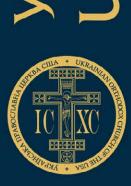
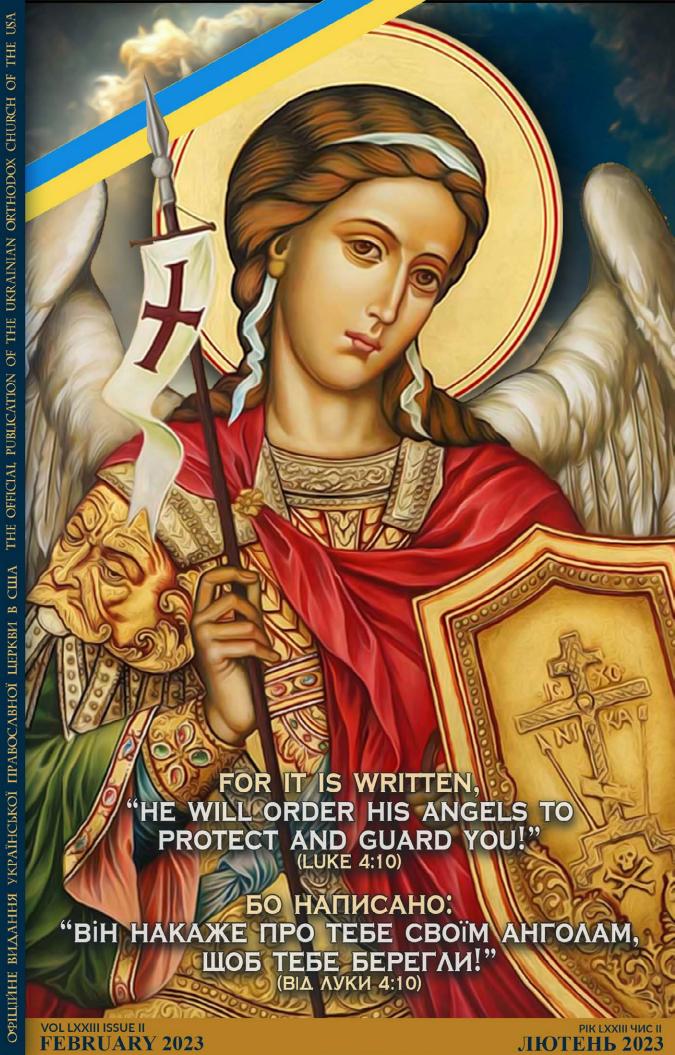
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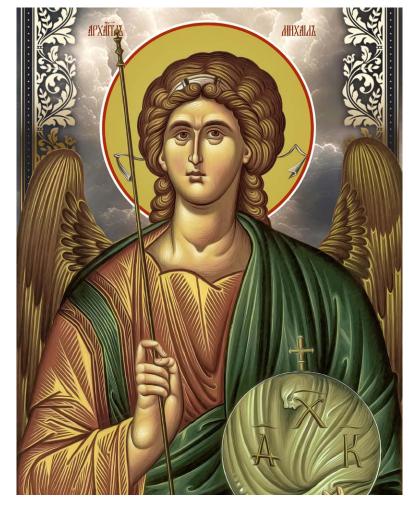
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# МОЛИТВА ЗАХИСТУ ДО АРХИСТРАТИГА МИХАЇЛА

Великий Архистратиже Божий, Михаїле, переможцю демонів і бісів, перемагай і знищ всіх цих моїх ворогів - видимих і невидимих. Випроси у Господа Вседержителя Ласку: нехай Він спасе, зцілить і збереже мене від всілякої хвороби й недуги, від смертоносної рани і від наглої смерті - сьогодні, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Архистратиже Михаїле і все небесне воїнство, всі небесні сили безплотні, захистіть Україну! Скиньте того диявола, який напастує на нас, вбиває, несе розруху і смерть! Амінь!

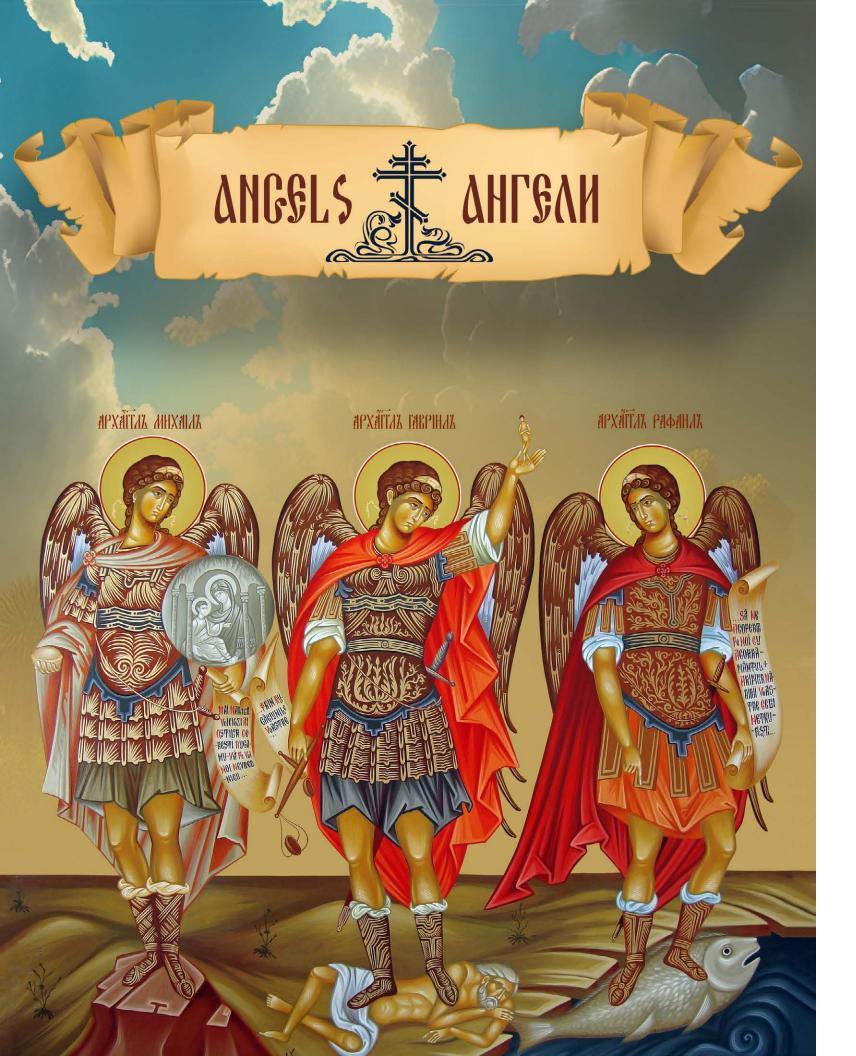
# PRAYER OF PROTECTION TO ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

Great Archangel of God, Michael, conqueror of demons and devils, defeat and destroy all my enemies - visible and invisible. Ask the Lord Almighty for Grace: may He save, heal and preserve me from all illness and disease, from deadly wounds and from a sudden death - today, and always, and forever and ever. Amen.

Archangel Michael and all the heavenly army, all incorporeal heavenly forces, protect Ukraine! Throw off the devil who attacks us, kills, brings destruction and death! Amen!

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we drive him away by our evil deeds. As the smoke drives bees away, and stench the doves, even so our stinking sin drives away from us the angel who protects our life." - Saint Basil the Great

### **CREATED LONG BEFORE HUMANS**

Saint John of Damascus tells us: "God is Himself the Maker and Creator of the angels; for He brought them out of nothing into being and created them after His own image. They are an incorporeal race, a sort of spirit or immaterial fire, even as the divine David says that 'His angels are spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire (Ps 103:6).

Angels were among the first part of God's creation. In the Creed we say, "I believe in one God...Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. Holy Scripture says, "When the stars were made, all My angels praised Me with a loud voice" (Job 38:7, LXX). The Apostle Paul tells us "By Him all things created that are in heaven, and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers" (Col 1:16). Heaven that was created in the very beginning according to Genesis (In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth) is generally understood by the Fathers to be an invisible heaven inhabited with powers on High. They believed that God created the angels long before He created the visible world.

#### MANKIND KNEW THE ANGELS

Mankind knew about the existence of angels from their first days in Paradise. From Genesis we know that a Cherubim was placed with a flaming sword at the gates of Paradise after Adam and Eve were expelled. him that the Lord would send His angel with him to protect him. (Gen 34:7). Jacob saw angels during his 2:13). sleep and while awake. (Gen 32:1-2).

In the time of the New Testament an angel informed Zechariah of the conception of the Forerunner and the Virgin Mary the Theotokos of the birth of Jesus. Angels announced the good news to the shepherds at the birth of Christ and prevented the Magi from returning to Herod. Angles served Jesus after His temptation in the wilderness and appeared to strengthen Him in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was angels who informed the Myrrhbearing Women about His Resurrection. Angels informed the Apostles of His second coming

"The [guardian] angel will not retreat from us, unless—as the time of His ascension into heaven. Angels helped the apostles. They freed Peter from prison and instructed Cornelius. They told Paul to appear before Caesar. Angels are the foundation of the revelations given by John in his book of the Revelation.

#### **NATURE OF ANGELS**

Angels are active spirits with intelligence, will and knowledge. They serve God carrying out His will and glorifying Him. The angels are bodiless and invisible to our physical eyes. They have no bodily needs or desires and passions, no cares about food, drink, clothes, or shelter. Nor do they possess the impulse and cravings for procreation. They neither marry nor are given in marriage (Matt. 22:30). They have no worries about the future either, nor fear of death. For, though God created them before man, they are neither aged nor aging, but unchangingly youthful, beautiful, and strong. They have no anxiety about their salvation and no struggle for immortality, being already immortal (Luke 20:36). Unlike men, they are not faltering between good and evil, being already good and holy as when God created them.

Peter informs us that in their might and power they surpass all earthly governments and authorities (II Peter 2:10-11). But as created beings they have limitations. They do not know the depths of the essence of God (I Cor 2:11). They do not know the future that only God knows (Mark 13:32). They do not fully understand the mystery of the Redemption, yet they wish to (I Peter 1:12). They don't know human thoughts (III Kings 8:39). And thy cannot by themselves perform miracles without the will of God (Ps 71:19).

# **NUMBER AND RANKS OF ANGELS**

They are an extraordinary number of angels. In the book of Daniel it says, "thousand thousands ministered unto Him and the thousand times ten thousand stood before Later, Abraham encouraged his servant Nahor telling Him" (Daniel 7:10). And In Luke it is recorded that "a multitude of the heavenly host" praised our Lord (Luke

> We can only assume that with such a number there are differing degrees of perfection among their ranks. In Scripture we see some called angels and others archangels (I Thess 4:16; Jude, v 9)

> The Tradition of the Orthodox Church teaches us that there is a Heavenly Hierarchy of angels. This was documented earliest by St. Dionysius the Areopagite one of the Seventy Apostles. He explained the angelic world as divided into nine ranks made up of three hierarchies with three ranks each.

closest to God.

The **Seraphim** (Means flaming) are aflame with love for God and kindle others to such love. They are closest to God as the prophet Isaiah saw, saying: "And the seraphim stood around Him, each having six wings" (Isaiah 6:2). They are fire-like, "For our God is a consuming fire." (Heb 12:29); "His throne was a flame of fire" (Dan 7:9), "Who made His angels spirits; His ministers a flaming fire" (Ps 103:4).

After the seraphim, are the many-eyed Cherubim (Means Great understanding) who are radiant with the knowledge of the mysteries of God and the depths of His Wisdom. Through the cherubim wisdom is sent down to others and spiritual enlightenment is given to see of God and gain knowledge of Him.

Next are the **Thrones**. On them God intellectually resides. Residing on them in an incomprehensible manner, God makes His righteous judgment, according to the word of David: "Thou hast sat upon a throne, O Thou that judgest righteousness." (Ps 9:4). They serve His justice, glorifying it and pouring out the power of justice onto the thrones of earthly judges, helping kings and masters to bring forthright judgment.

# **DOMINIONS, VIRTUES, AND POWERS**

The **Dominions** dominate the rest of the angels. They send down power for prudent governing and wise management to authorities on the earth set up by God. Further they teach how to control the senses, how to subdue in oneself dissolute desires and passions, how to enslave the flesh to the spirit, and how to rule over one's will and be above all temptations.

The Virtues (Authorities) work miracles and send down the grace of miracle-working to those worthy of such grace, so they may work miracles. They help people laboring and those overburdened by troubles and they bear the infirmities of the weak. They also strengthen every man in patience.

The **Powers** have power over the devil, to restrain the demons, to repulse the temptations brought upon people by them. They help those wrestling with passions and vices to cast out evil thoughts.

THRONES, CHERUBIMS, AND SERAPHIM - those ANGELS, ARCHANGELS, AND PRINCIPALITIES - those closest to Man

> The **Principalities** direct the lower angels. They are entrusted with the management of the universe andthe keeping of all the kingdoms and princedoms, of lands and all peoples, races and nations. They raise worthy people to various honorable offices and direct them so that they take power for the sake of spreading and augmenting of God's holy glory, and for the sake of the benefit of their neighbors.

