

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

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

September 10, 2023

# SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>Sunday, Sept. 10</u>: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Synaxis of the Saints of the Kyiv Caves whose relics repose in the Far Cave of St. Theodosius / Uncovering of the relics of St. Job of Pochaiv Tone 5 / Epistle: 2 Cor. 1:21–2:4; Gospel: Mt. 22:1-14 9:00AM Divine Liturgy – Live video broadcast on our Facebook page: page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/</u>

# WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Mon., Sept. 11</u>: The Beheading of the Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John / Anniversary of the terrorist attack of 9/11 – STRICT FAST DAY Epistle: Acts 13:25-32; Gospel: Mk. 6:14-30

Tues, Sept. 12: Sts. Alexander, John, and Paul the New, patriarchs of Constantinople. Epistle: Gal. 2:21–3:7; Gospel: Mk. 6:1-7 Wed., Sept. 13: The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Most Holy Theotokos – FAST Epistle: Gal. 3:15-22; Gospel: Mk. 6:7-13 7:00PM Moleben to the Birth-Giver of God: Healer of Cancer Thur, Sept. 14: Church New Year / St. Symeon Stylites and his mother St. Martha Epistle: 1 Tim. 2:1-7; Gospel: Lk. 4:16-22 Fri., Sept. 15: Martyr Mamas, and his parents, Martyrs Theodotus and Rufina - FAST Epistle: Gal. 4:8-21; Gospel: Mk. 6:45-53 Sat., Sept. 16: Hieromartyr Anthimus, bishop of Nicomedia Epistle: 1 Cor. 4:17-5:5; Gospel: Mt. 24:1-13 Sunday, Sept. 17: 15th Sunday after Pentecost / Hieromartyr Babylas, bishop of Antioch, with Martyrs Urban, Prilidian, and Epolonius, and their mother Christodula Tone 6 / Epistle: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Gospel: Mt. 22:35-46 9:00AM Divine Liturgy – Live video broadcast on our Facebook page: page: https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/ *Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue* 

## SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, SEPT. 10, 2023

## 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 (Epistle)

BRETHREN, He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand.

But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

## Matthew 22:1-14 (Gospel)

At that time, Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding." But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

# PARISH NEWS

### --FROM THE UKRIANIAN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE: A special

Thank You to all our Festival sponsors:

**Bronze Level:** Edmund Luii, Wayland Excavating, Regan Septic, GV Propencio Towing, Ralph J. Salvucci Jr., Ben - The Vernon Company, Middlesex Asphalt Services, Krakow Deli, Marie Hardink, KOS-MC, Outlaws MC

### **Silver Level:** Higher Calling MMC

**Gold Level:** Truck 495 Center, Blackstone Polish Club, Barrows Contracting, Irene Shewchuk, Rick and Cindy Charest, Steve Hreczuck

### --- UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL 2023 NEWS:

--The Jewish Alliance will once again be donating food for the needy/refugees at our Ukrainian Festival. If you know anyone that needs some assistance, please tell them we will have food bags for distribution. No questions asked.

--Dorcas International will also have a table at our festival. Please visit the table if you can. Mariia, the young lady who will be at the table with her Mother and son, have been refugees in RI for about 15 months now. Mariia's husband could not leave the country due to the war. She is a

super nice person and has a lot of information to help other refugees. (And her Mom promised to make some authentic Ukrainian pastry to sell at our bake table---be sure to check it out)!!

--<u>2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION</u> for August will be to help defray Festival expenses. The Special Collection for September will be to help with the expenses of repairing the front steps of the Church. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you!

--<u>ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY ACCESS</u>: Polish National Cemetery has a contract to excavate and to remove gravel from their cemetery. The operation will take place **Monday thru Friday between 7am – 5pm and Saturday 9am – 12 pm.** Be aware that you may encounter quite a bit of activity involved on the shared road.

**UPDATE:** A metal plate has been placed over the culvert (brook). Please drive with care as it is not fastened. Also, please lock the gate and DO NOT remove the chain from the lock. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

### --REQUEST FROM CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

Notification was given at a Parish meeting that the trash barrels are no longer available on the cemetery grounds. They were an eyesore. The Parish Board would appreciate your cooperation in the upkeep of the cemetery grounds by removing your trash and not piling it up against the vault. Please bring your own trash bags when you visit the cemetery. Thank you for your cooperation.

# <u>UPCOMING PARISH & INTER-PARISH EVENTS</u>

--2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month – Akathist to the Mother of God, Healer of Cancer @ 7PM / Please submit the names of those you want to have remembered to Fr. Boris.

--Sunday, Sept. 10 – St. Michael's Ukrainian Festival

--Saturday, Sept. 30 – Beef Barn Fall Festival 10AM – 4PM





# 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.

--MEMBERSHIP IN THE UOL: Please consider joining the Ukrainian Orthodox League today!

*What are the benefits of joining?* You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your membership supports the organization that brought you All Saints Camp, St. Sophia Seminary, programming for youth and adults and scholarships for seminarians, priests and future lay leaders.

Your membership helps to support the following national UOL Commissions, Committees and Activities: Youth Commission / UOL Bulletin / Ways and Means / UOL Retreats / Vocations & Clergy Support / Essay Contest / Membership / Cultural / Activities / Christian Caregiving & Missions / Young Adult Events / Education / LSSK Scholarships / All Saints Camp / MJSF/ Scholarships for Seminarians

*If you are a member*, you will join a fellowship to advance our motto Dedicated to Our Church – Devoted to Its Youth. You will be able to participate in UOL activities and retreats, be seated as a delegate at the annual convention, be able to run for the National Executive Board and receive the UOL Bulletin. With chapter membership you have the added benefit of being able to share in a camaraderie of purpose to do projects benefitting your parish, the local community and the national organization.

