**MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER**

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

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

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

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

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

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

ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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

In our Risen Lord’s All-Encompassing Love,

+ ANTONY
By the Grace of God, Metropolitan

6 May, 2022
Beloved brethren: CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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

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

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

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony
PO Box 495
South Bound Brook, NJ 08880

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

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

+DANIEL
Archbishop and brother in the Lord

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

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


Very Rev. Fr. John Haluzchak, pastor of St. Vladimir UOC parish in Pittsburgh, PA was absent from the liturgical services due to his COVID-19 infection diagnosis. Parishioners from many parishes in the PA and OH areas were present at the service.

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

Upon completion of the Liturgy, Archbishop Daniel addressed the assembled faithful and reflected on his personal relationship with Metropolitan Constantine – both the serious and the humorous moments. Vladyka Daniel asked all present to contemplate during their prayers on the ways that Metropolitan Constantine touched their lives, stating that the only real way that we can memorialize our late Metropolitan is to live the life of PRAYER – a willingness to give of oneself as Metropolitan Constantine did during the years of his archpastoral service in the life of the Church.

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

Photos by Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan
Beloved in the Lord: CHRIST IS RISEN!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In our Lord's all-encompassing Love,

+ Antony
By the Grace of God, Metropolitan

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

As a brisk breeze blew, causing the flags of the United States and Ukraine to snap sharply, the bells began to toll as the church and Ukraine to see so many people here this day for this Memorial Service. He continued by expressing that we commemorate all those who died in service in defense of our nation, to defend our freedom, and to lay down their lives for independence. Some of these individuals were so young that they could not have contemplated what they would face; some as young as 14 years of age, willingly signed up to defend their freedom, and to lay down their lives for independence. Some of these individuals were so young that they could not have contemplated what they would face; some as young as 14 years of age, willingly signed up to defend their freedom.

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

This is a powerful day which has been set aside for this remembrance and it is one we cannot ever fail to serve. For the veterans who are here today and anywhere we want, and this privilege has been passed down from generation to generation to generations throughout all the centuries of existence of our nation thanks to those who fought and died for our freedom.

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

- Revolutionary War - 4,435
- War of 1812 - 2,260
- Indian wars – 1,000
- Mexican war – 13,283
- Civil war – 625,000
- Spanish American War – 2,446
- World War I – 116,516
- World War II – 405,399
- Korean War – 36,516
- Vietman War - 90,220
- Persian Gulf War – 1,585
- Afghanistan War – 4,550

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

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

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

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

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

This is what Ukraine is currently facing, and wishing to achieve – freedom for future generations. He concluded by thanking all of today’s ongoing war, Ukraine will fight to allow us to live in freedom.

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

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

Photos by Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan

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

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

With His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora present, Archbishop Daniel entered the church and having been greeted and giving his blessing to all present he proceeded to the center of the Nave, flanked by over 20 clergy who had traveled long distances to participate in this joyous event.

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

Fr. Stephen retold a story about a teacher asking her pupils to draw her a picture of anything they experienced over the summer. One boy drew a fish, another drew a car, and then she came to another boy’s drawing and no matter how experienced over the summer. One boy drew a fish, another drew a car, and then she came to another boy’s drawing and no matter how curious she was about what he was drawing, to which he replied that he was drawing God. The teacher explained that nobody knows what God looks like, to which the boy replied that if she had left him alone, he would have finished his drawing and she would have known what God looked like.

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

As the Divine Liturgy continued, prayed, “…For you are the Offerer and the Offered, the Receiver and the Received, O Christ our
The archbishop, wearing his miter, was seated in the bishop’s chair which had been placed in front of the altar, a little to the left side, so as not to have the Archbishop’s back to the altar itself. As the candidate knelted before His Eminence, the archbishop blessed him and gave him counsel. He removed the Aër from the deacon’s shoulders and placed it upon the altar. V. Rev. Yuriy Sviiko and V. Rev. Stephen Hutnick now took the young deacon by his arms and led him around the altar table, stopping to kiss each corner. Reaching the Northwest corner, Deacon Myroslav kneeled before the sitting Archbishop and kissed his Very Eminence, which is a diamond shaped cloth that hangs from his right hip and denotes him as a “soldier” of Christ, and symbolizes the Word of God, fighting the wiles of the enemy.

