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PRAYER FOR WARRIORS AND VICTIMS OF WAR

Great God, Almighty God! We, Your sinful children, with humble hearts, bow our heads before You. Father! Forgive us our sins, and the sins of our parents, grandparents, and ancestors. Accept this day, we beg of You, our sincere prayers and gratitude for Your infinite mercy upon us. Hear our prayers and accept the supplication of our hearts. Bless our ancestral homeland Ukraine, grant victory over her adversaries, wisdom, and good fortune. Oh, Gracious Lord, grant mercy to all who turn to You in supplication.

We beseech You, God, on behalf of all warriors and defenders, our brothers and sisters, widows, orphans, the crippled and the weak, for those who are oppressed and imprisoned, for those suffering difficulties, for refugees, and all those who need Your mercy and help. Unite us all into one large Christian family, so that all the people of Ukraine, through our unity and victory may glorify Your majestic Name always, now, and forever, onto ages of ages. Amen.

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THE NEWS MEDIA IS COVERING THE LATEST ON THE TOPIC OF RUSSIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE... THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE MORE WORRIED ABOUT GAS PRICES GOING UP... VERSUS THE IMMENSE LOSS OF LIFE... AS CHRISTIANS, LET US BE REALISTIC - TREASURE THE SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE!

LET US PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE!
- Archbishop Daniel

ЗАСОБИ МАСОВОЇ ІНФОРМАЦІЇ ВИСВІТЛЮЮТЬ ОСТАННІ НОВИНИ НА ТЕМУ РОСІЙСЬКОЇ АГРЕСІЇ ПРОТИ УКРАЇНИ... Є ЛЮДИ, ЯКИХ БІЛЬШЕ ХВИЛЮЄ ЗРОСТАННЯ ЦІН НА ГАЗ, НІЖ ВЕЛИЧЕЗНІ ВТРАТИ ЛЮДСЬКОГО ЖИТТЯ... ЯК ХРИСТІЯНИ, БУДЬМО РЕАЛІСТАМИ – ЦІНУЙМО СВЯТНІСТЬ ЛЮДСЬКОГО ЖИТТЯ!

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PRAY FOR UKRAINE

The Ukrainian Orthodox Community of the Metropolia Center of the UOC of the USA Holds Community Prayer Vigil in South Bound Brook/Somerset, NJ

As a 17-mile-long convoy of Russian tanks rumbled towards Kyiv, and over 500,000 women and children made their way west towards Poland to escape death, leaving behind their fathers, husbands, brothers and sons to defend Ukrainian sovereignty, the people of New Jersey gathered at the steps of the St. Andrew Memorial Church to pray for their safety and the sovereign integrity of their ancestral homeland of Ukraine.

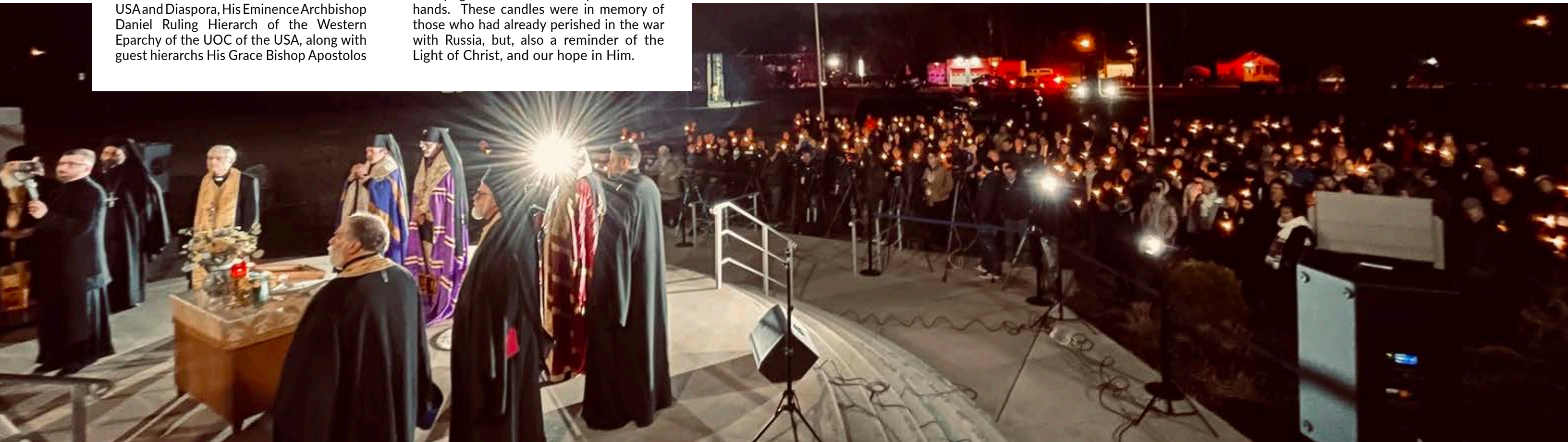
At 7 PM, as the church bells began to slowly chime, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of the USA, along with guest hierarchs His Grace Bishop Apostolos

of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey, Bishop Andrii Rabiw of Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and clergy emerged slowly and stood upon the steps of the tall, brightly illuminated church. The Saint Andrew Memorial Church is the first monument erected in memory of the millions of lives lost to the Soviet Russian perpetrated manmade famine known as Holodomor (murder by starvation). The church is made of light-colored stone, is narrow, and reaches high up into the heavens, resembling a candle lit in prayer, lit in memory, lit in hope. Echoing the church, the hundreds of people who had gathered at the steps of the church, braving the cold temperatures, began to slowly light candles which they held in their hands. These candles were in memory of those who had already perished in the war with Russia, but, also a reminder of the Light of Christ, and our hope in Him.



> His Eminence Metropolitan Antony led the service and gave a moving sermon

> Hundreds of faithful gathered and held flames of hope as they joined their hierarchs in praying for peace in Ukraine.



Picking up the microphone, Archbishop Daniel addressed those gathered. He began by informing the public, which included a number of government officials and dignitaries, leaders of various Faith groups, the faithful of various Orthodox parishes, and the people of New Jersey, that he was born in Ukraine and came to the United States as an exchange student. His family is in Ukraine, his parents in Buchach, and other family in Ivano-Frankivsk. He told how a short 12 days earlier he had visited his family back in Ukraine, but now the streets of Kyiv and other cities in Ukraine are destroyed and impassible. Many homes are destroyed, building demolished, innocent lives shattered.

Everyone was moved as His Eminence described his daily communications with his mother. He smiled as he recalled all the texts, and funny clipart she sends him daily. This morning he awoke expecting to read the numerous messages from her... but was surprised to see that the messages she had sent were labeled as having been deleted. He immediately got concerned; she had never deleted messages before. Was she okay? Had something happened? He phoned her, and she answered the phone from her basement, where the family had retreated for safety as the bombs fell nearby and the house shook. She told him she had written him messages of farewell, the final words of a mother to her son, but by God's mercy they had survived, and she deleted them so as not to worry him.

Silence spread like a blanket over the entire crowd as they fought back tears, feeling the mother's pain, her concern, and her fear. She, and millions of other innocent people were hiding, running, fleeing for their lives, and fighting for their freedom.

We are standing outside today, because of an 18-year-old soldier stands in the cold outside in Mariupol in order to protect the lives of innocent people, who are trying to rest, hiding in their basements, in underground subway stations, wherever they can find shelter.

His Eminence stated that driving home to New Jersey from Youngstown, Ohio yesterday, he and the seminarians stopped at a small gas station along the way. The clerk who was standing outside overheard them speaking amongst themselves in Ukrainian and asked them what language they were speaking. When the Archbishop told her they were Ukrainians, she stood up and told them how sorry she was for what was happening in their country. She said that today, she is also Ukrainian, and that everyone is Ukrainian, as we all stand against tyranny. His Eminence shared that Fr. Stephen Hutnick had told him that driving to this evening prayer service through Delaware, every single electronic billboard along the way displayed, "Pray for Ukraine" or "Ukraine, we are with you". We, the Ukrainians, are so grateful to the people of the United States, of New Jersey, of our local communities for their unwavering support. This evening we offer a fervent prayer service for the people and the nation of Ukraine. While we pray for the safety of the living, we also remember those who have already lost their lives, including a 6-year-old child in Mariupol.

He asked that everyone be united with Ukraine and tell the world we cannot let such atrocities go unanswered. We must once and for all say "NO" to war.

With these words, His Eminence thanked the elected officials, the police, the Faith Community Leaders, and all those gathered, for joining together to support Ukraine, and honor the lives of the innocent

people of Ukraine and stepping down he joined Metropolitan Antony and the other hierarchs and clergy and began to pray.

The faithful filled the grounds behind their hierarchs, their candles rivaling the stars twinkling in the sky above. It seemed as if heaven had reached down and touched the earth, as the shimmering lights of the stars melded with the shimmering flames of the candles, the hopes, and the prayers of those who prayed.

"We pray for our God-loving and God-protected country the United States of America, for the Government and armed forces and for all the people; for our God-loving and God-protected ancestral homeland Ukraine and for all the people, that the Lord God help and aid them in all things and protect them from every enemy and adversary."

The clergy prayed, while the seminarians of the Saint Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary sang the responses. The faithful prayed, tears shining in their eyes, as they called out to God.

"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."

With their heads bowed low before the Lord, the tears flowed freely, as the faithful were overcome with emotion, and as a child, pleaded with their Father to hear them and have mercy.

The service ended in silence. The only sound heard was the flapping of the flags that furled and snapped in the cold breeze.

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony stepped up to the podium and greeted everyone with the ancient Christian Greeting of "Christ is among us". The world watches another attempt of the Russian leadership to invade Ukraine and turn her merely into a small region of Russia. A nation that attacks innocent civilians is guilty of tyranny, instigated by low self-esteem. This is a dangerous circumstance as it comes with the realization that all things of Ukrainian value are lost to them.

His Eminence continued stating that Russia first tried to intimidate the nation by surrounding the country with military installations and armored vehicles. When the intimidation failed, the Russian government chose to invade, to deliberately kill innocent civilians indiscriminately. No care was being taken to minimize civilian casualties. This is an act of terrorism against Ukraine, against Democracy and against the world.

He continued by stating the Ukraine is a geographic reality, with her own borders, which have been coveted over the centuries by neighboring countries. Ukraine is blessed with numerous and abundant natural resources, and rich black soil that yields plentiful crops. It is due to this rich soil that Ukraine is known as the "Breadbasket of Europe".

It is no secret that under the guise of the Soviet Union, Russia wanted to claim these vast resources, but she also wanted to install a wide buffer zone between herself and Europe. In her efforts at acquiring what belonged to others for herself, Russia killed indiscriminately as human life meant nothing, it was expendable, and mass graves would soon be forgotten. What they did not realize, is that Ukraine is more than a border line, it is a nation, and her most valued resource are her

people, who possess an indelible self-identity which will never be ripped from their hearts or souls. His Eminence continued by stating that it is exactly these people whom we are concerned for today. It is for their sakes that we are gathered on this cold evening on the steps of the church, to pray for their salvation and God's protection of the Ukrainian nation, her sovereignty, and her very identity.

