



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

August 11, 2024

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Aug. 11: 7th Sunday after Pentecost / Martyr Callinicus of Gangra in Asia Minor

Tone 6: Epistle: Romans 15:1-7; Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

9:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Live video broadcast on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/>

WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon., Aug. 12: Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy and those with them: Crescens, Epenetus, and Andronicus

Epistle: 1 Cor. 9:13-18; Gospel: Matthew 16:1-6

Tues, Aug. 13: Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia

Epistle: 1 Cor. 10:5-12; Gospel: Matthew 16:6-12

LAST DAY BEFORE THE DORMITION FAST

Wed., Aug. 14: Procession of the Precious Wood of the Life-giving Cross of the Lord / Celebration of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine – STRICT FAST

**Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:18-24; Gospel: Jn. 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35
7:00PM Daily Vespers**

BEGINNING OF THE DORMITION FAST

Thur, Aug. 15: Translation of the relics of the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen – STRICT FAST

Epistle: 1 Cor. 10:28–11:7; Gospel: Matthew 16:24-28

Fri., Aug. 16: Venn. Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus – STRICT FAST

Epistle: 1 Cor. 11:8-22; Gospel: Matthew 17:10-18

Sat., Aug. 17: Holy Seven Youths of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian (Constantine) and Antoninus – FAST, WINE AND OIL PERMITTED

Epistle: Romans 13:1-10; Gospel: Matthew 12:30-37

Sunday, Aug. 18: 8th Sunday after Pentecost / Forefeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord / Martyr Eusignius of Antioch -- FAST, WINE AND OIL PERMITTED

Tone 7: Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

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Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue

SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, AUG. 11, 2024

Romans 15:1-7 (Epistle)

Brethren, We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me.” For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Matthew 9:27-35 (Gospel)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

PARISH NEWS

--WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO: Bronwyn LaChapelle (Aug. 11), and **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:** Melissa & Russell Baker (Aug. 7), and Danny & Patty Bourgery (Aug. 10), may God grant you, all, **Many, Happy Years!**
Многая літа!

--REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: The Servants of God: Pani Mat. Faith, Rich, Christopher, Allan, Juliya, Robert, Victoria, Everett, Erin, Bill, Maryann, Emmanuel, Donald, Eleanor, Robert, Donna, Rita, Jaak. Linda, Margaret, Skyler, Sharon, Katherine, Dina, Carol, Peter, Yanina, Christian, Nate, Millie, Mary, Sergei, Jaren, Julie, Susan, Carl, Roman, Konstantine, Vitaly, Olga, Kateryna, Dasha, Alla, Mark, Helen, Raisa, & all those in need of our prayers.

--FROM THE KITCHEN: The kitchen would be most grateful for donation of any of the following items. Please note that we do use specific brands for quality control.

King Arthur flour, 5# bags, all purpose

Gold Medal AP flour, 5 # bag

Mazola corn oil

Wesson Vegetable oil

Canola oil for frying

Carnation evaporated milk

George Washington seasoning, yellow box

Beef Herb-ox, powder only, no cubes

Onion powder, small jars

White pepper

Shredded sharp or extra sharp cheddar cheese, white or yellow

5 lb block land o lakes American cheese, white or yellow

Shredded sauerkraut, silver floss

Butter

Imperial or blue bonnet margarine

White pepper

Paper towels

White vinegar

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We could, also, use a volunteer to take the used towels home for washing.

Thanks a bunch! Donna

-FROM ELEANOR KOGUT: **1-**If you are donating any items to the Ukrainian store, please give items to either Cindy or Eleanor. They need to be priced before placing them on the table. Thank you for your cooperation.

2-There is a sign-up sheet for the Bake Table, it is located with the other sign-up sheets on the front table in the Hall.

-FESTIVAL UPDATE: Please note the change of the date of our Ukrainian Festival is now **Saturday, Sept.7 from 11AM to 3PM, with a rain date of Sunday, Sept. 8 from 11AM to 3PM.**

-FESTIVAL BAKE TABLE: If you plan on baking for the Festival, please let Eleanor Kogut know what you are making. Pastries that can be frozen may be prepared ahead of time and stored in the Church freezers.

Boxes are available to pre-package your goods. If you cannot prepare your baked goods in advance, please plan on dropping them off on Friday, Sept. 6th or early Saturday, Set. 7th.

The day of the Festival can become hectic quite quickly. By introducing these new procedures, we are trying to be more organized. Your time, efforts or contributions are greatly appreciated.

