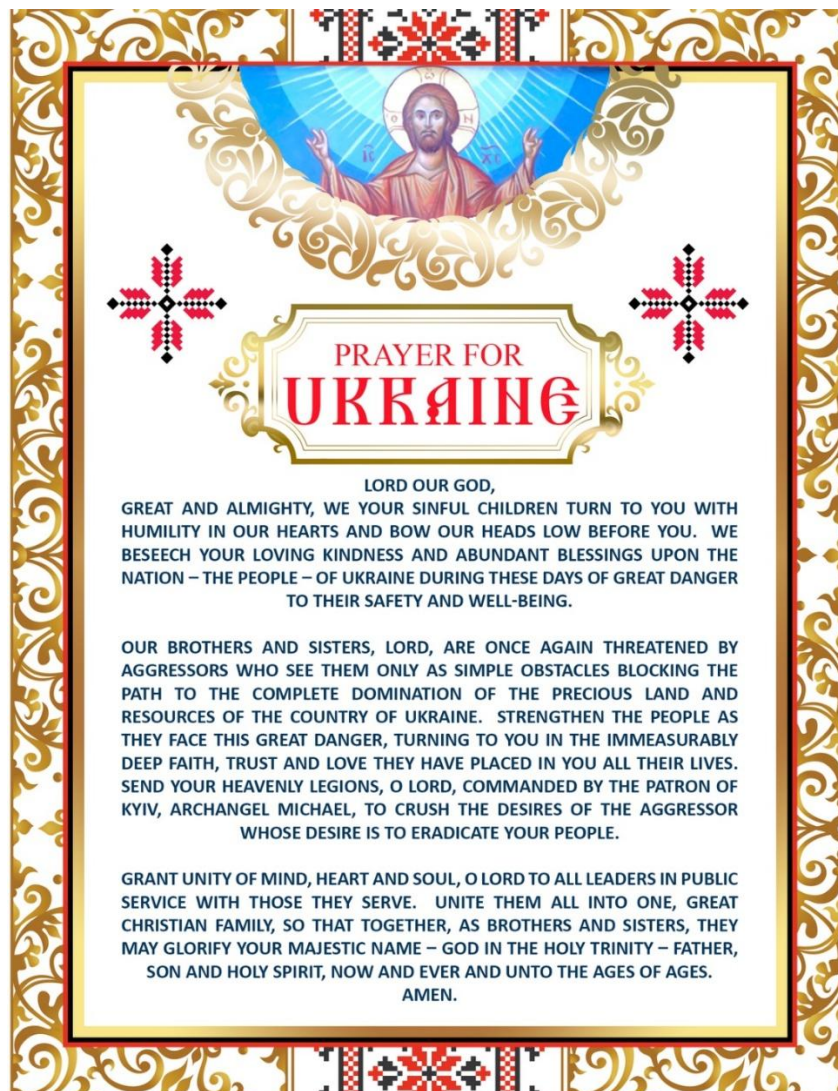


**МОЛИТВА ЗА
УКРАЇНУ**

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.
АМІНЬ.

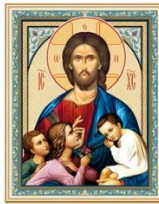


**PRAYER FOR
UKRAINE**

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.

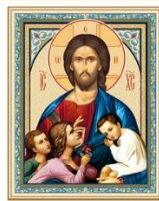
Surround these children with the Resurrection Love and Peace that emanate from your Empty Tomb. Comfort them in their fear and confusion, granting them the strength to endure these present trials and the knowledge that their families yearn for them and the nations of the world are struggling to free 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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*“The aim of all those who live in God
is to please our Lord Jesus Christ and
become reconciled with God the
Father through receiving the Holy
Spirit, thus securing their salvation,
for in this consists the salvation of
every soul. If this aim and this
activity is lacking, all other labour is
useless and all other striving is in
vain. Every path of life which does
not lead to this is without profit.”*

-St. Symeon the Theologian

