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PROTECTION of the BIRTH-GIVER OF GOD ПОКРОВА ПРЕСВЯТОЇ БОГОРОДИЦІ



Хай Матінка Божа вас охороняє, Добро і радість з неба посилає. Хай стане на захист ваших осель, Наших солдатів та рідних земель. Хай Покровителька мир дарує. Від бід і лиха стіну міцну будує. Щоб допомагала у потребах. І лагідно завжди дивилась з неба. Metropolitan Antony Marks 36th Anniversary of Archpastoral Consecration

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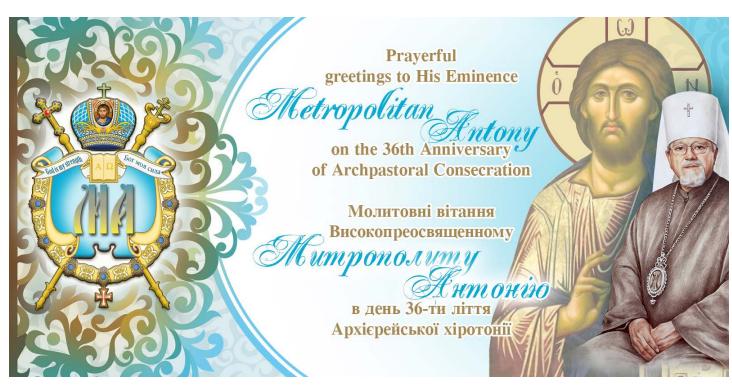
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AXIOS! METROPOLITAN ANTONY MARKS 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARCHPASTORAL CONSECRATION

Members of the Council of Metropolia, Consistory, Clergy and Faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA sincerely greet His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, the Primate of the UOC of USA, on the 36th anniversary of his archpastoral ministry.

Many years have passed, dear Vladyko, since the time of your personal Pentecost: through the Grace of the Holy Spirit, you became part of Apostolic Succession and ministry. These many years have been filled with various events, including many blessings, and trials; however, the Lord has given you the wisdom and strength required to succeed along the path you have chosen.

"Yes, Lord, You know that I love You!" (John 21:16) - such was the ancient testimony of Christ's disciples who sacrificed for the Lord and wished to serve Him selflessly. Today, is the day when you proclaimed your love for the Lord, and in response heard, "Feed my sheep" (John 21:16). This responsibility for the Lord's flock is both a wonderful blessing and a great responsibility.

Remaining faithful to your calling, not only in word, but, with your own example of love towards God and Church, you affirm Holy Orthodoxy, and kindle a flame in the hearts of our clergy and faithful.

We wish you infinite strength, spiritual joy, and God's help as you continue in your ministry. May the Lord help you as you undergo this great work of preserving Christ's flock and leading them to eternal salvation.



ВИСОКОПРЕОСВЯЩЕННИЙ МИТРОПОЛИТ АНТОНІЙ ВІДЗНАЧАЄ 36-ТУ РІЧНИЦЮ АРХИЄРЕЙСЬКОГО СЛУЖІННЯ

Рада Митрополії, Консисторія, духовенство та миряни Української Православної Церкви США сердечно вітають Високопреосвященного Митрополита Антонія, Предстоятеля УПЦ США, з 36-ю річницею архієрейського служіння.

Вже чимало років тому відбулась Ваша, дорогий Владико, особиста П'ятидесятниця: благодаттю Святого Духа Ви стали наслідником Апостольського служіння. Цей час архієрейського служіння був сповнений різними подіями, різноманітними благословеннями та випробуваннями, але Господь давав Вам мужність і силу достойно йти колись Вами обраним шляхом.

«Так, Господи, Ти знаєш, що люблю Тебе!» (Ів. 21:16) - таким було давнє свідчення учнів Христових, котрі прагнули служити Господу жертовно та самовіддано. Сьогодні той день, коли Ви принесли слова своєї любові Христу, і почули благу відповідь Господа: «Паси мої вівці» (Ів. 21:16). Ця відповідальність за Господнє стадо - і велике благословення, і велика відповідальність.

Але зберігаючи вірність своєму покликанню, Ви не тільки словом, але й власним прикладом любові до Бога і Церкви утверджуєте святе Православ'я та розпалюєте вогонь віри у серцях наших пастирів та вірних.

