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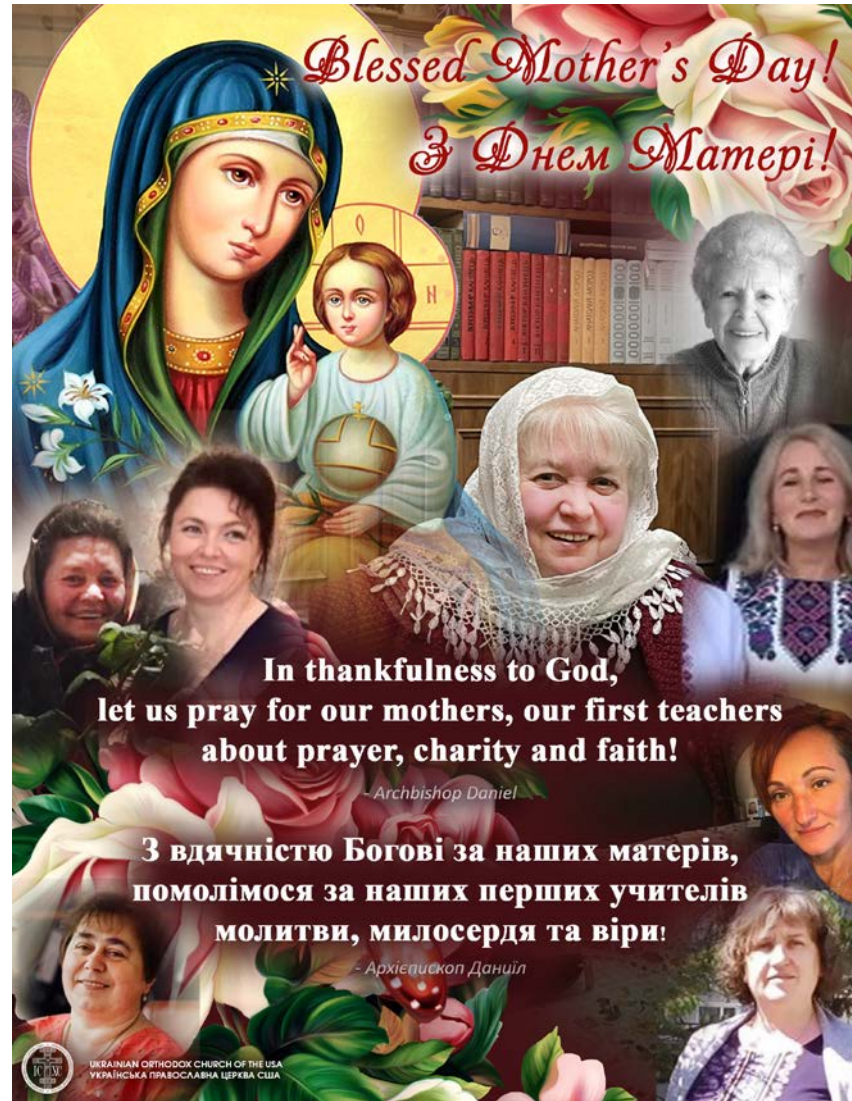
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MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Lord our God, Jesus Christ on this day we are gathered to honor our mothers and first among them is your own holy mother, Mary the Virgin, the all holy and pure. We supplicate you to accept our supplications on behalf of all the mothers throughout the world. Give rest to those who are gone to Your resting place. Grant those who are still with us joy in the remembrance of their accomplishments. Forgive us if we failed at any time in our life to offer them the honor & the respect as we ought to.

Help and support all mothers in their mission to always be a good role model to new mothers and to all people. Strengthen those who are single mothers, help those who have children of special needs, comfort the hearts and souls of those mothers who have lost their children. Be an aid to those who are unable to become mothers whatever the reason might be, be everything to everyone as they need You. Teach us that every day should be a special day to remember and honor our mothers and women who treat us with motherly love. Accept our praises and thanksgivings offered to You as our true God, together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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6 May, 2022

Dear Vladyka Daniel: I write to request that you please pass this message on to all our clergy and faithful.

It is a request for prayers during a major surgical procedure I will “experience” on Tuesday next - 10 May. I am so aware of how powerful prayers are for anyone who has any surgical or medical procedure because of what they accomplished for me in the past, through God’s Grace. In addition to the God-given talents of my surgeons, those prayers were the secret to successful outcomes and rapid healing. It is that healing process in which “prayer power” is most helpful and comforting.

So that our clergy and faithful hear from me personally, rather than through any rumor mills on social media or otherwise, this lung surgery will remove what will most likely be the entire lower lobe of my left lung due to a decade long watched nodule, which began to increase in size over the past several months. I’m thankful to the eagle eye of the radiologist who read my CT scans taken for another issue and decided to compare with past scans and X-Rays back to 2011. His recommendation was to see a lung-pulmonary surgeon. After thorough, thorough testing to be certain that I will have sufficient lung capacity and heart strength following this surgery, my surgeon and I agreed that this surgery must happen to resolve the issue completely.

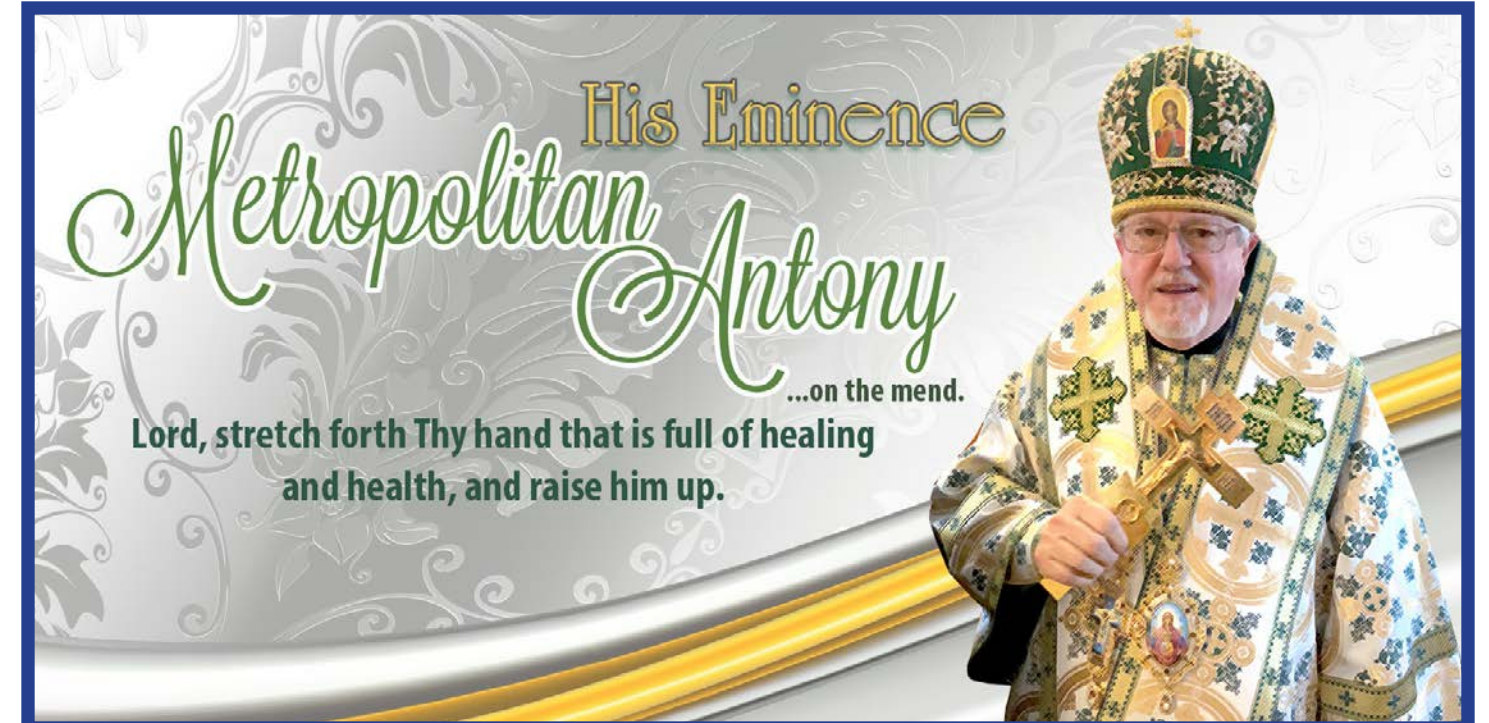
I want everyone to know that I am experiencing no symptoms of any kind and that I fully expect another rapid recovery following the surgery. God and my faithful spiritual children have blessed me throughout all my priestly life lifting me up at all the difficult times I most needed to be lifted up! For this I am more than grateful in the depths of my heart and soul.

ВОИСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

I assure you, Vladyko, and all our clergy and faithful that you are in my own prayers daily.

In our Risen Lord’s All-Encompassing Love,

+ ANTONY
By the Grace of God, Metropolitan



6 травня, 2022 року Божого

Дорогий Владико Даниїл:

Звертаюсь до Вас з проханням передати це повідомлення всьому нашому духовенству та усім вірним. Звертаюсь до Вас з проханням про молитви оскільки мене очікує хірургічне втручання - операція, у вівторок, 10-го травня. Я покладаю велику надію на молитву, уповаючи на її велику силу, бо з досвіду знаю про її дію в минулому, коли з Божої благодаті переносив ті чи інші хірургічні медичні втручання. Окрім Богом обдарованих лікарів, ці молитви були тою великою тайною благополучно проведених операцій та швидкого одужання. У ці нелегкі моменти «молитовна сила» є найбільш корисною і втішною.

Я вважав за потрібне повідомити наше духовенство та вірних для того, щоб про це почули від мене особисто, а не через якісь чутки в соціальних мережах чи іншим чином. Тому повідомляю, що мене очікує операція на легенях. Під час цієї операції мені буде видалено пухлину разом з частиною легені. За цією пухлиною спостерігали вже більше 10-ти років, і останнім часом лікарі помітили, що вона за останні кілька місяців почала збільшуватись за розміром. Саме тому, вони порекомендували провести таку операцію.

Я вдячний радіологу за його пильне око, котрий вивчивши результати моїх тестів, вирішив порівняти з минулими скануваннями 2011 року. Його рекомендація полягала в тому, щоб показатись легеневому хірургу. Після ретельного тестування, щоб запевнитись, що у мене буде достатня ємність легенів і що моє серце матиме достатньо сили для проведення хірургічного втручання, ми з хірургом погодилися, що ця операція має відбутися, щоб повністю вирішити проблему.

Я хочу щоб усі знали, що я не відчуваю жодних симптомів та болю, і з впевненістю розраховую на швидке одужання після операції. Бог і усі мої вірні духовні діти благословляли мене протягом усього мого священничого життя, допомагаючи мені піднятись у важкі часи, коли я найбільше потребував допомоги! За це я більш ніж вдячний з глибини свого серця і душі.

ВОИСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!
Запевняю вас, Владико, і все наше духовенство та вірних, що Ви щодня в моїх молитвах.
У всеохоплюючій любові нашого Воскреслого Господа,

+ АНТОНІЙ
Ласкою Божою, Митрополит



12 May, 2022

Beloved brethren: CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

A few days ago, we communicated with the clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, asking you all to keep our beloved Metropolitan Antony in your prayers as he was hospitalized and underwent a serious medical procedure. The wonderful medical professionals at Morristown Medical Center, Morristown, NJ extended an incredible effort in quickly treating the illness.

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony was discharged from the hospital on Thursday, May 12, 2022 and is recuperating comfortably. He expresses his profound gratitude to the hospital staff who treated him so thoroughly and successfully. Further, he expresses most sincere gratitude to all of you who not only prayed for him but reached out to him in many ways to express your love and support during this difficult time. During the days of Metropolitan's stay in the hospital he certainly felt your love, support and especially your prayers expressing such to me during my visits with him.

The Metropolitan needs his rest and to rebuild his strength. Therefore, we ask for privacy throughout this process. Cards of support and prayer are most certainly appreciated. Please, forward your "Get Well" wishes to the following address:

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony

PO Box 495
South Bound Brook, NJ 08880

I personally thank you all for your support, your concern and your love exhibited during this difficult week. May our Loving Lord bless you and always enable your compassion to be manifested for all who need it throughout your lives.

May the Grace of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

+DANIEL
Archbishop and brother in the Lord



On Saturday, May 21, 2022 on the feast of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian (98-117), the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA prayerfully commemorated the tenth anniversary of repose of Metropolitan Constantine – third Prime Hierarchy of the UOC of the USA.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Archbishop Daniel, who traveled to Pittsburgh, PA in order to preside over the commemorative liturgical prayer services at Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox parish in Southside Pittsburgh, PA.

Serving with Vladyka Daniel were Very Rev. Fr. Steven Repa (pastor of St. John the Baptist UOC parish in Sharon, PA), Very Rev. Fr. Michael Kochis (pastor of St. Volodymyr UOC parish in Ambridge, PA), Very Rev. Fr. Robert Popichak (pastor of Holy Ghost UOC parish in Slickville, PA), Rev. Fr. James Cairns (pastor of St. Demetrios UOC cathedral in Carteret, NJ), Rev. Fr. Yurii Bobko (pastor of Sts Peter and

Paul UOC parish in Lyndora, PA), Rev. Fr. Mykola Zomchak (pastor of Sts Peter and Paul UOC parish in Youngstown, OH), Rev. Fr. Ihor Protsak (pastor of St. John the Baptist UOC parish in Dixonville, PA) and seminarians of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary of the UOC of the USA, who accompanied Archbishop Daniel on his trip to Pittsburgh, PA. Very Rev. Fr. John Haluzchak, pastor of St. Vladimir UOC parish in Pittsburgh, PA was absent from the liturgical services due to his COVID-19 infection diagnosis. Parishioners from many parishes in the PA and OH areas were present at the service.