> The Archangels are the heralds of good news. They reveal prophecies, knowledge, and understanding of God's will which they receive from the higher orders of angels and announce to the lower order. They Gaabrielstrengthen people in faith, enlightening their mind with the light of knowledge of the holy Gospel and revealing the mysteries of devout faith.

> The Angels are the lowest of all the orders and the closest to man. They announce the lesser mysteries and intentions of God and teach people to live virtuously and righteously before God. They are appointed to guard each of us who believe.

> All of the heavenly orders are also called by the common name "angels". Although they have different names according to their situation and grace given by God (as seraphim, cherubim, thrones and the rest of the orders), yet all in general are called angels, because the word "angel" is not a denomination of essence, but of service, as it is written: "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister" Raphael (Heb 1:14). But their service is different and not identical: each order has its own service.

> This ranking is also found in other early Church documents such as the Apostolic Constitutions (compiled between 375 and 390 A.D. dealing with all manner of Christian life and practice, both for clergy and laity), writings of Saint Ignatius, Gregory the Theologian, Saint John Chrysostom, Gregory the Dialogist, John of Damascus and others. These nine ranks can be found in Holy Scripture.

Seven Archangels are given specific names:

- Michael (Like God)
- Gabriel (Man of God)
- Raphael (The Help of God)
- Uriel (Fire of God)
- Salathiel (Prayer to God)
- Jegudiel (Praise of God)
- Barachiel (Blessing of God)



обрали шлях служіння Йому.

зовнішності, адже ангели не мають матеріальної плоті, як людина. Зображення допомагає нам зрозуміти ідею ангелів як посланців Господніх.

Ангельські сили поділяються на 3 ієрархічні ступені - за наближеністю до Бога. До кожного входить по 3 чини, описані у Писанні - усього 9 чинів. Так вважає святий Діонісій Ареопагіт, учень святого апостола Павла, який був узятий до третього неба (2 Кор. 12: 2), бачив там різницю чинів святих ангелів і пояснив це Діонісію, своєму учневі.

Святкування Собору святих ангелів встановлено звершувати в листопаді - дев'ятому від березня, першого місяця від створення світу - саме на знак дев'яти ангельських чинів.

Перш ніж Господь Бог схотів створити людину, Він спочатку створив ангелів. Це невидимі,

Ангели - безплотні духи, створені Богом, які навколо престола, і істот і старших; і було число їх множини множин і тисячі тисячі (5, 11). Сам Ісус Зображення на іконах не передають нам їхньої Христос говорить у святому Євангелії про легіони ангелів (Мт. 26, 53).

> Від Діонісія Ареопагіта (V ст. ) в Церкві започатковано звичай ділити всіх ангелів на три чини, по три хори кожний, тобто разом дев'ять ангельських хорів: серафими, херувими і престоли; господства, власти і сили; начала, архангели й ангели.

> Господь Бог після створення ангелів схотів їх випробувати й тоді велика частина їх збунтувалася проти Нього. Святий Йоан Богослов говорить про війну на небі (Од. 12, 7). На чолі добрих ангелів став архангел Михаїл і переміг Люцифера і його ангелів. Через це свята Церква, коли почитає ангелів, то ставить святого архангела Михаїла на першому місці.

Святі ангели мають подвійне завдання: щодо Господа Бога і людей. Головне завдання ангелів у небі — це вічно прославляти Господа Бога. Пророк Ісая бачив у видінні, як серафими в небі взивали: "Свят, свят, свят Господь безсмертні, дуже досконалі і чисті духи, які сил: уся земля повна його слави" (6, 3). У святій Літургії мають бистрий розум і свобідну волю, їхня є кілька уривків, де сказано про це почесне завдання кількість безмірно велика. Пророк Даниїл бачив ангелів. "Владико, Господи Боже наш, — каже молитва у видінні престол Бога, де "тисячі тисяч йому малого входу, — що установив на небі чини і воїнства служили, і силенна безліч перед Ним стояла" (7, ангелів і архангелів на служіння Твоєї слави...". У молитві 10). А святий Йоан Богослов у Книзі Одкровення під час тропарів священик молиться: "Боже святий, каже: "Потім я бачив, і чув голос ангелів багатьох що в Святих перебуваєш. Тебе трисвятим голосом

серафими оспівують і херувими славословлять, і всі небесні сили Тобі поклоняються". Друге завдання ангелів щодо Господа Бога— це ревне і швидке служіння Богові. Слово "ангел" з грецької означає - вісник, і на підтвердження цієї місіі є багато прикладів у Старому й Новому Завітах.

Стосовно людей ангели з волі Божої є нашими опікунами й охоронцями. У 90 псалмі сказано: "Бо ангелам своїм Він повелить про тебе, щоб берегли тебе на всіх твоїх дорогах" (стих 11). Ангелів, завданням яких є охорона людей, звемо ангеламихранителями. Святі Отці Церкви вчать, що кожна людина має свого ангела-охоронителя. Святий Василій Великий каже: "Ніхто цього не заперечить, що кожний вірний має свого ангела" Подібне говорить і святий Йоан Золотоустий: "Кожний з нас має ангела" (Бесіда. 26 на Ді. 12, 1-3). У прохальній єктенії святої Літургії просимо в Бога про ангелаопікуна: "Ангела миру, вірного наставника, охоронителя душ і тілес наших у Господа просимо". На основі Святого Письма святі Отці вчать, що не тільки кожна людина, але й кожна громада, Церква й народ мають свого ангела-охоронця.

З усього того, що вище сказано, стає зрозуміло, чому свята Церква плекає шанування ангелів, та чому вони займають особливе місце в нашому церковному році і богослуженнях. Почитання ангелів у Православній Церкві почалося ще в ІІІ столітті, а в ІV вже було загальнопоширеним. Про це свідчить храм на честь святого архангела Михаїла, який збудував у передмісті Царгорода цісар Костянтин Великий (274-337). У цьому храмі, за свідченням історика Созомена, відбулось багато чудесних оздоровлень. У службах нашого октоїха ангелам присвячений понеділок, перший день тижня, мабуть, тому, що ангели — це перші Божі створіння, а в небі після Божої Матері стоять найближче до Божого престола.

Празник на честь святого архангела Михаїла та інших безплотних сил був встановлений у IV ст. Цей празник зветься собором через те, що цього дня Церква празнує собор-зібрання усіх безплотних сил разом зі святим архангелом Михаїлом, а також собор-зібрання людей на землі, щоб прославити небесні сили.

Святкуємо Собор святого архангела Михаїла в листопаді, бо колись давно, рік починався з березня. Тоді цей місяць був дев'ятим у році, тож має символічне відношення до дев'яти ангельських хорів.

Православна Церква від IV ст. святкує ще пам'ять святого архангела Михаїла 6 вересня на згадку про те, що він зберіг свій храм від знищення у Колосах у Фригії. Крім Собору святого архангела Михаїла, маємо ще два окремі дні в році, присвячені святому архангелові Гавриїлові. Він звістив Пречистій Діві Марії про воплочення Божого Сина, тому наступного дня після Благовіщення (26 березня / 8 квітня ) наша Церква святкує його собор, бо того дня збиралися вірні, щоб віддати окрему честь архангелові Гавриїлові. З ІХ сторіччя наш церковний календар має ще один собор святого архангела Гавриїла — 13 / 26 липня, щоб прославити за всі його чудесні появи.

Ангелами називають безтілесних істот, у яких є вищий розум, вільна воля і велика могутність. Згідно інформації з Старого та Нового Завітів у Ангельської Ієрархії існують певні ангельські чини, так звані ступені. Більшість іудейських і християнських богословів займалися створенням єдиної класифікації цих чинів. На даний момент найбільше поширилася ангельська ієрархія Діонісія Ареопагіта, яка була створена в п'ятому столітті і названа «дев'ятьма чинами Ангельськими».

# **ДЕВ'ЯТЬ ЧИНІВ**

З цієї системи випливає, що існують три тріади. В першу, або ж вищу, увійшли Серафими та Херувими, а також Престоли. До середньої тріаді відносяться ангельські чини Панування, Сили і Влади. А в самої нижчої касти чинів знаходяться Начала, Архангели і Ангели.архангели імена

#### Серафими

Вважається, що найближче до Бога розташовані саме шестикрылые Серафими. Саме Серафимів можна називати тими, хто займає найвищий ангельський чин. Про них написано в Біблії, що свідком їх приходу став пророк Ісайя. Він порівнював їх з вогняними фігурами, тому переклад цього слова з єврейського означає «Flaming».

#### Херувимі

Саме ця каста в ангельської ієрархії слід за Серафимами. Їх основне призначення заступатися за рід людський і молиться за душі перед Богом. До того ж, вважається, що вони служать пам'яттю і є охоронцями Небесної Книги Знань. Знання Херувимів поширюються на все, що тільки може знати істота, створене. В перекладі з єврейського херувим – заступник.серафими і херувимиВ їх влади таїнства Божі і глибина його мудрості. Вважається, що саме ця каста ангелів – самі освічені серед всіх. В їх відповідальності лежить відкривати в людині

пізнання і бачення Бога. Серафими і Херувими поряд з третіми представниками першої тріади взаємодіють з людьми.

# Престоли

Їх розташування перед сидячим Богом. Їх називають Богоносными, але не в прямому сенсі цього слова, а по благості всередині них і тому, що вони віддано служать Божому Сину. Крім того, в них прихована еволюційна інформація. В основному саме вони здійснюють Боже правосуддя, допомагають земним представникам влади справедливо судити народ свій.найвищий ангельський чин

На думку середньовічного містика Яна ван Руйсброку, представники вищої тріади ні за яких обставин не втручаються в людські конфлікти. Але при цьому вони знаходяться поруч з людьми в моменти прозріння, любові до бога і пізнання світу. Вважається, що вони здатні нести вищу любов у серця людей.

# Панування

Ангельські чини другий тріади починаються з Пануванні. У п'ятого рангу ангелів, Пануванні, є вільна воля, завдяки якій забезпечується щоденна робота Всесвіту. Крім того, вони керують ангелами, які в ієрархії знаходяться нижче. З-за того, що вони повністю вільні, їх любов до Творця неупереджена і щира. Саме вони дають сили земним правителям і управлінцям, щоб ті надходили мудро і справедливо, володіючи землями і керуючи людьми. Крім того, вони здатні навчити керувати почуттями, захистивши від непотрібних поривів пристрасті і жадання, поневолити плоть духу, щоб можливо було керувати своєю волею і не піддаватися на спокуси різного роду.

# Сили

Ця каста ангелів виконана Божественної фортеці, в їх влади виконання миттєвої волі Бога, виявляючи його міцність і силу. Саме вони творять чудеса Боже і здатні подарувати людині благодать, з допомогою якої він зможе побачити, що гряде або зцілювати хвороби земні. 9 чинів ангельських Вони здатні укріпити терпіння людини, прибрати його скорбота, зміцнити дух і надати мужності, щоб він зміг впоратися з усіма життєвими негараздами та проблемами.



# Влади

В обов'язки Влади входить збереження ключів від клітини Диявола і стримування його ієрархії. Вони здатні приборкати бісів, відобразити напад на рід людський, позбавити від бісівського спокуси. Також до їхніх обов'язків входить затвердження добрих людей за їхні духовні подвиги і труди, захист їх та збереження їх права на царство боже. Саме вони допомагають відігнати всі лихі думки, пристрасті і похоті, а також ворогів людини відводять і допомагають перемогти в собі Диявола. Якщо розглядати особистісний рівень, то місія цих ангелів, допомогти людині підчас битви добра і зла. А коли людина помирає, вони супроводжують його душу і допомагають не збитися з шляху.

До них належать цілі легіони ангелів, метою яких є захист релігії. Їх назва така, з-за того, що вони направляють нижчі ангельські чини, саме вони допомагають їм здійснювати вчинки угодні Богу. Крім того, їх місія - це управління всесвіту і захист усього, що створив Господь. За деякими даними, у кожного народу і кожного правителя є свій ангел, покликаний захищати його від зла. Пророк Даниїл говорив, що Ангели Перської та Іудейського царств, стежать за тим, щоб всі правителі, споруджені на престол, прагнули не до збагачення і славі, а до поширення та примноження слави Божої, щоб вони приносили користь своєму народові, служачи його потребам.

# **Архангели**

Архангел - це великий благовісник. Його основна місія - відкриття пророцтв, розуміння і пізнання волі Творця. Ці знання вони отримують від вищих чинів, щоб донести їх нижчим, які в наслідок донесуть їх людям. На думку святого Григорія Двоєслова, метою ангелів є зміцнення віри в людину, відкриття ії таїнств. Архангели, імена яких можна знайти в Біблії, найбільш відомі людині.