Metropolitan Antony expressed his joy at seeing the world finally united in the realization of Russian tyranny. From the farthest corners of the world, people are gathering, rallying, protesting, and making known their disapproval and condemnation of Russia's act of war against an innocent, peaceful, and democratic nation. Formerly, rival nations have swung their doors wide open, accepting the thousands of refugees who are fleeing for their lives with little more than the clothes on their back. This is the Finger of the Lord, as He acts to save His people.

His Eminence thanked all the clergy, the faithful, the guests, and elected officials for joining in tonight's prayer and standing up for freedom and for Ukraine. He thanked them for not only joining in prayer but joining in showing the world that we will not back away from terror.

With this the Honorable Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, stepped up to share a few words. He said that we all pray for the people of Ukraine, but, also for the innocent people in Russia who stand with Ukraine. New Jersey boasts over 75,000 Ukrainians, and with those in residence in neighboring New York, supports the largest population of Ukrainians in the U.S.A.

He continued by stating that this unprovoked invasion of a democratic and independent nation was a

choice made by a thug who play by his own rules and puts millions of lives at risk. However, this thug named Putin, never expected such solidarity, which is evidenced locally here tonight, and echoed throughout the world. Having formerly been the US Ambassador to Germany, Governor Murphy stated that he is familiar with European history and has studied the history of sovereign nations that have the right to defend their borders.

He concluded by declaring that tonight, we are all Ukrainians, and we will be Ukrainians every single night until Ukraine is once independent and knows peace. "Ukraine, New Jersey stands with you... the United States stands with you... and we will never ever waver. God bless you all."

Next up to the podium was the Consul General of Ukraine to New York, Oleksii Holubov, who defended Ukraine's right to sovereignty and expressed his condemnation of the Russian invasion of a freely elected, democratic nation. He encouraged everyone to continue to pray and to defend the freedom of Ukraine and the world.

Pastor George Montanari, of the Franklin Township Interfaith Council stepped up and explained that having attended services over the last few days, how moved he was by the pain and the hope in God of the people of Ukraine. His heart was torn at hearing the many horrific stories of the tragedies transpiring in Ukraine, and the many calls people had received with final goodbyes from their loved ones. Pastor George continued by stating that his heart was moved by the many prayers and songs seeking comfort in the Lord.

This incursion into Ukraine is not due to a fractured soul, but, due to a soul that is completely missing



LET MY PRAYER ARISE IN THY SIGHT AS
INCENSE, AND LET THE LIFTING UP OF MY
HANDS BE AN EVENING SACRIFICE.

НЕХАЙ ПІДНЕСЕТЬСЯ МОЛИТВА МОЯ НАЧЕ
КАДИЛО ПЕРЕД ТОВОЮ, ПІДНОШЕННЯ РУК
МОЇХ - ЯК ЖЕРТВА ВЕЧІРННЯ.

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something. It is a deficiency in character that would justify such action. It is a deficiency that entices through a familial trust, promises of protection, and then turns and invades.

In vivid contrast, Ukraine shows that the true strength is in the character of the free people of Ukraine, which have inspired humanity throughout the world, even in Moscow, where people demand an end to this aggression.

Ukrainians are a defiant example to the rest of us. They made a choice between complacency and courage, between selfishness and sacrifice, and they chose to stand up against tyranny. Neutrality is not an option. Faithfulness to God demands us to take a stand. We must defend those in need. We must be strong and courageous. We pray for the protection of the Ukrainian people, that the Lord strengthen them, and that God's embrace comforts and fortifies them. We pray that the day of victory and peace comes soon.

The final speaker represented the Muslim Community, Imam Mustafa El-Amin of Masjid Ibrahim, who stated that when God wishes to raise a people higher, He tests them. He tests them with the fruits of their labor, in order to see which of you will be steadfast, which will be patient, which will respond, and how they will respond. Throughout history, God has taken down the pharaohs of the world, who oppressed His people, the righteous and innocent, the people who wished only to live in peace and harmony. Therefore, the Muslims in the United States stand with the people of Ukraine, and he expressed his desire that one day soon we should all gather together once again to celebrate Ukraine's freedom. May God bless Ukraine and support the just cause of that nation.

His Eminence Archbishop Daniel stepped up and explained that a short 8 years ago, Ukrainians had peacefully gathered on the Maidan of Independence in Kyiv, once and for all declaring to the pro-Russian president that they do not wish to move closer to Russia but yearn for a European way of life. That president ordered the slaughter of those 100 men and women, which we now know as the "Heavenly Hundred".

Just a few days ago on the 21st of this month, we marked the anniversary of their murders, and recall that as their bodies were prepared for burial a hymn was written to honor their sacrifice. His Eminence gestured to the side, pointing at the seminarians standing there, and explained that these young men remember that day, when the tragic murders occurred. They remember the sounds of the sniper fire, the images of the Independence Square massacre of those innocent boys and girls slaughtered by snipers merely for wishing to live a free and western way of life.

His Eminence stated that the seminarians will sing the deeply haunting and stirring song, "Plyve Kacha Po Tysyni" in honor of the Heavenly Hundred, and those who have died and are dying in the current war with Ukraine. Archbishop Daniel stated that this song is once again heard throughout Ukraine, as the bodies of first victims are returned to their families for burial.

The young men began to sing the soulful melody, as the deep and haunting lyrics wound their way down the steps of the church and enveloped everyone present, bringing them to tears. Even those who did not understand the Ukrainian words, were moved by the meaningful melody about a duckling and his mother.

"Oh, I will die on foreign lands, who will lay me in my grave?" the son asks his mother, to which the mother weeps in reply exclaiming her sorrow, and how he had laid upon her hear heart... as the melody fades, the duckling floats away...

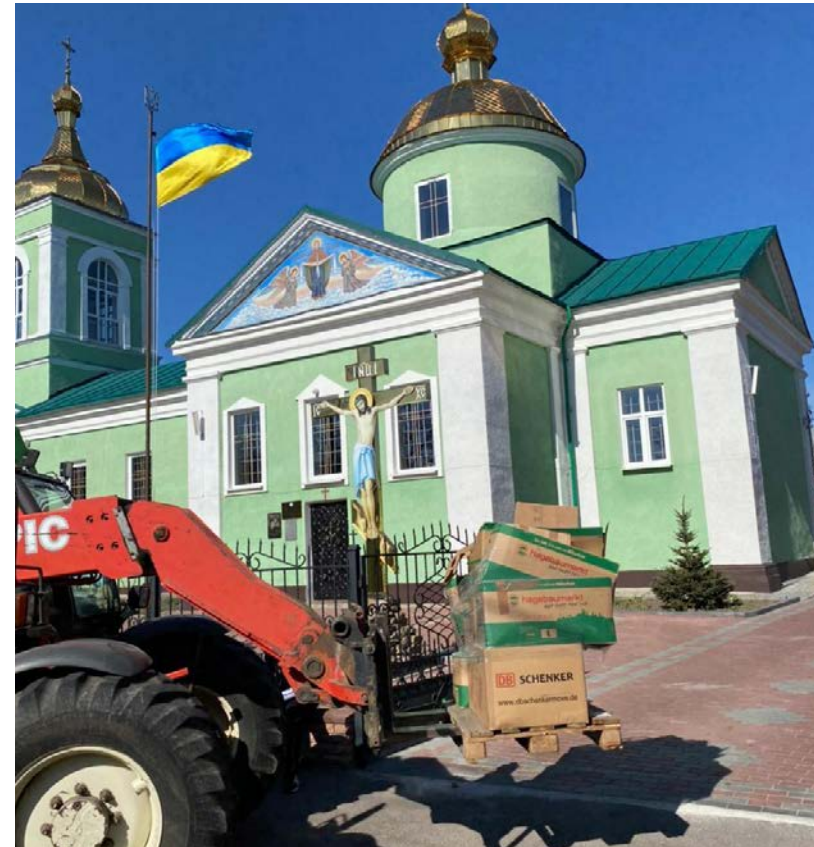
As the evening service concluded, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel once again thanked everyone for joining them tonight in prayer, especially the hierarchs, clergy, local police, dignitaries, elected officials, Community Faith Leaders, faithful and guests.

Turning to the people His Eminence stated that these days we Ukrainians have a greeting, "Слава Україні!" to which the reply is "Героям слава!" He repeated the words slowly so that all those gathered could memorize them, and then yelled out loudly "Слава Україні!" and received a resounding response of "Героям слава!" Again, he called out, "Slava Ukraini!" "Heroyam Slava!" "Glory to Ukraine!" "Glory to her heroes!"

As the final echoes stilled, the bells of the church began to toll slowly, somberly, sadly. Starting quietly the seminarians began to sing "Вічна Пам'ять!" / "Memory Eternal". Their voices resonated between the chimes of the bells, as the people gathered joined in singing not only with their hearts but with their souls, that the Lord should give rest to all those who have lost their lives due to current and former Russian aggression among His Saints.

May the Lord safeguard Ukraine, protect her people, grant integrity to her borders, and chase all evil, danger, and trouble from her lands.

UOC of the USA DELIVERS HUMANITARIAN AID TO UKRAINE



“By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another” (John 13:35).

Following the appeal of the Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA to collect financial charitable assistance, the Church has delivered aid, supplies and other donations to children, elderly, wounded soldiers and medical supplies around Eastern, Central and Southern parts of Ukraine recently.

Literally all parishes of the Church are involved in active Humanitarian efforts in order to benefit the suffering people of Ukraine, as Russian forces continue to destroy the peaceful way of life of Ukrainians across the country. Boxes of medical supplies, food, clothing, etc. shipped daily to Ukraine from the faithful of the UOC of the USA. For those active and logistical efforts, we are truly grateful to all clergy and parish leaders of the Church.

The national Spiritual Center – Metropolia continues to coordinate financial donations and their distributions via various ministries in Ukraine. Having collected over 1.3 million dollars, the UOC of the USA continues to finance logistical food deliveries in Kharkiv region of Ukraine, where a group of young volunteers, sponsored by the Church, makes purchases of food items in various parts of Ukraine and transports them to Kharkiv residents. To see more photos scroll down...

Over the weekend of March 25-27, 2022, the UOC of the USA in cooperation with the Ukrainian Orthodox communities in Munich, Germany shipped over 45 tons of humanitarian aid to Volyn region of Ukraine. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel traveled to Munich to oversee and to take active part in packaging and shipment of the aid. The shipment was delivered to Horohiv, Volyn region on Monday 28 March, 2022 with the immediate distribution process in place. More shipments will be scheduled in the following days.

Due to the cooperation of the Church with several local volunteers in Kyiv and Volyn, financial aid of another \$50,000 was made to the families of the fallen Ukrainian soldiers and assistance was issued to the refugees from the Eastern Ukraine that have resettled in Western Ukraine.

The UOC of the USA continues to provide support to the clergy and parishioners of the severely damaged city of Mariupol. Through the frequent communications with Metropolitan Serhiy of Donetsk Eparchy of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine as well volunteers in the region, the Church has transferred another \$20,000 to those in need.

Moreover, the funding of the UOC of the USA enabled delivery of portable heating units to the frontline,

where the Ukrainian armed forces continue to protect the sovereign borders of Ukraine.