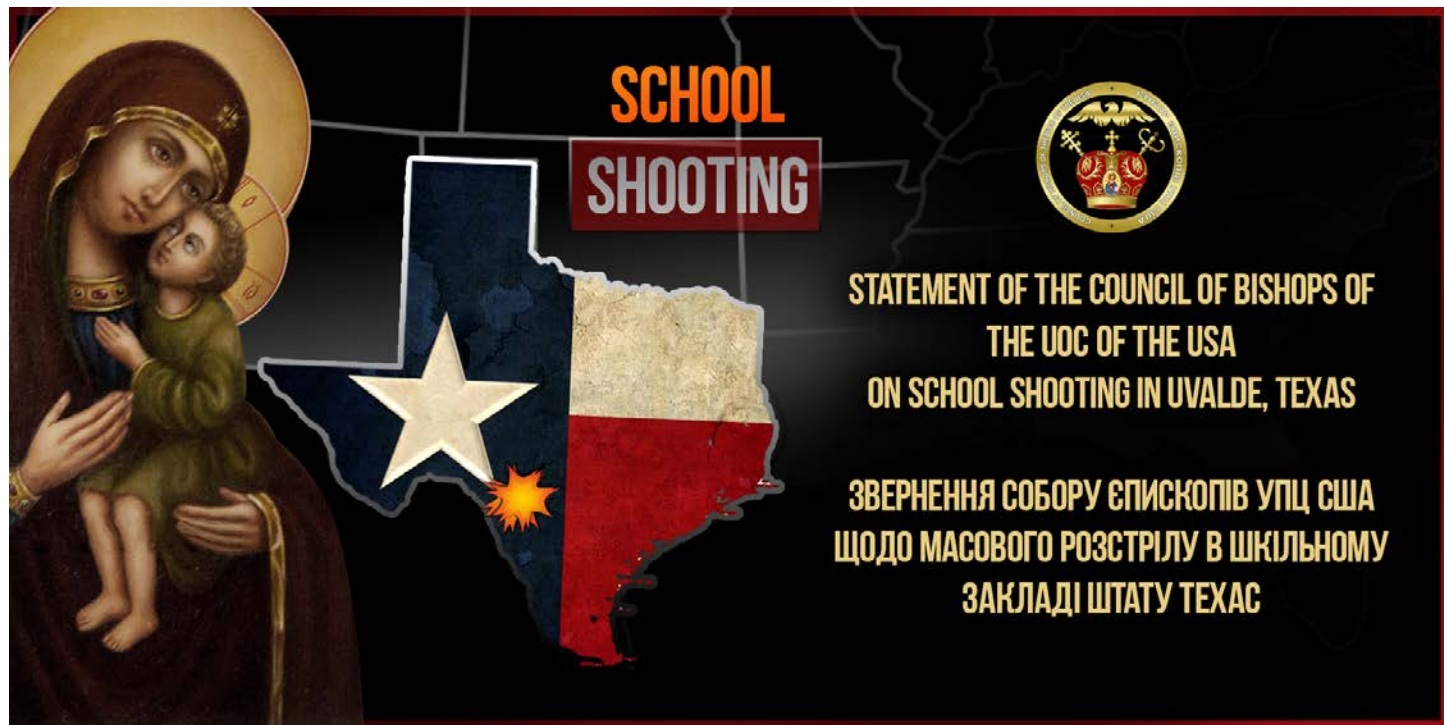
Following the chanting of the Holy Gospel, Fr. Steven Repa delivered a short reflection, sharing with all in attendance his prayerful memories of the archpastoral ministry of Metropolitan Constantine.

Upon completion of the Liturgy, Archbishop Daniel addressed the assembled faithful and reflected on his personal relationship with Metropolitan Constantine – both the serious and the humorous moments. Vladyka Daniel asked

all present to contemplate during their prayers on the ways that Metropolitan Constantine touched their lives, stating that the only real way that we can memorialize our late Metropolitan is to live the life of PRAYER – a willingness to give of oneself as Metropolitan Constantine did during the years of his archpastoral service in the life of the Church.

The day concluded with the Memorial service at St. Vladimir parish cemetery, at the gravesite of Metropolitan Constantine, next to his beloved family – parents Stanley and Catherine, and brother Joseph and sister Daria, who were also remembered in prayers by Archbishop Daniel, along with family, clergy and seminarians. The beautiful "CHRIST IS RISEN!" at the conclusion of the service rang through the wooded areas surrounding the cemetery and into the neighboring homes, witnessing to "all who have ears to hear" the Good News of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Photos by Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan



Beloved in the Lord: CHRIST IS RISEN!

As we journey through the sacred time of Paschal joy and receive the salvific assurance of our own resurrection; our human expressions and sentiments fail to describe the shock and pain that most recent mass shooting has inflicted on the community of Uvalde, Texas, taking the lives of 19 children and two teachers.

Just a few days ago, we all were shocked by the reality of shootings in Buffalo, New York and Laguna Woods, California. The epidemic of violence and hate in our society becomes unfathomable. Just as we thought that no one could make sense of another mass shooting in our society; these days we face a scene of slaughter at an elementary school in Texas.

On behalf of the clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, we offer our heartfelt prayers to God for an outpouring of our Lord's consolation and healing of those who lost their loved ones. We stand in unity and embrace the people of Uvalde, TX, the survivors, the families and friends of those who unjustly lost their lives.

As Ukrainian Orthodox Christians we unfortunately know all too well the heavy toll inflicted by violence as the war in Ukraine slaughters innocent lives of men, women and children. We call on our elected officials and community leaders of the United States of America to do everything possible to stop the violence and to introduce restrictive measures that will ensure safety of all people in our country.

Even more important than these efforts is the need for the life-changing message of the Gospel Truth to be actively proclaimed in our society, especially in the time of this tragedy. Mass shootings like this are a devastating reminder of just how broken our world is. May our efforts of prayer and solidarity help move people to action leading to meaningful changes that promote safety and encourage the building up of a culture of life.

As Orthodox Christians we must take the mission of bringing Christ to others seriously. May His peace and healing descend upon the people of Uvalde, TX; Buffalo, NY and Laguna Woods, CA and on all those who have lost someone in these senseless and evil attacks.

We ask our clergy and faithful to pray for the repose of the souls of the lost in a Memorial Service – Panakhida following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, 29 May, and also to pray for their surviving family members, fellow students and teachers during the Litany of Fervent Supplication of the Divine Liturgy.

In our Lord's all-encompassing Love,

+Antony
By the Grace of God, Metropolitan

+Daniel
By the Grace of God, Archbishop



Звернення Собору Єпископів УПЦ США щодо Масового Розстрілу у Техаській Школі

Улюблені у Господі: ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!

Мандруючи священним періодом пасхальної радості і збагачуючись тою впевненістю у нашому власному воскресінні, наші людські почуття не можуть описати той шок і біль, які масовий розстріл завдав жителям Увальде, штату Техас, забравши життя 19 дітей і двох вчителів.

Всього кілька днів тому ми всі були шоковані тим, що відбулося в Баффало, Нью-Йорк, і Лагуна-Вудс, Каліфорнія. Епідемія насильства та ненависті в нашому суспільстві стає незбагненною. Перебуваючи у траурі через попередні масові вбивства, ніхто й уявити не міг що ще одна страшна трагедія відбудеться. Ми всі зі скорботою переживаємо те масове вбивство в початковій школі в Техасі.

Від імені духовенства та вірних Української Православної Церкви США та Діаспори ми сердечно молимо Господа подати розраду та зцілення тим, хто втратили своїх близьких. Ми стоїмо в єдності та обіймаємо людей Увальде, штату Техас, тих, хто вижив, сім'ї та близьких тих, хто несправедливо загинув.

Як Українські Православні Християни, ми, на жаль, дуже добре знаємо, яких тяжких втрат завдає насильство, адже Україна потерпає від війни, яка забирає невинні життя чоловіків, жінок і дітей. Ми закликаємо наших обраних посадових осіб та лідерів громад Сполучених Штатів зробити все можливе, щоб зупинити насильство та ввести обмежувальні заходи, які забезпечать безпеку всіх людей у нашій країні.

Сьогодні, більш важливими зусиллями є проголошення Євангельської істини. Особливо в такий нелегкий час. Адже масові розстріли, є нищівним нагадуванням про те, наскільки нестійким є наш світ. Нехай наші зусилля у молитві та солідарності допоможуть привести людей до дій, котрі приведуть до значущих змін, сприяючи безпеці та розбудові культури життя.

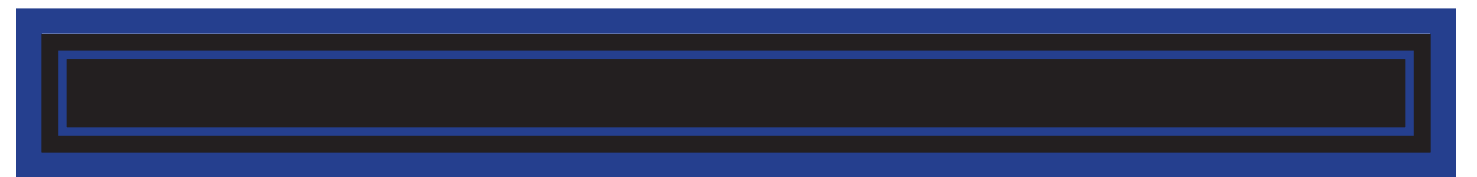
Як Православні Християни, ми повинні дуже серйозно ставитися до місії відображати Христа перед своїми ближніми. Нехай Його мир і зцілення зійде на людей Увальде, штату Техас; Баффало, штат Нью-Йорк, і Лагуна-Вудс, штат Каліфорнія, а також усіх тих, хто втратив когось з близьких у цих безглузвих і злих атаках.

Просимо духовенство та вірних помолитися за упокій душ загиблих на Панахиді опісля Божественної Літургії у неділю, 29 травня, а також помолитися за вцілілих членів сім'ї, однокласників та вчителів під час Прохальної Ектенії на Божественній Літургії.

У всеосяжній Любові нашого Господа,

+ Антоній, Милістю Божою, Митрополит

+ Даниїл, Милістю Божою, Архієпископ





On May 30, 2022, as the United States of America celebrated "Memorial Day," the faithful gathered at the St. Andrew Memorial Church located in South Bound Brook, New Jersey to honor the fallen heroes who sacrificed their all to ensure the rest of us could live in freedom. Standing in the shade of the trees, wrapped in flags of the United States and Ukraine, the faithful watched as the Ukrainian American Veterans formed a line and stood at attention near the Veteran's Memorial on the grounds of the church.

As a brisk breeze blew, causing the flags of the United States and Ukraine to snap sharply, the bells began to toll as the church doors opened and dozens of local clergy descended down the steps, followed by the hierarchs of the Church, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, and Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy. The hierarchs were followed by the seminarians of the St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary.

As the clergy approached the monument, the veterans paraded in, holding the flags of the United States, Ukraine, as well as those of all the various Military Branches. As they took up their positions, the clergy created two columns flanking the hierarchs who approached the podium. As the faithful drew near, Metropolitan Antony loudly proclaimed, "Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages!" which was followed by "Christ is Risen!" sung thrice in both Ukrainian and English.

"O God of spirits, and of all flesh, who has trampled down death and overthrown the Devil and given life to Your world: Do You, the same Lord, give rest to the souls of Your departed servants in a place of brightness, a place of refreshment, a place of repose, where all sickness, sighing, and sorrow have fled away. Pardon every transgression which they have committed, whether by word or deed or thought. For You are a good God and lovest mankind; because there is no man who lives and yet does not sin; for You only are without sin; Your righteousness is to all eternity; and Your word is truth.

For You are the resurrection, the life, and the repose of Your servants, who have fallen asleep, O Christ our God, and unto You we ascribe glory, together with Your Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages."

As the service concluded, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony turned to those gathered and spoke a few words. He stated that we have come here as we have for many years, gathering at this monument, and he is pleased to see so many people here this day for this Memorial Service. He continued by expressing that we commemorate all those who died in service in defense of our nation, throughout the many wars which our nation has been involved in various wars and conflicts – WWI, WWII, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and so many others which we participated in and were forced to fight in, to the existence and freedom of these United States. These people stepped forth and offered their very lives. We live in a nation where we can think and act and pray anytime we want

and anywhere we want, and this privilege has been passed down from generation to generation to generations throughout all the centuries of existence of our nation thanks to those who fought and died for our freedom.

Metropolitan Antony continued by stating some inconceivable facts. His Eminence had done some research and the numbers of men and women who had laid down their lives to ensure our freedom are staggering.

- Revolutionary War - 4,435
- War of 1812 - 2,260
- Indian wars – 1,000
- Mexican war – 13,283
- Civil war – 625,000
- Spanish American War – 2,446
- World War I - 116,516
- World War II – 405,399
- Korean War – 36, 516
- Vietnam War - 90,220
- Persian Gulf War – 1,565
- Afghanistan War – 4,550

These are not small numbers. These are the people who have created the conditions for us to live the lives which we live today. We express our love and our gratitude to them this day, and each year for their willingness to serve their nation, to defend our freedom, and to lay down their lives for independence. Some of these individuals were so young that they could not have contemplated what they would face; some as young as 14 years of age, willingly signed up to defend their nation.