# Ангели

Це самий нижчий чин в ієрархії небес і саме близьке істота до людей. Вони спрямовують людей на шлях, допомагають їм у повсякденному житті не зійти зі свого шляху. У кожної віруючої людини є свій ангел-хранитель. Кожного доброчесної людини вони підтримують від падіння, кожного хто



духовно впав, вони намагаються підняти, незалежно від того, наскільки він грішний. Вони завжди готові прийти на допомогу людині, головне, щоб він сам бажав цієї допомоги. ангельська ієрархія

Вважається, що людина отримує свого Ангела Хоронителя після проведення обряду Хрещення. Він зобов'язаний оберігати підлеглого від нещасть, бід і допомагати йому протягом усього життя. Якшо людині загрожують темні сили, потрібно помолитися Ангелу Хранителю, і він допоможе боротися з ними. Вважається, що в залежності від місії людини на землі, він може бути пов'язаний не з одним, а з кількома ангелами. В залежності від того, як людина живе і наскільки він розвинений духовно, з ним можуть працювати не тільки нижчі чини, але й Архангели, імена яких знає більшість людей. Варто пам'ятати, що Сатана не зупиниться і завжди буде спокушати людей, тому Ангели завжди будуть поруч з ними у важкі хвилини.

## **АРХАНГЕЛИ**

Архангел Михаїл (Хто як Бог, Хто дорівнює Богу). Вождь небесного воїнства. Переможець сатани тримає в лівій руці на грудях зелену фінікову гілку, а в правій руціспис, на вершині якого біла корогва, із зображенням червоного хреста, на ознаменування перемоги Хреста над Діаволом.

Архангел Гавриїл (Фортеця Божа чи Сила Ангел світла, він просвітлює уми людей одкровенням Божа). Один з найвищих ангелів у Старому та істин, їм корисних; як Ангел Вогню Божественного, Новому Завітах є носієм радісних благовістей. він спалахує серця любов'ю до Бога і винищує в них Зображується зі свічок і дзеркалом з яспісу на знак нечисті земні прихильності. Зображується тримає того, що шляхи Божі до часу не бувають зрозумілі, у правій руці проти грудей оголений меч, а лівої – але осягаються через час шляхом вивчення слова Божого та слухняності голосу совісті.

(ліками), а в правій - стручець, тобто острижене. праць. пташине перодля помазування ран.

до Бога). Молитовник, який завжди молиться Богові за людей і збуджує людей до молитви. Він зображується з обличчям і очима, схиленими (опущеними) вниз, і руками, притиснутими (складеними) хрестом на грудях, як молиться.

Архангел Уріїл (Вогнь Божий або Світло Боже). Як

вогненний полум'я.

Архангел Єгудіїл (Хвала Божа, Славитель Божий). Архангел Божий Єгудіїл зображується золотим Архангел Рафаїл (Зцілення Боже або Лікування вінцем, що тримає в правій руці, як нагороду від Бога Боже). Лікар недуг людських, головний з ангелів- за корисні і благочестиві праці святим людям, а в лівій охоронців, зображується судин (алавастр), що руці бич із трьох чорних мотузок з трьома кінцями, тримає в лівій руці, з лікарськими засобами як покарання грішним за лінощі до благочестивих

Архангел Варахіїл (Благословення Боже). Святий Архангел Салафіїл (Ангел Молитви, Молитва Архангел Варахіїл, роздавач благословень Божих і клопіт, який просить нам Божі благодіяння: зображується несучими на грудях своєму на одязі білі троянди, ніби нагороджують за наказом Божим за молитви, труди та моральну поведінку людей.







It's been a year since Vladimir Putin began his "Special Military Operation" in Ukraine. During this past year each and every one of us has, to some extent, felt the consequences of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

The entire world has experienced economic upheaval. Inflation, the cost of food, and rising energy costs are obvious casualties. The "doomsday clock" is closer to Armageddon than it has been for decades, and Putin's threats of nuclear war have raised the anxiety level of us all.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine cannot help but provoke apprehension among those living in or having ties to other post-Soviet or Eastern European countries, as well as the leaders or citizens of small nations or territories throughout the world which a larger and stronger neighboring country might covet.

For those of us of Ukrainian lineage this war is "up close and personal." Villages and towns have been occupied, relatives and friends killed or displaced, lives and livelihoods ruined, large swathes of the country have been devested, and it will take decades to rebuild and remedy the damage to Ukraine's infrastructure and ecosystems.

We can only imagine what it's like for people living

in Ukraine, subject almost daily to air raids, often without heat, running water, or electricity, living with the possibility that they might at any time fall victim to a missile or drone strike due to Russia's targeting of civilian infrastructure. And for those in occupied territory the danger of imprisonment, rape, execution or torture is a daily reality.

But leaving aside the personal thoughts, feelings and reactions this war has provoked in all of us, I would suggest that there are deeper and more fundamental human, social, and political reasons to care.

From a political perspective, it's obvious that if Russia or any other country is permitted to ignore all norms of international law and seize the territory of another sovereign nation by force the rule of law becomes the law of the jungle. The result of such an "international order" is compete disorder, which can only give rise to constant and escalating conflict both within and between nations, with consequent economic, social, and political instability.

From the human perspective we can and should consider Putin's abominable aggression from the standpoint of universal human values. Principles such as human rights and freedom, the equality of all people and peoples, respect for those of different ethnicity, faith, or convictions, political self-determination, justice, fairness, rule of law, etc., are foundational for human thriving. If such principles matter, they matter for everyone; if they apply to anyone, they apply to everyone. Where such principles are openly denied and erased — as they are by the leaders of the Russian Federation in Ukraine as well as in Russia — the result can only be a less secure, less peaceful, and less humane world.

I recently sent an email to a friend of mine with ties to Turkey, expressing my sympathy following the earthquake. He responded that "an earthquake is akin to a war that is fast-forwarded," and noted that the post-earthquake pictures coming out of Turkey and Syria were eerily similar to those coming out of Ukraine. It occurred to me that while the earthquake

was tragedy enough, the greater tragedy was that while no one could have prevented this earthquake, the devastation which continues to be inflicted upon Ukraine is man-made, the result of one man's twisted logic and inhumanity.

Anywhere violence and injustice are perpetrated — whether against Indigenous children in Canada, religious minorities in Asia, or Ukrainians in Ukraine — they are perpetrated against us all. To the extent that we care for and about those who are suffering, to the extent that we actively care about and support universal human values such as peace, respect, justice and freedom, to that same extent we affirm our own humanity and contribute to a more just and humane world.

Father Bohdan Hladio



ГОСПОДИ, БОЖЕ НАШ,

ВЕЛИКИЙ І ВСЕСИЛЬНИЙ, МИ ГРІШНІ ДІТИ ТВОЇ, ЗВЕРТАЄМОСЯ ДО ТЕБЕ У ПОКОРІ СЕРДЕЦЬ НАШИХ І НИЗЬКО СХИЛЯЄМО ГОЛОВИ НАШІ ПЕРЕД ТОБОЮ. БЛАГАЄМО ТЕБЕ ЗА БЕЗМЕЖНЕ МИЛОСЕРДЯ ТА ЩЕДРІ БЛАГОСЛОВЕННЯ ДЛЯ НАРОДУ — ЛЮДЕЙ — УКРАЇНИ, У ЦІ ДНІ ВЕЛИКОЇ НЕБЕЗПЕКИ ДЛЯ ЇХ МИРНОГО ЖИТТЯ І ДОБРОБУТУ.

О ГОСПОДИ, НАШИМ БРАТАМ І СЕСТРАМ, ЗНОВУ ЗАГРОЖУЮТЬ АГРЕСОРИ, ЯКІ БАЧАТЬ У НИХ ЛИШЕ ПРОСТУ ПЕРЕШКОДУ, ЩО ПЕРЕГОРОДЖУЄ ШЛЯХ ДО ПОВНОГО ПАНУВАННЯ НАД ДОРОГОЦІННОЮ ЗЕМЛЕЮ ТА РЕСУРСАМИ УКРАЇНИ. ЗМІЦНИ ЛЮДЕЙ, У ЧАСІ ЦІЄЇ ВЕЛИКОЇ НЕБЕЗПЕКИ, ЯКІ ЗВЕРТАЮТЬСЯ ДО ТЕБЕ У БЕЗМІРНО ГЛИБОКІЙ ВІРІ, ДОВІРІ ТА ЛЮБОВІ, ЯКІ ВОНИ ПЛЕКАЛИ ДО ТЕБЕ УСЕ СВОЄ ЖИТТЯ. ЗІШЛИ ГОСПОДИ, СВОЇХ НЕБЕСНИХ АНГЕЛІВ, ЯКИМИ КЕРУЄ ПОКРОВИТЕЛЬ МІСТА КИЄВА АРХІСТРАТИГ МИХАЇЛ, ЩОБ ВИКОРІНИТИ БАЖАННЯ АГРЕСОРА ЗНИЩИТИ НАШ НАРОД.

ДАРУЙ ГОСПОДИ, ЄДНІСТЬ РОЗУМУ, СЕРЦЯ І ДУШІ ВСІМ ДЕРЖАВНИМ ЛІДЕРАМ І ТИМ, КОМУ ВОНИ СЛУЖАТЬ. ОБ'ЄДНАЙ ЇХ УСІХ В ОДНУ ВЕЛИКУ ХРИСТИЯНСЬКУ РОДИНУ, ЩОБ ВОНИ РАЗОМ, ЯК БРАТИ І СЕСТРИ, ПРОСЛАВЛЯЛИ ТВОЄ ВЕЛИЧНЕ ІМ'Я — БОГА В СВЯТІЙ ТРОЙЦІ — ОТЦЯ, СИНА І СВЯТОГО ДУХА, НИНІ І ПОВСЯКЧАС, І НА ВІКИ ВІЧНІ.

LORD OUR GOD.

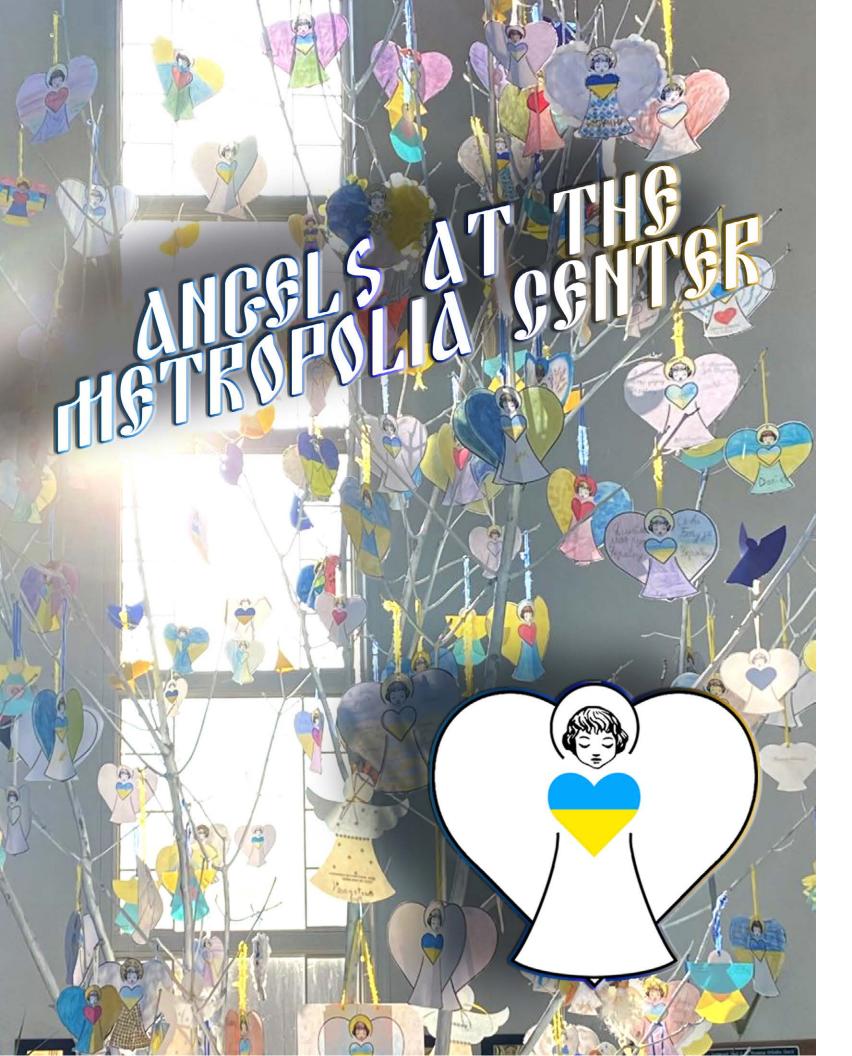
GREAT AND ALMIGHTY, WE YOUR SINFUL CHILDREN TURN TO YOU WITH HUMILITY IN OUR HEARTS AND BOW OUR HEADS LOW BEFORE YOU. WE BESEECH YOUR LOVING KINDNESS AND ABUNDANT BLESSINGS UPON THE NATION – THE PEOPLE – OF UKRAINE DURING THESE DAYS OF GREAT DANGER TO THEIR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING.

OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, LORD, ARE ONCE AGAIN THREATENED BY AGGRESSORS WHO SEE THEM ONLY AS SIMPLE OBSTACLES BLOCKING THE PATH TO THE COMPLETE DOMINATION OF THE PRECIOUS LAND AND RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY OF UKRAINE. STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE AS THEY FACE THIS GREAT DANGER, TURNING TO YOU IN THE IMMEASURABLY DEEP FAITH, TRUST AND LOVE THEY HAVE PLACED IN YOU ALL THEIR LIVES. SEND YOUR HEAVENLY LEGIONS, O LORD, COMMANDED BY THE PATRON OF KYIV, ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, TO CRUSH THE DESIRES OF THE AGGRESSOR WHOSE DESIRE IS TO ERADICATE YOUR PEOPLE.