*St. Michael's has chapter!* Our next UOL meeting will be on September 24th during Coffee Hour. Come see what we are all about! At this meeting will have the annual election of officers and collection of annual membership dues and set the agenda for the upcoming year. Past years activities have included hosting several parish dinners, fundraisers for Ukraine, Adopt-a-Family for Christmas giving and hosted the Spring Cookie Walk. We would also like to know how the UOL can help YOU!

*Current members:* If you are interested in being an officer this year please talk to Janice or Erika. We encourage our members to submit their dues as soon as possible and no later than the September 24th meeting.

If you have any questions about membership, please feel free to contact Erika - <u>einamaka@gmail.com</u> / Janice - <u>bridesong150@gmail.com</u> --SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, during the coffee hour will be a meeting of the UOL.

# **CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER**

--**SUNDAY, SEPT. 17** – Blessing of the children and the beginning of the new school year. Tentative Welcoming Luncheon for the Sunday School children.

--SUNDAY, SEPT. 24 – Beginning Sunday School classes.





#### Special news:

#### Iuliia Mendel, former press secretary to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, to speak in Jamestown 9/15

Ukrainian journalist **Iuliia Mendel**, formerly press secretary to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, will speak on the war in Ukraine at **5:30 PM** on Friday evening, **September 15th**, at Central Baptist Church in Jamestown. Admission is free and open to the public – donations are welcomed.

The talk is hosted by the Jamestown Ukraine Relief Project.



#### About Iuliia Mendel

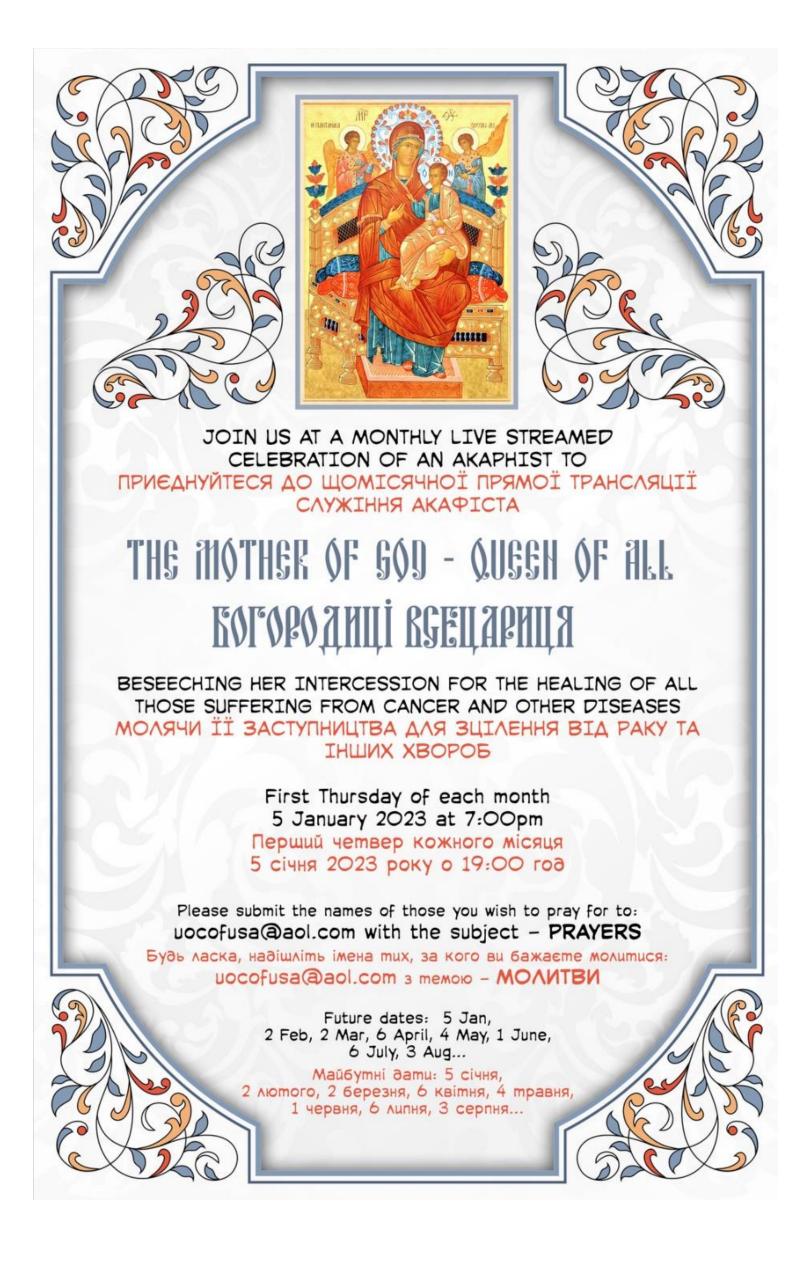
Iuliia Mendel is a Ukrainian journalist who served as press secretary and spokesperson for Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine, from June 2019 until July 2021 – a position to which she was selected from over 4,000 applicants. Mendel has more than fourteen years of journalism experience on TV and in print media and her writing has appeared in *The New York Times, The Washington Post, Vice, Politico Europe, Spiegel Online, Forbes* and many other outlets. Her book, *The Fight of Our Lives: My Time with Zelenskyy, Ukraine's Battle for Democracy, and What It Means for the World*, was published in September 2022.

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