People stopped their lives to fill the need to go abroad to serve for the welfare of the rest of the citizens of this great nation.

This is a powerful day which has been set aside for this remembrance and it is one we cannot ever fail to serve. For the veterans who are here today



to honor their compatriots who were lost we thank them for their service, as well.

His Eminence thanked everyone for participating in today's moving service. He thanked them for remembering those who have died, who have sacrificed of themselves for us.

Next, Consul General of Ukraine in New York, Honorable Oleksii Holubov stepped up to the microphone. Greeting those gathered before him, he stated that it is an honor to be at the heart of Ukrainian Orthodox in the United States. The USA is a sign of freedom throughout the world. This day has been set aside to honor fallen veterans over 50 years ago. It is vital to remember all who sacrificed their lives for their families, for their nation, and for all future generations.

This is what Ukraine is currently facing, and wishing to achieve – freedom for future generations. He stated that Ukraine is grateful to the USA for their support, and their solidarity with Ukraine as she fights to retain her independence.

He concluded by thanking all veterans, and expressing that in today's ongoing war, Ukraine will win, and then they too will honor all to secure independence for all the people of the nation. Glory to all fallen heroes. Glory to Ukraine.

Next, the representative of the Ukrainian-American Veterans, a retired Lieutenant Colonel Michael Hrutsak stepped up to the microphone expressing that they are here to honor all who gave their lives for our liberty and freedom. He stated that Ukraine finds herself in a special position, as she currently fights for freedom, and

her defenders give their lives in this modern battle for independence. The Colonel expressed how he had recently visited wounded soldiers in Ukraine and they were brought to tears when they realized that people beyond the borders of Ukraine were aware of the war. The war which the media began to cover in February of this year, has actually been fought for the past 8 years, and even in 1918. He concluded by stating that today we memorialize the fallen American veterans, but, we also honor the current veterans in Ukraine who are defending the world.

A wreath of remembrance was placed before the Veteran's Monument, the colorful red, white, and blue ribbons waving in the breeze, as TAPS was solemnly played, echoing throughout the neighborhood, and carried on the wind to the St. Andrew's Cemetery behind the church where many veterans were resting in their graves.

As the final, somber notes faded, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel stepped up to the microphone. He thanked everyone for their presence at this solemn occasion, and explained a bit about TAPS. The melody did not exist until the Civil War, when it replaced the standard "end of day" tune which was played each evening, and followed by the tapping of drums. A general decided it was time to change the melody and a brigade bugler composed this simple 24 note tune which replaced the previous bugle call. Not long after Butterfield created "Taps," it was played for the first time at a military funeral, for a Union cannoner killed in action. The man's commanding officer, Captain John Tidball, decided the bugle call would be safer than the traditional firing of three rifle volleys over the soldier's grave, a move which couldn't been confused by

the nearby enemy as an attack. The bugle call is now used at all military funerals.

His Eminence reminded everyone that today, as per the President of the United State's request, from Arlington and throughout the country, the nation is to pause at 3 PM to sound the bugle call, whether played on instruments, hummed or played over loud speakers. Archbishop Daniel asked everyone to remember to pause at 3 PM, play a version of TAPS, and remember all the fallen men and women who fought to allow us to live in freedom this day.

As final photos were taken the clergy and faithful headed across the way under the shaded trees to enjoy a simple picnic, following a longstanding American custom, to remember the lives, and honor the deaths of those who sacrificed their all to ensure future generations could enjoy freedom.

May the Lord remember in His Kingdom all the fallen warriors from all the wars. May their memory be eternal. Christ is Risen!

Photos by Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan



ГІДНИЙ! Хіротонія Нового Священнослужителя УПЦ США

On the bright Spring morning of April 30th, 2022, as the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA gathered in the St. Andrew Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, New Jersey, they were determined to put aside all their worldly worries and concerns, if only for a few hours, in order to celebrate life.

On this Bright Saturday, the Church would be adding one more priest to labor in the Lord's vineyard, for on this day Deacon Myroslav Mykytyuk would be ordained to the Holy Priesthood through the laying on of hands by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the Church.

With His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora present, Archbishop Daniel entered the church and having been greeted and giving his blessing to all present he proceeded to the center of the Nave, flanked by over 20 clergy

who had traveled long distances to participate in this joyous event.

With the sun shining brightly from the clergy's white vestments, making them seem to almost glow, the Divine Liturgy commenced. The day's Gospel Reading was from John 3:22-33, was read in Ukrainian by Deacon Myroslav Mykytyuk, while the English version was read by Deacon Adrian Mazur. As Archbishop Daniel gave his blessing after the Gospel, Very Rev. Stephen Hutnick stepped out into the Nave to give the day's sermon. Fr. Stephen, one of Dcn. Myroslav's instructors at the Saint Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary explained today we have gathered to witness the Holy Spirit descend upon the young deacon and raise him to the priesthood.

Fr. Stephen retold a story about a teacher asking her pupils to draw her a picture of anything they experienced over the summer. One boy drew a fish, another drew a car, and then she came to another boy's drawing and no matter how she tried, she was not able to figure out what he was drawing. She gave

up and asked the boy what he was drawing, to which he replied that he was drawing God. The teacher explained that nobody knows what God looks like, to which the boy replied that if she had left him alone, he would have finished his drawing and she would have known what God looked like.

As priests, it is important to realize what God looks like in their lives and the lives of those whom they serve. The day's Gospel story is perfect for this day. St. John the Baptist states that Jesus must increase, while he decreases. This is true of all clergy, as the ministry is not their own. They are not called to lord it over people, but in all humility to allow the Bridegroom, who is Jesus, to shine through everything. It is through Him and for Him that clergy serve. It is important to remember this, that their goal is to make the people given to their care holy, to bring them to the faith, and to help them understand who God is.

As the Divine Liturgy continued, prayed, "...For You are the Offerer and the Offered, the Receiver and the Received, O Christ our

God, and to You we ascribe glory, together with Your Father, who is from everlasting, and Your all-holy good, and life-creating Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.”

After the prayer, a pitcher of water was brought to the Archchbishop in front of the Royal Doors by Seminarian Roman Marchyshak, who had a long towel or “rushnyk” draped over his neck and down the front, along with two additional seminarians at his sides. As Seminarian Roman poured the water into the basin, allowing His Eminence to wash his hands, the other two helped him dry his hands by lifting the towel/rushnyk over the head of the first server and holding it for him.

As His Eminence returned to the Altar, the choir, under the direction of Dr. Michael Andrec sang the Cherubic Hymn, and the clergy prepared for the Great Entrance. As they proceeded out of the Altar, Deacon Myroslav, with his head covered with the Aer walked to the Narthex. As Archbishop Daniel received the Gifts and placed them upon the Altar, he donned his mitre, blessed the faithful, and then took a seat at the corner of the Altar.

Deacon Myroslav was joined in the narthex by Protodeacon Ihor Mahlay and Deacon Adrian Mazur, who took him by the elbows exclaiming, “Command!” as the candidate to the priesthood, Deacon Myroslav, made a prostration. Once again, they moved up, stopping before the tetrapod and repeating the process a second time. Standing back up, Deacon Myroslav was led up to the Royal Gates and presented to Archbishop Daniel who was awaiting them, proclaiming, “Command! Holy Master, bless him who is before thee.”



The archbishop, wearing his miter, was seated in the bishop’s chair which had been placed in front of the altar, a little to the left side, so as not have the Archbishop’s back to the altar itself. As the candidate knelt before His Eminence, the archbishop blessed him and gave him counsel. He removed the Aer from the deacon’s shoulders and placed it upon the Altar. V. Rev. Yuriy Siwko and V. Rev. Stephen Hutnick now took the young deacon by his arms and led him around the Altar table, stopping to kiss each corner. Reaching the Northwest corner, Deacon Myroslav knelt before the sitting Archbishop and kissed his Epigonation/Palitza, which is the diamond shaped cloth that hangs from his right hip and denotes him as a “soldier” of Christ, and symbolizes the Word of God, fighting the wiles of the enemy.

Once again two priests took Deacon Myroslav by the arms, this time it was Very Rev. Milorad Orlic, another one of his seminary instructors, and his own father, Very Rev. Yaromyr Mykytyuk, and lead him once again around the Altar table, and repeated the process one more time with priests Rev. Vasyl Pasakas and Rev. Oleg Kravchenko for a total of three rotations before the delivering the deacon a final time to his hierarch.

This whole time the choir joyously sang:

Hear us, you martyred Saints who have fought the good fight and received crowns, entreat the Lord, to have mercy on our souls.

Glory to you, Christ our God, the Apostles’ boast and pride, the Martyrs’ fervent joy whose preaching is the consubstantial Trinity.

O Isaiah dance with joy, for the Virgin is indeed with child and brought forth a son, Emmanuel. Who came both

as God and man, Day-at-the-Dawn is his name, and by magnifying him, we call the Virgin blessed.

With three rotations completed, Deacon Myroslav knelt at the Southwest corner of the Altar table leaning his head upon his hands which rested on the table. Vladyka Daniel covered his head with his Epitrachelion and his right hand, as he read the Prayers of Cheirotonia over him, while the clergy, the choir, those present at the Liturgy, and those attending over the live stream all prayed and sang “Lord, have mercy!”

As prayers from around the world were raised, His Eminence prayed,

The divine grace, which always heals that which is infirm and completes that which is lacking, ordains the most devout Deacon Myroslav to the office of Priest. Let us, therefore, pray for him, that the grace of the All-Holy Spirit may come upon him.

O God, great in might and inscrutable in wisdom, marvelous in counsel above the sons of men: You the same Lord, fill with the gift of Your Holy Spirit this man whom it has pleased You to advance to the degree of Priest; that he may become worthy to stand in innocence before Your altar, to proclaim the Gospel of Your kingdom, to minister the word of Your truth, to offer to You spiritual gifts and sacrifices; to renew Your people through the font of regeneration, that when he shall go to meet You, at the second coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, he may receive the reward of good stewardship in the order given to him, through the plenitude of Your goodness.

For blessed and glorified is Your

all-holy and majestic name, of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now, and ever and to the ages of ages.

Archbishop Daniel then raised newly ordained priest Myroslav to his feet, removed the deacon’s stole and presenting each item of the priestly vestments to the faithful he vested the new priest, each time proclaiming “Axios!” which means “worthy.” As the church reverberated and the heavens echoed with “Axios,” the angels joining the people below in the heavenly proclamation of joy, Archbishop Daniel presented the new priest with a service book, and then brought him fully vested forward to present to the people and introduce them to newly ordained Father Myroslav.

With a bashful smile, and tears of humility and joy shining in his eyes, Fr. Myroslav stepped down from the ambo to rejoice with his biggest supporter, his wife Christina, sharing an emotional hug, as he then turned to his longest supporter, his mother who had flown in from Ukraine, and shared a tearful hug before returning to the Altar. The new priest greeted the concelebrating priests with a holy kiss, then stood at the altar and concelebrated the Divine Liturgy with them, holding the Aer that was just recently upon his shoulders, over the Holy Gifts during the proclamation of the Creed. Thus, the Divine Liturgy continued with the new priest shining in his new white vestments leading the way, supported by the senior clergy.

After the consecration of the Holy Gifts, Father Myroslav came and stood before the Altar as Archbishop Daniel handed him the consecrated Lamb saying: “Receive this Divine Trust, and preserve it whole and unharmed until your last breath, because you will be held to an accounting therefore in the Second

and Awesome Coming of our Great Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ, at which time He will demand It from you.”

After reciting the Lord’s Prayer, the clergy partook of the Holy Gifts, this being the first time that Father Myroslav communed as a priest. After the clergy communed, they turned through the still open Royal Gates to face the congregation. Having recited the Prayer Before Communion, His Eminence permitted the newly ordained priest to be the one to administer Holy Communion to the faithful, who had lined up to receive the Gifts which the Lord had loving prepared and was offering to them. Archbishop Daniel stood closely behind, supporting the young priest in the process, as one can only imagine the emotions going through Fr. Myroslav’s head as he held the very Body and Blood of Christ, and communed the faithful.

As the choir sang Father Myroslav came out to recite the prayer behind the ambo, as Archbishop Daniel gave the final blessing and dismissal.

Having sung Christ is Risen, and Mnohaya Lita, His Eminence stepped out on the ambo with Fr. Myroslav and read the Archpastoral Testimonial of ordination making it known that on this day Father Myroslav Mykytyuk has been added to the ranks of the priesthood of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, allowing him to administer the Holy Mysteries of the Church, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; to hear Confessions, and distribute Holy Communion, and to join in Holy Matrimony, a man and a woman after ascertaining their freewill and consent, and all undergo all other responsibilities of a priest of the Eastern Orthodox Church.



Once again proclaiming “Axios! Axios! Axios!” Archbishop Daniel took a moment to greet the newly ordained priest and give him some words of advice. His Eminence explained that we are at a pivotal time in history, and it is more important than ever for the priests of the Church to be strong and able to guild the faithful in the daily travails between good and evil. We are seeing this battle today in the ongoing aggression of Russia against Ukraine, in addition to other daily troubles.

Vladyka Daniel explained that as Fr. Myroslav was a child he was already being prepared for his priestly journey. Now as a priest, he does not continue this journey on his own, but, with his entire family. His Eminence asked that he, along with his wife Christina, be strong and solid in their faith. The people need to see a priest who preaches the Word of God with his whole being, not just with words spoken from the pulpit on Sunday. He asked that the young couple undertake the service to the Lord with kindness, love and compassion. Always remain a kind and loving person, because it is that love that will touch the hearts of the people the Lord entrusts to him in the future.