GRANT UNITY OF MIND, HEART AND SOUL, O LORD TO ALL LEADERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE WITH THOSE THEY SERVE. UNITE THEM ALL INTO ONE, GREAT CHRISTIAN FAMILY, SO THAT TOGETHER, AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THEY MAY GLORIFY YOUR MAJESTIC NAME – GOD IN THE HOLY TRINITY – FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND UNTO THE AGES OF AGES.









To commemorate the 1-Year anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, the youth of the Church created and sent Angels of Love to the Consistory of the UOC of the USA, to be displayed in support of Ukraine's battle for freedom.

Thanks to the UOC Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry for the creation of the "angel tree" at the Spiritual Center of the Church in South Bound Brook, NJ, which Archbishop Daniel and his helpers decorated in Honor and Memory of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.









Kaitlyn Knobloch, Alexandra Serensits, Danica Ost of Assumption of the Virgin Mary Parish, Northampton, PA

# CHILDREN OF THE UOC OF THE USA CREATE ANGELS OF LOVE













Children from Saint Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Southfield, Michigan



service for Ukraine. Quietly the cavernous hall began Russian invasion. to fill with people who had come to show their support for our embattled ancestral homeland. The room was As the seminarians sang the soulful melody, the deep and Ukraine due to the destruction of the power grid.

more heartbreaking images of weeping and terrorized lowered their heads, many moved to tears. civilians presented just a glimpse of the horrors brought days.

365 days of horror, terror, and unprovoked aggression. generations of Ukrainians has been a song warning of The peaceful country of Ukraine has now suffered a full the risks of warfare. It became associated nine years ago year of hostility at the hands of the Russian Federation with the "Maidan Revolution of Dignity" as it was sung who invaded the sovereign nation on February 24th, during the mass funerals of the "Heavenly Hundred" 2022. As the skies grew dark, and a cold wind blew, the and more innocent people who were brutally murdered Ukrainian Cultural Center, located at the Metropolia by agents of their own government on 18-20 February Center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, 2014. The song again today echoes across Ukraine, opened its doors to the public, to join in a prayerful during countless funerals of those innocents lost to the

dimly lit, evocative of the darkness that covers much of haunting lyrics deeply moved even those who did not understand the Ukrainian metaphorical words spoken by a son to his mother: "Oh, I will die on foreign lands, As the people entered, their eyes were drawn to the who will lay me in my grave?" the son asks his mother, to images which flanked the circumference of the room. which the mother weeps in reply exclaiming her sorrow They very graphically depicted devastation, death and how he had once rested his head upon her heart... as and destruction. Images of bombed cities, destroyed the melody fades, the duckling/son floats away...and the villages, and bombed churches stood next to even mother weeps bitterly. As the seminarians sang, people

upon the people of Ukraine by the unjustifiable invasion. Into this solemn atmosphere, as the slow and mournful of Russian Federation on land and sea and through the refrain was sung, the doors opened as the procession air. They were, however, powerful enough to evoke in of hierarchs entered, led by students of St. Andrew the hearts of those viewing them the brutality endured Ukrainian School holding burning candles, bringing light by the innocent people of Ukraine over the past 365 and hope into the darkness. The hierarchs were Bishop Saba, Ruling Hierarch of the Georgian Orthodox Church in the USA; Roman Catholic Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Archbishop Daniel opened the ceremony, introducing Newark, NJ, Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the seminarians of the Saint Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, Bishop Theological Seminary. He explained the history of the Apostolos, representing Archbishop Elpidophoros of the sad and bittersweet song they would sing, "Plyve Kacha Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of the USA; Bishop Paul Po Tysyni" (The Duckling Swims in Tysyna), which for Chomycky, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford, CT.

Archbishop Daniel once continued the program explaining that the current invasion in Ukraine is the largest conflict on European soil since the Second World War and listed some of the statistics of the current Russian attack against Ukraine. 365 days have resulted in 14 million Ukrainians forced to flee their homes - 8 million refugees to neighboring nations and 5.9 million internally displaced persons within Ukraine; 18,955 civilian casualties; tens of thousands of troops; tens of thousands of Ukrainian children abducted to into Russia to be "re-educated"; 5,000 cruise missiles fired at Ukraine; 10,000 drone attacks; 3,500 air strikes on civilian populated areas; 200 direct attacks on civilians - including torture, kidnapping, killing and desecration of dead bodies; 760 hospitals bombed; 3,139 schools destroyed; 1.7 billion people worldwide facing food shortages because of little or not Ukrainian grains being exported; 58,000 war crimes including killings, kidnappings, bombings, and assault - 365 days of war and terror adding up to nothing less than genocide and ethnic cleansing, as it has been identified in United Nations conferences at this anniversary.

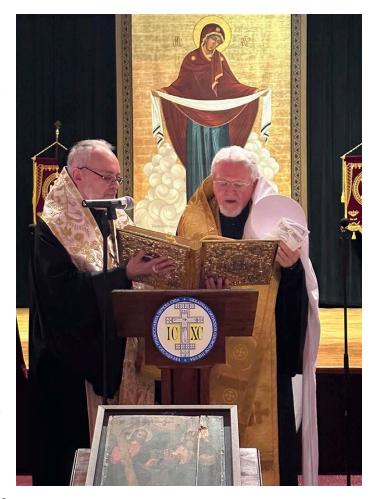
Archbishop Daniel stated that even those these official numbers are horrific to contemplate, they are probably only a fraction of what the actual numbers are. Even worse, is the impact inflicted upon the most innocent of all – the children. While many have been killed, countless ones maimed, others suffer due to family separation, violence, abuse, sexual exploitation and trafficking - all have been terrorized, all have lost their innocence.

Ani Gekalo stepped on stage and sang "The Ballad of Mallows" (Balada pro Mal'vy) – a sorrowful song written by Volodymyr Ivasyuk based on a poem by Bohdan Gura. about a mother awaiting her daughter's return from war. As her sweet voice evoked the images of a anxious mother, filled with fear, yet hoping for her daughter's return, the audience realized this same scenario is being repeated hundreds of times in Ukraine this very day.

The struggle was further visualized and brought home through the interpretive dance performed by the students of the St. Andrew Ukrainian School of Ukrainian Studies called "I am Ukraine. I will endure the pain." Nastya Kaspruk choreographed an evocative dance, highlighted by solo performance by Vernika Nalivaiko depicting the battle for freedom, falling, yet rising and fighting again.

Ani Gakalo next recited a heart wrenching poem - "Ukraine Stood Proudly in the Field" and was followed by another moving dance performed by the girls of the St. Andrew School, called "Fog Above the Earth", choreographed by Nastya Kaspruk. The dance demonstrated that while





war is disastrous to any nation, economically and culturally. However, the dance also reiterated that the one who defends his land, wins, as Ukraine is destined to win.

In appreciation of their effort and skill, Archbishop Daniel thanked all the students, both boys and girls, for their participation in the day's program, and recognized the Director of the School, Uliana Zavaliy, for her continued efforts in teaching the future generations, and instilling in them a sense of pride in their Ukrainian heritage.

The prayerful commemoration was supported by numerous clergy and dignitaries, who were present to participate in the evening's prayer service. His Eminence took a moment to recognize the numerous Ukrainian, Greek, Georgian Orthodox Churches, from the Ukrainian and Roman Catholic Churches, along with faith leaders and ministers from Protestant Churches and other religious communities in New Jersey who were present, along with the Mayor of the Franklin Township Phil Kramer, County Commissioners Melonie Marano and Paul Drake; Mayor of South Bound Brook Borough Chris Shoffner; NJ State Senator Doug Steinhardt, representing the 23rd Legislative District, of which Franklin Towhship and Somerset are part and finally the representatives of various Somerset/Franklin Township community organizations present.

Gesturing to the front row of seats, Archbishop Daniel introduced a good friend of the Ukrainian people – His Eminence Cardinal Joseph Tobin of the Roman-Catholic Archdiocese of Newark, who previously served as archbishop in Indianapolis and often traveled to Ukraine and invited him to speak a few words. Cardinal Joseph explained that the Roman Catholic faithful stand with Ukraine. They ask for comfort for those who mourn, hope for those who despair, and compassion for those who suffer. We plead for an end of the aggression and violence perpetrated against Ukraine and entrust her destiny to the eternal care of the Mother of God.

Archbishop Elpidophorus of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America was not able to join us this evening, but Bishop Apostopolos of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey, was present to represent him, reading a letter from the Archbishop, who wrote: "We continue to witness an immense tragedy of human suffering: the targeting of civilians, assassinations and terror and the deaths of innocent lives, especially children. From the very beginning







of the invasion war, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew stated: 'we...plead to end the war now. To immediately stop any act of violence, anything that spreads pain and death. Let reason prevail, love for fellow human beings, reconciliation and solidarity, the Light of the Risen Christ, the Gift of life.' These words still resonate today as on the first day. ...Together, as Orthodox Christians and as Americans, we pray for peace. But peace cannot be achieved as long as there is no justice. Our prayers are for peace with justice, so that this senseless onslaught in Ukraine stops once and for all."

His Grace Bishop Sava of the Georgian Apostolic Orthodox Church in North America was introduced. Georgian and Ukrainian people share the same pain of being invaded by Russia and under constant threat of destruction by their violent neighbor. On February 24, the day the Russian invasion was announced, thousands of Georgians took to the streets of the capital, Tbilisi, in protest – with some estimates claiming that up to 30,000 joined the march along the city's Rustaveli Avenue.

Bishop Paul Chomnycky of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford, CT. His Grace stated that when we sprak with a common voice and we will be effective. We can do three things to make a difference – speak the objective truth, inform people in our communities, standing up against the powerful propaganda machine of Russia. Secondly, we can offer material and financial support to those who are in need, which we are doing and we must thank those in the Ukrainian community and most especially all our local American communities who have stepped up and donated generously. The third thing is prayer. We must continue to pray asking the Lord to convert the hearts of the invaders, and to protect Ukraine and her people.

Archbishop Daniel explained that the Ukrainian Consul General Oleksii Golubov was unable to join in the program that evening because the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine has arrived to meet with the United Nations. He was represented this evening by Consul Vadym Tkachuk. In his remarks he stated: "... the yearlong invasion of Ukraine will end and it is our responsibility to make personal investments in a stable and free society."

The Archbishop took a few minutes to welcome the members of the Armed Forces of Ukraine present for the commemoration and to express the gratitude of all present for their sacrifice and commitment to peace and freedom in Ukraine. The soldiers have come to the USA as part of a program called "Kind Deeds", supported by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, to be fitted with prosthetic arms, legs and feet lost in battle enabling them to return to Ukraine and resume normal lives.

At this point in the program 8:55pm, Archbishop Daniel asked all the participants to rise for several minutes of silent reflection and prayer for the people all throughout Ukraine and beyond her borders who continue to suffer the brutality of the Russian invasion and to also remember the thousands of lives lost over the past year. The profound and absolute silence of these minutes spoke volumes about the fact that people truly comprehended the purpose of the commemoration. At 9:00pm (4:00am in Kyiv) a bell rang out loudly over the sound system, as the bells rang out in Kyiv and all Ukraine – for it was at 4:00am one year ago that the bombing began at the beginning of the invasion.

A Moleben Prayer service was celebrated for the welfare of all the people – the nation – of Ukraine beseeching our Lord's action to end the suffering, horror and death, returning the aggressors to their own nation, through the prayers and intercession of the Birth-Giver of God and Ever Virgin Mary along with all the Saints of Ukraine. At the conclusion of the Moleben, the prayer for the repose and eternal memory of those members of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and all the civilians who have perished in the invasion.

Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, concluded the commemoration of one year since the beginning of the invasion of Ukraine expressing his overwhelming gratitude to not only the people of the USA, but to the entire world for its profound response to the invasion. 90 years ago when Josef Stalin conducted a man-made famine - the HOLODOMOR - against Ukraine starving to death over seven million people, one of the worst acts of genocide in recorded history - the world reacted in complete silence, in spite of the fact that the genocide was known by world leaders. Today, the world has reacted in a very different way - with loud voices condemning the Russian Federation and Vladimir Putin for a completely unjustified invasion of a neighboring nation in an attempt to eradicate it from the face of the earth.

His Eminence spoke of conversations with individuals who felt completely powerLESS when faced with the daily news of the horror in Ukraine. He responded to those feelings of powerlessness by calling to memory the Maidan Revolution of Dignity, when people gathered and their individual powerLESSness was transformed into "powerFULness" beyond imagination and they changed

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the course of Ukraine's history. When we gather at commemorations such as we have now, we are also powerFUL in beseeching the help of our Lord to bring an end to the genocide occurring before our eyes.