This is an important Church fund raiser and we need everyone's help in making it a success. **Thank you for your help.**

-FESTIVAL HELP NEEDED: We need items for our Festival Raffle: Gift Cards & Wine. Also, we need Sponsors for our Festival (see Susan Chase for Sponsor letters: susanjchase@yahoo.com). Finally, we need baked goods for our Bake Table. These can be made now and brought to our freezers in the Church Hall. Thank You.

-IMPORTANT NEWS FROM OUR SR. UOL CHAPTER: "Our Senior UOL has exciting news to share! We have been selected (by our choice) to once again host an Annual UOL Convention! We have plenty of time to plan and fund raise as our year will be **2027**.....10 years since the last time we hosted! The National board and other members are still

talking about Convention '17 and have been asking (begging actually) for Woonsocket to host again. SO.....Our first fund raiser is now underway! We have a Christmas Basket full of gifts that will be more fun to open than scratching a block of scratch tickets, AND you are guaranteed that the basket of goodies has a value of over \$250!! If everyone at Coffee Hour, bought one ticket per week, we could raise over \$500 just in-house! And the tickets for the basket will be available at our September Festival and Christmas cookie Walk, when the basket winner will be chosen!

Please help support our worthy cause by helping however you can. Do you have an idea for a fundraiser to help and would you be willing to take charge of it? We need you, as the churches need the UOL! Please consider offering your help. See any of the officers, or better yet, join us at a meeting and consider joining the UOL!! You will not regret it!"

In His Love, (and thank you), Janice, Erika, Cindy and Eleanor

--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

--SEEKING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS: We are seeking volunteers to sponsor a coffee hour. There will be a white board setup in the Hall with the dates. Simply, write your name for the Sunday you wish to sponsor. Usually the coffee pot and water kettle are ready to go upon your arrival. The coffee pot needs to be plugged in by 8:30 am. You are responsible for purchasing milk and half & half for the coffee. There are presently packaged goods in the kitchen. There also may be frozen items in the freezer designated for coffee hour. Feel free to bring your own items as well. At the end of coffee hour, you are responsible for washing the coffee pot, utensils, plates, etc., wrapping any leftovers, cleaning the food tables and kitchen counter. Please ask if you have any questions or need help with your coffee hour. Thank you for volunteering. Thanks, Eleanor

--2ND COLLECTION: The Special Collection will be to help with the expenses of repairing the front steps of the Church and other capital improvements. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you!

UPCOMING PARISH & INTER-PARISH EVENTS

--Aug. 16 - 18: 2024 GRECIAN FESTIVAL of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Pawtucket, RI.

Friday, August 16th 5 PM-10 PM

Saturday, August 17th 12 PM-10 PM

Sunday, August 18th 12 PM-9 PM

--Aug. 17: Ukrainian Picnic: Hi everyone, this year's RI Ukrainian Picnic will take place on August 17 (NOON to 4PM) at Colt State Park (Bristol, RI), area 3, tables 81-82. Join us to celebrate Ukraine's Independence Day and meet Ukrainians that live in RI and neighboring states!

--Aug. 24: Sunflower Festival, Jamestown, RI. St. Michaels is participating in this event! Volunteers are needed to transport our Ukie Gift Shop and to man the booth! Please let us know if you can help on this day!

--Saturday, Sept. 7TH: Annual St. Michael's Festival, from 11AM to 3PM, with a rain date of Sunday, Sept. 8th, from 11AM to 3PM

--UOL CONVENTION: Woonsocket, RI in 2027. More info to follow.

KITCHEN SESSIONS

Aug 13 - holubtsi

A kapusta day will be added.

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.

--UOL MEETING: Sept. 15th.

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CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

--Sept. 22: "Beginning of new Church School year."





St. Michael
Ukrainian
Festival

SATURDAY, September 7th

11 AM-3 PM

TRADITIONAL UKRAINIAN FOOD |
PASTRIES | SOUVENIRS | FUNDRAISERS |
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES | LIVE MUSIC

[rain date: Sunday, 9/8/24]

74 Harris Ave, Woonsocket, RI

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Assumption of the Virgin Mary
Greek Orthodox Church
Pawtucket, Rhode Island



www.greekfestivalri.com



AUGUST 16, 17 & 18

Friday, August 16TH
5PM - 10PM

Saturday, August 17TH
12PM - 10PM

Sunday, August 18TH
12PM - 9PM

Dance Performances

Friday 7PM
Saturday 4PM & 7PM
Sunday 4PM & 7PM



Authentic Greek Food

Roast Lamb • Souvlaki • Gyro
Greek Pastries • Loukoumades
Kafenio (Coffee Shop)
Ouzo • Beer • Wine • Spirits