Archbishop Daniel concluded by blessing Fr. Myroslav’s priesthood, and motioning his wife, Dobrodiyka Christina forward, His Eminence prayed over her, that the Lord should strengthen her as she serves and supports her husband in his ministry.

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony stepped out to give Fr. Myroslav counsel. He instructed the young priest to pray unceasingly, that the Lord should guide him and help him in his ministry. His Eminence asked that the young man throw himself deeply into his calling, that

he ask the Holy Spirit for the words needed in every situation he faces, and remember that he has been called to serve, and not to rule. He reminded him that God has given him everything he needs to be successful in his ministry.

Turning to Fr. Myroslav’s wife, Christina, he exclaimed that the Lord has chosen her to be her husband’s helpmate in his ministry, and that she will be required to assist him. She will serve as a solid foundation for her husband’s priesthood.

Turning back to the young priest, the Metropolitan bestowed his blessing upon him and wished him peace.

With these words newly ordained Father Myroslav took the opportunity to greet and thank the hierarchs on this momentous day in his life. He thanked them for not only for ordaining him, but, for their patience with him, their teachings, their love, and mostly for their prayers. Presenting them with bouquets of roses, the young priest humbly expressed his gratitude and asked for their continued prayers.

Father Myroslav then turned to thank his parents who had flown in from Ukraine to participate in this momentous day. He thanked them for raising him in the Church, for loving him, directing his childhood steps, guiding him through his school years, and encouraging him in his calling to the priesthood.

Turning to his brother seminarians, he thanked them for their camaraderie, their assistance as they all studied together for exams, and mostly for their friendship. In conclusion the young priest turned to the people standing in the church and thanked them for participating in his big day.

As he was finishing, the seminarians stepped up and presented him with a

bouquet expressing their continued love and support of their brother seminarian as he embarks on his priestly journey. They assured him of their continuing prayers and asked for his in return.

Accepting the flowers with gratitude, smiling, Fr. Myroslav invited everyone to head to the seminary for a picnic sponsored by the UOL.

As the people approached to venerate the cross presented to them by Fr. Myroslav, each one took a moment to hug the new priest and offer their well wishes, as they accepted an icon card as a memento of the special occasion. One by one the faithful descended the steps of the church, with smiles upon their faces, their spirits lifted by the joyous events of the day and made their way over the seminary to continue the celebration.

May the Lord bless newly ordained Rev. Mykytyuk with wisdom, patience, good health, perseverance for many blessed years as he labors in the Lord’s Vineyard. Axios! Christ is Risen!

AXIOS! Fr. Myroslav Mykytyuk Ordained to the Holy Priesthood

Photos by Reader Maksym Zhuravchyk and Seminarian Andrii Akulenko





As the sun shone brightly upon the Metropolia Center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, the warm Spring breeze snapped the Ukrainian and American flags which lined the entryway to the St. Andrew Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, NJ.

On this Saint Thomas Sunday, the faithful who had arrived to pray to the Lord for peace and good health, and to remember their loved ones who had fallen asleep in the Lord, were greeted with a moving and sobering site.

As they walked towards the tall church which is the first Memorial in the United States commemorating the 10 million lives lost to the Holodomor Genocide perpetrated against the Ukrainian people by Soviet Russia in 1932-33, they were faced with the current Genocide being once again perpetrated by the Russians against the people of Ukraine.

All along the road leading up to the church steps were placards lying upon the ground. The 550 photos were of lives cut short, images of

the destruction of a peaceful land, of hopes destroyed, and futures stolen. The images showed death and destruction, tortured bodies, tear-streaked faces, terror, and anguish. In the middle of each set of images stood a candle, made of salt. 225 candles representing 225 children slaughtered by the Russian military. The children were the light and the salt of the earth, and were now being remembered by salt votives, their flames flickering beneath the open sky.

As the faithful, in deep thought, climbed the steps of the church, their melancholy lifting as the gazed upon the children standing near the doorway wearing brightly embroidered Ukrainian shirts (vyshyvanky) and holding red roses. These children proved that all hope was not lost. Squinting against the bright sun the children stopped squirming and gazed intently as their hierarchs arrived, but instead of being dropped off right in front of the church, they decided to get out at the foot of the long drive.

As the bells tolled, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch

of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, solemnly walked by the images of war, destruction, and death. As Psalm 22 states, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me," so the hierarchs stoically walked through the horrific images, having furtively gazed down in sadness, lifting their eyes upward towards the church, and towards Christ, our everlasting Hope.

As they ascended the steps of the church, they were warmly greeted by the children of the Ukrainian School, who showered them with roses. Exchanging smiles and hugs with the children, the hierarchs entered the narthex and were greeted by Pani Lesia Siwko and Anna Shewchenko on behalf of the Pokrova Sisterhood, by parish Starosta Dmytro Kozlyuk, and finally by parish pastor, Fr. Yuriy Siwko. Expressing their gratitude for the kind words and their joy at being with their flock on this joyous St. Thomas

Sunday, the hierarchs entered the Nave, paused to venerate the miraculous Icon of the Mother of God (Kardiotissa - "the Softener of Hearts"), before entering the Altar.

As the people crowded into the small church, Metropolitan Antony came and stood in their midst to be vested. The choir of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Church (under the leadership of Dr. Michael Andrec) prayerfully chanted the songs and liturgical responses.

By vesting in the Nave, before the people, the hierarch is symbolic of Christ incarnating and being baptized by St. John in the River Jordan. Christ put on "Adam," so that mankind could put on "Christ." There are two sets of vesting prayers: those said quietly by the bishop and those proclaimed aloud by the protodeacon. These together illustrate the salvific dynamic of passion and resurrection. The protodeacon proclaims the victory of the Resurrected Christ, for the bishop's vesting is a ritualization of each Christian's "putting on Christ." The prayers said by the bishop are taken from the passion narratives and ritualize that other aspect of our baptism, that we are baptized into the death of the Christ.

The first item is the Stikhar – the white garment worn at baptism symbolizing the "putting on of Christ," followed by the Epitrakhil, the long stole that hang down from his neck to his feet, symbolizing God's Grace poured out to ordain him to the priesthood. His Eminence's waste was encompassed with a Poyas (belt) representing the Strength and Protection of God, and cuffs were tied to his wrists, ritualizing the hands of God in creating and redeeming humanity, and also are reminiscent of the shackles placed on Christ when He was bound and scourged.

The beautiful white damask Sakkos (outer garment) was then put on His Eminence, representing the seamless garment of Christ, whose priesthood the bishop is a successor of through the Apostles, followed by the Epigonation (the square cloth hung at his right side) symbolizing "sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." This shield symbolizes that the hierarch is bestowed with authority to go forth, and guided by God's own Hand, to uphold the teachings of Christ, with humility and justice. A wide cloth was then placed around Metropolitan's shoulders, the Omophor, which is symbolic of Christ the Good Shepherd who goes in search of the lost lamb and gently carries it on His shoulders back to the awaiting flock.

Around his neck His Eminence put on a Panaghia, which is an icon of Christ with His mother, or another symbolic icon, along with a jeweled cross. Atop his head then he put on his Mitra, a crown reminiscent of both the mitres of the first Aaronic high priests, and the crowns of victory and life to be bestowed upon all the faithful in the Kingdom.

Also vested in shining and pure white, Archbishop Daniel joined Metropolitan Antony in the center of the Nave as the Divine Liturgy began. The reading was from the Gospel of John 20:19-31 restating the instance when Christ appeared to His Disciples when Thomas was absent and therefore, Thomas did not believe, and stated he would not believe until he placed his hands in Christ's wounds. When Christ appeared again, in Thomas's presence, He stated that Thomas now believes because he has seen, but blessed are they who have not seen, yet believe.

Very Rev. Fr. Yaromyr Mykytyuk, the father of newly ordained Fr.

Myroslav, gave a moving sermon on the peace of Christ, and the need of peace in Ukraine. War and aggression are not from Christ, and in this Paschal Season we need to redouble our prayers and efforts at achieving peace in Ukraine and throughout the world.

As the time for Holy Communion approached, the faithful filed forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, which was administered to them by Fr. Myroslav on his second day of priesthood. As the Liturgy concluded, Archbishop Daniel directed everyone to step outside to participate in a general Panakhyda (memorial service).

Surrounded by the faithful who stood to either side of the church steps and flanked by the ranks of priests all dressed in Paschal White, the hierarchs stood on the platform before the church and with their voices echoing off the church and carrying on the breeze they called upon God's mercy. They prayed for all the souls lost during the current aggression in Ukraine, but also for all those souls lost during the Holodomor, and additional genocides in the history of Ukraine, for the souls of the defenders of Ukraine, as well as all the men and women who had served in the American Armed Forces, innocent lives of Chronobyl Nuclear Disaster, for the souls of the family and loved ones who had fallen asleep in the Lord, and for all Orthodox Christians throughout the world.

In his remarks prior to the beginning of the Memorial service, Archbishop Daniel invited all in attendance to walk in silence through the rows of 550 photos displayed, honoring the innocent lives, yet looking at the photos in order to see and comprehend the EVIL of the attempted Russian invasion of Ukraine. Vladyka reminded

everyone in attendance that while the buildings are destroyed throughout Ukraine – the freedom loving spirit of the People of God – Ukrainians – cannot be destroyed and taken away from them – thus Russians will never conquer Ukraine, no matter how many times they attempt to accomplish their evil plan. Archbishop spoke of the light of Pascha and how it destroys the darkness of the Evil in the world. The Bright Day of St. Thomas Sunday inspires us - the Ukrainian-Americans – the people of Faith – Ukrainian Orthodox faithful - be stronger in our resolve to help the people of Ukraine to fight the force of destruction. In conclusion of his remarks, Vladyka stated that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA collected over 1.9 million dollars in humanitarian aid, and it is actively being delivered to various communities throughout Ukraine.

His Excellency Consul General of Ukraine in New York Oleksii Holubov was in attendance of the Pilgrimage and spoke about the consolidation of the world-wide efforts in order to help the nation of Ukraine. He expressed his gratitude to the Ukrainian-American community for their generous support of the logisitan and humanitarian needs of Ukrainians.

Local NEWS and media sources were present and reported as the hierarchs, followed by the clergy and faithful, came down the steps of the church and processed to the Veteran's Memorial Monument for a short prayer for our veterans, before continuing down into the crypt below the Memorial Church to hold a panakhyda, and proclaim "Christ is Risen!" at the tomb of Patriarch Mstyslav. Reemerging into the sunlight the group then made its way to the gravesite of Metropolitan John (Theodorovich) of Blessed Memory.



Having prayed for the souls of all those who had reposed in the Lord, the hierarchs returned to the church, as the clergy and faithful spread throughout the St. Andrew Cemetery to visit and pray at the graves of parishioners, family, and loved ones.

Some people wondered the cemetery stopping here and there to remember the person buried there, while others found their way to the Ukrainian Cultural Center to enjoy a bit of lunch and to peruse the items that were for sale by local vendors. Many others congregated in front of the Memorial Church and slowly walked among the images and salt lamps, pausing to contemplate the images, to try and fathom the horror being perpetrated against innocent people, to commiserate with the people pictured, to try and understand the incomprehensible murder of innocent people, men, women, the elderly, the harmless children. The complete destruction of cities, and towns, roads, and thoroughfares, schools, hospitals, train stations. Turning back to the church, the people, tears streaming down their cheeks, looked to God for comfort and crossing themselves mouthed a prayer for the peaceful repose of those whose lives had already been violently stolen from them, and for the protection and safety of all who still found themselves in harm's way, for the wellbeing and success of the defenders of Ukraine, and that peace be returned to their ancestral homeland.

Sweet endings for the pilgrimage were to be had at St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary, as the Consistory Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry hosted an "Ice Cream Social". Young and younger gathered to enjoy a bowl of ice-cream with a variety of sprinkles. As they delighted in the



tasty treat, everyone enjoyed each other's company. All too soon, the ice cream was gone, and it was time to leave.

And so, with the words “Christ is Risen!” echoing throughout the Metropolia Center grounds, the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church prayed for all the living, as well as for all who had already departed this world, in the knowledge that this fallen world has been conquered by Christ!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

Photos by Reader Maksym Zhuravchyk and Seminarian Andrii Akulenko



His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, accompanied by seminarians of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary (South Bound Brook, NJ) Reader Andrii Vetrych and Andrii Akulenko, visited St. Anthony of the Desert Ukrainian Orthodox Mission in Las Cruces, New Mexico on the weekend of Myrrh-bearing Women – May 6-8, 2022.

In 2021 the mission received a new pastor – Rev. Fr. Mark Phillips, and the community is strong with a current membership of about 50 adults and 15 children. Six new members were Chrismated on Pascha 2022, and several catechumens are progressing toward full membership.

Archbishop Daniel and seminarians arrived on Friday evening and had an opportunity to visit with Fr. Mark Phillips, learning about the pastoral successes of the mission. On Saturday afternoon Vladyka Daniel met with a dozen parishioners, including members of the parish council, addressing pastoral

questions and offering theological spiritual guidance to those in preparation for the Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation.

Fr. Mark served Great Vespers at 5:00 PM, with Archishop Daniel delivering comments at the conclusion of the service, reflecting on the spiritual meaning of the weekend, and offering reflection on the ongoing war in Ukraine. The archbishop stated that there is no justification for the severe loss of human life in Ukraine, the destruction of maternity hospitals and schools, the genocidal slaughter of children and elderly. “As Orthodox Christians, the people of God - we must do everything possible to stop this attempted invasion of Ukraine and the murders which we witness daily on our TV screens.”