The Metropolitan was moved beyond words at the hundreds present for the commemoration and to the hundreds and thousands of powerFUL donations from Americans of all backgrounds who have made it possible for our Church to provide assistance to Ukraine totaling three million dollars, which is only a tiny portion of all the aid the world has provided to Ukraine, her people and to all the refugees forced to flee to other countries of the world. We are blessed. He expressed his personal gratitude to all the religious and governmental leaders present for the commemoration and to all who pray powerFULLy for Ukraine and her right to exist as a free and self-determined nation.

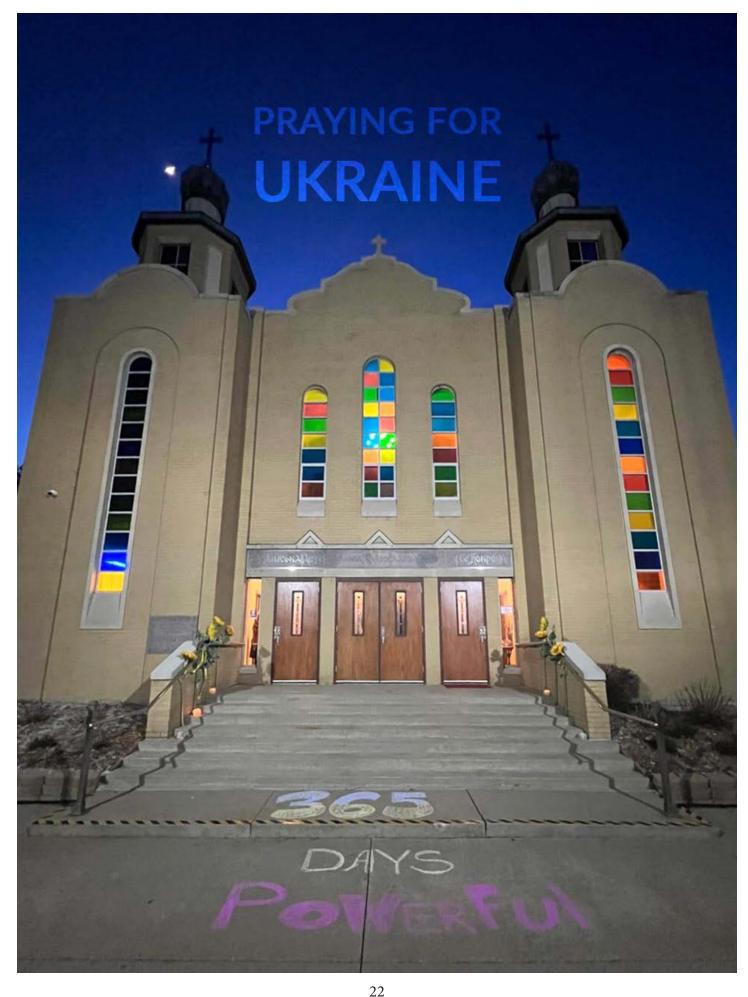
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As the sun began to dip behind the low-hanging clouds on the cold Friday evening of February 24th, 2023, the parish of St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, in Southfield, Michigan, prepared to commemorate the tragic 1-year anniversary marking the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation.

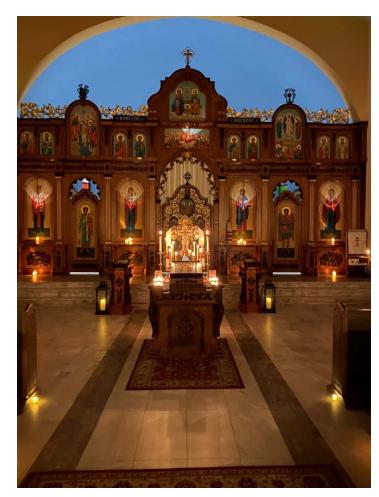
People from all walks of life arrived at the parish, pausing in thought as they approached the steps of the cathedral, and viewed the chalk drawings and text written upon the pavement and sidewalk. First, they read "365 days of terror", followed 10 yards later by "365 days of horror", followed by "365 days of prayer" and concluding with "365 days Powerful".

Entering the narthex the people found the usually brightly lit interior of the church, dark. The darkness elucidated the theme of the evening which was advertised for weeks via flyers and on social media – "Powerless, yet Powerful". Ukraine finds itself in the dark, without power, due to the Russian missiles targeting civilian infrastructure and decimating the power grid. Innocent civilians in Ukraine find themselves shivering in the cold, without heat, as they sit in dark cellars, doing all they can to remain alive regardless of the lack of food, the freezing temperatures, and the constant missile attacks.

Many of those attending the evening's prayer service, had a taste themselves of the struggle as the ice storm a few days prior had knocked down the power lines, leaving thousands in the dark and the cold. With a new appreciation for the hardships that Ukrainians face, they came to pray during a Prayer of Supplication (Moleben) for an end of aggression, and a return to freedom and normalcy for all of Ukraine.

Joining the faithful of the parish, were numerous politicians, various religious and community leaders, as well as reporters and media personnel from all the major local television and radio stations, and newspapers.

Accepting the offered candle, prayer booklet, and Ukrainian flag at the entrance to the Nave, everyone found a seat and awaited the start of the service. As the church filled, the guests looked around noting the iconography, the iconostas, the altar, the large unlit chandelier, etc. The flickering candlelight gave an other-worldly appearance to the church, as the halos of the saints glowed in the flickering light of the candles which were the only illumination inside the church. For many this was the first time within an Orthodox church, and they were moved by the beauty before them.





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Upon the tetrapod stood a number of candelabras and votives, illuminating a large icon of Archangel Michael, defender of the truth, flanked on either side by smaller icons of guardian angels. It is thanks to the intercession of the Heavenly Host that Ukraine has been able to defend herself and her people have often felt God's work through His angels saving them from deadly missile attacks and bullets.

The center aisle of the church was illuminated by votives reflecting warmly and lighting the signs held by the children of the Lesia Ukrainka School of Religion and Ukrainian Studies. The children had lovingly created and decorated signs in blue and gold reading "Freedom for Ukraine", "Stand with Ukraine", "Pray for Ukraine", "Glory to Ukraine", etc.

At 7 PM, a single loud bell chimed, hushing the whispers, and bringing everyone to attention. From the choir loft a low male voice solemnly proclaimed, "365 days of war, 365 days of terror." A short pause was followed by another toll of the bell which reverberated through the cavernous interior of the church. Everyone rose to their feet. "14 million Ukrainians forced to flee their homes. 8 million refugees. 6 million internally displaced persons." Gong! "3,500 air strikes on civilian populated areas. 5,000 cruise missiles fired at Ukraine. 10,000 drone attacks." Gong! "628,000 Ukrainian children abducted to Russia. 18,955 civilian casualties." Gong! "760 hospitals bombed. 3,139 schools bombed. 1.7 million people worldwide facing food insecurity." Gong! "365 days of war. 365 days of terror. 365 days of prayer. 365 days of resistance. 365 days powerful." Gong!

As the final toll of the bell faded the Royal Gates opened and Very Rev. Paul Bodnarchuk, parish priest, descended from the altar to the nave carrying a lit candle. Touching their candles to the flame from his candle, and sharing from one to the other, all the candles held by the people gathered were lit as Fr. Paul loudly pronounced, "Blessed is our God always, now and ever and to the ages of ages!"

With the choir under the directorship of Khystyna Bilan beautifully sang the refrains, their voices spiraling down from the choir loft through the dark to encircle those praying below. Those gathered followed along in the prayer book, joining in as everyone prayed, "for the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the Holy Churches of God and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord."

Quietly moving among the people, the news media cameras zoomed and out, capturing images of earnest

prayer, of hope, and recording the moment to be shared with the world, to encourage everyone to remember the horrors endured by Ukraine and to pray for peace.

Having prayed for the wellbeing of Ukraine, and her people, the service concluded with a remembrance of all who had lost their lives – defenders, military personnel, innocent civilians... that the Lord should remember them in His Kingdom. Those holding candles joined their voices to those of the choir as everyone sang "Memory Eternal!" with heads bowed, and aching hearts.

As tears were wiped away, Fr. Paul turned and thanked everyone for attending and praying with the parishioners of the church for Ukraine, and invited them to head down to the parish hall for refreshments, discussion and speeches. As the people began to leave, Khrystyna Bilan sang a moving solo – "Журавлі (Чуєш, брате мій)/The Cranes (My brother, do you hear), about a cranes flying off towards heaven, their wings being worn out and in tatters. The sad melody, and the crisp clear voice, even touched the hearts of those who did not speak Ukrainian, and were not aware of the tragedy being sung of. As the church emptied, handfuls of people remained behind, some simply walking around taking a look at the icons, others standing before the icon of Archangel Michael in private prayer, while others prayed and placed their lit candles in the candelabras to light the darkness of the

In the various corners of the Nave, reporters were finalizing interviews, getting last minute quotes, and hurrying to make the evening news cutoff. While silence covered the church, the parish hall was abuzz as people sat at tables or took their seats up front to listen to the speeches. The tables were lovingly covered with white tablecloths, with a Ukrainian motif in the center. Continuing the theme of the evening, the lights remained turned off in the hall, with the only illumination coming from the candles atop the tables. While the candles represented the light and hope in Christ, the "centerpiece" on each table was a round loaf of bread wrapped in vellum reading "Glory to Ukraine", which also held deep significance. Not only did the bread represent Christ, the Bread of Life, it was also symbolic of the hunger the people in Ukraine faced, once again standing in bread lines. The loaves further represented unity of all who came together this evening to pray for Ukraine, as the bread was to be eaten by everyone around the table as they "broke bread" together.

Life-long parishioner, Anna Powers, was instrumental in expanding upon the theme, pulling all the pieces together, ordering the bread and setting the solemn yet hopeful ambiance of the evening's event. The Ukrainian-American Crisis Response Committee of Michigan along with representative and parishioner, Andrew Powers, led the effort and worked diligently inviting the politicians, community leaders, organizations, and media to speak at and cover the event. While the first presenters stepped up to speak, the public enjoyed the coffee and delectable sweets provided by the parish's St. Olha's Sisterhood.

A silent slideshow ran at the front of the room on a large screen. It began with sunny images of the beauty of Ukraine, her wide-open vistas, cultural landmarks, churches, cities, villages, and smiling people. People sat back and enjoyed the images while listening to the speakers. However, the light mood soon changed as the images left behind the beauty of bygone Ukraine, and showed the destroyed cities, weeping people, traumatized children, heartbreak, horror, and death. The onlookers witnessed the elderly who wept for their children, their homes, and their nation. The saw once beautiful city blocks reduced to rubble. The felt the pain of separation as families were torn asunder. They felt the anxiety of the thousands of refugees. Suddenly the desserts that had been so sweet just a few minutes earlier, were now laid aside as reality once again crept in.

Politicians from both sides of the aisle spoke, including notable local politicians Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, Congresswoman Haley Stevens, State Senator Stephanie Chang, State Representative Noah Arbit, and Mayor of the City of Warren, Jim Fouts. Religious Leaders spoke next including Professor David Conrad from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit and Suril Patel on behalf of the local Hindu population. The final presentations were given by various Ukrainian organizations who explained how and what has been done to aid Ukraine this past year, and what still needs to be done.

Moved by what they heard and saw, many people walked over to the table located at the side of the hall which had preprinted letters to government officials. They wrote their names and signed the letters, placed them in the supplied envelopes and applied a provided stamp before placing them in with the pile of other letters which would be posted the following week, in hopes of garnering continued support for Ukraine from the U.S. government.

Donation boxes were located at various points of the room, asking people to donate and help Ukraine regain "power" and turn the lights back on. Over \$2,000 was

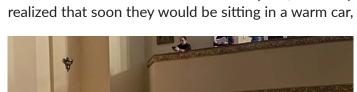






collected and will be sent to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA Humanitarian Fund, earmarked towards the purchase of generators. These heavyduty generators will help not only turn the lights back on, but will also turn the heat back on, and allow the embattled population to charge their electronics and connect with their loved ones and the outside world, bolstering their spirits.

As the evening wound down, the people walked out into the cold wind but did not complain, for they realized that soon they would be sitting in a warm car,



returning to their warm homes, to enjoy a warm meal and watch television... all luxuries they took for granted before this night.

A huge thank you to the numerous volunteers who stepped up and made the evening a success, through prayer, spreading awareness of the horrors Ukraine is enduring once again in her fright for freedom. This fight is not only for the freedom of Ukraine, but, for the dignity of truth, and the freedom of the entire world. Slava Ukraini! Glory to Ukraine!

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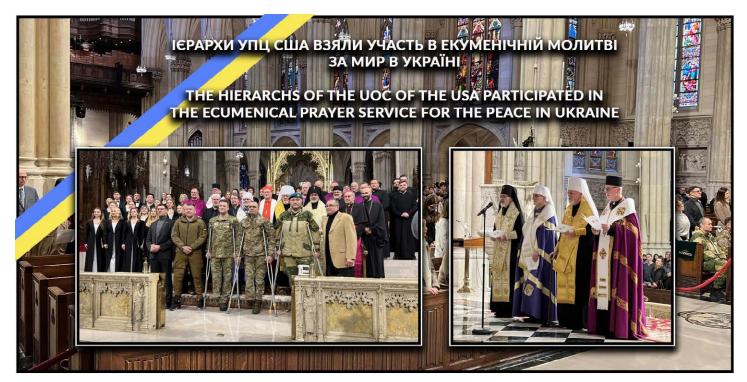












Nearing the tragic one-year anniversary of the is with Ukraine, and therefore God is also there. Ukraine

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Present at the service were Ukrainian Consul General Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia as well as Bishop pray for peace in Ukraine. Paul Chomnycky of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy Timothy Dolan.