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

This whole time the choir joyously sang:

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

Glory to you, Christ our God, the Almighty and the Consoler; who hast put to death the enemy of all mankind, put them to death, and trample upon them. Pray You, that the Christ may be seemed alongside You, before Your altar, to proclaim the Gospel of Your kingdom, to minister the word of Your truth, to offer to You spiritual gifts and sacrifices, to renew Your people through the font of regeneration, that when He shall go to meet You, at the second coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ Your only-begotten Son, He may receive the reward of good stewardship in the order given to him, through the plentitude of Your goodness.

O Isaiah dance with joy, for the Virgin is indeed with child and brought forth a son, Emmanuel. Who came both as God and man, Day-at-the-Dawn is his name, and by magnifying him, we call the Virgin blessed.

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

As prayers from around the world were raised, His Eminence prayed, The divine grace, which always heals that which is infirm and completes that which is lacking, ordains the most devout Deacon Myroslav to the office of Priest. Let us, therefore, pray for him, that the grace of the All-Holy Spirit may come upon him. O God, great in might and inscrutable in wisdom, marvelous in counsel above the sons of men: You the same Lord, fill with the gift of Your Holy Spirit this new priest, toWhich is his name, and by magnifying him, we call the Virgin blessed. who have fought the good fight and received crowns, everlasteth before the Lord, to have mercy on our souls.

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For blessed and glorified is Your all-holy and majestic name, of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now, and ever and to the ages of ages.

Archbishop Daniel then raised newly ordained priest Myroslav to his feet, removed the deacon’s stole, and presented the new priest with a service book, and then brought him fully vested forward to present to the people and introduce them to newly ordained Father Myroslav.

With a bashful smile, and tears of humility and joy shining in his eyes, Fr. Myroslav stepped down from the ambo to rejoice with his biggest supporter, his wife Christina, sharing an emotional hug, as he then turned to his longest supporter, his mother who had flown in from Ukraine, and shared a tearful hug before returning to the altar. The new priest greeted his longest supporter, his mother who had flown in from Ukraine, and shared a tearful hug before returning to the altar. The new priest greeted his longest supporter, his mother who had flown in from Ukraine, and shared a tearful hug before returning to the altar. The new priest greeted his longest supporter, his mother who had flown in from Ukraine, and shared a tearful hug before returning to the altar. The new priest greeted his longest supporter, his mother who had flown in from Ukraine, and shared a tearful hug before returning to the altar. The new priest greeted his longest supporter, his mother who had flown in from Ukraine, and shared a tearful hug before returning to the altar.

After the consecration of the Holy Gifts, Father Myroslav came and stood before the Altar as Archbishop Daniel handed him the consecrated Lamb saying: “Receive this Divine Trust, and preserve it whole and unharmed until your last breath, because you will be held to an accounting therefore in the Second...
and Awesome Coming of our Great Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ, at which time He will demand It from you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony stepped forward to give Fr. Myroslav counsel. He instructed the young priest to pray unceasingly, that the Lord should guide him and help him in his ministry. His Eminence asked that the young man throw himself deeply into his calling, that he ask the Holy Spirit for the words needed in every situation he faces, and remember that he has been called to serve, and not to rule. He reminded him that God has given him everything he needs to be successful in his ministry.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All along the road leading up to the church steps were placards lying upon the ground. The 550 photos were of lives cut short, images of the destruction of a peaceful land, of hopes destroyed, and futures stolen. The images showed death and destruction, tortured bodies, tear-streaked faces, terror, and anguish. In the middle of each set of images, yellow salt was made of salt. 225 candles representing 225 children slaughtered by the Russian military. The children were the light and the salt of the earth, and were now being remembered by salt volutes, their flames flickering beneath the open sky.