At the potluck supper, which followed, Vladyka Daniel was greeted by the children of the mission and presented with stuffed toys for the children of Ukraine.

On Sunday at the Divine Liturgy for the Myrrh-Bearing Women, Fr. Mark Phillips, assisted by the

representatives of the mission’s board administration and the youth of the community formally greeted the eparchial bishop to the parish.

Archbishop presided at the liturgy, assisted by Fr. Mark and Fr. Gabriel Rochell (pastor-emeritus), with subdeacons and seminarians as altar servers. Vladyka Daniel spoke in his sermon on the spiritual notion of courage that the Myrrh-bearing women practiced and the courage we are called to live by as we witness the Salvific Message of God’s love in the world. Moreover, Vladyka honored mothers of the mission as the world-wide community marked Mother’s Day. Greetings the mothers, the archbishop spoke of the courage of mothers as they are tasked with the sacred responsibility of raising children and setting them on the path of spiritual success. The Liturgy was well attended by over forty people.

In his remarks, following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Mark once again welcomed the archbishop to the mission and called upon the youth of the parish to present Vladyka with a gift of

icons, which were written by Sara Edenburn Harper. The iconographer wrote two icons of the newly-glorified saints of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine (Metropolitan of Kyiv, Galicia and All Rus Joseph (Nelyubovich-Tukalsky) and the benefactress of the Kyiv Theological Schools Elizabeth (Gulevich) in the traditional Ukrainian Folk style, yet reaching into the local sacred tradition of New Mexico.

Following the Liturgy, Archbishop Daniel, assisted by Fr. Mark presented the ladies of the mission with the flowers, thus honoring them on Mother's Day.

Archbishop Daniel's official visit concluded with dinner on Sunday Evening with members of the mission's board of administration. Discussion on strategy for the growth of the parish was exceedingly fruitful, according to those who attended, and several ideas for new initiatives arose during that time.

The members and friends and catechumens of St. Anthony of the Desert Mission were deeply grateful for this year's archpastoral visitation and look forward to another year of service to parish and community as we contemplate and act upon our Archbishop's charge to us.

Photos by Seminarians Andrii Vatrich and Andrii Akulenko



On Sunday, May 15, 2022, as the sun gleamed brightly off the dome of St. George Ukrainian Orthodox Parish, nestled in the quiet town of Yardville, New Jersey, the faithful began to arrive. On this day the parish was celebrating their Feast Day, and were blessed to have His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, joining them.

The quiet morning was broken, as laughter was heard from the parish rectory. The children, dressed in their brightly colored vyshyvanky giggled and squirmed as their hierarch appeared before them. With smiles and warm greetings, the children, along with their parents and instructors turned towards the church. The children reached into their baskets and began to strew colorful petals and blossoms, as they led the way to the church, carpeting the pavement in pinks, reds, and purples.

Thus, led by the flower brigade, along with men carrying church banners of St. Volodymyr and St. Olga, and a number of Altar Servers,

Archbishop Daniel arrived at the open doors of the church. Ascending the steps, he was greeted with the traditional bread and salt by the parish administrators, and entering the Nave was welcomed by parish priest, V. Rev. Peter Levko.

The beautiful parish was even more stunning this day with new iconography. The family of Michael and Natalia Stepanovych sponsored icons of Archangels (written by Xena Uman) which were blessed by His Eminence. Giving his blessing to the faithful who greeted him, Archbishop Daniel stepped into the colorful church, the golden halos of all the saints glowing all about those gathered beneath.

With His Eminence, robed in crisp white vestments with red and blue ornamentation, standing in the Nave, amidst the faithful, Fr. Peter began the Divine Liturgy. Assisting were the Seminarians of the St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary – Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan, Subdeacon Paylo Vysotskyi, Reader Maksym Zhuravchyk, Reader Andrii Vatrich, Andriy Akulenko and Roman

Marchyshak. As the choir sang, their voices ebbing and flowing melodiously under the direction of Deacon Valentyn Olijnyk, the service moved along.

The Reading this day was from the Gospel of John 5:1-15, telling of the Miracle at the Pool of Bethesda. On the Sabbath, Christ happens to walk by a man lying near the pool, who without assistance was not able to reach the water after the angel stirred it, before someone else leaped in before him. The man had been there for 38 years awaiting a miracle. Jesus walks by and seeing his predicament, asks if he wishes to be made well, and then watches as the man obediently takes up his bed and walks away.

Expounding on this during his sermon, Archbishop Daniel, extrapolated that quantity is not quality. 38 years of lying in pain, does not equate to 38 years of living one's life. As humans we "want" more, but sometimes quality is worth far more than quantity.

The Lord did not create us to lay about and wait for something to

happen in our lives. He created us to live and to be in control of our lives, and through them to impact the world around us. In this story we see a man who is still, and watches as the world changes about him. That is no way to live. God graced this man with certain gifts and skills, and the world is not availed of them if the man sits idle. Imagine this man's life for the last 38 years. Babies have been born, completed their education, wed, raised their own children, and even may have seen their first grandchild born, while this man simply sat and watched, while in pain. We have a toothache and cannot wait to have the dentist help us, but, this man was crippled for almost four decades, and nobody showed him mercy by helping him into the pool. In all those years, nobody made an effort to help him.

Like this man, there are times in our own life when we seem at an impasse. We do not know what, or how to proceed. We wait for the perfect moment. We delay living, due to the parameters we have set up for ourselves. But why do we wait to live? If we need help, then we need to seek help, so that we can live our lives. As Christians, we are to imitate Christ, and daily we are to look about ourselves for people who are stuck in their lives, lying by the pool, and need help to reach the water. Every day we ought to be mindful of the situations those around us find themselves in, for it is on us to help them, so that they too can continue living their lives.

As His Eminence returned to the Altar, he had left the faithful with much to contemplate and think about, as they wondered if someone they knew was in need of assistance. Together they prayed the Creed, repeated the many petitions to the Lord for health, safety, and prosperity of the world,



and with bowed heads in unison recited the Lord's prayer.

As the children ran to get in line for Holy Communion, the adults also humbly followed. Having received the Body and Blood of Christ, washed anew, spirits lifted, the faithful, with renewed resolve and vigor once again bowed their heads as His Eminence prayed for the wellbeing of Ukraine, a cessation of the atrocities being perpetrated by the Russians against innocent civilians, and a return to peace. He also prayed that the Lord return His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, to good health, granting him a speedy and complete recovery after his surgery earlier in the week. Additionally, His Eminence asked that they also remember in their prayers, Stepan, the brother of Seminarian Maksym, who has been injured in Ukraine.

As the choir sang Mnohaya Lita, the faithful approached to venerate the cross, and accept a small icon card from His Eminence in honor of this day. Having fed their souls, with warm smiles and twinkling eyes the faithful made their way to the parish hall to continue the celebration of the Parish Feast Day and feed their bodies.

During the delicious banquet, the parishioners and guests caught up on the latest news, which families had graduations to celebrate, which had new additions, and who had heard what about the ongoing war in Ukraine. Tears of joy, and tears of sorrow, mixed, as the microcosm of humanity contemplated the world around them.

As the last of the plates were cleared away, the children of the Ukrainian School climbed on stage and chased away all the sorrow and

worry and replaced them with joy and hope. The youngsters dressed in their Ukrainian vyshyvanky sang and recited poetry, making their parents and teachers proud.

The Seminarians stepped into the spotlight and also sang a variety of Ukrainian folk songs, concluding with a soulful rendition of Plyve Kacha. The song is a lament. It is about a young soldier, a young recruit going off to fight in foreign wars and his dialogue with his mother as he asks what will happen if he dies in a foreign land with nobody to bury him. It is a poignant and solemn reminder of the ongoing battle Ukraine faces against Russia, from the days of the Maidan to the current unprovoked attack.

As the young men sang, the adults lowered their heads, many wiping away tears, as the children gazed in wonder not sure why everyone was crying. As the seminarians concluded the song, everyone remained in silence for a matter of seconds, before returning to the present, realizing that as they celebrated, people in Ukraine were fighting for their very survival.

The song was the perfect segue to the next segment of the banquet, special announcements. A loud applause followed the declaration that the Sisterhood had made a generous donation to the UOC of the USA, followed by the announcement of individual parishioner donations. With gratitude His Eminence accepted the parish donation of \$37,000 to aid Ukraine.



With smiles the ladies of the Sisterhood happily accepted the flowers presented to them by Archbishop Daniel who declared that the parish was built on the labor of their love. It is the continuous and unfaltering dedication of the sisterhood, their selfless efforts, that have helped this parish flourish and prosper.

The St. George parish has been active over its history in its support of the Church and of Ukraine. With the current crisis in Ukraine the parish has stepped up its efforts welcoming several refugees, holding fundraisers, and praying. On this day, Archbishop Daniel was honored to present a gift of love on behalf of the parish to the refugees.

With the formal celebration concluded, the faithful lingered in the parish hall enjoying spending time with their hierarch and each other. In good camaraderie the hours wiled away, until the sun hung low in the western sky.

Bidding their farewells, the faithful returned to the world, re-energized and with a renewed commitment to make a positive change in the world around them – near and far. With such a faithful and dedicated flock, the parish of St. George has a bright future. Many years to the parish as they celebrate their Patronal Feast Day! Mnohaya Lita!

Photos by Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan



On Saturday, May 28, 2022 the parish family of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary gathered together to celebrate the 88th anniversary of the parish. The morning began with an Archpastoral Divine Liturgy celebrated by Archbishop Daniel, with His Eminence Metropolitan Antony in attendance. Serving alongside the parish's pastor Rev. Vasyl Pasakas were local clergy: Rev. Sviatoslav Hot (Holy Ascension, Maplewood, NJ), Rev. Oleg Kravchenko (Holy Assumption, Northampton, PA), Rev. Andrii Drapak (St. Sophia Seminary, Somerset, NJ), Rev. Myroslav Mykytyuk (St. Andrew Memorial Church, Somerset, NJ). The Seminarian choir from St. Sophia Seminary sang the responses.

His Eminence Archbishop Daniel was greeted at the doors of the Church by Fr. Vasyl's children, Jacob, Emilia and Taissa, who greeted the honored guests with bouquets of flowers. Fr. Vasyl then welcomed Vladyka Daniel to the parish on this special occasion by offering him the cross.

During the Small Entrance, Fr. Vasyl Pasakas was elevated to the rank of

Protopriest and received the Gold Cross. During the Divine Liturgy, all the founders, benefactors, clergy, and members are remembered by name. The parish was found in 1934 by Catherine Dorosh, Paul Owsinik, Michael Polehonki, Nicholas Sawczak, Julia Sharyk, and Andrew Zahuta. As we approached Memorial Day this coming weekend, Vladyka Daniel read off the names of all parishioners who had served in the Armed Forces during the Liturgy. An "Honor Roll" plaque, listing everyone's names, hung in the parish hall reminding all of their service to our country, and will forever memorialize their memories.



Speaking at the end of the service, Fr. Vasyl greeted everyone gathered on the occasion and reflected on the role everyone played in the life of the parish—the role they had and the role the church had on their own personal lives. Reflecting on his own pastoral journey the last nine years at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr. Vasyl emphasized on the importance and value of everyone who was gathered together. Fr. Vasyl spoke of the weddings that took place, the children who were baptized, the parishioners who passed away, Fr. Oleg who was ordained to the diaconate at the parish just a few

years ago, the seminarians who sang (or sing) or now serve at the altar. All those gathered were not only there for their own parish and their faith—but for each other as well. Fr. Vasyl acknowledged the current members and supporters present at the celebration—the Ratai Families, Marinich Families, Vakulchik Family, Hlushko Family, Honcharenko & Andrec Families, the Pasakas Family, the gathered clergy and seminarians. Fr. Vasyl also reflected on the recent passing of long time member, devoted altar server, and parish president Andy Olear, who recently passed away at the beginning of the year. These were blessings which Father Vasyl will cherish forever.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony offered a reflection of his own memories serving at the altar at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He reflected on the last Pascha he celebrated with the parishioners several years back. Although small in number, those gathered were truly dedicated to their faith and their parish family, even late in their ages.

At the end, Vladyka Daniel gifted longtime parishioner Mike Ratai and his wife Nancy with a beautiful icon as a token of everyone's gratitude and deep appreciation for their continued service, help, and dedication to the parish. Aside from being a member of the parish board, Mike recently took on more responsibility in caring for the parish and the parish property, and for the volunteer work of his wife Nancy. A deep gratitude is extended to the both of them for their extra-ordinary dedication.

All in attendance, were invited to the adjacent hall for a catered luncheon to celebrate the occasion.

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ARCHPASTORAL VISIT TO St. Vladimir Orthodox Parish, Pittsburgh, PA

АРХІПАСТІРСЬКИЙ ВІЗИТ ДО Парафії Св. Володимира в Піттсбург, Пенсільванія

On May 22, 2022, as the brightly colored lilacs swayed gently in the morning breeze, filling the air with a sweet fragrance, the faithful of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, paused to enjoy the perfumed air before ascending the steps to the church.

Stepping inside, they were greeted with the Hours being read, as His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarchy of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA censed all the icons in the church. As the faithful lit their candles, the Royal Gates swung open, and His Eminence began serving the Divine Liturgy, accompanied by Rev. Mark Phillips, and assisted by the seminarians of the St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary, some of whom also joined the choir.

The Sunday Gospel reading was from the Gospel of St. John 4:5-42, the retelling of Christ's meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well. Returning the Gospel to the Altar, Archbishop Daniel stepped down into the nave to deliver a moving sermon.