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony gave a riveting sermon- describing the long history of Russian Photos by Subdeacon Maksym Zhuravchyk aggression against the sovereign nation of Ukraine. The numerous attempts at genocide. The numerous Holodomors. The death and destruction reaped at the hands of a greedy neighbor. His Eminence continued by asking that all things can be put straight by God Almighty, and that we need to remain hopeful in His mercy to our struggling ancestral homeland and people. It is evident in countless situations of horror, that the Hand of God is present in protecting and strengthening Ukraine. Countless witnesses have told of miraculous occurrences. Therefore, His Eminence asked that everyone keep strong in faith and know that the truth

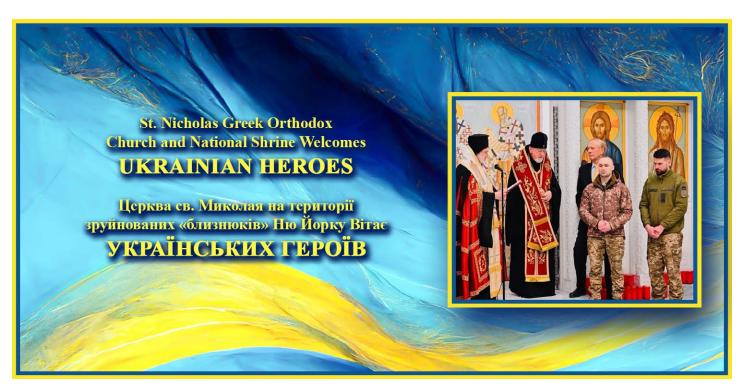
unprecedented and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by might be damaged, the people might be sitting in the the Russian Federation, the hierarchs of the Ukrainian darkness due to the destruction of civilian infrastructure, Orthodox Church participated in an Ecumenical Prayer but, even though the country is powerless, they are Service on Saturday afternoon, February 19, 2023, to powerful. Ukraine is powerful through the bravery of join their voices to those praying for peace in Ukraine. her people, the integrity of her nation, the strength of her faith in the Almighty Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Diaspora, along with His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Oleksii Golubov and four members of the Ukrainian Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the UOC Defense Forces who were wounded in battle and have of the USA and Consistory President, were joined been receiving treatment in the United States, as well by the Metropolitan Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian as hundreds of individuals who packed the cathedral to

of Stamford at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral With continued prayers, faith and hope in Christ, the in New York City, hosted by His Eminence Cardinal world awaits Ukraine's victory - a victory of truth over lies, light over darkness, good over evil. Ukraine powerless, yet powerful.







As we approach the dark anniversary of Russia's brutal У вівторок, 7 лютого, архиєпископ Грецької terror inflicted upon innocent people. This was the only sacred house of worship destroyed during the 9/11 attack, resulting in the tragic loss of countless lives.

The prayer took place at the Shrine, presided by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and His Eminence Metropolitan Antony of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, former Governor of the State of New York George Pataki, and the Honorable Consul General of Молебень відбувся напередодні річниці жорстокого Ukraine in New York Oleksii Holubov.

Junior Sergeant in the UA Armed Forces and Head of the ULAF, and Roman Bohuslavskyi, Junior Sergeant and former ULAF player.

Their courage has inspired support from around the world, including the Governor George Pataki Center, which has raised funds to support displaced families and refugees from Ukraine since the very beginning.

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invasion of Ukraine, the hierarchs of the Ecumenical Православної Архиєпархії Америки Елпідофор Patriarchate of Constantinople joined in prayer at the привітав колишнього губернатора штату Нью-Йорк St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Джорджа Патакі в Грецькій православній церкві та Shrine, a heartbreaking reminder of the horrific acts of національній святині Святого Миколая на молебні із закликом до миру в Україні.

> У молебні взяли участь митрополит УПЦ США Антоній та Генеральний консул України в Нью-Йорку Олексій Голубов. Також була присутня делегація українських військових, яка перебуває з візитом у

повномасштабного вторгнення Росії в Україну. За словами архиєпископа Елпідофора, зібрання The hierarchs were joined by a delegation of Ukrainian в храмі Святого Миколая, єдиному молитовному soldiers who have not only experienced this injustice будинку, зруйнованому під час терактів 11 вересня, firsthand, but who continue to resist it: Yuri Hundych, і «серцераздиральному нагадуванні про жахливі акти терору, заподіяних невинним людям», було особливо доречним для цієї нагоди.

> «Нам справді приємно, що до нас приєдналася делегація українських воїнів, які не лише на власному досвіді відчули несправедливість цієї агресії, але й продовжують протистояти їй», - зазначив Його Високопреосвященство у своєму слові. Їхня мужність «надихнула підтримку з усього світу», включно з Центром губернатора Джорджа Патакі, який збирав кошти для гуманітарної допомоги переміщеним сім'ям в Україні «з самого початку».

У складі делегації були молодший сержант Збройних Сил України та голова УЛАФ (Української ліги американського футболу) Юрій Гундич та молодший сержант Роман Богуславський, сам колишній гравець УЛАФ. Брат Романа, Данило, теж грав за УЛАФ і загинув у бою. Губернатор Центру Джорджа Патакі та НФЛ нагородять делегацію на майбутньому Суперкубку LVII.

Після богослужіння архиєпископ Елпідофор подарував молодшим сержантам Гундичу та Богуславському ікону Святителя Миколая.

Архиєпископ Елпідофор зазначив: «Наближаючись до похмурої річниці жорстокого вторгнення Росії в Україну, ми стоїмо тут, біля Греко-Православної Церкви та Національної святині Святого Миколая, що є серцевим нагадуванням про жахливі акти терору, заподіяні невинним людям. Це був єдиний священний будинок поклоніння, зруйнований під час нападу 11 вересня, що призвело до трагічної втрати незліченних життів».

Тож доречно, що ми сьогодні були тут на молебні з Високопреосвященнішим митрополитом Антонієм Української Православної Церкви США, колишнім губернатором штату Нью-Йорк Джорджем Патакі та почесним Генеральним консулом України в Нью-Йорку Олексієм. Голубовим.

Приємно, що до нас приєдналася делегація українських військових, які не лише відчули на собі цю несправедливість, а й продовжують протистояти їй: Юрій Гундич, молодший сержант Збройних Сил України та голова УСУ, та Роман Богуславський, молодший сержант і колишній гравець УЛАФ.

Їхня мужність надихнула на підтримку з усього світу, включно з Губернаторським центром Джорджа Патакі, який від самого початку збирав кошти для підтримки сімей переміщених осіб та біженців з України.

Разом, як православні християни і як американці, ми молимося за мир. Але миру неможливо досягти, поки немає справедливості. Ми молимося за мир із справедливістю, щоб цей безглуздий наступ на Україну припинився.

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Exarch of Ecumenical Patriarch in Kyiv, Ukraine Presented the UOC of the USA with the first in recent history

# GOSPEL-APRAKOS in the Ukrainian language

Екзарх Вселенського Патріарха в Києві, Україна передав УПЦ США перше в новітній історії **ЄВАНГЕЛІЄ-АПРАКОС** 

українською мовою



Екзарх Вселенського Патріарха в Україні, єпископ Нагадаємо, Команський Михаїл передав частину накладу відбулась 2 Євангелія у форматі-апракос архієпископу УПЦ США Патріархату Даниїлу для потреб духовенства УПЦ США. фінансової г

Першими примірники богослужбового Євангелія отримають парафії, в яких наразі духовно окормляються православні українці, які були змушені виїхати з України внаслідок неспровокованої російської агресії.

Під час передачі книг, екзарх висловив особливу вдячність архієпископу Даниїлу та предстоятелю УПЦ США, митрополиту Антонію за сприяння в поширенні слова Божого українською мовою.

Як зазначав архієпископ Даниїл, це Євангеліє, видане завдяки спільній співпраці Ставропігії і УПЦ США, дасть змогу донести слово Боже не тільки воїнам на передовій, але і людям доброї волі, українцям чи то в Україні, чи то за кордоном.

"Ми несемо з вами спільну відповідальність за те, яким чином опікуємося нашим народом", – зазначав архієпископ Даниїл.

Варто зазначити, що це перше за кілька століть Євангеліє-апракос українською є новим вдосконаленим перекладом з грецької, видане в православному середовищі для богослужбового вжитку за прикладом грецької літургійної традиції.

Нагадаємо, презентація Євангелія-апракосу відбулась 27 січня у Ставропігії Вселенського Патріархату. Євангеліє-апракос видане за фінансової підтримки УПЦ США в кількості 1000 примірників і розповсюджується безкоштовно.

On February 7th the Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarch in Ukraine, Bishop Mykhail of Komansk, gifted a signed copy of the newly published Gospel-Aprakos to His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy and Consistory President of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

Additional copies of this valuable tome were provided for use in Ukrainian Orthodox parishes serving the people who had to emigrate in order to escape the brutality of the unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine. Many churches of the UOC of the USA currently have an influx of refugees who are struggling in a foreign land. They have found welcome and inviting homes within the parishes of the UOC of the USA, where they can relax, mentally unwind, and strengthen spiritually.

The Exarch, Bishop Mykhail, expressed his overwhelming gratitude to Archbishop Daniel, as well as to the Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, Metropolitan Antony, for their immeasurable assistance in spreading the word of God in the Ukrainian language.

Archbishop Daniel noted that this Gospel was published through the joint efforts and cooperation of the Stavropygia and the UOC of the USA, and will serve to spread the word of God through the Chaplains to the soldiers on the front lines, as well as to all Ukrainians, be they in Ukraine or abroad.

"We bear joint responsibility with you in how we minister and care for our people," stated Archbishop Daniel to the Exarch.

This Gospel-Aprakos, which is organized not in the natural order of books, but, along the weekly Church readings starting from Pascha, the first one published in the Ukrainian language in several centuries, and is a new and improved translation from Greek, and is published in the Orthodox world for liturgical use following the example of the Greek liturgical tradition.

The official presentation of the completion of this Gospel-Aprakos took place on January 27 at the Stavropygia of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The Gospel has been printed through the generous support of the UOC of the USA, which sponsored 1,000 copies, which are being distributed free of charge to various parishes, clergy, and faithful.

Photos by Stavropegia of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Kyiv







The St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary, located at the Metropolia Center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in South Bound Brook, New Jersey, was established in 1975 through the foresight of Patriarch Mstyslav. Throughout this half century the institution has been striving to train men who have been called to serve in the Holy Priesthood of the Church.

Throughout the decades the seminary has embraced countless students who have walked through their doors, providing them not only with academic training. but, with pastoral instruction, both of which work handin-hand and are required to properly and fully serve the faithful of the Church. Through both residential and distance-learning programs the institution has fully prepared men to serve in the priesthood. Graduates are well-versed in Church History, Church Traditions, Liturgics, Patristics, Pastoral Theology and Homiletics, Dogmatics, as well as Ukrainian Orthodox Traditions, Pastoral Care, Counseling, Field Ministry, etc. Thanks to the highly qualified faculty, the graduates of the seminary are prepared to serve the faithful, assist them on their personal journeys towards the Lord, and lead them to salvation.

The main seminary building is a spacious threestory colonial structure with Victorian additions. It has ample space for living quarters for as many as fifteen seminarians, as well as offices for the rector, private rooms for the resident provost and director of formation. The seminary chapel is also attached to the main building.





Dedicated to the Three Holy Hierarchs, the chapel is the overflowing with love for all, teach the Word of God, focus of the seminarian's life of prayer and communal worship. Here the student actively participates in the liturgical life of the Church and is trained to perform all the services proper to Orthodox Tradition.

the faithful gathered to celebrate the Patronal Feast Day of the Three Holy Hierarchs. With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Theology is not only knowing the facts about God, but Diaspora (Rector and Chairman of the Seminary Board), His Eminence Archbishop Daniel (Vice Rector and Provost) served the Divine Liturgy, assisted by numerous local clergy, the seminary students, who were joined by numerous faithful of the Church, and guests who came to pray for and support the Seminary and Ukraine.

Having been greeted by Very Rev. Vasyl Pasakas (Dean of Students) as he entered the chapel, Archbishop Daniel vested in the glowing sunlight that streamed through the windows, surrounded by the faithful who looked on. Having listened to the reading of the Gospel from Luke 20:46-21:4, as the Lord instructed His followers to "beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts..." and how the seemingly small donation of two mites made by the widow was worth more than the larger donations made by those who had the means, for she gave of her very livelihood.

light, His Eminence delivered a touching and inspiring sermon, focusing on making the eternal Word relevant in today's world, to today's people. Often we hear the As the service concluded everyone headed to the words, and we desire to live them and share them, but, we often encounter a wall put up by modern society that focuses on self, self-gratifications, selfknowledge, self-sustainability, etc. They reject the teachings of God and push back against the Church and Christianity in order to quelch any opposition to what they deem as "freedom", but, is in fact "slavery' to sin and passion.