Georgios Karatzas
&
Athenian Entertainment
Saturday 5PM - 10PM
Sunday 5PM - 9PM



Free Shuttle Service across
from Pawtucket City Hall

97 Walcott Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone: (401)725-3127



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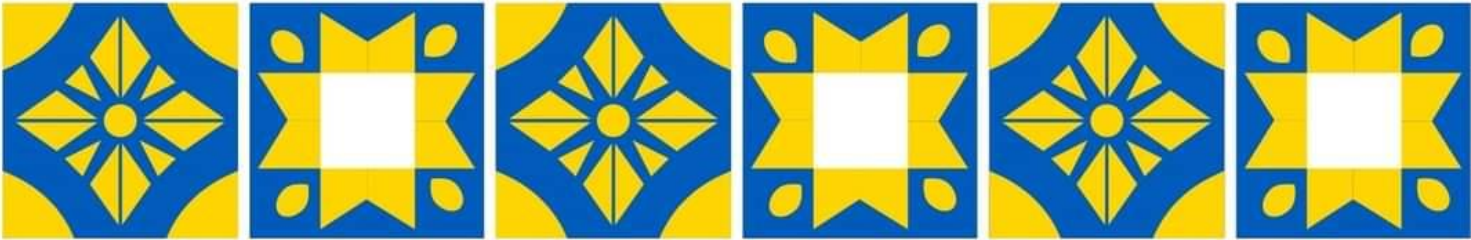
RI UKRAINIAN PICNIC 2024

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17



12
PM

COLT STATE PARK
ROUTE 114, BRISTOL, RI 02809
ASYLUM RD ENTRANCE, AREA 3, TABLES 81-82



TIME: NOON TO 4PM



Sunflower Family Festival

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 11-2

Lawn Avenue School, Jamestown (Watson Avenue field)

FREE Admission!

Live Ukrainian and other music • Activities for kids
Sunflower crafts • Games • Face painting • Prizes
Ukrainian folk dance instruction, and more!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO UKRAINE RELIEF

For more information, visit:

<https://www.jamestownukrainereliefproject.org/festival>

This event has been made possible in part by a Rhode Island Foundation Community Grant



JAMESTOWN
UKRAINE RELIEF PROJECT



ATTENTION!:

St. Michaels is participating in this event!
Volunteers are needed to transport our Ukie Gift Shop and to man
the booth!

Please let us know if you can help on this day!



Celebrate Ukrainian Independence Day with Us! Calling All Vendors!

Join us for a vibrant celebration of Ukrainian culture and heritage at Ukrainian Independence Day event. This volunteer-run, nonprofit gathering is dedicated to honoring Ukraine's rich history and traditions.

We are actively seeking vendors to join us and make this event unforgettable:

For-Profit Vendors: Showcase your handmade products, art, and crafts.

Non-Profits: Reach more people and share your mission.

Food Vendors: Bring the delicious tastes of Ukrainian cuisine to the event.

🇺🇦 Join annual tradition of flag raising.

🎵 Enjoy lively music and traditional dances.

👁️ Explore a diverse array of vendors showcasing unique Ukrainian crafts, delicious foods, and more.

Become part of celebrating the Independence Day of Ukraine in Boston and help create an enriching and memorable experience for attendees, celebrating both Ukrainian heritage and community spirit.

📍 Event Address: City Hall Plaza - 1 City Hall Square, Boston, MA

Date and time: August 24, 2024 12:00 - 4:00

To reserve your spot as a vendor at the event, kindly fill out this form: (<https://forms.gle/x6ZxwcFWk7sDc2RC9>) at your earliest convenience. A member of our volunteer team will reach out to you to provide more details.

We're excited to have you join us in making this Ukrainian Independence Day celebration truly special! 🇺🇦

DORMITION FAST (AUG. 14 – 27)

Fasting during the two-week Dormition fast is like that during most of Great Lent:

Monday-Friday: Strict fast. [The strict fasting rule is kept every day: avoidance of meat, meat products, fish, eggs, dairy, wine and oil.]

Saturday and Sunday: Wine and oil permitted. [Otherwise, the strict fasting rule is kept.]