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

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

As they ascended the steps of the church, they were warmly greeted by the children of the Ukrainian School, who showered them with roses. Exchanging smiles and hugs with the children, the hierarchs entered the narthex and were greeted by Pani Lesia Siwko (outer garment) was then put on His Eminence, representing the seamless garment of Christ, whose priesthood the bishop is a successor of through the Apostles, followed by the Epigonation (the square cloth hung at his right side) symbolizing “sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.” This shield symbolizes that the hierarchy is bestowed with authority to go forth, and guided by God’s own grace to uphold the teachings of Christ, with humility and justice. A wide cloth was then placed around Metropolitan’s shoulders, the Omophor, which is symbolic of Christ the Good Shepherd who goes in search of the lost lamb and gently carries it on His shoulders back to the awaiting flock.

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

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

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

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

Surrounded by the faithful who stood to either side of the church steps and flanked by the ranks of priests all dressed Paschal White, the hierarchs stood on the platform before the church and with their voices echoing off the church and carrying the breeze they praised for all the souls lost during the current aggression in Ukraine, but also for all those souls lost during the Holodomor, and additional genocides in the history of Ukraine, for the souls of the defenders of Ukraine, as well as all the men and women who had served in the American Armed Forces, innocent infants who are generations removed from their relatives, giving Hope for the souls of the family and loved ones who had fallen asleep in the Lord, and for all Orthodox Christians throughout the world.

In his remarks prior to the beginning of the Memorial service, Archbishop Daniel invited all in attendance to walk in silence through the rows of 550 photos displayed, honoring the innocent lives, yet looking at the photos in order to see and comprehend the EVIL of the attempted Russian invasion of Ukraine. Vladimir reminded
Having prayed for the souls of all those who had reposed in the Lord, the hierarchs returned to the church, as the clergy and faithful spread throughout the St. Andrew Cemetery to visit and pray at the graves of parishioners, family, and loved ones.

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

Sweet endings for the pilgrimage were to be had at St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary, as the Consistory Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry hosted an “Ice Cream Social.” Young and younger gathered to enjoy a bowl of ice-cream with a variety of sprinkles. As they delighted in the
His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, accompanied by seminarians of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary (South Bound Brook, NJ) Reader Andrii Vatrych and Andrii Akulenko, visited St. Anthony of the Desert Ukrainian Orthodox Mission in Las Cruces, New Mexico on the weekend of Myrrh-bearing Women – May 6-8, 2022.

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

Archbishop Daniel and seminarians arrived on Friday evening and had an opportunity to visit with Fr. Mark Phillips, learning about the pastoral successes of the mission. On Saturday afternoon Vladyka Daniel met with a dozen parishioners, including members of the parish council, addressing pastoral questions and offering theological spiritual guidance to those in preparation for the Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation.

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

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

On Sunday at the Divine Liturgy for the Myrrh-Bearing Women, Fr. Mark Phillips, assisted by the representatives of the mission's board administration and the youth of the community formally greeted the eparchial bishop to the parish.

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

In his remarks, following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Mark once again welcomed the archbishop to the mission and called upon the youth of the parish to present Vladyka with a gift of tasty treat, everyone enjoyed each other's company. All too soon, the ice cream was gone, and it was time to leave.

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

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

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

Thus, led by the flower brigade, along with men carrying church banners of St. Volodymyr and St. Olga, and a number of Altar Servers, Archbishop Daniel arrived at the open doors of the church. Ascending the steps, he was greeted with the traditional bread and salt by the parish administrators, and entering the Nave was welcomed by parish priest, V. Rev. Peter Levko.

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

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

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

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

As the last of the plates were cleared away, the children of the Ukrainian School climbed on stage and chased away all the sorrow and worry and replaced them with joy and hope. The youngsters dressed in their Ukrainian vyshyvanky sang and recited poetry, making their parents and teachers proud.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Speaking at the end of the service, Fr. Vasyl greeted everyone gathered on the occasion and reflected on the role everyone played in the life of the parish—the role they had and the role the church had on their own personal lives. Reflecting on his own pastoral journey the last nine years at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr. Vasyl emphasized on the importance and value of everyone who was gathered together. Fr. Vasyl spoke of the weddings that took place, the children who were baptized, the parishioners who passed away, Fr. Oleg who was ordained to the deaconate at the parish just a few years ago, the seminarians who sang (or sing) or now serve at the altar. All those gathered were not only there for their own parish and their faith—but for each other as well. Fr. Vasyl acknowledged the current members and supporters present at the celebration—the Ratai Families, Marinich Families, Vakulchik Family, Hlushko Family, Honcharenko & Andrec Families, the Pasakas Family, the gathered clergy and seminarians. Fr. Vasyl also reflected on the recent passing of long time member, devoted altar server, and parish president Andy Olear, who recently passed away at the beginning of the year. These were blessings which Father Vasyl will cherish forever.