Another shipment of about 30 trucks was co-sponsored by the UOC of the USA and the Consulate General of Ukraine in Istanbul, Turkey. At the most recent meeting of the hierarchs of the Church with the Ukrainian diplomats, a donation of \$20,000 was issued in order to offset logistical expenses for the delivery of the shipments, which contained the most necessary medical equipment for the wounded soldiers and patients of Ukrainian hospitals.

As the loss of human life in Ukraine takes its toll on a worldwide community, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA received a request to assist with the purchase of a mobile morgue vehicle, which provides dignified logistical transport of human remains. Such vehicle was purchased and delivered to the 24th Army Military Brigade of King Danylo.

Most recently, Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel held a meeting with the representation of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), which has outstanding experience in distributing funds throughout the world to disaster areas and sites of catastrophe. As such, a core group of volunteers and coordinators was created in Kyiv, Ostrih,

Mukachevo, Poltava and Lviv regions in Ukraine in order to coordinate the delivery of humanitarian aid to those in need. Once again, such cooperation relieves the Church of “reinventing the wheel” in our own distribution process. The IOCC already has its own Ukrainian Aid Fund with contributions equal to those our Church has received.

Prior to his departure from Germany, Archbishop Daniel spoke to several local volunteers, stating: “War is always a human tragedy. The most recent attacks on Ukrainian cities and medical facilities demonstrate the horrors of this attempted invasion by the Russians... Civilians, especially children, suffer greatly when the violence is perpetrated...”

Fears remain about human rights - for women and children, for journalists, for the many Ukrainians who are left without homes and the basic needs for survival. The need for support of millions of Ukrainian refugees in Europe and for those who want to leave Ukraine is ongoing. There’s a strong mandate for us as Christians, certainly as Ukrainian Orthodox Christians, to support those trying to flee violence and persecution. Let us pray that all may turn their hearts to the things that promote peace.”



barvinok CAMP

Thanks to the efforts of the UOC of the USA, the Ukrainian Children's Summer Camp "Barvinok" has opened!



Over one hundred children from the war-ravaged areas of Ukraine, namely from Vinnytsia, Dnipro, Donetsk, Zaporizhia, Irpen, Kyiv, Mariupol, Odesa, Kharkiv, and the Kherson region, were enjoying themselves at the "Periwinkle" Children's Camp, where they could put their fears aside and simply be children.

Summertime for children is a time for relaxation, cooling off in the local pool, hiking through the woods in search of squirrels and rabbits, biking through the streets with your friends, resting on the cool grass beneath a shade tree and reading a good book. The weeks are spent carefree and are filled with laughter and lemonade. Or at least they should be. For thousands of Ukrainian children, this Summer is anything but carefree. Instead of the sound of music coming through open windows, they are assaulted with air-raid siren. Instead of joyful fireworks, they are terrorized by flying missiles. Instead of running barefoot through the sprinklers, they are running for their lives.

With the blessing of Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarchy of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of the USA, with the assistance of the faithful of the Church, set out to give these children their childhood back.

This week, 123 children, categorized as "Internally Displaced Persons", were whisked away to Istanbul, Turkey for a short reprieve, giving their bodies time to heal, their spirits time to recuperate, and their souls time to rejoice. With the sun glinting gleefully off the waves of the Bosphorus as they lapped against the shores of the ancient city, the air was filled with sounds – sounds of the waves, car horns, seagulls, vendors in the marketplace, bells ringing, and mostly the joyful sounds of children laughing.

Surrounded by their new friends, the weeklong activities began with the raising of the Ukrainian flag, without fear of being shot at for doing so. As the flag was hoisted by a young boy from the world-renown village of the Kherson region – Chornobaivka, named Tamerlan, along with the Consul General Roman Nedilsky, everyone began to sing the national anthem of Ukraine. The youngest children timidly sang, while the older ones sang loudly, their voices breaking as they fought back tears.

During the weeklong camp, the children will have the opportunity to brush up on their studies, learn pottery making, attend cooking classes, enjoy swimming and mostly they will be able to rest calmly, without the fear of bombs falling around them. Their stress is slowly being released even as they enjoy creating art as seen in the colorful drawings they created on the first day of camp of peace signs, the Ukrainian flag, and freedom fighters. Through their drawings it is evident that even though they have been taken out of the war zone, the war is still coursing through their innocent minds.

It is thanks to the many counselors and educators of @UkraynaStambuli that these children, participating in the third such camp, will begin to relax and reclaim their childhood. A special thanks to the sponsorship of this retreat by the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, especially His Eminence Archbishop Daniel. It is through this cooperation of individuals and their generosity that these 123 children can once again simply be children.

Завдяки УПЦ США, український дитячий табір «Барвінок» в Стамбулі розпочав свою роботу!

Третій український дитячий табір «Барвінок» в Стамбулі розпочав свою роботу! Ми дуже раді, що всупереч всім труднощам, цього року вдалося реалізувати задум щодо відпочинку дітей.

123 діти матимуть чудову можливість протягом тижня знайти нових друзів, отримати цікаві знання, покращити українську мову, навчитися гончарній майстерності, відвідати майстер-класи з кулінарії, покращити вміння у плаванні і, головне – **ВІДПОЧИТИ!**

Цього року через війну росії проти України в нашому таборі відпочивають діти вимушених переселенців з усієї України – зокрема з Вінниці, Дніпра, Донецька, Запоріжжя, Ірпеня, Києва, Маріуполя, Одеси, Харкова, Херсонщини.

Український прапор під час офіційного відкриття табору разом із генконсулом Романом Недільським піднімав хлопчик Тамерлан із відомого на весь світ своєю міццю села з Херсонщини – Чорнобаївки. Гадаємо, що цей момент у нашого земляка залишиться у спогадах надовго.

А як емоційно діти співали гімн! А подивіться на ці красномовні малюнки, які створили діти – мир, сонце, прапор України, ЗСУ...

Ми дуже-дуже хочемо, аби діти гарно відпочили і запаслися позитивними емоціями, які запам'ятаються їм надовго!

Щиро дякуємо Українському Товариству Взаємодопомоги в Стамбулі - Украйна Dayanışma Derneği і всім вихователям, які стали на цей тиждень курінними і опікувалися дітьми протягом тижня.

Окрема сердечна подяка від всіх нас за спонсорську підтримку Українській Православній Церкві США. Ви зробили щасливішими 123 діти!



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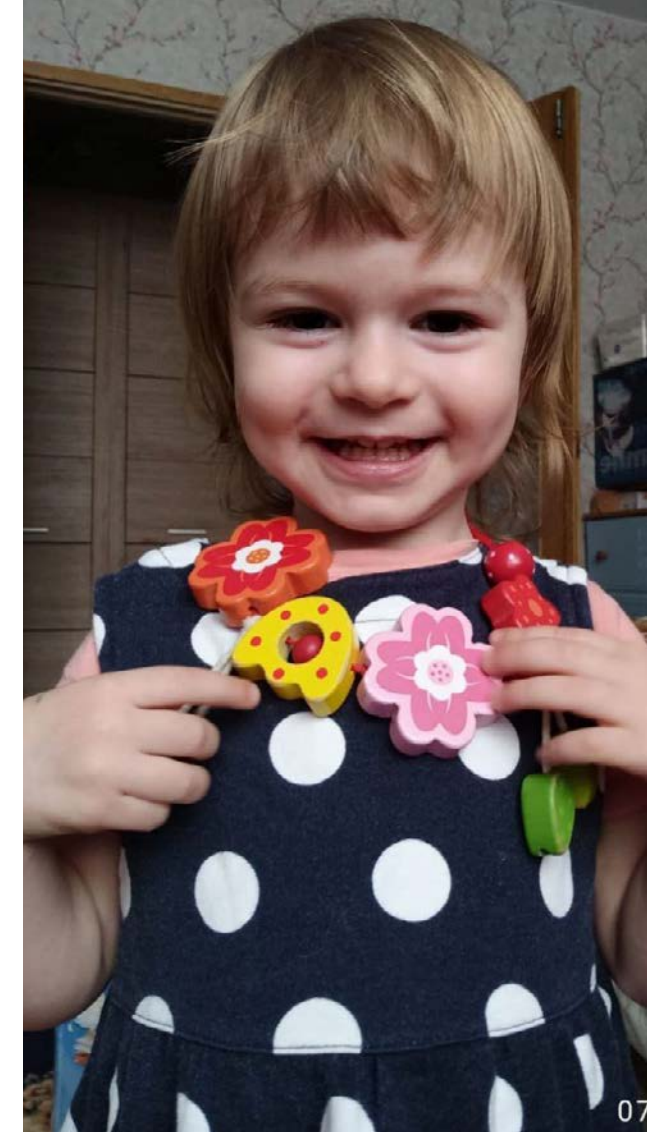
As the Russian incursion into the sovereign nation of Ukraine passed its 50th day, the world witnessed atrocities never dreamt of in their worst nightmares. The brutality of the attacking forces towards the civilian population stood against every law of humanity, respect of life, dignity of personhood. The barbarism stood against the Rules of War set forth by the Geneva Convention to minimize harm done to innocent civilians. The cruelty inflicted upon the people of Ukraine by the invading Russians goes against every tenant and teaching of Christ and the Orthodox Church.

Even as their demolished cities smolder and with over a quarter of the populace of Ukraine displaced either internally, or as refugees to foreign lands, their faith and hope in God keeps them going. Huddled in underground cellars, or tempting fate above ground in damaged parish churches, or gathering in parishes outside of Ukraine who have warmly greeted them, Ukrainians celebrated the Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem/Palm Sunday, filled with hope. Just as Christ entered the city fully aware that tough times lay ahead for Him, He did not falter because He knew that in the end good would conquer evil. And so the people of Ukraine follow their Lord's example, and with evil and darkness all around them, they focus their gaze and place their hope in God, knowing full well that Christ has already conquered this fallen world.

Entering this Holy Week, as we ponder the Passion of Christ, His humility, and His love for all others, even those who falsely accused Him. As our Lord made His way towards Golgotha, He permitted a man to help Him carry the heavy Cross, showing us that it is okay to allow others to assist us in our life's journey, especially when our own crosses seem to heavy and hard to carry.

As Simon of Cyrene helped Christ carry His Cross, the Church has stepped up and is helping the refugees and those suffering due to the military aggression against them, by aiding in any way possible to ease their suffering and strengthen their hope God.

The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, continues to provide life's necessities to the embattled people of Kharkiv, working through local volunteers to deliver food to the elderly, children, and those who are living in damaged homes, or in cellars beneath the ground.



As the Orthodox celebrated Palm Sunday, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, traveled to Germany to firsthand minister to the needs of the refugees who had gathered there. He listened to their heart wrenching recollections, mourned with them at the loss of their loved ones, prayed with them, cried with them, and delivered much needed humanitarian aid to them, and passed along financial assistance to be delivered deep into the heart of ravaged Ukraine to those who are hunkering down during the onslaught.

The Church has sponsored 7 ambulances, 2 of which are already in use saving the lives of those who have been injured by the bombs, and shrapnel.

The embattled regions of the nation, including the city of Dnipro, where the Church is working with Metropolitan Serhiy, are receiving much needed aid and support for the refugees who are fleeing the remnants of the once thriving metropolis of Mariupol.