UKRAINIAN RABBIT
Hero

Would you consider helping Ukrainian children in the time of War?
Sponsor a hand-made toy and help a child in Ukraine - \$300
Please let us know where to mail your Ukrainian Rabbit Hero
Make your donation and order via the website

Маєте бажання допомогти українським дітям в час війни?
Зробіть пожертву в розмірі \$300 та отримайте іграшку ручної роботи - тим же допомагаючи дитині в Україні!
Будь ласка, дайте нам знати, куди надіслати вашого іграшкового Українського Кролика
Зробіть пожертву та замовлення в режимі інтернету





МОЛИТВА ЗА УКРАЇНУ

ГОСПОДИ, БОЖЕ НАШ,
ВЕЛИКИЙ І ВСЕСИЛЬНИЙ, МИ ГРІШНІ ДІТИ ТВОЇ, ЗВЕРТАЄМОСЯ ДО ТЕБЕ У
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НЕБЕЗПЕКИ ДЛЯ ЇХ МИРНОГО ЖИТТЯ І ДОБРОБУТУ.

О ГОСПОДИ, НАШИМ БРАТАМ І СЕСТРАМ, ЗНОВУ ЗАГРОЖУЮТЬ АГРЕСОРИ,
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АРХІСТРАТИГ МИХАЇЛ, ЩОБ ВИКОРИНИТИ БАЖАННЯ АГРЕСОРА ЗНИЩИТИ
НАШ НАРОД.

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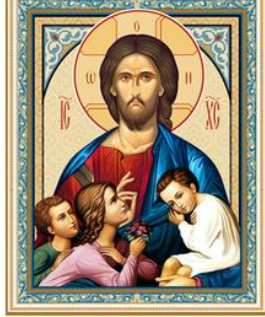
PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

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.

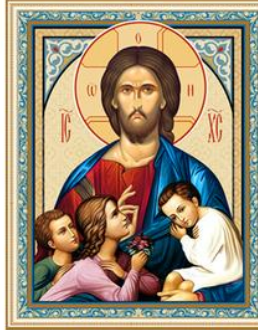
Surround these children with the Resurrection Love and Peace that emanate from your Empty Tomb. Comfort them in their fear and confusion, granting them the strength to endure these present trials and the knowledge that their families yearn for them and the nations of the world are struggling to free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

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



МОЛИТВА ЗА ДІТЕЙ УКРАЇНИ ВИКРАДЕНИХ ЗАГАРБНИКАМИ РОСІЙСЬКОЇ ФЕДЕРАЦІЇ

В Ім'я Отця, і Сина, і Святого Духа. Амінь.

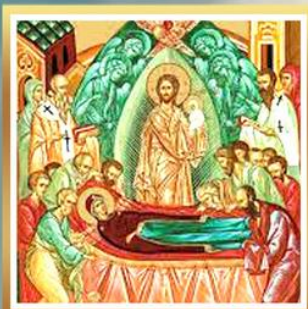
Ми постаємо перед Тобою, о Всемогутній Боже, з обтяженим серцем, підносячи наші молитви за невинних дітей України, які були викрадені до Російської Федерації, насильно забрані з їхніх домівок і сімей у час цього чергового вторгнення та геноциду нашої улюбленої Батьківщини. Господи, Ти є захисником немічних і охоронцем вразливих. Ми просимо Твого божественного втручання та заступництва за їхнє життя. Господи, могутністю Твою, зупини радянську «політику перевиховання», налаштовуючи дітей проти їх сімей та рідної України.

Огорни цих дітей Любов'ю та Миром Воскресіння, які виходять із Твого Порожнього Гробу. Подай утішення їм серед страху та збентеження, даруючи їм сили витримати ці нинішні випробування та подай їм розуміння того, що їхні сім'ї прагнуть повернути їх, а нації по всьому світу намагаються їх звільнити. Господи, ми молимося за їхню безпеку і щоб ці випробування завершилися їхнім швидким поверненням до своїх родин на свою Батьківщину.

Доторкнись, Господи, навіть до сердець тих, хто їх викрав, спонукаючи їх до співчуття і сумління діяти справедливо й милосердно. Пом'якши серця цих викрадачів, скеровуючи їх до дій, які повернуть цих дітей до їхніх домівок, щоб не прирівняти їх до тих, хто вбивав невинних дітей у Вифлеємі після Втілення Христа, нашого Господа. Ми також палко молимося за родини, які залишилися без своїх дітей та, без сумніву, терплять невимовний біль і страждання. Дай їм надію та відвагу, щоб вони могли відчувати Твою люблячу присутність у цей час страждань і впевненість у тому, що Твій Святий Дух вічно перебуває з їхніми дітьми.

У Твоєму безмежному милосерді та силі, Господи, поклади кінець цьому вторгненню. Поверни мир і справедливість у незалежну Україну, яка знову повстане з попелу, як прославлений Фенікс, і злетить серед вільних націй світу. Покладаємось на Твою могутню силу та незмінну любов, вірячи, що Ти чуєш наші молитви та завжди перебуваєш з нами.

В Ім'я Отця і Сина і Святого Духа. Амінь.



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