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

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

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

Photos by Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan and Dobrodidka Oksana Pasakas
On May 22, 2022, as the brightly colored lilacs swayed gently in the morning breeze, filling the air with a sweet fragrance, the faithful of St. Vladimir’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, paused to enjoy the perfumed air before ascending the steps to the church.

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

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

His Eminence told of the time during the Second World War when an Army Chaplain tried to minister to a soldier who refused to believe, did not wish to speak with the chaplain, and even made every effort to avoid him. At one point the chaplain came to visit the soldier and spoke with him, not for five or ten minutes, but, for over an hour. The chaplain was amazed, and when the bishop stood and the soldier left, he asked him what did he say to the soldier? What words of wisdom and theology did he share, that the man sat and spoke for over an hour with him? The bishop smiled and told him he first asked how the soldier’s mother was and when the bishop stood and the soldier left, he asked him what did the soldier say to the soldier? What words of wisdom and theology did he share, that the man sat and spoke for over an hour with him?

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

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

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

We need to step off the busy highway of life, which leads us in circles, and embark upon our journey over the bridge. We need to slow down and refuel our souls. As we pull over for coffee at Starbucks, we need to pull over and refuel our souls, stimulate them. We need to refocus on Christ, His Teachings, the Saints, the Martyrs, and get inspired and enthusiastic about our journey.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence greeted Fr. John Haluszczak, explaining that he was actually visiting the parish to celebrate Fr. John’s 30th anniversary. However, sadly, Fr. John was not with them this Sunday, due to contracting the CoVid-19 virus. Looking into the phone over which the service was being livestreamed, Archbishop Daniel greeted Fr. John, who was watching, and wished him a speedy recovery, promising to visit the parish again soon once Father was recuperated, so they could celebrate his anniversary with him.

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

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

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

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

Five representatives of the major religious communities of NJ presented prayers for His Eminence, the UOC of the USA and the people of Ukraine. The words of prayerful support were offered by Cardinal Joseph Tobin (Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark, NJ), Palas Shah, Vaishali Patel, Harish Brahmbhatt (Hindu Communities of NJ), Rabbi David Vaisberg (Jewish Communities of NJ), Imam Hamad Chebi (Muslim Communities of NJ) and Anman Seehra (Sikh Communities of NJ).

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

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

Do know in this difficult time for you and your faithful congregants we stand with you and join in prayer beseeching loving kindness and abundant Blessings upon the people of Ukraine during these days of great danger for their safety and wellbeing. We stand with you in solidarity with the Ukrainian Churches in New Jersey. We lift up in our prayers Ukrainian brothers and sisters here in New Jersey whom many are deeply concerned about their loved ones who are living in Ukraine. We continue to discern ways in this tragic moment that we can witness together as people of faith seeking justice and peace for your beloved homeland. We will encourage members in our faith communities to lift up the people of Ukraine in prayer. We offer up these prayers in the many names of our Sacred Creator whose desire for us is to live in peace with one another.