Бажаємо Вам невичерпної сили, духовної радості та допомоги Божої у Вашому подальншому служінні. Нехай Господь допомагає Вам у великій справі збереження стада Христового ведучи його до спасіння.



СВЯТО ПОКРОВА ПРЕСВЯТОЇ БОГОРОДИЦІ

Поміж Богородичними святами церковного року на особливу увагу заслуговує Покрова Пресвятої свято Богородиці. Культ Божої Матері, як Покровительки нашого народу, тягнеться золотою ниткою від княжих часів аж по сьогодні. Секрет того постійного, улюбленого й ревного культу Богоматері як Покровительки, лежить, мабуть, в тому, що тут ідеться не про земне, людське, але небесне й могутнє заступництво. А такого заступництва й опіки хоче кожна людина, родина й народ. Тому свято Покрова завжди було і є для нашого українського народу днем великого вияву любові і вдячності для Пресвятої Богородиці та днем радісної прослави і звеличення її покрова й заступництва.

Головний мотив, який послужив для появи цього свята, це видіння

св. Андрія Юридивого. Царгород (Константинополь) - столиця Візантії, була в облозі арабів. Ціле місто й народ був у великій тривозі. В храмі Пресвятої Богородиці на Влахернах, де переховувалася її риза, правилося всеночне Богослужіння, і храм був переповнений людьми, які широ молилися. У натовпі ревно молився за спасіння міста св. Андрій Юродивий зі своїм учнем Епіфанієм. Відправа закінчилася. Втім св. Андрій побачив, як від головних вхідних дверей церкви йшла, світлом осяяна, Пресвята Богородиця у супроводі Святого Івана Хрестителя і святого Івана Богослова та при співі великого хору Святих. Божа Мати підходить до престола, вклякає, довго молиться і заливається сльозами. Відтак встає, здіймає зі своєї голови преясну хустку-покровомофор, і широко простирає її

над народом у церкві. Видіння зникає. Св. Андрій і Епіфаній, які бачили це видіння, зрозуміли, що Пресвята Богомати прийшла, щоб рятувати місто. Подія чуда блискавично рознеслася по всьому місті. Вороги відступили. Місто було врятоване. Від тієї хустки-покрова і свято дістало свою назву. Покров-омофор стали символом опіки і заступництва Пречистої Діви Марії.

Хто був св. Андрій Юродивий? Загально історики припускають, що він своїм походженням був скіфом-слов'янином з південних земель Русі-України. Він з іншими невільниками опинився в Царгороді в одного багатого пана. Тут він пізнав і полюбив християнську віру. Роздумуючи над словами св. Апостола Павла: "Ми нерозумні Христа ради, ви ж у Христі розумні" (1 Кор. 4, 10), він почав поводитися як нерозумнийюродивий, звідси і його назва. Діставши від пана свободу, він багато часу проводив у молитві й читанні Святих книг.

Православна Церква у своїх залюбки богослужіннях підкреслює три найкращі привілеї Пресвятої Богородиці: її Богоматеринство, її Вседівицтво і її Заступництво за нас перед Богом і якраз цей третій привілей Божої Матері найбільше припав до серця нашому народу. Наші князі, наше військо, наші козаки й гетьмани радо вибирали Пречисту Діву Марію за свою Покровительку й Опікунку.

Князь Ярослав Мудрий 1036 р. розбиває печенігів і з вдячності до Бога і Його Пресвятої Матері будує в Києві собор Святої Софії і храм Благовіщення на Золотих Воротах. В церкві Благовіщення він 1037 р. віддає увесь народ в опіку Божої Матері. І так, Пресвята Богородиця стає офіційною

Заступницею, Покровителькою і Царицею нашого українського народу.

До Неї в тяжкі хвилини прибігали наші князі і їхнє військо. Князь Мстислав, в поході черкесів обіцяє збудувати церкву в честь Божої Матері, якщо Вона допоможе йому перемогти ворога. Він перемагає і радо виконує свою обітницю.

нязь Володимир Мономах у своїх споминах каже, що свою перемогу над половцями завдячує Богові і Пречистій Діві Марії. Наші князі і їхнє військо йдучи в похід проти половців у 1103 р., складали обіти Богові і Пречистій Діві Марії, і розбили половців. Князь Ігор Святославович, герой епосу "Слово о полку Ігореві", після своєї втечі з полону, йде з поклоном до чудотворної ікони Божої Матері, щоб їй подякувати за поміч і порятунок. Деякі наші князі на своїх печатках використовували іконки Божої Матері або молитви до Неї.