His Eminence told of the time during the Second World War when an Army Chaplain tried to minister to a soldier who refused to believe, did not wish to speak with the chaplain, and even made every effort to avoid him. At one point the local bishop came to visit and asked the chaplain how things were going, to which he replied and told him about the soldier who is avoiding him. The bishop sought out that soldier, then he sat down and spoke with him, not for five or ten minutes, but, for over an hour. The chaplain was amazed, and when the bishop stood and the soldier left, he asked him what did he say to the soldier? What words of wisdom and theology did he share, that the man sat and spoke for over an hour with him? The bishop smiled and told him he first asked how the soldier's mother was doing, then they exchanged a few jokes, and then the soldier opened up and spoke with him.

On this occasion the bishop had built a bridge between a soul in search of something, a person who was lost, and himself – the hierarchy of the Church.

Christ is often referred to as the Supreme Bridge Builder. That is what the Lord does when He works with His creation. He built the final bridge between humanity and Almighty God. We must go over this bridge in our lives. Some of us happily skip along over the bridge, full of strength and zeal, eager to serve the Lord, while others just go through the motions of living life, unenthused.

Christ built the bridge, and it is there for us to walk over. He has even erected signs along the way. Much like we see along our streets informing us how to reach our destination, where we can find rest areas, where we can turn in case of trouble to reach the police or hospitals, so the Bridge of Spiritual Life also has signage. We have the Gospels to guide us, the Church Fathers, saints and martyrs to show us the direction. When we are tired and burdened our rest area is Confession where we can unburden ourselves and lighten our loads. The Eucharist feeds our souls and strengthens us to continue along on our journeys.

We need to step off the busy highway of life, which leads us in circles, and

embark upon our journey over the bridge. We need to slow down and refuel our souls. As we pullover for coffee at Starbucks, we need to pull over and refuel our souls, stimulate them. We need to refocus on Christ, His Teachings, the Saints, the Martyrs, and get inspired and enthusiastic about our journey.

...The problem with society today is that some of us feel we are irrelevant in this world. Most of us exist, but we do not live. We wake up, go through our morning routine, prayer, breakfast, get ready for work, go to work, come home, clean, cook, put the kids to bed, go to sleep, only to rise in the morning and repeat. We repeat this week after week, month after month, year after year.

But when do we begin to live? What does it mean to live our lives?

The Lord gives this woman the chance to live. Like her, He gives us a chance to make a choice. Choose to be different in the world in which we live. To be so different that people will look at us and say we are weird in how we live our lives.

...The Lord did not "fit" into society. He was different. He chose to be different, and He calls us to be different. He preached kindness and mercy. He healed and helped. He calls us to follow His example. He calls us the Salt of the Earth. As salt, we are not only to act as a preservative, but we are also to add flavor to this life. Our flavor is the flavor of Orthodoxy, the flavor of Christianity, of kindness, simplicity, and of self-sacrifice.

Offering of ourselves, extending mercy, is what defines us as Orthodox Christians. While good to know, our knowledge of theology, or being able to name all the icons hanging on the church walls, does



not alone make us good Christians. Orthodoxy is not about all these externals. It is about the way we preach the Word of God through our daily routine; it is about how we live our lives.

...The Lord calls us all to come to the Well of Life and drink some Living Water. He calls us to strike up a conversation with someone, to ask about their family, their lives, their troubles, and how we might assist them.

We are not to sit by as sponges, absorbing everything around us, with the misguided concept that we are the center of everything, and everything is for our own consumption.

The Lord calls us to empty ourselves. He calls us to self-sacrifice, to simplicity, kindness and mercy. We claim to be Orthodox. We wear our crosses; therefore, we identify as Christians. As such we must be like Christ. We must build bridges, and we ourselves have to walk across the bridge. Therefore, keep an eye on all the signposts along the way, follow the directions, and if you get lost, stop and reevaluate your location and return to the path and continue upon your journey.

With these deep and contemplative words, Archbishop Daniel returned to the altar and the Divine Liturgy continued. As the time for Communion approached, the faithful eagerly lined up, realizing this was a rest area along their journey across the bridge, where they could reenergize and recalculate their journey.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence greeted Fr. John Haluszczak, explaining that he was actually visiting the parish to celebrate Fr. John's 30th anniversary. However, sadly, Fr. John was not

with them this Sunday, due to contracting the CoVid-19 virus. Looking into the phone over which the service was being livestreamed, Archbishop Daniel greeted Fr. John, who was watching, and wished him a speedy recovery, promising to visit the parish again soon once Father was recuperated, so they could celebrate his anniversary with him.

Intending to present the UOC of the USA Centennial Medal in the presence of her father, His Eminence nonetheless, bestowed the medal upon Kira Senedak for all the hard work and dedication she has shown over the years for the youth of the Church. He explained that he initially had planned to present the award to her in 2019, but, then the pandemic hit and it has been sitting on his desk for the last two years awaiting this very moment. As he pinned the medal to her lapel, the faithful burst out in boisterous "Axia"!



Turning to his left, Archbishop Daniel thanked Fr. Mark Phillips, of St. Anthony of the Desert Mission in Las Cruces, New Mexico, who was in town visiting with family, and came to concelebrate Divine Liturgy with him. His Eminence explained the mission parish is undergoing a few renovations, and then invited everyone to hop a plane or take a long drive to New Mexico to celebrate with Fr. Mark once the church repairs are completed.

Thus, a lovely Sunday morning came to a conclusion as the faithful milled about, lingering to speak with old friends and catch up with their hierarchy. Wishing Fr. John, a speedy and complete recovery, and congratulations on his 30th Anniversary! Mnohaya Lita!

Photos by Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan



On Tuesday, May 17, 2022, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel Held a Meeting with the representatives of Taiwanese-American Community at the Consistory Offices of the Spiritual Center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in South Bound Brook/Somerset, NJ.

For the second time in the past 80 days, about 25 individuals, representing the Taiwanese American Council of Greater New York (represented by Mr. Hong Tien Lal) and the local Taiwanese American Fellowship Presbyterian Church (under the leadership of pastor Annie Tsai) visited the Spiritual Center of the UOC of the USA in order to provide support to the people and nation of Ukraine.

In his welcoming remarks, Archbishop Daniel expressed the gratitude of the Church for the generous donation of medical supplies that the local Taiwanese American Fellowship Presbyterian Church of Hillsborough, NJ provided for the military hospitals in Ukraine. Moreover, Vladyka Daniel reflected upon the similarity between the two nations represented in the meeting, as they

struggle against the Governments of Russian and China, which with the same appetite for the invasion and destruction, fight against the sovereign nations of Ukraine and Taiwan. The archbishop expressed prayerful support to the Taiwanese Community of the United States as they live through the aftermath of the sorrowful attack on the Taiwanese Christian community in California.

Mr. Hong Tien Lal, speaking on behalf of the Taiwanese American Council of Greater New York, offered words of support and encouragement to the Ukrainian-American community, as the world witnesses the destruction of the peaceful way of life of Ukraine and her people. Mr. Lal presented His Eminence Archbishop Daniel with a donation of \$12,000 for the

charitable humanitarian needs of the people of Ukraine.

In her remarks to those in attendance of the meeting, which took place at Metropolitan John Theodorovich Seminary Library, pastor Annie Tsai assured the archbishop and Fr. Vasyl Pasakas, who coordinated the meeting and the transfer of medical supplies, of the prayerful disposition of the Taiwanese Presbyterian community towards the people of Ukraine and the needs of Ukrainian wounded soldiers and their families.

The meeting concluded with a prayer, which was recited in Taiwanese, Ukrainian and English languages for the people of Ukraine and Taiwan.

Photos by Fr. Vasyl Pasakas and Fr. Myroslav Mykytyuk





The NJ Coalition of Religious Leaders gathered in Trenton, NJ for the formal semi-annual gathering in order to further the work of the already established Task Force that aims to address the vital legislature in the Great State of New Jersey, as it pertains to Criminal Justice, Housing, Environmental Issue and Reparation.

The New Jersey Coalition of Religious Leaders, some fifty years old, represents religious leadership from Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh faith traditions. The Coalition's membership of some sixty-five faith leaders includes Bishops, Imams, Rabbis, Denominational Executives and faith based public policy executives.

Prior to the beginning of the formal session, the NJ Coalition of Religious Leaders Honored His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, and in his person the entire Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and the peace-loving people and nation of Ukraine.

Five representatives of the major religious communities of NJ presented prayers for His

Eminence, the UOC of the USA and the people of Ukraine. The words of prayerful support were offered by Cardinal Joseph Tobin (Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark, NJ), Palas Shah, Vaishali Patel, Harish Brahmhatt (Hindu Communities of NJ), Rabbi David Vaisberg (Jewish Communities of NJ), Imam Hamad Chebli (Muslim Communities of NJ) and Amman Seehra (Sikh Communities of NJ).

In the presence of the NJ Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senator Jon Bramnick and Assemblywoman Nancy Muniz, Archbishop Daniel received an award in support of the Humanitarian Efforts during the time of war in Ukraine.

The NJ Coalition issued a following statement, signed by 50 members of the organization, stating:

To His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel:

We write to you as Colleagues in Faith and in response to your statement "Pray for Ukraine!" As members of the New Jersey Coalition of Religious Leaders, an

interfaith Coalition of Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, and Sikh Faith Leaders, we unite with you in our prayers for Peace and the well-being of the people of Ukraine. We pray for the Ukrainian people whose lives and freedoms are threatened. Our prayers are with all peoples in harm's way, including civilians, children, and the elderly. Those seeking refuge and asylum, those defending their freedom in this tragic time of war. We pray for all the leaders and people living in fear and are caught in the crossfire. We mourn the loss of all life. We pray for world leaders to pursue all diplomatic efforts to bring a just resolution for the Ukrainian people. We condemn Russia's military aggression against Ukraine and their violating international law.

Do know in this difficult time for you and your faithful congregants we stand with you and join in prayer beseeching loving kindness and abundant Blessings upon the people of Ukraine during these days of great danger for their safety and wellbeing. We stand with you in solidarity with the Ukrainian Churches in New Jersey. We lift up in our prayers Ukrainian brothers

and sisters here in New Jersey whom many are deeply concerned about their loved ones who are living in Ukraine. We will seek to discern ways in this tragic moment that we can witness together as people of faith seeking justice and peace for your beloved homeland. We will encourage members in our faith communities to lift up the people of Ukraine in prayer. We offer up these prayers in the many names of our Sacred Creator whose desire for us is to live in peace with one another.

Following the presentation, Archbishop Daniel spoke to those in attendance about the importance of peace. He continued: "...We bishops, clergy and people all understand each other because we have all suffered at the hands of those who seek to destroy us, and to wipe us from the face of the earth. But, by the Grace of God we rise each time, like a phoenix from the ashes. We rise, and we build anew because it is impossible for the invaders to destroy the soul of the nation. The nation is the people. It is not the physical state, but the people. Through all the numerous invasions Ukraine has suffered, even the numerous times in this last century, the Holodomor, the Soviet repression, the expulsion of millions of Ukrainians to Siberia and imminent death, our people were hurt, they were crushed, and yet still deep inside, within their hearts and souls, they knew who they were, they knew from where they came, and they knew they had to rise up again and to rebuild everything that was destroyed. Today, we have the nation of Ukraine, who for 30 years enjoyed relative freedom and independence and is recognized by the entire world, including the Russian Federation, once again being savagely attacked, being killed by the thousands, women, innocent children, infirm elderly, being attacked simply because they

are "in the way." Being attacked because they do not wish to abide by the rules of a Totalitarian government. They want to continue enjoying the freedom they have tasted during these last 30 years. The freedom that they had in their hearts, for nearly the last 2,000 years.

His Eminence continued by stating that his soul is constantly fed when he reads the history of what the Ukrainian nation has overcome in this regard. How much they have had to fight back, and how much the nations had to rebuild. However, each time the nation only got stronger. He expressed that he believes with all his heart, that this is finally the time when the entire world will say, "no more war, no more torture, nor more killing, in Ukraine." He continued that trying to subdue and own a free nation must come to an end. Ukraine is a free nation, and she will stand onto eternity as a free nation, and a free people.

Archbishop Daniel expressed his gratitude to the leadership of the NJ Coalition of Religious Leaders (Rabbi Matthew Gewirtz – president) for their desire to come and pray with and for the people of Ukraine and saying "this is enough!" It is important for the world to see that other nations are standing up against the tyrannical regime and saying "enough" – not only for Ukraine, but for all the nations who have suffered in such a way.

His Eminence expressed that the Ukrainian faithful embrace people of all religious communities of NJ with their hearts and souls and thanked them for their kindness and the love which they show to the Ukrainian people.

In conclusion of the program, the leadership of the NJ Coalition of Religious Leaders presented Archbishop Daniel with the framed certificate, depicting the outline of Ukraine, stating: ALL OUR PRAYERS TO UKRAINE"

Photos by Fr. Vasyl Pasakas





340 miles in 4 days – the goal of bicycle riders of FREEDOM FOR UKRAINE Ride, who embarked on the journey in order to spread awareness about the war in Ukraine.

Starting in the Garden State (New Jersey), the Ride Team is scheduled to stop at various Ukrainian centers and religious communities, seeking solidarity with the people and nation of Ukraine – finally arriving to Washington, DC on Sunday, the 22nd of May.