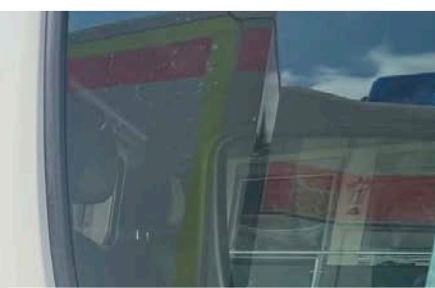
While many able-bodied families have been able to evacuate the areas that are being currently targeted,

many elderly and disabled people are not able to be evacuated and remain in their homes. These individuals are being aided by the Kyiv Metropolia of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine, which is ensuring they receive the needed physical and spiritual sustenance to see them through these difficult times.

Through the generous donations of the faithful of the UOC of the USA, the OCU is able to provide the individuals stricken by the evil forces, their homes demolished, possessions lost, loved ones missing with stipends between \$300-\$1,000 depending on the size of the family unit and the need.

The Saint Andrew Society of the UOC of the USA, lead by Protodeacon Ihor Mahlay, has this week donated \$5,000 to assist Ukrainian refugees in need in Germany.

As Orthodox Christians it is our duty to step up and help those in need, knowing that when we assist our neighbors, we assist Christ Himself. Therefore, the Church is stepping up and helping the embattled people of Ukraine, her military, her elderly and disabled, her children, her orphans, her clergy, her families and widows, dust themselves off, shift the weight of their burden and continue to carry their crosses through these dark times.



CHARIOTS OF HOPE

As we pass the 100th day of an unprovoked war against the sovereign and peace-loving nation of Ukraine, her people continue to suffer and die in unprecedented numbers. As the Russians wreak havoc on the countryside, demolishing churches, businesses, historic monuments, and homes, leaving destruction and desolation behind, the people of Ukraine fight on, stalwartly trying to hold on to their lives, their identity, and their land.

Refugees, mostly mothers with children, have fled the country, and continue to bring awareness of the dire situation back home. In the meantime, Internally Displaced People, those who were forced to flee their homes, and yet remain within the borders of Ukraine, watch as the Russian army continues to pillage, destroy, murder throughout their villages and cities.

The Black Sea has been blockaded, paralyzing supply lines from the south, and making the lines from the west even more crucial, as many people find themselves starving and dying of injuries that otherwise would be curable, if medical supplies and avenues of transportation to hospitals were available.

Even in this seemingly dire situation, God works through His people, and shines a light in the darkness. With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and the Diaspora, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarchy of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of the USA, delivered funds to be utilized to ease the hardships in Ukraine. Through the generous donations of the faithful of the Church, supplies of food have been purchased and are being delivered to the IDPs and others who find themselves in need of assistance. Vehicles have been procured to be used in the war-torn areas to deliver food and medical supplies.

Additionally, a number of ambulances have been purchased and delivered to Ukraine to help save the lives of those who are injured and need immediate medical care. These Chariots of Hope have been furnished with the necessary medical devices and supplies to provide emergency help.

Today, His Beatitude Metropolitan Epifaniy, Primate of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine, blessed the newly delivered fleet of ambulances, before they were transferred to the military units, including the French Volunteer International Legion, to fulfill the mission of saving lives on the battlefield, and beyond. Emblazoned with the logos of the OCU and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, these Chariots of Hope will travel to the darkest most war-torn regions of the nation, to bring light, hope and salvation to those struggling to survive against the Russian onslaught.

Thank you to all those who have donated and contributed to this initiative, for by doing so you follows Christ's teachings of love, mercy, and self-sacrifice.





KHARKIV receives much needed aid



The faithful gathered on a sunny bright day for Divine Liturgy in the Church of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian in Kharkiv. On this day Bishop Mytrophan of Kharkiv and Bohodukhiv, was present at the Divine Liturgy, to celebrate not only his birthday, but, also his saints day.

It was refreshing to see, that even though their city was heavily damaged by the Russian artillery, their schools bombed, hospitals burned down, homes destroyed, and dreams shattered, the residents of Kharkiv still held onto their faith in the Lord.

On this day their faith was rewarded as humanitarian aid was distributed on the parish grounds after Divine Liturgy. The young and the old, this day would receive some relief from the stress of not knowing if they would eat this day. In this shattered, shadow of the city they call home, it is next to impossible to find the supplies necessary for life.

This day, their worries were alleviated for the immediate future. Thanks to the generous donations of the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, through His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, funds were collected and donated to help those in this time of great need in Ukraine.

The people quietly lined up, too desperate to be shy, as food and hygiene items were distributed by the administration of the Kharkiv Diocese, and the parishioners of the St. John the Theologian church. Families with young children were ministered to first, ensuring the parents had all they needed to ensure their children had enough nourishment to survive the hardships of war. While the parents shed tears of joy at the sight of food, as well as soap, diapers, sanitizers, bandages, toothpaste, etc., the children giggle with joy as Bishop Mytrophan handed out sweets to them. It is in hard times that people truly appreciate all the little things that often go for granted.

Having tended to the needs of the individuals who were able to physically come to the parish grounds, the team then ventured out into the war-torn city.



Driving past shells of formerly grand buildings, burned down edifices of education, destroyed hospitals, pillaged homes, the team of volunteers knocked on many doors and windows to see if people were hiding inside and were in need of assistance. Numerous doors were timidly opened a crack as the frightened and war-wary residents peeked to see who was knocking, and then the doors swung open and the team members were warmly invited inside to share the meager supplies they had, and to sit and enjoy a hot cup of chai.

As evening approached, the supplies that had been lovingly purchased, packaged and distributed began to run low, as the final items were left on the doorsteps of individuals who were too afraid to respond to the team's knocks.

On this day, if only for a moment, the needs of many were alleviated by the generosity, and love of Orthodox Christians in Ukraine and in the United States, who worked together, emulated the love of Christ, and serving the Lord, by serving those in need.





As of February 24th, thousands of Ukrainians are now categorized as “Internally Displaced Persons” (IDPs). These individuals had to flee their homes from various regions of Ukraine due to the ongoing aggression of the invading Russian forces. Unwilling to leave their homeland, they have headed as far west as they could in order to distance themselves as much as possible from bombings, death, and Russia.

Entire families have congregated near the western border, mostly in the regions of Lviv, where large IDP camps have been established. Here, entire families spend their days worrying about their loved ones whom they had to leave behind, they worry about their homes, their towns, and mostly they worry about their own futures, and the future of the Ukrainian nation.

For these people, who live with constant stress and fear, the little things in life become more meaningful. A momentary reprieve from the terror of war can be found in the laughter of their children, in the joy of watching a crane fly across the horizon, in the depth of heartfelt prayer, and even in something as simple as clean pair of socks. If our clothing is stained, soiled, and pungent, we feel defeated and hopeless. However, when we can put on a clean pair of socks and a clean outfit, we feel human again, and filled with hope for the day.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, and the diligent work of His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of the USA, along with the generous donations of the faithful of the Church, these families who are struggling to get through each day, are now able to lay their heads in the evening upon fluffy pillows, warm

provided throughout the IDP camps, allowing people to launder their clothing and essentials. Something that seems so mundane, and yet has such an impact upon the quality of life for each person.

On the day these miracle machines were delivered, Metropolitan Dimitry of Lviv and Sokal (PCU), visited the camps, accompanied by Archpriest Peter Politil. The hierarch toured the camps, inspected the facilities, and took time to get to know the inhabitants, pray with them, counsel them, and inquire after their needs.

Present during the of the delivery of the 15 washing machines were Eugene Boyko, the Director of Humanitarian Policy of the Lviv City Council, Director of the Department “Administration of the Mayor” of the Lviv City Council, Victor Gabitov, one of the Administrators of the prefabricated IDP Camp, along with Ivan Spodar, the Deputy Director of the Center for Social Support of Orphans and Children Deprived of Parental Care and Internally Displaced Persons.

The residents of the camp are eternally grateful to the hierarchs and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA for their continued support. The Lviv-Sokol Eparchy of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine looks forward to continued partnership with the UOC of the USA, in assisting all those who are in desperate need due to the ongoing war with Russia. Together, we can shine the Light of Christ in the darkness caused by the Russian invasion and can ease the unfathomable burden being endured by the innocent citizens of Ukraine.

themselves with soft fresh blankets, and dress in the morning in fresh, clean clothes. With the donation of funds by the Church, 15 washing machines have been



When Russia surrounded Ukraine in February, it was hoped that this was just a strategic show of power. However, when Russian invaded Ukraine on February 24th, it began an unprovoked and unprecedented invasion of an independent and sovereign nation. Due to the ongoing aggression over a quarter of the population of Ukraine are now considered Internally Displaced Persons or have become refugees.

With the war in Ukraine entering its fifth month, numerous towns, cities, and metropolises have been targeted, damaged, or destroyed. While it is painful to watch the destruction of entire cities, hospitals, schools, theaters, factories, and homes, it is even more painful to see the human destruction. With each missile strike, each bombardment, each explosion, lives are lost, or forever changed. Countless innocent civilians have been killed, injured, and maimed, in addition to all the men and women who have suffered within the armed forces defending Ukraine from the onslaught.

While the world watches, nations send what military assistance they can to help Ukraine stave off the invasion. Numerous organizations, Churches, and individuals are busy collecting funds and materials to help the refugees and those who are in need within Ukraine and abroad.

The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, her hierarchs, clergy and faithful, daily pray for peace in Ukraine, and for the safety of her people. With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, Archbishop Daniel has been actively involved in vetting and dispensing the funds collected by the faithful of the Church to ease the burdens of those who fight and are living through the war.

On July 2, 2022, His Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphany of Kyiv and All Ukraine blessed seven ambulances acquired

UOC of the USA Delivers Additional Medical Emergency Vehicles to Ukraine

through the funds donated by the UOC of the USA and St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Silver Spring, MD. These vehicles will be sent to the frontlines to give lifesaving aid to the wounded and suffering. Thanks to the access to these ambulances, bullet holes will be quickly patched, broken bones splinted, wounds bandaged, and countless lives will be saved.

In addition to your daily and unceasing prayers for Ukraine, consider donating funds to aid the various needs of those who suffer due to the unprovoked invasion.

УПЦ США Передала Додаткові Карети Швидкої Допомоги в Україну

Блаженнійший Митрополит Київський і всієї України Епіфаній 2 липня 2022 року на території Свято-Михайлівського Золотоверхого монастиря звершив освячення семи автомобілів швидкої допомоги, які будуть передані для потреб медичних закладів та громад на прифронтових територіях.

Спеціалізовані транспортні засоби було придбано в рамках тісної співпраці Православної Церкви України та Української Православної Церкви США.

Пресслужба Київської Митрополії Української Православної Церкви (ПЦУ)

RESPONDING TO CHRIST'S CALL OF SELFLESS SERVICE

Horrorific images of devastation continue to emerge daily from Ukraine, as Russia continues its invasion efforts and targets more peaceful villages and towns throughout Ukraine.

Witnessing to the ongoing slaughter of Ukraine and immeasurable destruction of residential communities, the clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA continue to serve the needs of those in destroyed and affected areas throughout Ukraine.

