



WELCOME TO THE GOD-LOVING & 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 24, 2023

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 24: 16th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday before the Exaltation / Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos / Ven. Theodora of Alexandria

Tone 7 / Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:1-10; Gospel: Mt. 25:14-30

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

WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon., Sept. 25: Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Theotokos / Hieromartyr Autonomus, bishop in Italy

Epistle: Eph. 1:22-2:3; Gospel: Mk. 10:46-52

Tues, Sept. 26: Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Cross / Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the

Resurrection (The Holy Sepulchre) at Jerusalem

Epistle: Eph. 2:19-3:7; Gospel: Mk. 11:11-23

Wed., Sept. 27: *THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS* – STRICT FAST

**Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:18-24; Gospel: Jn. 19, 6-11, 13-20, 25-28,30-35
10:30AM Divine Liturgy**

Thur, Sept. 28: Great-martyr Nicetas the Goth

Epistle: Eph. 4:14-19; Gospel: Mk. 11:27-33

**Fri., Sept. 29: Great-martyr Euphemia the All-praised, of Chalcedon
– FAST**

Epistle: Eph. 4:17-25; Gospel: Mk. 12:1-12

Sat., Sept. 30: Saturday after the Exaltation / Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross / Martyrs Sophia and her three daughters: Faith (Vira), Hope (Nadia), and Love (Lyubov), at Rome

Epistle: 1 Cor. 14:20-25; Gospel: Mt. 25:1-13

Sunday, Oct. 1: 17th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday after the Exaltation / Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross / Ven. Eumenes, bishop of Gortyna

Tone 8 / Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:16–7:1; Gospel: Mt. 15:21-28

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

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue

SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, SEPT. 24, 2023

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Epistle)

BRETHREN, We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Matthew 25:14-30 (Gospel)

At that time, the Lord said: For the kingdom of heaven is like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

PARISH NEWS

--WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO: Elizabeth Gemski (Sept. 21), may God grant you, **Many, Happy Years!** Многая літа!

--FROM MARGARET HUNT: "St Michael's Orthodox Church in Rhode Island made a very generous donation some time back, and I have been posting the purchases made with these funds. The final amount was used to purchase items for civilians: a heater and a cooktop for people in Ізюм (Izyum or Izium), and a bedside commode for a woman in Myrnohrad. The items are with me and we are working out delivery. Thank you, Christine Teper Charest and St Michael's Orthodox Church!"

Margaret is a friend of Irene's sister, who is doing work in Ukraine. She's a veterinarian. The parish sent her \$1,500 from our Ukrainian Gift Shop.

--2ND COLLECTION: 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!

--ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY ACCESS: 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.

UPCOMING PARISH & INTER-PARISH EVENTS

--2nd Wednesday of every month – Akathist to the Mother of God, Healer of Cancer @ 7PM / Followed by Adult Religious Education class. Please submit the names of those you want to have remembered to Fr. Boris.

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

--Sunday, Nov. 12 – St. Michael's Day Celebration

--Saturday, December 16 – Annual Cookie Walk

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.

--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 - einamaka@gmail.com / Janice - bridesong150@gmail.com

--SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, UOL Meeting during the coffee hour will be a meeting of the UOL.

CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

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

--15 MINUTES WITH FATHER -- Last Sunday of the month.

--SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 -- St. Nicholas Day Children's Celebration





JOIN US AT A MONTHLY LIVE STREAMED
CELEBRATION OF AN AKAPHIST TO
ПРИЄДНУЙТЕСЯ ДО ЩОМІСЯЧНОЇ ПРЯМОЇ ТРАНСЛЯЦІЇ
СЛУЖІННЯ АКАФІСТА

THE MOTHER OF GOD - QUEEN OF ALL БОГОРОДИЦІ ВСЕЦАРИЦЯ

BESEECHING HER INTERCESSION FOR THE HEALING OF ALL
THOSE SUFFERING FROM CANCER AND OTHER DISEASES
МОЛЯЧИ ЇЇ ЗАСТУПНИЦТВА ДЛЯ ЗЦІЛЕННЯ ВІД РАКУ ТА
ІНШИХ ХВОРОБ

First Thursday of each month
5 January 2023 at 7:00pm
Перший четвер кожного місяця
5 січня 2023 року о 19:00 год

Please submit the names of those you wish to pray for to:
uocofusa@aol.com with the subject – **PRAYERS**

Будь ласка, надішліть імена тих, за кого ви бажаєте молитися:
uocofusa@aol.com з темою – **МОЛИТВИ**

Future dates: 5 Jan,
2 Feb, 2 Mar, 6 April, 4 May, 1 June,
6 July, 3 Aug...

Майбутні дати: 5 січня,
2 лютого, 2 березня, 6 квітня, 4 травня,
1 червня, 6 липня, 3 серпня...



МОЛИТВА ЗА УКРАЇНУ

ГОСПОДИ, БОЖЕ НАШ,
ВЕЛИКИЙ І ВСЕСИЛЬНИЙ, МИ ГРІШНІ 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. ЗМІЦНИ ЛЮДЕЙ, У ЧАСІ ЦІЄЇ ВЕЛИКОЇ НЕБЕЗПЕКИ, ЯКІ
ЗВЕРТАЮТЬСЯ ДО ТЕБЕ У БЕЗМІРНО ГЛИБОКІЙ ВІРІ, ДОВІРІ ТА ЛЮБОВІ, ЯКІ
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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.



UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS У ВЕРЕСНІ СВЯТКУЄМО

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