Archbishop Daniel continued, that we, as carriers of the light of Christ, and bearers of His word, must be bold, not easily dissuaded, or discouraged. We must confidently go out into the world and fearlessly,

and with compassion guide people to salvation in Christ.

He continued by stating that with every passing day new social and moral issues arise, but, we must hold fast to the teachings of the Church, which have no On February 11, 2023, the small chapel was filled as expiration date. They were true and correct in the days Christ preached them, and continue to be true, correct, and vital for salvation.

> living a God-centered life in every single aspect of our journey. Whether we are at work, in school, in our cars, at the super market, alone, or surrounded by hundreds, we are called to be the salt of the earth; to preserve the teachings of Christ, to add flavor to an otherwise bitter world, for it is through our own examples that we can lead others to salvation. Do not discount your effectiveness, and your power over to sway people's opinions and beliefs. Live a Christ-centered life, be overjoyed, show love to all, and others will wish to live as you do and seek the source of your joy and hope for themselves.

Having concluded his sermon, Archbishop Daniel continued with the Divine Liturgy. As the incense hung heavy in the air, the rays of sunlight continued to dance inside the chapel, bathing the faithful in an ethereal glow, and casting a spirit of hope and peace over them. Standing in the gilded chapel, the halos of the saints upon the icons shimmering in the sunlight, the rays of sun illuminating the sacred items, those who stood there and prayed were strengthened and emboldened, Stepping out of the Altar, his robes shimmering in the having grasped the gravity of the words spoken during

> seminary dining area where they enjoyed a relaxed afternoon in each other's company. Joyfully sharing stories, offering advice, and assuring each other of continued support as they travel upon their own journeys through life.

> With such a joyous and spiritually uplifting celebration, the seminary stands as a beacon of light a top the hill, through the arduous work of the faculty and the studious efforts of the students, that shines brightly upon the world near and far, and will continue for many years to lead humanity towards salvation in Christ.

Photos by Subdeacon Andrii Vatrych



nation, or just trying to get through a difficult day.

We are even stronger when entire nations unite, when all have come together to fight a common evil. Yet it God, and share Christ with them. is not just the people who fight, but, the Lord who is the Lord's Name, He is among them.

to defend Ukraine from the unprovoked aggression.

calling themselves "Ukrainian".

It is said that "hard times, make strong people." In Throughout the weeks of caroling the seminarians were these difficult times, the Lord has done just that - able to raise funds to assist Ukraine. After Divine Liturgy strengthened the people and nation of Ukraine, who in the Seminary Chapel, they handed the funds to His keep fighting for their freedom. We, Ukrainians, are Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the strong. But, our strength comes from unity, as we work Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of together and complement each other. God sends His the USA, who with His Eminence Metropolitan Antony's, Grace upon us daily empowering us to live each day, Prime Hierarch of the UOC of the USA and Diaspora's, and face each hardship, whether we are defending our blessing would use it to purchase much needed humanitarian aid, as well as generators for those on the front lines in Ukraine.

brothers and sisters work together. Today, the nations Archbishop Daniel was moved by the seminarians efforts who are supporting Ukraine's fight for freedom are and generosity, in spreading the love of Christ during God's guardians of Ukraine, defending truth and these challenging times. It is a blessing to be able to help freedom. Men and women, the young and the old, our neighbors, for in doing so, we show them the love of

with them, for "where two or three are gathered" in Archbishop Daniel has personally traveled to Germany, Poland and other European countries visiting the injured Ukrainian military members, ministered to the refugees, Over the Nativity Season, the seminarians of the St. and purchased and arranged shipment of medical supplies, Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary, logistical vehicles, ambulances, generators, food, and other traveled from home to home caroling, and bringing the necessities, which all get delivered to Ukraine to sustain joy of the newly-born Christ Child to all whom they the nation and the people who continue to fight for the visited. In return the generosity of these individuals world's freedom. All these efforts are clearly posted on showed the young men the love that people have for various social media sits and the Church website, in an others, and their eagerness to help those in need, and effort to encourage others to emulate the philanthropic

Today, everyone is "Ukrainian", regardless of their "We each find ourselves on the battlefield these days. The race or ethnic backgrounds. Everyone who wishes to battlefield of justice, truth, and righteousness," stated His defend good over evil, freedom over slavery, is joining Eminence. He continued by encouraging the seminarians Ukraine's fight, and thereby, earning the honor of and all others to keep up the good fight. To defend the defenseless in all areas of life... and to remember, that

"tough times, breed tough people" who must work семінаристи Софійської Семінарії збирали кошти, prosperity to the world.

один письменник. Воістину нині та сила, яка благодать, Свою силу, щоб підтримувати нас у випробувань, які постають перед нами. щоденних труднощах... чи то в Україні зараз, чи то і разом ми не самі, але з Богом, який веде нас, свою любов навіть у часи темряви. тому що там, де двоє чи троє зібралися в Його ім'я, Господь серед них.

Маючи можливість ділитися радістю народження мирний і процвітаючий час. Христа з іншими та ходячи від хати до хати,

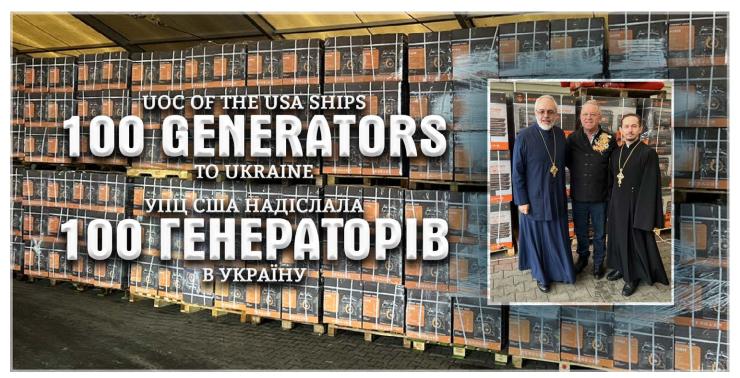
hard, on the side of God, to bring calm, peace and щоб допомогти людям в Україні у цей скрутний час. Дивно те, що зараз українцями є усі - чи то американці, чи інші національності. Ми всі об'єднані тим, як ми "Важкі часи народжують сильних людей..." - сказав молимось і допомагаємо в міру наших можливостей.

зберегла українську націю і тримає її в боротьбі, З Божою допомогою семінаристи змогли зібрати сприймається як дарована Богом Його народу. Ми, гроші та передали їх Високопреосвященнішому українці - сильні... але не самі, ми сильні разом, Архиєпископу Даниїлу за його душпастирську доповнюючи один одного, і Бог посилає Свою турботу, щоб поширювати любов Божу під час

в битві нашого життя. Ми ще сильніші, твердіші Любов до Бога помітна ще більше і промовляє та незламніші, коли разом з великими народами, голосніше, коли ви демонструєте справи любові, Божими охоронцями України, що допомагають, показуєте, що Бог присутній тут і зараз, через дії, які стаємо на бік правди, на бік самої України, боремося робить Його Високопреосвященство в ім'я Господа всі разом: і дитина, і дорослий. Разом ми сильніші, від імені всіх людей тут, в Америці, які поділяють

> «Важкі часи породжують сильних людей...», а ті сильні люди, які воюють на боці Бога, будують тихий,





terror, the innocent people of Ukraine continue to fire and suffering the greatest hardships. suffer immeasurable hardship.

but from the repercussions of the ongoing war, and prevail. Civilian infrastructure is decimated, making it next to impossible for food and medical supplies to reach The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA continues to them. The power grid was destroyed weeks ago, and many families suffer malnutrition, hypothermia, and face medical emergencies, while sitting alone in the dark.

As they shiver from hunger and cold, it often seems ----body and soul.

suffering population of Ukraine.

As the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by the Russian 100 generators which would be shipped immediately to Federation nears the one-year mark of aggression and the war-torn areas of Ukraine which are currently under

These generators will provide the suffering and terrorized The nation is under constant threat. Civilians hide citizens not only with light and heat, but, with hope, for as in dark cellars to evade exploding missiles. They light dispels evil, so these generators will work to dispel have little food, no medicine, no light, and no heat. the darkness throughout Ukraine. The constant hum of These innocent people, many being internally the generators will assure the population that they are displaced, suffer and die not only from explosions, not forgotten that there is hope, and that they will survive

> ceaselessly pray for the safety of the Ukrainian civilians, the defenders of freedom, and for a return to peace, all while working diligently to provide for the physical needs of the terrorized nation.

to them that the world has forgotten them and has Минає майже рік агресії та терору від moved on. However, into this misery shines a bright неспровокованого вторгнення Російської Федерації в light of hope as the Church cares for these individuals Україну, а невинний український народ і далі терпить від незмірних страждань.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Нація перебуває під постійною загрозою. Цивільні Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox люди ховаються в темних підвалах для того, щоб Church of the USA and Diaspora, His Eminence уникнути розривів ракет. В них недостатньо їжі, Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western немає ліків, немає світла та тепла. Ці невинні люди, Eparchy of the UOC of the USA and President of the багато з яких є внутрішньо переміщеними особами, Consistory, traveled to Poland in order to help the страждають і гинуть не лише від вибухів, але й від наслідків цієї війни. Оскільки зруйнована цивільна інфраструктура, то важко, практично неможливо Thanks to the generous donations of the faithful of доставити продукти харчування та медикаменти. the Church, Archbishop Daniel, was able to acquire Через те, що кілька тижнів тому було зруйновано

з невідкладною медичною допомогою, сидячи на обстрілами і зазнають найбільших труднощів. самоті в темряві.

що світ наче забув про них і рухається далі. Однак піклується про душу і тіло цих людей.

благословення Митрополита Антонія, Першоієрарха Української Правлячий Архієрей Західної Єпархії УПЦ США та Голова Консисторії, поїхав до Польщі, щоб допомогти постраждалому населенню України.

Завдяки щедрим пожертвам вірних Церкви Архієпископ Даниїл зміг придбати 100 генераторів,





електромережу, зараз багато сімей страждають від які негайно були відправлені в ті райони, які охоплені недоїдання, переохолодження, а також стикаються війною в Україні, та які зараз перебувають під

Ці генератори забезпечуватимуть страждаючих і Тремтячи від голоду й холоду, їм часто здається, затероризованих громадян не лише світлом і теплом, а й надією. Бо як світло розсіює зло, так ці генератори у цій біді сяє яскраве світло надії, оскільки Церква працюватимуть, щоб розсіювати темряву по всій Україні. Постійний гул від генераторів запевнить населення, що про них не забули, що надія є, і що Високопреосвященнішого вони виживуть і переможуть.

Православної Церкви США та Діаспори, Українська Православна Церква США продовжує Високопреосвященніший Архієпископ Даниїл, невпинно молитися за безпеку мирного українського населення, захисників свободи, і за повернення до миру,при цьому старанно працюючи, щоб забезпечити фізичні потреби своєї тероризованої







UOC of the USA members who attended our Sobor in October 2022 learned of a new ministry that was just beginning to be formed at that time. This article describes the work of the Isaiah 44 Project's most recent activity.

A Sacred Outpouring of Grace - The Isaiah 44 Project - Wells for Malawi

Clouds of choking dust rise from dry dirt roadways the diesel truck engine groaning as gears are shifted to navigate the turns and potholes on what we, in America, would hardly call a road. But the crew is upbeat and undaunted as they turn the corner and make their safe arrival at a rather unusual sight in the center of Africa – an Orthodox Church. Fr. Ermolaos. Pastor of St. Anastasia Church, greets the team as they iump from the truck accompanying the massive welldrilling rig and everybody is anxious and enthusiastic to start the job. The unspoken feeling in their hearts is, 'Let's find these people some water!'

The priest is dressed not in his cassock, but in work clothes and rubber work boots - with the hope that there will be water sloshing around soon. Children run to the church and hang out, as they often do in this village called Masauli, so Fr. Ermolaos has to set aside his outdoor labors with the drilling team to greet the children and give them a treat. The word spreads fast in the village – a borehole! Coming to our village! Let's go and see!

The team wastes no time as the rig is set up and begins to grind its way through the crusty ground and

deep into the earth, as agua blue well casing is inserted as they go deeper. When they reach 140 feet - a big shout goes up! They have reached water!

There's such great hope now - that the water can be brought to the surface for everybody to use for their daily needs, together as a community. No longer will the women of this village have to leave at 4am every day to walk to the water hole kilometers away - dragging empty plastic buckets. During their trek they must suppress their fears, and remain hopeful there will still be water when they arrive there especially when the water supply has been diminishing fast during the dry season. And if they get water, they hoist the containers onto their heads and trudge back, for hours, just so that the basic needs of life can be met at their homes. Even those not in the village of the borehole celebrate, because their walk may only be one hour to the new well-borehole, instead of two hours.