Every single parish of the Church is involved in collecting funds and material goods that can be forwarded to the families of the wounded and fallen soldiers, displaced persons, etc. As of the moment that the lines of this article are typed – over 10,000 Ukrainian soldiers have fallen; over 30,000 soldiers have been injured and numerous civilians became victims of the most horrific war of the 21st century.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel continues to oversee the distribution of the logistical and financial assistance to the most affected areas of Ukraine.

Kharkiv, Lutsk, Kyiv, Yavoriv, Lviv, Odessa, Sumy, Lutsk, Severodonetsk, Dnipro, Mariupol – these are the major city-hubs where the UOC of the USA, through the ministry of the local religious and community leaders, continues to provide the life-giving support for the survivors, wounded and displaced people.

Responding to the basic needs for survival, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA continues to help with the logistical supplies of food and medical items in Kostyantynivka village (close to the devastated city of Donetsk). His Eminence Metropolitan Serhiy of Donetsk and Mariupol, along with the clergy and volunteers, oversee the transparent distribution of humanitarian aid. In Dnipro, Vladyka Serhiy passed hundreds of portable slow-cookers to the families of refugees from Mariupol.

In the town of Kostyantynivka, working closely with the Dean of Donetsk region – Very Rev. Fr. Kostyantyn Kuznetsov, the UOC of the USA provides financial assistance to the soup kitchen effort that provide daily meals to

refugees. Several portable generators have purchased and passed to the members of the local Ukrainian military unit. In addition, logistical uniform supplies have been delivered and transferred to the military brigades.

In Kharkiv region, the UOC of the USA continues to provide funding to a group of volunteers (under the leadership of Valerii Bychkov), who by risking their lives, daily deliver the most necessary medical and logistical supplies to Kharkiv district and the residents of destroyed buildings and parts of the city.

Moreover, through the cooperation with the Kharkiv Eparchy of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, Archbishop Daniel coordinated efforts with His Grace Bishop Mytrophan, who most recently distributed the most necessary survival items for the displaced families and individuals who lost their homes during the most recent bombings in the area.

We are truly grateful to all those who have donated and contributed to the Church's charitable initiative, for by doing so you follow Christ's teachings of love, mercy, and self-sacrifice.





HOLY ASSUMPTION UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, Northampton PA quickly responded to the request for aid to Ukraine. To date over \$58,000.00 has been donated by our Parish treasury, our Sisterhood, individual parishioners, and donations from outside individuals. Included in this amount are the sales of Ukrainian flag pins made by our church school children that totaled \$582.00. One thousand dollars of these funds were given to a parishioner's family member

who is purchasing and sending protective gear to Ukrainian civilians. The remainder of these funds were sent to the Metropolia Humanitarian Fund. Requests for donations were made via the Sunday bulletin, our website and our Facebook page. Our local print media have featured Father and Pani Kravchenko several times as well as coverage and interviews on local TV. Pani Olha creates wreaths, candles, and baskets and sells t-shirts and caps. Another parishioner's family member is creating Ukrainian inspired coasters. Two parishioners have sponsored a bike-a-thon that has yielded \$2,600. A pysanky workshop was held that brought in \$500. A parishioner organized a Summer BarBQue raffle that generated \$4,000. All of these proceeds will be used to purchase supplies to aid medical and military personnel. Our Senior UOL Chapter donated \$1,000 to send to Pani Olha's parish in Ukraine that is housing refugees.

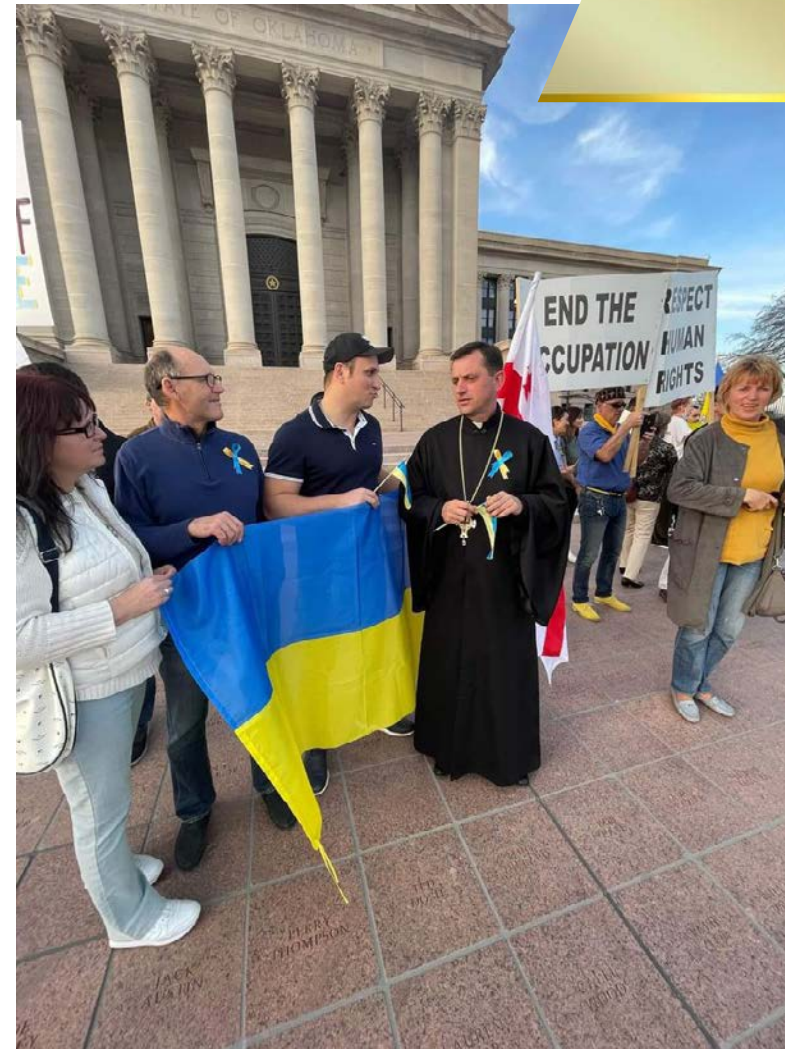
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З початком російської військової агресії в Україні, об'єдналися всі зусилля не тільки жителів цієї країни. Це горе ХХІ століття викликало могутню хвилю співчуття майже у всіх свідомих жителів нашої планети. Особливу увагу і руку підтримки, в цей непростий для України час, подали Сполучені Штати і наша УПЦ в США. Майже кожна парафія, з благословення наших первоієрархів Митрополита Антонія і Архієпископа Даниїла долучилась до збору благодійної допомоги для наших співвітчизників.

За підтримки священика Віктора Вронського добродійки Іванни, Інни Косменко і багатьох інших активних парафіян, з перших днів на базі нашої парафії свв. Апп. Петра і Павла у Вест Айсліпі був створений гуманітарний хаб, де майже з цілого Лонг Айленду привозили допомогу для воїнів, тимчасових переселенців, дітей і всіх потребуючих. Велику роль у організації цього гуманітарного проекту відіграв Стів Білон,- Виконавчий нашого округу Саффолк каунті, котрий запросив священиків і представників парафії до управлінського дому організувавши зустріч з представниками гуманітарних організацій і преси.

Майже кожного дня подвір'я навколо храму і церковна зала були переповнені коробками з медициною, одягом, їжею, гігієною і багатьма іншими речами. Десятки жителів Лонг Айленда, люди різних релігій і націй із співчуттям і великою любов'ю кожного дня приносили свою посильну допомогу і кошти. Робота волонтерів, по сортуванні і пакуванні посилок, дуже часто проводиться аж до пізньої ночі, все кипить, як у вулику...

За ці дні дуже багато було зроблено, ми передали більше тисячі коробок, ... і далі не плануємо зупинятися!

Велика подяка і низький уклін кожному, хто жертвує чим може!

Дякуємо нашим волонтерам, які щодня невтомно докладають надмірних зусиль!

Просимо Господа Бога, щоб дав перемогу над агресором, і щоб запанував мир і спокій в Україні і в усьому світі.

Підготував священик Степан Мотичак

ST. ANDREW UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF BOSTON – *written by Jane Yavarow*

One week after the unprovoked invasion of a peaceful Ukraine by Russian forces, St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Boston initiated a campaign to collect monetary donations and humanitarian aid in the form of medical supplies for shipment to Ukraine. A call went out via the church bulletin and the church Facebook page to have specific items dropped off at St. Andrew's on Sunday, March 6, 2022 beginning in the morning before Divine Liturgy. By later that day, the stage and a good portion of the hall were filled with donations.

Over the course of the following week, medical supplies and other goods including food, clothing, baby products and personal hygiene items as well as monetary donations continued to stream in. It was not unusual to receive \$1,000 checks and supplies from good, kind people north and south of the greater Boston area, many of them strangers who have since become special friends.

A small team began the initial process of sorting the medical supplies from the other items and then 30 volunteers on Thursday, March 17, 2022 and 50 volunteers on Saturday, March 19, 2022 separated supplies by category to pack, seal and deliver to a central collection center in Newton, MA a suburb just outside of Boston. The approximately 150 boxes from St. Andrew's were combined with other collections from other volunteer groups and sent on their way to Poland and then to Lviv to be distributed to those in need.

This packing session was covered by the local affiliate of CBS TV Channel 4 Boston and Channel 5 bringing the message to the public and providing much needed publicity for the cause.

Although St. Andrew's is not actively collecting goods at this time, items continue to appear at the church. On the evening of Wednesday, March 30, 2022 another 14 boxes were packed for shipment. There have been a number of shipments since then, the latest being just this past week on Monday May 16, 2022.

The church continues to collect monetary donations which are most effective in providing humanitarian aid. At this time the church has collected over \$80,000 for distribution to those in need. St. Andrew's will continue to do what it can as long as there is this unfortunate need.





ST. MARY THE PROTECTRESS - SOUTHFIELD, MI

PRAYERS & CHARITY

St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Southfield, Michigan, has undertaken numerous endeavors to assist and support our Ukrainian brothers and sisters during these trying times of war.

As the threats of Russian invasion in Ukraine grew, on February 5th, 2022 the parish hosted an Ecumenical Prayer Service during which parish pastor Very Rev. Paul Bodnarchuk was accompanied by Fr. Daniel Schaicoski, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Hamtramck, Fr. Volodymyr Petriv of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights.

The prayer service was organized by the St. Mary the Protectress Parish Board with President - Iryna Smyk-Bickerstaff, Vice President - Jordan Fylenenko, along with parishioners Elizabeth Symonenko and Andriy Smyk. The Ukrainian-American Crisis Response Committee of Michigan, under the leadership of Mykola Murskyj, also supported this service which brought together all walks of faith and ethnic backgrounds, and government officials, media and TV stations. The local Ukrainian community (there are an estimated 46,350 Michigan residents of

Ukrainian descent) gathered with residents of the Detroit Metropolitan area to raise prayers and ask the Lord to protect Ukraine from Russian aggression.

Jordan Fylenenko worked diligently just over a week with Andriy Smyk, Mykola Murskyj and Boris Potapenko - CRC member, to invite religious representatives, government officials, and other VIPs to this vigil. Mykola Murskyj facilitated the guest speakers after the prayer service.