Following the presentation, Archbishop Daniel spoke to those in attendance about the importance of peace. He continued “…We bishops, clergy and people all understand each other because we have all suffered at the hands of those who seek to destroy us, and to wipe us from the face of the earth. But, by the Grace of God we rise each time, like a phoenix from the ashes. We rise, and we build anew. It is impossible for the invaders to destroy the soul of the nation. The nation is the people. It is not the physical state, but the people. Through all the numerous invasions Ukraine has suffered, even the numerous times in this last century, the Holodomor, the Soviet repression, the expulsion of millions of Ukrainians to Siberia and imminent death, our people were hurt, they were crushed, and yet still deep inside, within their hearts and souls, they knew who they were, they knew from where they came, and they knew they had to rise up again and to rebuild everything that was destroyed. Today, we have the nation of Ukraine, who for 30 years enjoyed relative freedom and independence and is recognized by the entire world, including the Russian Federation, once again being savagely attacked, being killed by the thousands, women, innocent children, infirm elderly, being attacked simply because they are “in the way”. Being attacked because they do not wish to abide by the rules of a Totalitarian government. They want to continue enjoying the freedom they have tasted during these last 30 years. The freedom that they had in their hearts, for nearly the last 2,000 years.

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

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

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

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

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

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, spiritual father of the OCU of the USA, Archbishop Daniel, assisted by 30 some people – employees and volunteers of the Metropolia Center, welcomed the group of riders with the words of profound respect and gratitude for the charitable efforts - raising funds to help with the continuing humanitarian crisis unfolding in Ukraine.

Following the formal words of welcome, the seminarians of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary, dressed in their Ukrainian embroidered shirts – thus marking the International Ukrainian Embroidery Day, sang the anthem of Ukraine during which several people in attendance wiped tears as their rolled on their faces.

Standing on the steps of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Church – the very first monument in North America dedicated to the memory of the innocent victims of Genocidal Famine in Ukraine of 1932-1933, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, assisted by Very Rev. Fr, Yuriy Siwko (pastor of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, NJ), Rev. Fr. Vasyl Pasakas (pastor of the Nativity of the Birth-Giver of God Ukrainian Orthodox parish in South Plainfield, NJ), Rev. Fr. Vasyly Shak (pastor of St. Panteleimon Ukrainian Orthodox Mission in Brooklyn, NY), Rev. Fr. Ivan Tchopko, Rev. Fr. Andrii Drapak, Rev. Fr. Myroslav Mykytyuk (St. Sophia OUC Seminary) offered a Prayer for Ukraine in the time of war, concluding with the words of archpastoral blessing for those who embarked on the journey of spreading the words of Truth about the atrocities perpetrated by the Russian aggression against the peace-loving people of Ukraine.

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

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

Photos by Fr. Vasyl Pasakas, Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan, Subdeacon Pavlo Vysotskyi and Dobrodiyka Oksana Pasakas
2 months, 3 weeks and 2 days – since the beginning of the War in Ukraine...

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

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

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

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

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

The newest charitable effort of the Church is to provide food and logistical supplies to the refugees and residents of the city of Kostiantynivka (Donbas region of Ukraine).
This puzzle is a word search puzzle that has a hidden message in it.

First find all the words in the list.

Words can go in any direction and share letters as well as cross over each other.

Once you find all the words. Copy the unused letters starting in the top left corner into the blanks to reveal the hidden message.


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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

may god grant to them many happy and blessed years!

His Eminence Archbishop DANIEL Zelinsky  5/10/2008
His Eminence Archbishop DANIEL Zelinsky  5/12/2001

Rev. Volodymyr Yavorskyi  5/5/2018
V. Rev. Wolodymyr Wronskyj  5/6/1990
V. Rev. Mark Swindle  5/7/2011
V. Rev. Wolodymyr Paszko  5/10/1980
Protopresb. Alexis Limonczenko  5/17/1955
V. Rev. Peter Levko  5/19/1991
V. Rev. Stephen Hutnick  5/20/1984
Protopresb. Myron Oryhon  5/20/1979
V. Rev. Robert Holet  5/24/1981
Rev. Theophan Mackey  5/29/2014
V. Rev. Igor Krekhovetsky  5/31/1994
CHRIST IS RISEN!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours in Christ,

Elizabeth Symonenko
Editor-in-Chief

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Надішліть нам свої донесіння та фотографії!

Щиросердечні вітання духовенству та вірним Церкви з цей радісний і співлих відросяній час!