The borehole at St. Anastasia was made possible through the kindness and generosity of a number of members and friends of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. By participating in the Isaiah 44 Project, they extend their love and spiritual care to the people of Malawi by supporting well-drilling projects like this. The Isaiah 44 Project is a cooperative effort with the international missionary organization Equipping Leaders International (ELI), that supplies the well drilling equipment and the staffing to strike water deep in the earth, and the pumping capability to bring it to the surface. In the vision of the Isaiah 44 Project, the ELI team consults with Malawian Orthodox Christian clergy to identify suitable sites for these essential projects.

Malawi sunset holds great promise.

# Day 2 - Completed Installation

before their very eyes!

properly so that the installation will last a long time. this gift, on behalf of the community. But everything is being made ready. The pump is locked down but everyone anticipates the public Prayers are also offered in the hearts of the faithful that, requires several days to cure, so everybody waits. It's like waiting for Pascha. But they've been waiting for a long, long time so what's another day or two?

# The New Day

As the Day of Dedication dawns, the Christian faithful of St. Anastasia Church invite the local community of the village to begin the new day by turning to God -'Let us give thanks to God!' Just a few weeks earlier the Father through Jesus Christ.

dusty road from the north. St. Anastasia parish will of Africa, the very homeland of St. Antony. welcome a special guest - the spiritual Father of

After completing the initial setup for the well, the pipe the parish, Archbishop Fotios. Accompanied by senior is capped, and the day draws to a close - a beautiful priests from the archdiocese, Fathers Chyrsanthos and Nikodemos and other guests, they will gather with the people of the village as well as Duncan and his friends from ELI to celebrate together this New Beginning.

As Day 2 dawns, the drilling men of the ELI - Malawi A small bowl of water is prepared and blessed. Then, team hop off the truck again bright and early to the bishop circles the borehole and sprinkles everything complete the 'civil work' to make ready the borehole and everyone with the water - which is now holy water for public use. They uncover the pipe at the top of the because the people see God as its source. And then the well; then the team unveils the gleaming new, double Archbishop steps up to begin the release of water himself, handled steel well pump! After securing the massive making the sign of the cross three times, then he starts pump to the well head they proceed to an important to vigorously pump the handle. After several enthusiastic next step - pouring a concrete base for the well pump efforts the water flows out in abundance! The scores and the drain that channels excess water away from of people gathered about raise up and shout for joy, the borehole site. That concrete drain is important accompanied by an enthusiastic hand-clapping! As the because it keeps stagnant or polluted surface water water flows, they rush for their buckets and wash off and from contaminating the clean water in the borehole. splash the water all about playfully. Men step up one by Next Duncan, the local ELI team leader, energetically one, greeted by the bishop, to do the heavy-duty pumping pumps the handle up and down with two hands again work. All are filled with joy and singing breaks out. The and again - and everyone is ever hopeful. Then behold women begin the customary rhythmic dance and song that - the water pours out of the pump spout! Everybody accompanies the praise of God in their culture. Some of is amazed and rejoices - their lives are being changed the locals hold up two banners for all to see, one describes the 'Isaiah 44 Project' and the second is a message to us all. 'You are making a difference'! Some young men But the celebration will be delayed, just a bit. That's make videos to share, explaining their gratitude for the because it's necessary to allow the concrete to set borehole, and their commitment to be good stewards of

opening which will take place very soon! The concrete by the grace of God, the second dimension of the Isaiah 44 Project will be fully realized - an invigoration of a growing, flourishing local Church, through the ministry of Fr. Ermolaos and the Parish faithful. This will lead to the spiritual salvation of the people of the Chirazoulou region through the outpouring of the grace-filled waters of Holy Baptism - and their spiritual formation in the Church as Christians.

#### Dedication

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at Theophany, the faithful of our Ukrainian Orthodox The Chirazoulou Isaiah 44 Project borehole in Malawi is churches heard the prayers that recalled the mystery dedicated to the Lord in thanksgiving - and in celebration of God's grace present in the blessing of the Jordan of the holy ministry of His Eminence, our Metropolitan water. These prayers are now offered to God in a Antony, our prime hierarch. With deep gratitude we ask foreign tongue in a far-off place in the midst of a new the Lord to bless the people of Chirazoulou through this people of God. The Malawians understand what these well for years to come. It is notable that this drilling project prayers say and mean - that water is the sustaining began on the Feast of St. Antony of the Desert. Our own force of their lives. These waters that will sustain Metropolitan Antony, who has faithfully labored in the them physically but also spiritually are a gift from God vineyard of the Church as a priest for over 50 years and as our Metropolitan for 10 years, begins a 'new year' and a 'new decade' of his holy ministry. He will be remembered Today, another vehicle comes bouncing down the not only in the United States, but also now in the center

In hearing of the completion and blessing of the borehole, Metropolitan Antony wrote,

"How wonderful is our God, who provides for people of faith, hope and love!!! Peace, Love and Joy to all who will be blessed with the water that pours forth from this well - a Gift from God manifested through the kindness and generosity of many fellow Orthodox Christians!"

# **Future Work**

Additional boreholes in Africa are desperately needed. By the grace of God, one by one, through the spiritual work of people whose hearts who are touched and moved to generosity, the mission to bring life-giving spiritual water will be fulfilled. We are deeply grateful to the ELI organization for their spirit of cooperation in joining in this common, Christian effort.

If you would like to learn more about the Isaiah 44 Project in Malawi or join in this effort and fellowship, please contact Fr. Robert Holet at 434-987-8170, or via email at isaiah44project@gmail.com. Additional information will soon be posted on www. orthodoxsteward.com

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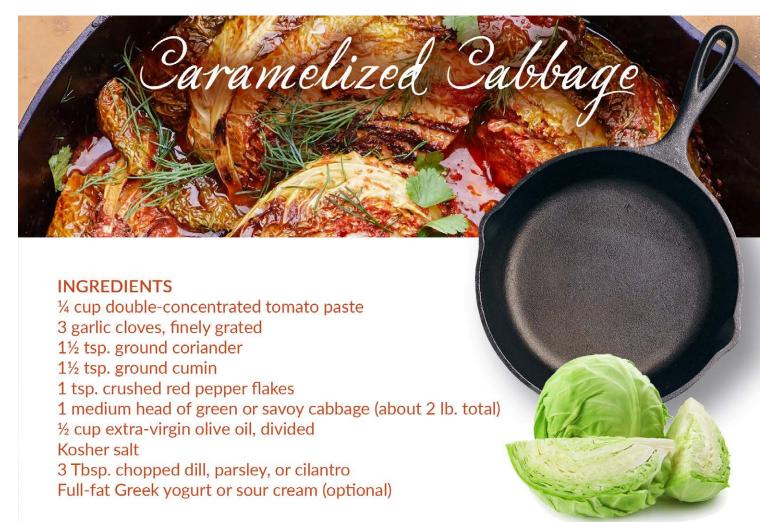












# **PREPARATION**

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix tomato paste, garlic, coriander, cumin, and red pepper flakes in a small bowl.

Cut cabbage in half through core. Cut each half through core into 4 wedges.

Heat ¼ cup oil in a large cast-iron skillet over medium-high. Working in batches if needed, add cabbage to pan cut side down and season with salt. Cook, turning occasionally, until lightly charred, about 4 minutes per side. Transfer cabbage to a plate.

Pour remaining ¼ cup oil into skillet. Add spiced tomato paste and cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until tomato paste begins to split and slightly darken, 2–3 minutes. Pour in enough water to come halfway up sides of pan (about 1½ cups), season with salt, and bring to a simmer. Nestle cabbage wedges back into skillet (they should have shrunk while browning; a bit of overlap is okay). Transfer cabbage to oven and bake, uncovered and turning wedges halfway through, until very tender, liquid is mostly evaporated, and cabbage is caramelized around the edges, 40–50 minutes.

Scatter dill over cabbage. Serve with yogurt if desired.

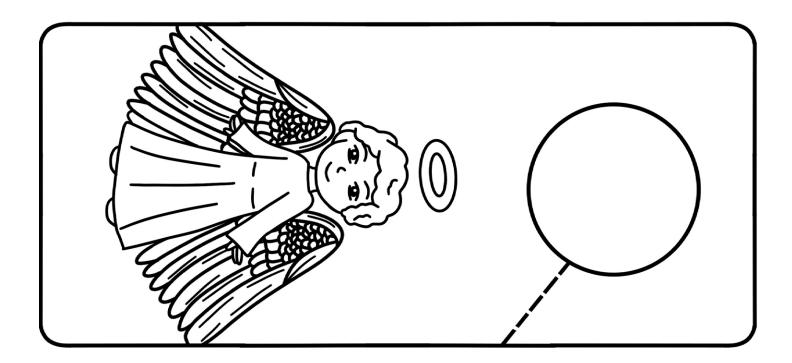
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O Holy Angel, my heavenly friend! Lead me to God, for that is my purpose. Watch over me every day and save me from evil. I want to live a holy life and to serve God. Amen.



Color and cut out your Angel Door-hanger. Read the prayer daily.



Angel of God

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love
commits me here,
ever this day
be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.



Brinzo, Denise Catherine baptized and chrismated on March 4, 1976 in Holy Asension Church, Nanty-Glo, PA. Child of Peter Brinzo Jn. and Bernadette Purce. Sponsors: Betty Charnesky and John-Anthony Purce. Celebrated by Fr. George Hnatko.

Datsko, Milana baptized and chrismated on January 28, 2023 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Volodymyr Datsko and Oksana Khrun. Sponsors: Victor Hernandez and Viktoriia Khoroshchak. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

Khovan, William baptized and chrismated on January 22, 2023 in St. Panteleimon Parish Church, Brooklyn, NY. Child of Vladislav Khovan and Lesya Khovan. Sponsors: Danny Khovan and Tanya Betsa. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

Reva, Oksana Nikolaevna baptized and chrismated on January 14, 2023 in St. Andrew Memorial Church,

S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Nikolay Alexandrovich Reva and Lisaneyla Eliesthet Almonte. Sponsors: Lubomyr Skorobogach and Stephanie Pena. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

Teixeira, Sandy chrismated on November 12, 2022 in St. Mary's Protection Church, Bridgeport, CT. Child of Victor Teixeria and Vanderlandia Almedia. Sponsors: and Pani Debra Masliuk. Celebrated by V. Rev. Stephen Masliuk.



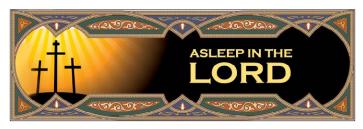




Theodore Ki Holbrook and Ruth Anne Mowery in Holy Resurrection Mission Parish, Waynesville, NC, on October 15, 2022, witnessed by Jessica Baldwin. Celebrant: V. Rev. Anthony Perkins.

Alexander S. Masliuk and Sandy Teixeira in St. Mary Protectress Parish, Bridgeport, CT, on November 11, 1993, witnessed by Kristin Masliuk and Christina Teixeria. Celebrant: V. Rev. Stephen Masliuk.

Henry Delafield Wolf and Anastasia Elizabeth Kuzda in St. Nicholas Pro-Cathedral Parish, Lakewood, OH, on August 15, 1963, witnessed by Andrea Brooke and Kaitlyn Zaveski. Celebrant: V. Rev. Dennis Kristof



Canyo, Roberta Lynn of Niles, OH on January 19, 2023 at the age of 71 years, officiating clergy Rev. Mykola Zomchak of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Youngstown, OH 44509.

Ewanish, Joseph S of Youngstown, OH on December 21, 2022 at the age of 87 years, officiating clergy Rev. Mykola Zomchak of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Youngstown, OH 44509.

Fomby, Bobbie Nell of Bethlehem, PA on December 19, 2022 at the age of 89 years, officiating clergy Rev. Richard Jendras of St. Mary Cathedral Parish, Allentown, PA 18102.

Hura, Mykola of Independence, OH on December 29, 2022 at the age of 96 years, officiating clergy Very. Rev. John Nakonachny of St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH 44134.

Kozy, Sylvia of Coopersburg, PA on January 19, 2023 at the age of 89 years, officiating clergy Rev. Richard Jendras of St. Mary Cathedral Parish, Allentown, PA 18102.

Prokopec Jr., John of Avon, CT on January 19, 2023 at the age of 95 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Andrii Pokotylo of St. Mary's Parish, New Britain, CT 06051.

Romanosky, Albert J. of North Fort Myers, FL on January 11, 2023 at the age of 94 years, officiating clergy Fr. Nicholas Dilendorf of Holy Ghost Parish, Coatesville, PA 19320.



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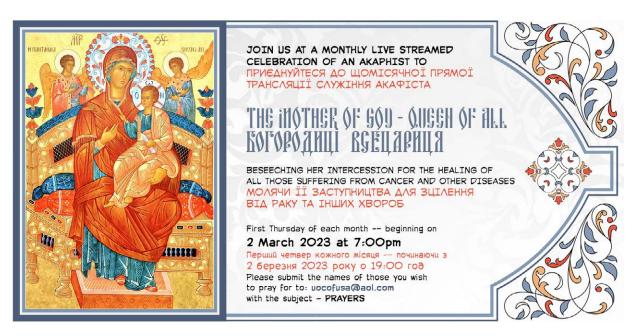
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Adoration of the Cross
March 19
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Venerable John Climacus (of the Ladder)
March 26

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