- Very Rev. Paul Bodnarchuk greeted vigil participants and thanked everyone for their prayers and attendance at this special prayer for Ukraine service.
- Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Donald Hanchon was on hand to represent the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit and reassured the congregation of Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron's support and solidarity with the Ukrainian community.
- In addition to religious leaders, there were several politicians on hand. "Why is this our fight?" asked Rocky Raczowski, chairman of the Oakland County Republican Party. "But when you look at the men and women who work at the General Motors plant in Warren or the Ford plant in Sterling Heights, there are

Ukrainian parts in those vehicles. When you look at what Putin said about NATO, it's not just about Ukraine's freedom, it's about a free and prosperous Europe."

- Other government officials at the vigil included Warren Mayor - Jim Fouts, Oakland County Executive - David Coulter and Southfield Mayor - Kenson J. Silver, who spoke of the contributions Ukrainian-Americans have made in southeast Michigan.
- U.S. Rep. Andy Levin (D-Bloomfield Township) of Michigan's ninth congressional district, who serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, updated the congregation on the situation in Washington and what needs to be done to defend the sovereignty of Ukraine and ensure peace. Rep. Levin recounted Ukraine's history, from its attempts to break away from the Russian Empire following the 1917 February revolution to its transitioning into a democracy after the ousting of Russian-backed President Yanukovich and the 1932 Holodomor Terror Famine, in which between 3.5 million to 7.5 million people died, mostly Ukrainians.

In addition to the Ecumenical Prayer Service, the parish has been busy in other ways by promoting Ukraine's interests and by raising funds for those in need in Ukraine. One such effort was organized by parishioner Tatiana Smyk, who during the first days

of the war coordinated a rally in downtown Detroit which numbered into the thousands. Blue and yellow flags of Ukraine waved up and down the main streets, as cries for freedom echoed off the tall skyscrapers, joined by the loud horns of a parade of trucks who lined the streets in support of Ukraine. Tatiana Smyk also traveled to Romania for 3 weeks in March during the early days of war, taking an extended college spring break, to help refugees traveling across the border seeking safety, medical care and refuge. Her Ukrainian-English language skills and assistance where in great need at the border as fleeing Ukrainians arrived daily, full of anxiety but happy to be greeted in Ukrainian and receive assistance. Tatiana also arranged medical surgery for a woman (age 62) with cancer whose critical operation in Ukraine was cancelled when the war broke out. She traveled 6 hrs by medical transport with this extremely ill woman and her twin sister to a Romanian hospital where surgery was performed that week. Tatiana arranged an apartment where her twin sister could stay. Three days later she said farewell to her new friends and returned to the border to continue her translator role.

Many members of the parish are also playing key roles in the Ukrainian-American Crisis Response Committee of Michigan (U-A CRC) which was formed late Jan. 2022 as a grass-roots, informal association of organizations and individuals, in order to respond to the escalating crisis facing Ukraine, who deeply care about US interests in the region, which include a commitment to Ukraine's

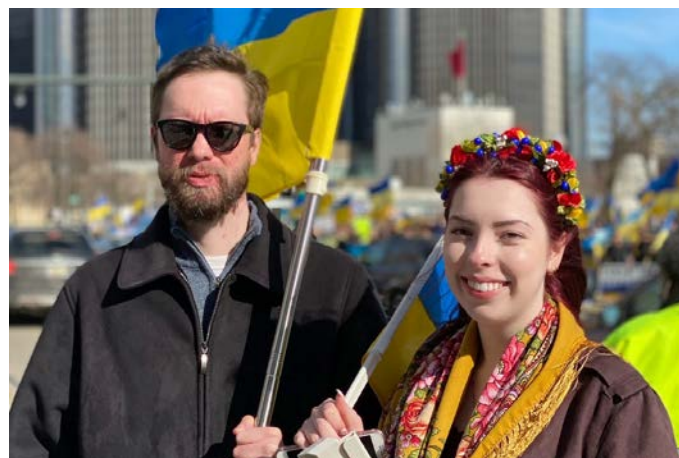


sovereignty and territorial integrity. Over time, the U-A CRC has evolved and also become an information hub for all the fundraisers, events, and endeavors in the Metro-Detroit area to support Ukraine. Jordan Fylonenko, parish Board Vice President, is actively involved not only as our parish representative, but also as the U-A CRC Communication Director, a critical on-going role which includes coordinating government, media, public affairs and community communications. He is closely assisted by Altar Starosta, Andrew Powers. Angeline Shashlo, parish Trustee Board chairperson, volunteered her time and skills this spring supporting the U-A CRC of Michigan, leading fundraising efforts across various churches of all faiths, religious organizations, corporations, businesses and professional affiliations. All proceeds from her efforts were donated to the Razom Emergency Response Fund. Other parish members supporting UA-CRC leadership roles include: Wolodymyr Murha (parish Trustee) - Audit Committee Chairperson and Andriy Smyk - Vice President.

Our parish is blessed with musical talent. On March 27, 2022, parishioner Emiliya Smyk organized and performed in a concert for Ukraine at Hillsdale College. The audience was mesmerized by her commentary, as well as the student led concert of poetry and singing. The Hillsdale performance was an introduction to Ukraine for many and opened the door for additional conversation and education. Emiliya additionally sang at a prayer service for Ukraine at St. John Presbyterian church in downtown Detroit. She was joined by Angeline Shashlo, who was the guest speaker at this service, continuing on her mission to bring awareness of the inhumane acts of genocide caused by the Russian invasion and raise funds for Ukrainian aid.

Additionally, this spring Parish Choir Directors, Julian Kytasty and Khrystyna Bilan, sang at a fundraising concert in Kirk in the Hill Presbyterian church in Bloomfield Township, Michigan. Maestro Julian Kytasty has continued to perform in various concerts and venues throughout the United States, fundraising for the Ukrainian cause.

The parish has also been involved in many fundraisers and campaigns. One such event was coordinated by parishioner, Anna Powers, who along with her children - Andrew, Michael, Lexi, and Lily, organized a Pierogi Dinner Fundraiser at the Rochester Fire House. On Friday, April 8th, hundreds of locals stood in long lines to enjoy a plate of varenyky and kovbasa. They took photos with a cutout of President Zelenskyy, created Ukrainian themed crafts, and donated funds for humanitarian relief. Over \$9,000 were collected, with \$1,170 dollars



used to purchase 13 Med Packs, with the remainder of the funds, \$7,830 being donated to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA UA Humanitarian Fund to distribute as needed.

Additionally, the parish has collected and donated over \$4,000 to the UOC of USA Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund. On Palm Sunday, Sonia and Andriy Smyk hosted a luncheon to honor the children who went to first confession. A painting was auctioned and over \$700 were raised for this UOC of USA fund. We have also permitted the use of our parish campus for additional fundraisers and charitable activities aimed at aiding the Ukrainian refugees and Displaced Persons.

Vera Petrusha, active parishioner and President of UCARE, conducted a week-long clothing and goods drive in the parish hall late March which resulted in an overwhelming response from the greater Detroit community. She organized warehouse storage, cargo container shipments and also flew to Poland and Ukraine in May to deliver some critical items such as diapers to orphanages and assisted with the planning and organization of summer camps for children in Ukraine. Kathy Beswerchij, parish Board member, has also conducted several UCARE fund raising events in June such as selling 500 perennials and also having a garden walk through her beautiful yard which she maintains. Many other parishioners are supporting ongoing efforts underway in the greater Detroit community such as collecting funds and shipping drones, packing medical supplies, non-military aid and bullet proof vests for Ukraine.

On Friday, July 8th, Tatiana Smyk organized a pop-up artistic performance at the Oloman Cafe Gallery in Hamtramck, MI, as part of the Performance Studies International, to honor Ukrainian people, who have perished over the centuries at the hands of unjustified war, colonization, and ethnic cleansing.

Currently, the parish is actively collecting funds towards the purchase of an ambulance through the UOC of the USA, to be used in the frontlines in Ukraine. A coffee and sweets social organized by parish Board member - Katya Foroshivsky will be held July 17 after Divine Liturgy to further raise funds for this cause.

Our prayers for peace in Ukraine, for those fighting independence and for those who perished as a result of this senseless war and genocide continue in our cathedral after Divine Liturgy each Sunday.

*Glory to Ukraine! Slava Ukraine!
Memory eternal.... Vichnaya pamyat....*



HOLY GHOST PARISH, COATESVILLE, PA

-materials submitted by Fr. Nicholas (Mykola) Dilendorf

Fr. Mykola delivered food items to St. Sophia Seminary that week which were accepted by Father Ivan Tchopko.



Dave Lewis, Church Electrician and Greg Steele

The parish loaded their truck and delivered a Water Filtration System from a generous donor and other marked boxes to St. Vladimir's in Philadelphia Monday the 16th.



Ilaria Steele, Parish Board President and husband Robert

SAINT VLADIMIR UOC - HUMANITARIAN AID TO UKRAINE

*Respectfull Submitted,
Ruslana Korotinsky and Jurij Trypupenko
On behalf of Saint Vladimir UOC in Philadelphia*

Under the leadership of Father Taras and PM Laura and our very caring and engaged Saint Vladimir UOC community, as well as so many friends, neighbors, and outside contributors - so many of whom are not of Ukrainian background - Saint Vladimir has been sending Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine as noted below.

The Saint Vladimir Hope Fund, currently chaired by Karen Ferraro, is the church charitable aid committee that for decades has been engaged in doing numerous charitable and humanitarian projects locally, in the community, and in Ukraine. During the Covid pandemic, for example, the Hope Fund and the Ukrainian Orthodox League (UOL) have provided thousands of packages of food to the surrounding community. The recipients of this aid have this year gotten together and, on their own, provided medical aid and support to Ukraine, stating 'as you helped us, we want to help you.'

The Hope Fund is now focused on providing Aid to Ukraine.

Last year the Hope Fund initiated a campaign, led by Ruslana Korotinsky and Jurij Trypupenko, to collect Jackets for Children in Ukraine. The response was overwhelming and, with the help of donations from Saint Vladimir members and so many other churches and friends throughout the US, more than 500 new jackets were collected and sent to Ukraine for distribution to needy children.

The jackets were distributed to children in Ukraine both before and after the Putin/Russia inhumane war of February 2022.

The Saint Vladimir Hope Fund has distributed the following additional Aid to Ukraine in the past year:

- \$100,000 to the UOC of USA for its essential and very successful campaign to provide humanitarian Aid to Ukraine.
- \$1,500 to International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) to help displaced persons in Eastern Ukraine.
- \$1,000 to a shelter in Western Ukraine for women,



- children, and homeless for flour and bread for residents.
- \$1,000 to a young widow and child of a Ukrainian army veteran to help rehabilitate her apartment.
- 504 shelf stable meals delivered to UNWLA - Soyuzanky, with a supplemental gift of \$2,302.
- \$10,000 to purchase 110 Stop the Bleed (STB) trauma kits, which were personally delivered to Ukraine by our church member Hryhoriy Telizhenko.

The Saint Vladimir community and its UOL in 2022 have collected, organized, and airlifted over 500 boxes of humanitarian Aid to Ukraine. The humanitarian aid includes survival essentials, first aid, trauma kits, medication and medical supplies, adult and baby food, water purification, adult and baby diapers, hygiene products, crutches and wheelchairs, and needed aid and supplies for soldiers and defenders.