The first stop for the Cycling Team was South Bound Brook/ Somerset, NJ – the home of the Spiritual Center – Metropolia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. As a group of 20 cyclists arrived, the church bells of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Church rang, welcoming the group of volunteers and friends that took upon themselves such a charity-oriented task.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, spiritual father of the UOC of the USA, Archbishop Daniel, assisted by 30 some people – employees and volunteers of

the Metropolia Center, welcomed the group of riders with the words of profound respect and gratitude for the charitable efforts - raising funds to help with the continuing humanitarian crisis unfolding in Ukraine.

Following the formal words of welcome, the seminarians of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary, dressed in their Ukrainian embroidered shirts – thus marking the International Ukrainian Embroidery Day, sang the anthem of Ukraine during which

several people in attendance wiped tears as their rolled on their faces.

Standing on the steps of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Church – the very first monument in North America dedicated to the memory of the innocent victims of Genocidal Famine in Ukraine of 1932-1933, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, assisted by Very Rev. Fr, Yuriy Siwko (pastor of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, NJ), Rev. Fr. Vasyl Pasakas (pastor of the Nativity of the Birth-



Giver of God Ukrainian Orthodox parish in South Plainfield, NJ), Rev. Fr. Vasyl Shak (pastor of St. Panteleimon Ukrainian Orthodox Mission in Brooklyn, NY), Rev. Fr. Ivan Tchopko, Rev. Fr. Andrii Drapak, Rev. Fr. Myroslav Mykytyuk (St. Sophia UOC Seminary) offered a Prayer for Ukraine in the time of war, concluding with the words of archpastoral blessing for those who embarked on the journey of spreading the words of Truth about the atrocities perpetrated by the Russian aggression against the peace-loving people of Ukraine.

Vladyka Daniel addressed Mr. Ihor Mulyk, organizer of the Ride, and the group of 20 cyclists, encouraging them to be the people of prayer as they journey and witness to the Truth about the lives of innocent Ukrainians, slaughtered by the actions of the Russian Aggressor. Archbishop stated that “..there is a variety of frontlines of life that we all are participants of. There are soldiers in the field, that fight for the freedom and independence; there are medics that fight for the lives of the injured; there are priests and clergy that guide us through the battles with the evil of our spiritual life; there are people like all of us – that do what we can in order to help, assist and change the world for the better of ALL humanity..”

Water, Gatorade drinks and snacks were offered to the participants of FREEDOM FOR UKRAINE Ride, wishing them a safe journey to the nation’s capital – Washington, DC.

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2 months, 3 weeks and 2 days – since the beginning of the War in Ukraine...

As the war in Ukraine claims innocent lives of civilians; the brave lives of Ukrainian soldiers; the dreams and aspirations of children – the worldwide community continues to provide humanitarian, economic and charitable assistance to Ukraine.

In close cooperation with the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA continues to offer humanitarian assistance to the military hospitals, families of wounded soldiers and to the people of Ukraine in the most devastated areas by the aggression of Russian troops.

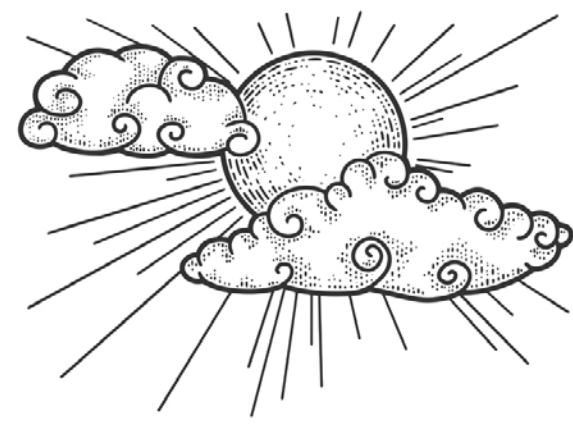
Responding to the appeal for the need of smaller size medical vehicles and transport automobiles, the UOC of the USA financed and purchased 10 additional mobile car units that will serve the needs of transportation of the wounded and the delivery of humanitarian aid to the most devastated areas in the Eastern part of Ukraine.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Epifaniy – the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, received the purchased vehicles, and on behalf of the clergy and faithful of the UOC of the USA blessed and transferred the mobile units to the medical military field hospitals. Moreover, the charitable funds of the Church continue to sponsor food supplies for the soup kitchens for refugees in Dnipro regional offices. His Eminence Metropolitan Serhiy of Donetsk and Mariupol, along with the clergy and volunteers, oversee the transparent distribution of humanitarian aid.



Ascension of our Lord

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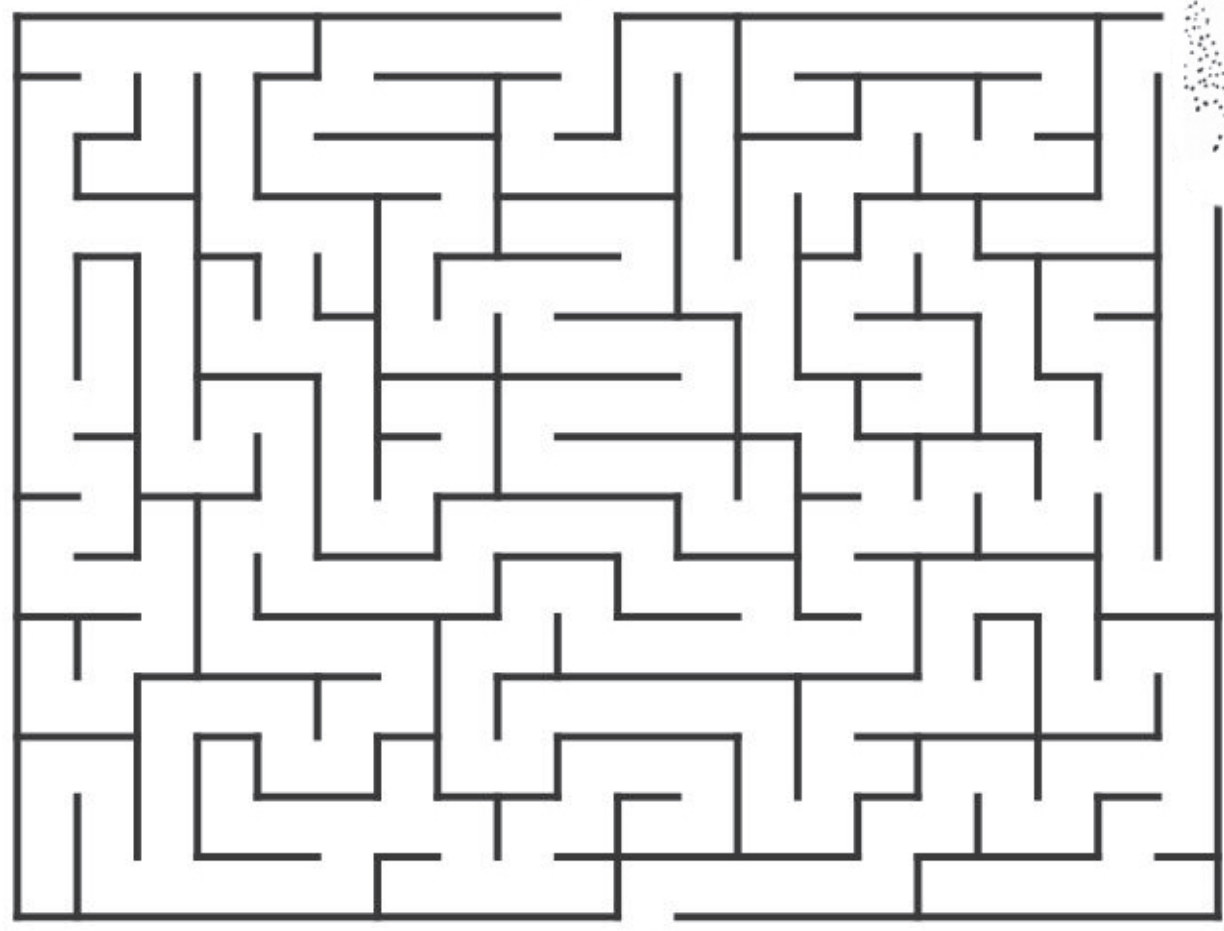
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This puzzle is a word search puzzle that has a hidden message in it.

First find all the words in the list.
Words can go in any direction and share letters as well as cross over each other.
Once you find all the words. Copy the unused letters starting in the top left corner into the blanks to reveal the hidden message.

Guide the disciples to watch Jesus ascend to Heaven.

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UKRAINIAN SPRING CAKE

VESNIANY TORTE

Olga Drozd

SPONGE CAKE

- 3/4 CUP ALL PURPOSE FLOUR
- 1 TEASPOON BAKING POWDER
- 6 LARGE EGGS, SEPARATED
- 1 CUP SUGAR

FILLING

- 3 large egg yolks
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 1/2 cups half and half (half milk and half cream)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/2 cup strawberry jam
- 2 pints fresh strawberries, washed and hulled

TOPPING

- 1 1/2 cups whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Butter and flour two 9-inch round cake pans.
MAKE THE CAKE: Sift the flour with the baking powder and set aside. In a large bowl, beat the egg whites with an electric mixer until frothy; gradually add the sugar and beat until stiff and meringuelike. In a small bowl, beat the yolks until frothy; fold the yolks and flour into the egg whites just until incorporated. Divide the batter evenly between the pans.

Bake for 30 minutes or until the centers spring bake when touched. Cool in the pans on a wire rack (centres of the cakes may sink slightly).

TO PREPARE THE CUSTARD FILLING, in a small nonreactive saucepan, mix the egg yolks, butter, cornstarch, half and half, and sugar. Cook, stirring, over medium heat until the mixture is smooth and thick. Remove from the heat, cover, and cool. Stir in the vanilla.

TO ASSEMBLE THE CAKE, cut the layers horizontally, making 4 layers in all. Place the bottom layer on a cake plate and spread with half the custard. Top with the next layer. Spread with the jam. Reserve a few of the nicest strawberries for garnish on top of the cake, then slice the remainder and arrange on top of the jam layer. Top with a third layer of cake. Spread with the remaining custard. Top with the remaining layer of cake.

No more than 1 hour before serving, make the topping. whip the cream and flavor with the confectioners' sugar and vanilla. Pile whipped cream on top of the cake and garnish with the reserved berries. Makes about 16 servings.



Boyko, Edward Nicholas baptized and chrismated on January 21, 2018 in Holy Trinity Church, New York, NY. Child of Vasyl Boyko and Yuliana Toderika. Sponsors: Simon Lysenko / Olha Kolisnyk and Vasyl Fauta / Alla Lysenko. Celebrated by Fr. Todor Mazur.

Chepura, Alexander baptized and chrismated on May 1, 2022 in St. Panteleimon Parish Church, Brooklyn, NY. Child of Yevhen Chepura and Natalia Jacura. Sponsors: Oleksander Zvonar / Olesia Horyanska and Vasyl Horyanskyy / Nataliya Chepura. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

Cubas, Sofia M. baptized and chrismated on March 26, 2022 in St. Mary Protectress Church, Spring Valley, CA. Child of Jorge Cubas and Ganna Shepilo. Sponsors: Jack Coleman Jones and Rosalina Delgado-Jones. Celebrated by V. Rev. Myron Mykhaylyuk.

Demikh, Kateryna baptized and chrismated on May 7, 2022 in Holy Trinity Mission Church, Sacramento, CA. Child of Oleh Demikh and Tetiana Demikh. Sponsors: Petro Takar and Nataliia Velidchenko. Celebrated by Fr. Myroslav Turchak.

Farro, Amelia Katherine baptized and chrismated on April 30, 2022 in St. Vladimir Cathedral Church, Parma, OH. Child of Jason Paul Farro - Christian and Oksana Kozlovskaya. Sponsors: Stephan Yarema and Courtney Farro. Celebrated by Fr. John Nakonachny / Fr. Michael Hontaruk.

Koroza, Kateryna Zenayda baptized and chrismated on December 11, 2021 in St. Michael's Church, Baltimore, MD. Child of Stepan Koroza and Sydney Quick. Sponsors: Nicholas J. Simms and Patricia L. Quick. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Kryshompol.

Kozlov, Nathan Michael baptized and chrismated on March 20, 2022 in St. Michael's Church, Baltimore, MD. Child of Mikhail Kozlov and Maria Kavalerchik. Sponsors: Juri Sokoliouk and Anna Levinzon. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Kryshompol.

Kupchanko, Daniella baptized and chrismated on March 10, 2013 in Holy Trinity Church, New York, NY. Child of Mykola Kupchanko and Oksana Bordun. Sponsors: Dmytro Ivanyuk and Halyna Ivanyuk. Celebrated by Fr. Todor Mazur.

Kupchanko, Alexandra Nicole baptized and chrismated on November 24, 2019 in Holy Trinity Church, New York, NY. Child of Mykola Kupchanko and Oksana Bordun. Sponsors: Oleksandr Rurak and Halyna Ivanyuk. Celebrated by Fr. Todor Mazur.

Mytsak, Ivan baptized and chrismated on May 7, 2022 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Roman Mytsak and Khrystyna Vrublevska. Sponsors: Taras Stashkevych and Sofiya Yurchyshyn. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

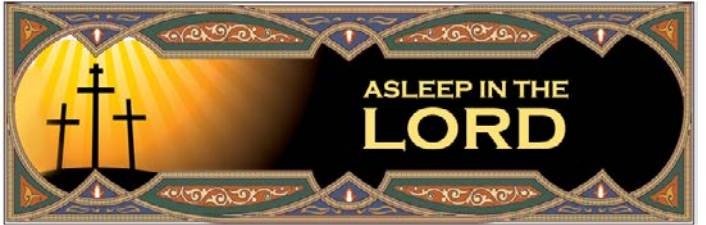
Petrychuk, Adam baptized and chrismated on January 16, 2022 in Holy Ascension Church, Maplewood, NJ. Child of Volodymyr Petrychuk and Marta Kachmar. Sponsors: Mykhailo Petnuchuk and Sofiia Kachmar. Celebrated by Rev. Sviatoslav Hot.