"Хто ж прийде Сім Людський у світ Світі... Тоді скаже Цар людям, хто праворуч Його: Прийдіть, благословенним Мого Отець, посягні Царство, установите вам від закладних свят. Во Його голодував будь і ви народжували Мене, пракуже і ви вносили в мене, мапричиним Йо в мене проїхався ві. Був насій і Мене здадзя ви, схлабув і Мене що відбуватися, у вкінці Йо будь і прийдіть в мене." Від Матвія 25: 31-36

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

З благословенням Високопреосвящення Митрополита Антонія, Первовірхія Української Православної Церкви США і Діаспори, та Високопреосвящення Архієпископа Даниїла, Предстоятеля Західної Східної України, наша Церква активно розпочала благодійну діяльність 24 лютого, після підписання російських ніжів на території незалежної України. Церква не тільки успішно збирала кошти, але й використала ці пожертви для допомоги Україні та біженцям з України, що вимушено були тікати, аби зберегти своє життя. На додаток до постійної молитвової підтримки, архієпископ Даниїл неодноразово ідів до Європи, щоб особисто передати допомогу, посвятити в прибрані машини швидкої допомоги, доставити продукти харчування та фінансову допомогу тим, хто в бруді.

З благословенням митрополита Антонія, наша Церква тісно співпрацює з Православною Церквою в Україні, на чолі з Предстоятелем ПЦУ Митрополитом Епіфанієм, та доставила мешканцям та закисним України понад 15 000 шахових кошників наповнених пакетами, конфетою, йогуртами, і іншими дарунками.

На додаток до усіх нашої Церкви, чимало парфії та людей відчувають на цей часки про допомогу, проводячи різноманітні акції, такі як збори одягу, збори коштів, проведення концертів, тощо, аби зберегти все необхідне для допомоги.

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

Коли ми розповідамо інформацію про те, то інші парфії та окремі люди також зможуть надихнутися і організувати щось подібне для допомоги Україні.

Будь ласка, надішліть свої матерialei головному редактору UOW за адресою: esymonenko@ucusa.net ДО 30-ГО ТРАВНЯ

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Елизавета Симоненко
реедактор
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- July 10 - 23 Teenage Conference
- August 1 - 5 Mommy/Daddy & Me
- August 5-8 St. Nicholas Program
- Aug 28- Sept 1 ASC for Adults
- September 2-5 Family Fest

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- Серпень 5-8 Програма Св. Миколая
- Серп 28 - Верес 1  Табір для Дорослих
- Вересень 2-5 Сімейне свято

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

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

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

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

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

Welcome.US
Being **MERCIFUL**
as God is merciful...
means loving with our hearts
totally alive - totally open to
the needs of those around us.
It means making little
sacrifices in our daily lives,
always looking for little ways
to be generous.
— Archbishop Daniel

Бути **МИЛОСЕРДНИМ**
як Бог милосердний...
означає любити своїм серцем
цілком будучи життя
спрямованими - повністю
відкритими для потреб тих,
хто нас оточує. Це означає
робити невеликі початкові
жертви в нашому
повсякденному житті, завжди
шукаючи маленькі способи
для того, щоб бути щедрими.
— Архієпископ Даниїл

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**2**
THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
ВОЗНЕСІННЯ ГОСПОДНЕ

**5**
Seventh Sunday of Pascha
- Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
Неділя 7-ма після Пасхи
- свв. отців Першого Вселенського
Собору

**11**
Memorial Saturday
Поминальна Субота

**12**
PENTECOST - Trinity Sunday
П’ЯТІДЕСЯТНИЦЯ - День Святої Тройці

**13**
Day of The Holy Spirit
День Святого Духа

**19**
All Saints
Всіх Святих

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**24**
Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas
Апостолів Варфоломія і Варнави

**26**
All Saints of Ukraine
All Saints of Holy Mount Athos
Всіх святих землі Української
Всіх святих Афону

**28**
St. Michael, first metropolitan of Kyiv
Святителя Михаїла, першого
митрополита Київського
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Get involved in the life of your Church!
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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
June 2

UOL CONVENTION
July 27-31

Memorial Saturday
June 11

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SOBOR
October 2022

PENTECOST
June 12

Submit articles & photos
of charitable activities and fundraisers
for Ukraine to UOW Editor
June 6

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