- \$10,000 to PLAST Ukrainian Scouts to help buy and deliver trauma kits to front-line Ukrainian soldiers and defenders.
- \$2,500 to IOCC to help with displaced Ukrainians in Romania.

The Hope Fund has a campaign to periodically send additional STB and trauma supplies to Ukraine, as follows:

- \$5,000 for the third purchase and shipment of STB kits to Ukraine
- \$5,000 for the fourth purchase and shipment of STB kits to Ukraine
- \$5,000 for the fifth purchase and shipment of Combat Tourniquets and STB kits to Ukraine.

More than 50 large bags of collected used clothing were converted to cash and used for the purchase of medical supplies and equipment.

The Hope Fund has also begun helping Ukrainian refugee families that are beginning to arrive in the Philadelphia area, as follows:

- Provided hotel housing to a family that just came over from Ukraine, until they could find suitable living quarters
- Established a campaign whereby church members volunteer to temporarily house/assist refugees
- Established a campaign whereby church members fund gift cards that refugees can use for food and supplies.

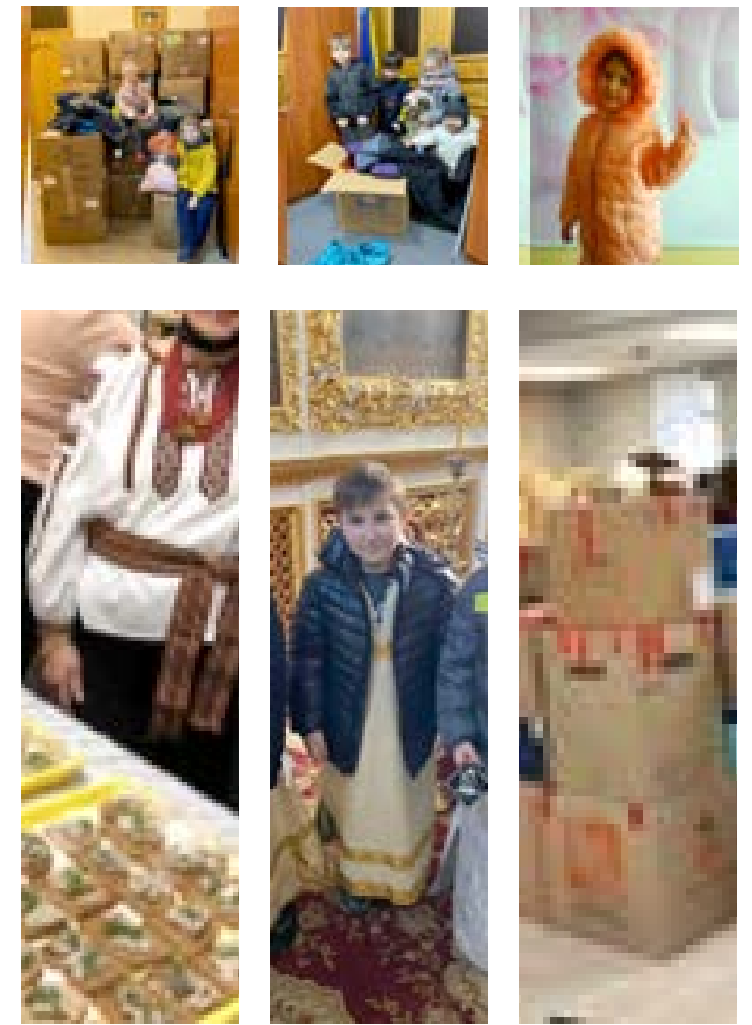
Church members have conducted Basket Raffles, Junior and Adult UOL have conducted fundraisers, and fundraisers were conducted by church members. All proceeds were donated to Aid Ukraine.

The church sisterhood, church members, and good-hearted people have been conducting frozen and fresh Ukrainian food and varenyky sales - with thousands of dollars in proceeds donated to Aid Ukraine.

In addition to the described Aid to Ukraine efforts through the church, so many members of the parish are, on their own, sending copious amounts of Aid to Ukraine.

All in the church community are involved. Even our youngest Sunday School and Junior UOL members have penned and drawn messages of prayer and encouragement that are included with the aid packages being sent to Ukraine.

A SINCERE THANK YOU to everyone that has been helping in any way with Aid to Ukraine!
Glory to Ukraine and Its Heroes!



ST ANDREW UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL BECOMES ST ANDREW HUMANITARIAN CRISIS CENTER

For Ukrainians around the world, February 24, 2022 was one of the blackest days in our history, due to the brutal Russian invasion of Ukraine. For Father Volodymyr Steliac, the pastor of St Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, and for many of his parishioners, it was also a day to spring into action, to organize and focus on how our parish could help Ukraine. Since then, our Cathedral has turned into a humanitarian crisis center, a veritable logistics operation, with dozens of volunteers packing donations from morning to night throughout the week. Today this is done on a large scale, with two huge moving vans taking packed boxes from a full-sized container every week for delivery to shipping locations and ports.

In the beginning, there was much that had to be worked out, before this could become the smoothly run and efficient operation that it is today. How to sort items, where to store them, how to handle all the calls and with the overwhelming number of offers to help from non-parishioners, and how to find shipping channels through which to get supplies quickly to Ukraine. We also had a number of Sunday Bazaars, where vendors and others could sell what they wanted as long as all proceeds went to our humanitarian aid for Ukraine fund.

To date, we have shipped over 200 TONS of non-perishable food and medical supplies to Ukraine. We gratefully accept specified donations and list the most necessary items needed on our Facebook page and church website. We have established an Amazon 'wish list' that results in Amazon trucks arriving several times in a single hour. At one point, in the first weeks of our operation, two of the Amazon truck drivers asked why they were making so many deliveries to our church. When they learned that they were bringing humanitarian supplies for Ukraine, they asked if they could themselves help to pack, and did so on several of their days off. This is but one example of how people have been inspired, by the dedication that they see, to aid Ukraine. We pray that there will soon be an end to the aggression, brutality and sorrow, and are comforted by the love and goodness that we have seen at our center.



Aid Arrives at St. Andrew's - Daily



St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral

Благодійні Базари * Benefit Bazaars



Levko Kravchenko raised \$459 for Ukraine playing his violin outside our Cathedral.

Snizhana Conway sold earrings & necklaces she made, raising \$355 for Ukraine

Girl Scout Troop 2579 (Olga Hernandez) of Vienna, Virginia donated 80 drawstring tote bags for needy young girls - war victims in Ukraine. The bags contained pens & pencils, notebooks, wipes, deodorant, band aids, socks, Vitamin C, toothbrushes, tissues.... Thank you !!!! God Bless you all!



St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral



ST. ANDREW SOCIETY

**БУСНА****БУЧА**

Цього понеділка 11 квітня 2022 року мій брат отець Андрій Мариновський та волонтери відвідали Київщину (Буча , Гостомель) та лікарню «ОХМАТДИТ» з ліками , продуктовими наборами , необхідними побутовими речами частина яких було придбано за кошти від українського православного товариства . Св. Андрія (США)

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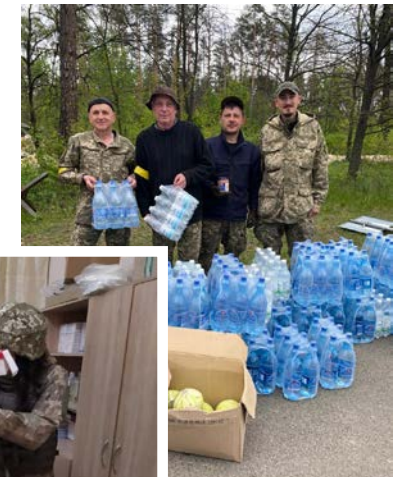
Солодощі, засоби гігієни та вологі серветки відправили хлопцям на схід.

Капуста, тушонка та багато води завезли бійцям на околиці Києва.

КУІВ**КИЇВ**

Сьогодні мій брат отець Андрій і його двоє товаришів вже в третій раз їздили в Київ і Київську область. Відвідали військовий госпіталь м. Києва де зараз перебувають на лікуванні та реабілітації багато солдат і людей . Також передали іншим волонтерам воду та харчі які будуть везти в східні області де є потреба

Дякуємо за передані кошти
Завдяки вам ми ближче до перемоги!

ТЕРНОПІЛ
ТЕРНОПІЛЬ**ВІННИЦЯ****ВІНИЦЯ**

На фото в руках тримає бронезелет і невимовно радий тому що передасть його своєму другу який зараз на передовій.

Привезено медикаменти , необхідні медичні речі , костилі та коляска .

Бронезелет та деякі речі були придбані за переказаними коштами від вас, дякуємо!





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.



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 ВОНИ ПЛЕКАЛИ ДО ТЕБЕ УСЕ СВОЄ ЖИТТЯ. ЗІШЛИ ГОСПОДИ, СВОЇХ НЕБЕСНИХ АНГЕЛІВ, ЯКИМИ КЕРУЄ ПОКРОВИТЕЛЬ МІСТА КИЄВА АРХІСТРАТИГ МИХАЇЛ, ЩОБ ВИКОРІНИТИ 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.

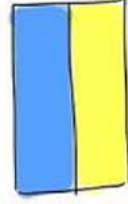




GIRL FROM MARIUPOL UKRAINE

FACTS ABOUT UKRAINE EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

* Remember it's not THE Ukraine, just Ukraine



The **UKRAINIAN FLAG** reflects Ukraine's rich harvests. The **BLUE** field represents the **SKY** The **YELLOW** field represents the vast **FIELDS of WHEAT**

The **UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE** is the only official language in Ukraine. Interestingly the Ukrainian language was rated the 3rd most beautiful language in 1934, behind French and Persian. It was also rated the 2nd most melodious behind Italian.

In addition, many Ukrainians are bilingual.

The dominant religion accepted in 988 AD is **EASTERN ORTHODOX Christianity**, which has heavily influenced Ukrainian architecture, literature, and music.

Ukraine has a well-developed system of public transportation. Every large city and regional center is connected to the railway network and receives passenger trains daily from other major cities.

Due to the rich topsoil yielding rich harvests of grain, Ukraine is known as the **BREADBASKET OF EUROPE**.

Ukraine's history is both incredibly interesting and complex. Its unfortunate geography meant that it has changed hands many times throughout the centuries. Ukraine traces her history back to **KYIVIAN RUS**, a powerful Medieval State.

The following centuries saw Ukraine change hands between the Mongols, Ottomans, and the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, with Cossack communities attempting to live independently in some areas of Ukraine. During the 18th and 19th centuries, however, Ukraine was divided between the Habsburg Empire and the Russian Empire. In 1918, Ukraine was annexed by the Soviet Union, a status that would characterize their existence throughout the 20th century.

Due to Ukraine's complex history, it is also one of the **YOUNGEST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD**. It was only in 1991 that the country finally achieved its independence. Such a feat gave many young Ukrainians hope that their country would thrive on its own. The years succeeding this independence have still been difficult, with Russia continually flexing its muscles, annexing Crimea, and now starting a war.



Braised Cabbage

Slice the cabbage into 1cm wide strips and put it into a bowl. Add 1 teaspoon of salt and use your hands to massage it in well.