Tsymko Jr., Roman baptized and chrismated on May 8, 2022 in St. Vladimir Cathedral Church, Parma, OH. Child of Roman Tsymko and Natalia Sinchenko. Sponsors: Yaroslav Gnatyuk and Kvitoslava Bigun. Celebrated by Fr. Michael Hontaruk.

Yorita, Andrea Miwa baptized and chrismated on November 27, 2021 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Carnegie, PA. Child of Mark Yorita and Joy Nakaoka. Sponsors: and Mikaela Kapeluck. Celebrated by Rev. John Charest.



Hanna Kassis and Anna Hubert in St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH, on May 7, 2022, witnessed by Lawrence F Goist and Nadja Hoxha. Celebrant: Fr. John Nakonachny.



Adams, Rosemary of Brock Park, OH on April 24, 2022 at the age of 93 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Dennis Kristof of St. Nicholas Parish, Lakewood, OH.

Bohuslawsky, Marie Aka Mary of Seven Hills, OH on May 4, 2022 at the age of 75 years, officiating clergy Fr. John Nakonachny of St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH 44134.

Dmytryk, John L. of Coatesville, PA on April 30, 2022 at the age of 73 years, officiating clergy Fr. Nicholas Dilendorf of Holy Ghost Parish, Coatesville, PA 19320.

Harasimchuk, Ingeborg of Parma, OH on April 7, 2022 at the age of 88 years, officiating clergy Fr. John Nakonachny of St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH 44134.

Maslova, Ecaterina of Youngstown, PA on April 12, 2022 at the age of 87 years, officiating clergy Rev. Mykola Zomchak of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Youngstown, OH 44509.

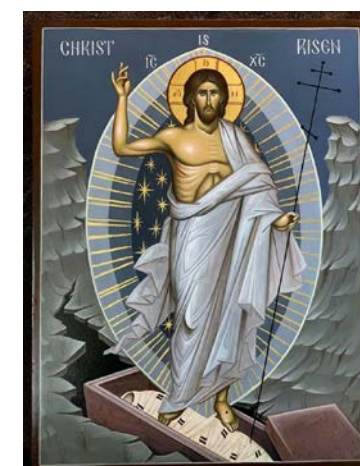
Shelby - Klein, Joanne of Monroeville, PA on April 5, 2022 at the age of 59 years, officiating clergy Fr. John Charest of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Garnegie, PA 15106.

Wacyk, Stephen of Hatfield, PA on May 2, 2022 at the age of 88 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Ivan Semko of St. Mary's Parish, Herkimer, NY.



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V. Rev. Mark Swindle	5/7/2011
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V. Rev. Wolodymyr Paszko	5/10/1980
V. Rev. Michael Hontaruk	5/11/2003
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V. Rev. Peter Levko	5/19/1991
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Protopresb. Myron Oryhon	5/20/1979
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CHRIST IS RISEN!

Warmest greetings to the clergy and faithful of the Church during this joyous and bright Paschal Season!

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory... the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you visited me, I was in prison, and you came to me.'" Matthew 25: 31-36

The Lord's instruction to us have never been more vital or clear. With the ongoing Russian aggression against Ukraine, the need for assistance is great.

The Church, with the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy, went into action immediately on February 24th, with the start of the hostile invasion upon the peaceful, sovereign nation of Ukraine. Not only has the Church been successful in collecting funds, but it has utilized those donations to send all manner of aid to Ukraine, and the Ukrainian refugees who have found themselves fleeing for their lives. In addition to ongoing prayerful support, Archbishop Daniel has traveled numerous times to Europe to hand-deliver and organize relief efforts including the acquisition of ambulances, the delivery of food items to those who are starving and isolated, as well as providing financial assistance to those in need.

With the blessing of Metropolitan Antony, the Church has worked in cooperation with the Orthodox Church in Ukraine, with the collaboration of Metropolitan Epiphany, Primate of the OCU, to deliver over 15,000 Paschal baskets filled with paska breads, kovbasa, eggs, and other necessities, which were delivered to the citizens and freedom fighters in Ukraine.

In addition to the Church's efforts, various parishes and individuals are stepping forward to answer the call for assistance by holding clothing drives, fundraisers, and concerts to collect much needed funds.

We would like to feature these efforts in a special edition of the Ukrainian Orthodox Word. Therefore, if you, or your parish, have undertaken any fundraising endeavors please write a short article and submit it along with a few photos, so that we may publish and publicize the work being done by the faithful of the Church.

By advertising your efforts, other parishes and individuals might get inspired and organize their own fundraising drives.

Please submit your materials to the Editor-in-Chief of the UOW at esymonenko@uocusa.net by **MAY 30, 2022**

Yours in Christ,

Elizabeth Symonenko
Editor-in-Chief



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Господні настанови ніколи не були для нас більш життєво важливими і необхідними ніж сьогодні, в час війни Росії проти України, коли так багато людей перебувають у потребах та біді.

З благословення Високопреосвященнішого Митрополита Антонія, Первоієрарха Української Православної Церкви США і Діаспори, та Високопреосвященнішого Архієпископа Даниїла, Правлячого Ієрарха Західної Єпархії, наша Церква активно розпочала благодійну діяльність 24 лютого, відразу після вторгнення російських військ на територію незалежної України. Церква не тільки успішно збирала кошти, але й використала ці пожертви для допомоги Україні та біженцям з України, що вимушені були тікати, аби врятувати своє життя. На додаток до постійної молитовної підтримки, архієпископ Даниїл неодноразово їздив до Європи, щоб особисто передати допомогу, посприяти в придбанні машин швидкої допомоги, доставити продукти харчування та фінансову допомогу тим, хто в біді.

З благословення митрополита Антонія, наша Церква тісно співпрацювала з Православною Церквою в Україні, на чолі з Предстоятелем ПЦУ Митрополитом Епіфанієм, та доставила мешканцям та захисникам України понад 15 000 пасхальних кошиків наповнених пасками, ковбасою, яйцями, та іншими дарунками.

На додаток до зусиль нашої Церкви, чимало парафій та людей відгукнулись на цей заклик про допомогу, проводячи різноманітні акції, такі як збірки одягу, збірки коштів, проведення концертів, тощо, аби зібрати все необхідне для допомоги.

Ми би дуже хотіли про все це розповісти у спеціальному виданні Українського Православного Слова. Тож, якщо ви, чи ваша парафія робили щось на підтримку України, будь ласка, напишіть коротенький допис та вишліть його нам разом із кількома фотографіями, щоб ми могли опублікувати та оприлюднити все те, що zorganizували та провели вірні нашої Церкви.

Коли ми розповсюджуємо інформацію про це, то інші парафії та окремі люди також зможуть надихнутися і організувати щось подібне для допомоги Україні.

Будь ласка, надсилайте свої матеріали головному редактору UOW за адресою: esymonenko@uocusa.net **ДО 30-ГО ТРАВНЯ**

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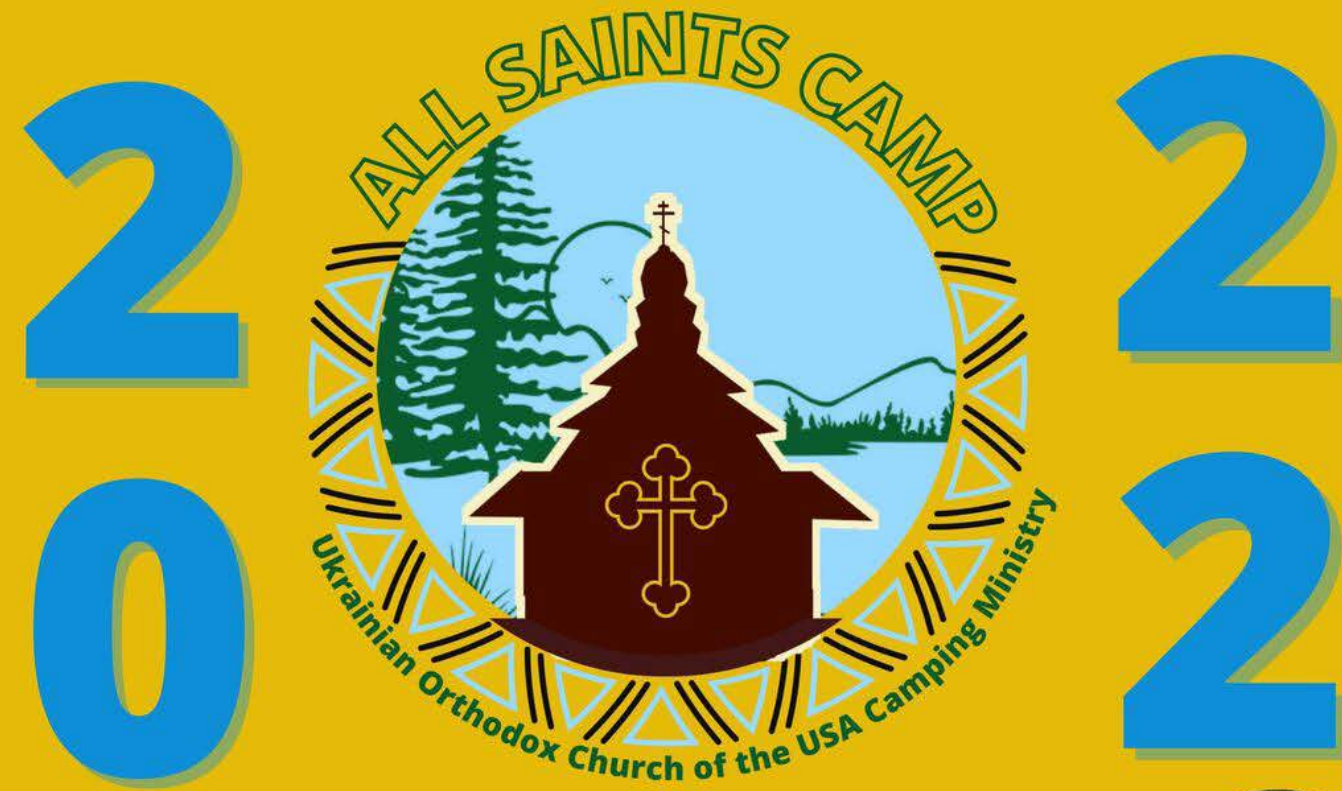
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- July 10 - 23 Teenage Conference
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- Серпень 1 - 5 Мама / Тато & Я
- Серпень 5-8 Програма Св. Миколая
- Серп 28- Верес 1 Табір для Дорослих
- Вересень 2-5 Сімейне свято

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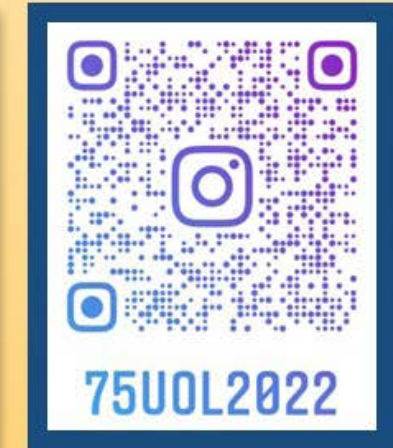
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The past 30 days have changed the world. Once the Russian Federation crossed the sovereign borders of Ukraine, an independent nation recognized as such by all nations of the world, it became abundantly clear that much assistance would be needed from all freedom loving people around the world.

The loss of human life and destruction of the infrastructure of major Ukrainian cities can only be defined not only as a crime against the peace-loving people of Ukraine, but against all humanity.

The Ukrainian Orthodox of the USA established the PRAY FOR UKRAINE - HELP UKRAINE Appeal. Together with parishes from across the country, the Church has helped people of various parts of Ukraine since the beginning of the war.

Earlier today, with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel formally endorsed cooperation of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA with the WELCOME.US - a new national initiative, which aims to build, inspire, mobilize, and empower Americans from all corners of the country to welcome and support people that suffer devastation, especially those seeking refuge in the United States of America.

Archbishop Daniel stated: "The UOC of the USA firmly believes that the United States of America can be a safe haven for Ukrainians during this time of war. It is for this reason, that the Church is excited to partner with Welcome.us to enable Americans to provide help and assistance to those in need. The hope is to build a true cooperation between the various entities in order to build a durable capacity and ability to welcome refugees from Ukraine to the US.

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— Archbishop Daniel

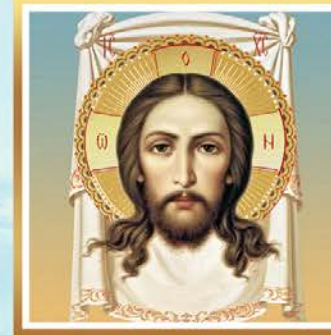
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— Архієпископ Даниїл



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Seventh Sunday of Pascha
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Поминальна Субота

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PENTECOST - Trinity Sunday

П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦЯ - День Святої Тройці

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Day of The Holy Spirit

День Святого Духа

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All Saints

Всіх Святих

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Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas

Апостолів Варфоломія і Варнави

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All Saints of Ukraine
All Saints of Holy Mount Athos

Всіх святих землі Української
Всіх святих Афону

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St. Michael, first metropolitan of Kyiv

Святителя Михаїла, першого митрополита Київського



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