Нашіславні Запорожці малина Січі церкву в честь Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці з іконою її Покрова. На іконі понад Пречистою був надпис: "Ізбавлю і покрию люди моя.. ", а від Запорожців, що під іконою, простягнена стрічка вгору до Божої Матері з написом: "Молим, покрий нас чесним Твоїм покровом і ізбави нас от всякого зла". Вибираючись в похід на ворога, козаки проводили молебень до своєї Покровительки і ревно співали "Під Твою милість прибігаємо". Повернувшись щасливо з походу, спішили до Неї зі щирою подякою. В їхній бойовій пісні "Нумо, хлопці, до зброї" є такі слова: "Нам поможе св. Юрій ще

В часах всенародного лихоліття, Її свята ікона знаходиться в кожній українській хаті. Історія нашого народу записала нам багато чудесних випадків помочі Божої Матері, передусім у часі нападу ворогів на нашу землю.

Кому незнана чудесна захорона почаївського монастиря в липні о. Євген Кумка

1675 р. перед турецькою облогою? На ревну молитву монахів і вірних Пресвята Богородиця з'явилася над монастирською церквою і своїм омофором заслонила монастир. Ту чудесну подію увіковічнила пісня в честь Божої Матері "Ой, зійшла зоря вечеровая над Почаевом стала".. Згадуючи про страшні татарські напади і небесну опіку Пречистої Діви Марії, хроніка каже: "Народ переляканий і збідований втікав до своєї церковці, падав на коліна перед іконою Божої Матінки, молився гаряче й ніколи не був позбавлений її опіки".

віримо, гаряча й Пречиста Мати турка подолати". набожність нашого народу до Пресвятої Богородиці, як своєї Покровительки й Заступниці, є найкращою запорукою, що Вона нашого народу ніколи не залишить і заступиться за нас перед своїм Сином та випросить в Нього ту превелику ласку, що на наших рідних землях пануватиме вічно царство її Божого Сина.



PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

"O Mother of God, sheltered by the people. It was beneath her Thy coming / we faithful people today keep refuge. Accounts vary as to how the feast in joy, / and looking at Thy most pure believed that the Lord, through the image. / moved to the depths of our hearts, we say: / Protect us with Thy precious Veil and deliver us from every ill, / by entreating Christ, Thy Son and our God. / to save our souls." (Tropar in tone 4 - Protection of the Mother of God)

Early one morning, two sisters were getting ready for school, as one sister walked out of her room with one pillow on her back and one pillow on her chest. Her sister asked, "why do you have pillows on you?" "Well," she said, "the pillow on my chest is to protect from all the boys that will break my heart. And the pillow on my back is to protect me from all the friends that will stab me in the back."

We all have, at one time or another, felt like that sister who needed protection from the hurts and pains of our earthly life. The same was for the residents of Constantinople in the early tenth century (c. 911 A.D.), as they were under siege from pre-Christian Slavs. Threatened, overwhelmed and full of fear, the inhabitants of Constantinople turned to prayer. The people were able to assemble in the Church of the Mother of God at Vlakherna (Blachernae) where a relic; of the veil of the Virgin Mary was kept for veneration. During the all-night vigil service, Righteous Andrew fool-for-Christ, saw a vision of the Mother of God carrying her veil which she stretched out over the city and all

protection that all could come for siege ended, however the faithful prayers of His Most Holy Mother, had preserved their city from certain destruction.

One might say, "nice story, Father, but what meaning does it have for me 1100 years later?" This feast reminds us that, like the Orthodox faithful who have come before us, we are to remember and cherish the good things that have been done for us. The Divine Liturgy is a wonderful example of how we are to work together in the corporate nature of prayer. Praying not only with those who are standing next to us but with the countless millions who have returned to the earth from which they were taken.

The universe is made up of two parts, spiritual and physical, and we stand at the edge of these two worlds. The Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God shows us the union of these two worlds. The miracle of this feast is that it was witnessed by the faithful and it was made visible to the human eye. It is a reminder to us that the Mother of God and all the saints are so close to us that they pray together with us in our churches.