Heat the oil in a deep frying pan or shallow, flameproof casserole over a medium-low heat. Add the onions, along with a pinch of salt to help release their juices and stop them from burning. You could also cover the onions with a lid or cartouche (a circle of baking parchment about the same size as your pan) to speed things up a bit. Cook, stirring every so often, until the onions are soft and turning a deep golden colour. Add a splash of water if they seem dry or are starting to catch a bit.

Now add the cabbage and caraway seeds and turn down the heat to low. Cover with a lid and cook for about 20 minutes, or until the cabbage starts softening. If it gets too dry, add a splash of water. Add the red pepper and cook for another 5 minutes.

Gently warm the tomato juice in a small pan, then stir in the crème fraîche and add to the cabbage. Taste the sauce and make sure it is well-seasoned, otherwise the cabbage will be too bland and it will not become the cabbage of your dreams. Cover and braise for another 30–40 minutes — when it is ready, the cabbage should be soft, but not falling apart. Stir through the parsley and serve.

Recipe courtesy:
Olia Hercules

INGREDIENTS

- 1 small white cabbage
- 2 tbsp rapeseed oil
- 2 onions, thickly sliced
- 1 1/2 tsp caraway seeds
- 1 large red pepper, thickly sliced
- 1/2 cup tomato juice (or use the juices from tinned tomatoes)
- 3/4 cup crème fraîche
- 1 tbsp chopped parsley
- Sea salt and black pepper



Barankevych, David Andriy baptized and chrismated on April 16, 2022 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Palos Park, IL. Child of Andriy Barankevych and Liliia Pasichnyk. Sponsors: Alexander Roshko and Solomiya Verc. Celebrated by V. Rev. Vasyl Sendeha.

Bloom, Matthew baptized and chrismated on January 2, 2022 in St. Luke Church, Warners, NY. Child of David Bloom and Beth Hoover. Sponsors: and . Celebrated by Rev. Mykola Andrushkiv.

Goruk, Bohdan baptized and chrismated on June 19, 2022 in St. Volodymyr Cathedral Church, New York, NY. Child of Andrii Goruk and Iryna Goruk. Sponsors: Petro Chakhovskyy and Ivelina Angelova Todorov. Celebrated by V. Rev. Volodymyr Muzychka.

Kolos, Daniel baptized and chrismated on January 2, 2022 in St. Luke Church, Warners, NY. Child of Volodumur Kolos and Liudmila Kolos. Sponsors: Yaroslav Borysyuk and Tanya Kachurenko. Celebrated by Rev. Mykola Andrushkiv.

Kyryliuk, Artem baptized and chrismated on April 30, 2022 in St. Michael's Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Bogdan Kyryliuk and Olga Fedorenko. Sponsors: Artem Vovk and Anastasiia Holiak. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

Maksymenko, Carolina Danielle baptized and chrismated on June 26, 2022 in St. Mary Protectress Church, Spring Valley, CA. Child of Glib Maksymenko and Nataliia Vasylevych. Sponsors: Vladimir Lazarev-Stanishchev and Olga Chekanska. Celebrated by V. Rev. Myron Mykhaylyuk.

Marchenko, Maksym baptized and chrismated on April 29, 2022 in St. Michael's Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Andriy Marchenko and Olga Meleshko. Sponsors: Oleg Pyrozok and Andrey Bomar. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

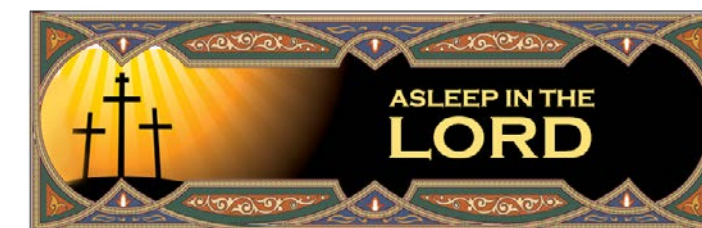
Parks, Maya Veronica baptized and chrismated on March 12, 2022 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Palos Park, IL. Child of Joshua Michael Parks and Olena Haidule. Sponsors: Benjamin Parks and Vicktoria Vashchuk. Celebrated by V. Rev. Vasyl Sendeha.

Stepanskyi, Sofia baptized and chrismated on May 21, 2022 in St. Mary Protectress Church, Rochester, NY. Child of Sergii Stepanskyi and Margaryta Bondarenko. Sponsors: Mykyta Vasyliev and Tetyana Palermo. Celebrated by V. Rev. Igor Krekhovetsky.

Zhupnyk, Solomiya baptized and chrismated on June 11, 2022 in St. Andrew Memorial Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Andriy Zhupnyk and Mariia Iaremyn. Sponsors: Taras Yaremyn / Maryana Gumenyak and Mykhaylo Zhupnyk / Uliana Vterkovska. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.



Volodymyr Kachurenko and Tetyana Kachurenko in St. Luke Parish, Syracuse, NY, on November 13, 2021, witnessed by Pavlo Mumladze and Olena Dobrovol'ska. Celebrant: V. Rev. Mykola Andrushkiv.



Butkes, Anna of Fridley, MN on 6/8/2022 at the age of 96 years, officiating clergy Rev. Myron Korostil of St. Michael's & George's Parish, Minneapolis, MN 55413.

Diachenko, Paraska (Paulina) of Camillus, NY on June 6, 2022 at the age of 99 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Mykola Andrushkiv of St. Luke Parish, Warners, NY 13164.

Domingo, Metro of Baldwinsville, NY on April 6, 2022 at the age of 93 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Mykola Andrushkiv of St. Luke Parish, Warners, NY 13164.

Husayko, James W. of Homer Glen, IL on 3/21/2022 at the age of 75 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Vasyl Sendeha of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Palos Park, IL 60464.

Manson, Andrea M. of Whiting, IN on 3/13/2022 at the age of 75 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Vasyl Sendeha of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Palos Park, IL 60464.

Marmash, Mark Walter of Mountain Home, AR on 5/3/2022 at the age of 68 years, officiating clergy Fr. Samuel Seamans of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Mountain Home, AR 72653.

McLaughlin, Oksana of Camillus, NY on 5/29/2022 at the age of 73 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Mykola Andrushkiv of St. Luke Parish, Warners, NY 13164.

Zabrodski, Walther of Orland Park, IL on 2/19/2022 at the age of 92 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Vasyl Sendeha of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Palos Park, IL 60464.



ORDINATIONS

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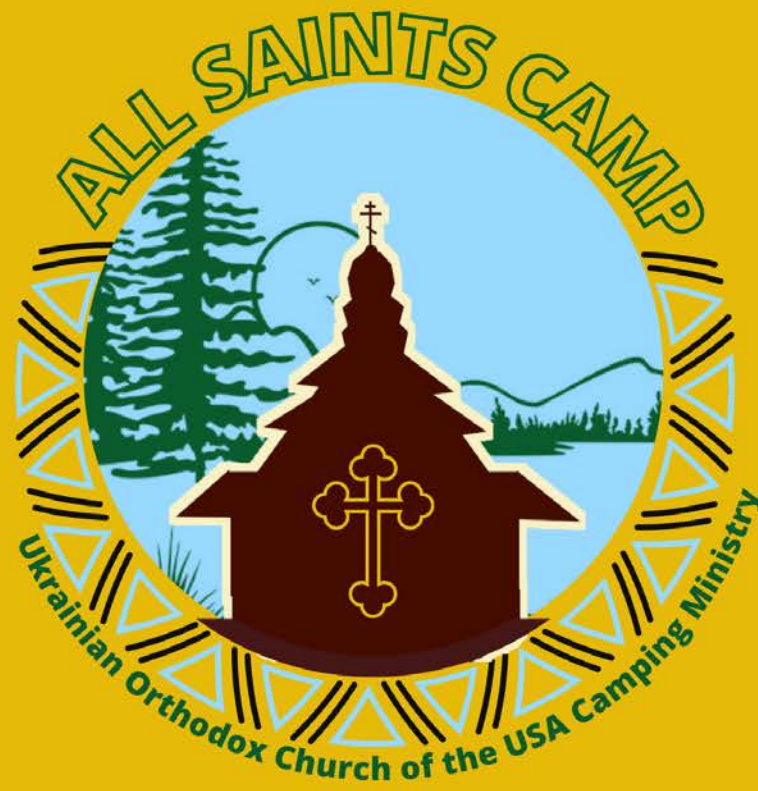
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- July 3 - 9 Diocesan Church School Camp
- July 10 - 23 Teenage Conference
- August 1 - 5 Mommy/Daddy & Me
- August 5-8 St. Nicholas Program
- Aug 28- Sept 1 ASC for Adults
- September 2-5 Family Fest

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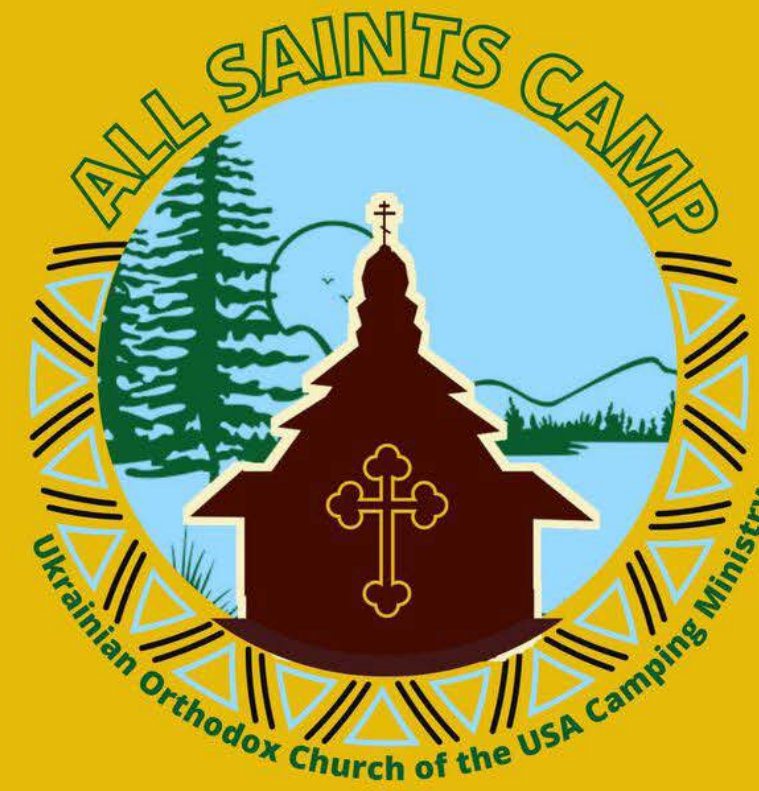
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- Липень 10 - 23 Програма для Підлітків
- Серпень 1 - 5 Мама / Тато & Я
- Серпень 5-8 Програма Св. Миколая
- Серп 28- Верес 1 Табір для Дорослих
- Вересень 2-5 Сімейне свято

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The 75th UOL Convention Committee Co-Chairs would like to remind everyone of the following items:

- The Convention Hotel rate of \$99.00 expires **July 6th**, reserve before that date!
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- Did you know you can register for the weekend for the convention or purchase single event tickets?

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