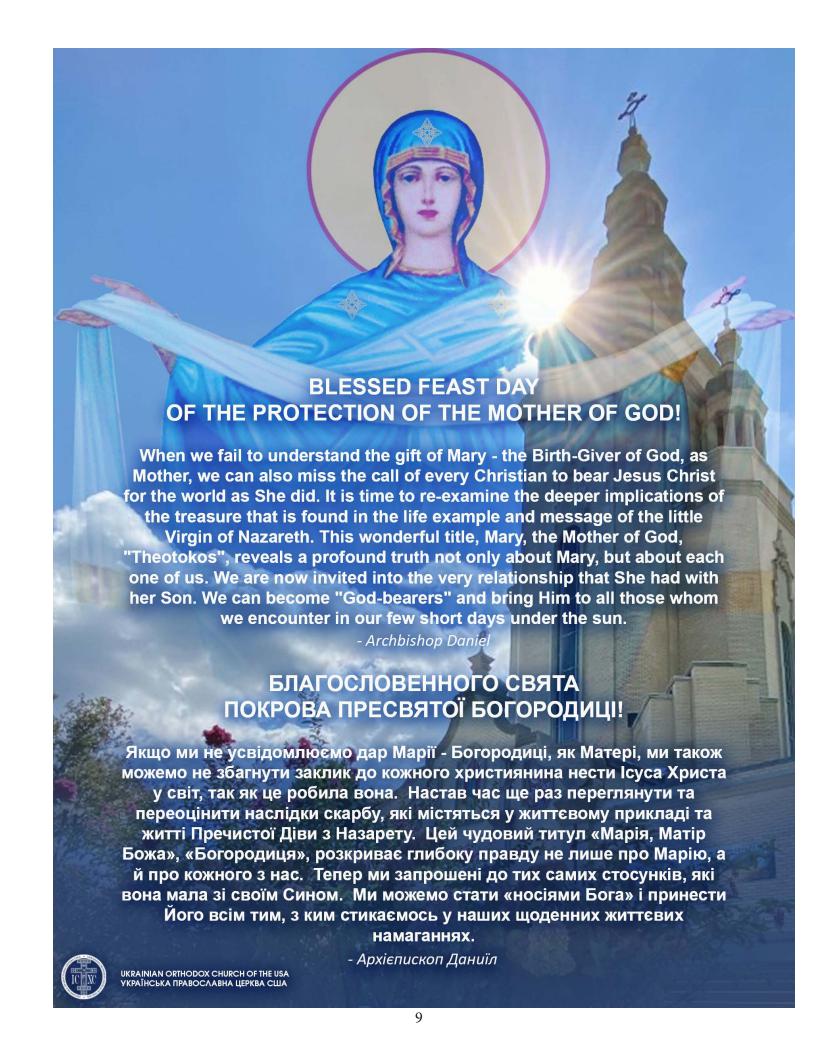
We must remember that if we are to witness this vision we must shake off our blindness that comes from the darkness from within. If we have a revulsion against things, it is so often from the way in which we are centered on ourselves and can not look with serenity, with a purity of heart. Ultimately, we see not only with our physical eyes which convey Fr. Myron Oryhon to us impressions, but with a heart

that can see God only when it is pure. We see not only God in His mysterious being, but God in His presence through grace and beauty and blessings such as the miracle of the Protection of the Mother of God. Saint Isaac the Syrian says, "that a person who has got a clear eye and a pure heart does no longer see the darkness in the world because this darkness is superseded by the shining of the divine grace at work and resting on all things, however dark they may appear".

The Holy Orthodox Spiritual Mothers and Fathers tell us plainly that the saints see everything as holy. They say that only the sinful see the sins of others. What strange statements. How counter-intuitive! But what this means is that the holy see the deepest realities. With their enlightened senses they look with compassion on everything and see things as they really are, such as the sojourner who was delighted with all things. If we are not yet able to see like that, to the essential heart of things, then we know we are far from where we want to be.

Let us be vigilant to see with purity, to interpret with purity of heart and to act with love. Then we shall be able to see freely the divine light shining on the world and in the world. In this manner we can better love, serve, and be part of the world which God given us.

All of us are capable of ascending the heights of holiness. This is God's promise for everyone, His help is assured, whether or not we succeed, depends entirely on us.





The Clergy Conference of 2021 was planned, as is normal for our annual conclave, to take place at the Metropolia Center, the heart of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in South Bound Brook/ Somerset, NJ. When I received the notification from our hierarchs of these plans for our regular three-day Clergy Conference, I was thrilled about the possibility of a return to a further sense of normality. However, due to rising cases of Covid Delta variant and new travel restrictions in different states throughout the USA. and hesitance of many to travel, the conference was changed to a Zoom format as we have done in the past two years. It was convened on 9 October with Their Eminences Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel hosting us in loving fashion.

Ninety-five of our brothers logged in to the meeting constituting the largest attendance in decades. Archbishop Daniel welcomed us all with great enthusiasm and led us in prayer for the Guidance of the Holy Spirit in our discussions and Metropolitan Antony gave an archpastoral blessing asking at the same time that the Grace inspired into each of us especially during our

ordinations would prevail throughout our time together. Even though it was a virtual-video format, it was a joy to be in the presence of brother cleray. It is so spiritually magnificent to be connected in prayer with one another even though we were so far away from one another physically.

He offered a reflection on faith. He asked us all to recited the Creed of Faith together as a basis for what he wanted to communicate to us. His Eminence touched the issue of living the Faith as clergymen on a daily, hour by hour, basis especially during the crisis of this ongoing pandemic together with the profound political and societal divisions we are experiencing as a nation. This is the reality we live in and it has definitely influenced our faith in one way and the manner in which we conduct ourselves as priests of Christ's Body. However, according to His Eminence declared, however that this is NOT a time to let our guards down or fall into a despair, but a time to work even harder in the contemplation of that very essential. "I believe in..." with which we begin that Creed, because "I believe in" is an expression of commitment. When we believe in someone. we identify with that person, a relationship exists between us. The Metropolitan emphasized that what we believe is what we become. What or Who we believe in, we accept and embrace, allow it to influence our views and our actions.

We must ask ourselves every day the very simple "Is my belief enough? How much to I trust God? How much to I trust His providence?" He said that it is one thing to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; it is guite another to believe IN the Son of God. It is one thing to believe that Jesus Christ reveals God's will to us in the Gospels; it is quite another to believe IN what He says and what He does and what He commands. It is one thing to have a mountaintop experience with Him – like the three disciples did at the Transfiguration and we did at the moment of our ordinations; it is quite another to come down from the mountaintop WITH Him. It is one thing to kneel before Him; it quite another to FOLLOW him and share IN His ministry of healing and reconciling and caring. This belief IN Christ and sharing His ministry must, without ANY EXCEPTION ever, be primary for each of us as His priests.

The first presentation of the Clergy Conference followed. As a recipient for tens of thousands of dollars from the UOC of USA and its St. Andrew Society, Metropolitan Serhiy of Donetsk and Mariupol (Orthodox Church of Ukraine), joined the meeting to offer his reflections on the ministry of the Diocese located just seven kilometers from the front line during the times of the ongoing invasion war in Eastern Ukraine. His Eminence wanted to share the goodness that has become reality because of the love and compassion of our faithful here in the USA. It was so timely to hear about the troubles His Eminence and his priests have endured for nearly a decade. It was a powerful inspiration for our clergy to hear how much the Metropolitan, his clergy ad faithful have sacrificed to continue to serve God and His people in the war-torn Eastern Ukraine.

Even though, clergymen of His Eastern diocese were persecuted, arrested, tortured, seen their wives raped and their church temples desecrated, they have not abandoned their priestly ministry to the people, which includes not only spiritual care but also humanitarian care - because of their belief IN our Lord and their commitment to His ministry. They have established hospitals to care for wounded, they have established soup kitchens serving hot meals every day. As well as they have established homes to care for the elderly displaced by war.

Metropolitan Serhiv has expressed his gratitude to our hierarchs and to all the clergy and faithful of the UOC of USA for an ongoing support of their ministry. In so many instances, that support meant life or death to many of his faithful. The Bishop and his clergy truly serve the needs of their people on every level. It was truly moving to listen to the presentation of Metropolitan Serhiy. It made us all think. It made

what we have been blessed with despite the pandemic we've been dealing with for the last 18 months. Most importantly, it reminded us that "what we believe is what we become"! These are true servants of our Lord IN His ministry.

Deacon Ihor Mahlay concluded the presentation of Metropolitan Serhiy with comments about the work of St. Andrew Society in funneling donations from our faithful to heal the lives of people affected so long by life in war-torn Eastern Ukraine. He called upon the clergy to support these efforts as best they can. Archbishop Daniel announced that the Consistory has approved a grant for the purchase of 25 tons of coal to fuel the furnaces keeping the elderly warm during the coming winter Metropolitan Antony our Church remains committed to supporting these vital assistance efforts as much as possible.

The second presentation of the conference was offered by Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon the director of Consistory Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. She reminded the clergy of the importance of taking the Youth Ministry Survey posted on staying more connected with one our church website on the Youth Ministry page. She also guided the clergy through the constantly updated website of youth ministry; Metropolitan Antony assured us all in www.uocyouth.org, which has a lot of resources for those who work in educating and ministering to the youth at our parishes. She explained the unique curriculums created to address the needs of today's youth. The offered courses of distant learning to enhance the knowledge of Sunday School teachers were mentioned as well. Everyone agreed that the strong network of communication must be maintained by priests in order to share the ideas implemented and proven successes in their pastoral ministry. Natalie declared that she

you be more grateful to God for is available to any of our clergy who need assistance in developing a youth ministry in their parishes. She emphasized that numbers do not matter. Even if there are just a few children, we have the sacred responsibility to ensure that the learn how to live their Holy Orthodox Faith on a daily basis.

> The remaining time of the Clergy Conference 2021 was devoted to a discussion of pastoral concerns during the pandemic and beyond and the sharing of pastoral experiences throughout the pandemic. "Priests definitely need priests in their lives" as His Eminence Metropilitan Antony frequently quotes V. Rev. George Hnatko, and such opportunities as these, where any priest present has the opportunity to express his thoughts, emotions, needs and ideas, inviting his brothers to comment and share their thoughts is extremely important. It felt awesome to hear other priests and their successful ministry despite the unprecedented times of pandemic. When there are so many of the clergy gathered together, time proves to be short and certainly not everyone had the opportunity to speak. We must definitely put more effort into another, even if it is only via video meeting on the Zoom platform.

> that at next year's conference will be all be gathered together even if we still have to practice distancing, certainly by that time life will be more "normal" - whatever the real definition of it is. Together, it will be possible for us to break into our usual small groups to discuss and report upon the special topics or issues of the day. His Eminence led us in a closing prayer, beseeching a powerful blessing upon each of us so that our belief IN our Lord truly becomes part of BEING His ministry.

- By Fr. Vasyl Sendeha



Tuesday, October 05, 2021

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America convened in person for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, in Washington, D.C. October 2-5 for its 10th Anniversary Meeting. This is the first inperson meeting presided over by Archbishop Elpidophoros. Twentynine Hierarchs participated inperson and were joined by seven Hierarchs who participated virtually. In their opening session, they called to mind the losses suffered over the past year and a half, due to the global pandemic, and offered prayers for the continued health and recovery of the faithful and all people.

The events began on October 2nd hosted by the parish. with a meeting of the Executive Committee. Later that evening, all the Bishops gathered at Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Charity Event at the Museum of Church in Potomac, Maryland for Great Vespers, presided over where a panel of youth and young by Metropolitan Joseph, Vice- adults presented challenges and Chairman of the Assembly. A opportunities facing the youth today reception hosted by the parish as well as how the Church can

for local clergy and their families followed.

On Sunday, October 3rd, members of the Executive Committee -Archbishop Elpidophoros (GOA). Metropolitan Joseph (AOCA), Bishop Irinei (SOC), Metropolitan Nicolae (ROC), Bishop Saba (GOC), Metropolitan Tikhon (OCA), and Metropolitan Gregory (ACROD) concelebrated the Divine Liturgy at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Washington, D.C. This historic event was the first time the Assembly opened with a concelebration of the heads and representatives of the jurisdictions, fostering the bond of love and communion. The sermon was offered by Metropolitan Tikhon. After the liturgy, they engaged with the faithful during a reception

The Bishops then engaged the local faithful at a Networking the Bible on Sunday evening,

support youth in remaining faithful. At the conclusion of the panel, all the participants joined the Bishops in assembling hygiene kits to be distributed by IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) to those in need.

In his opening remarks on Monday, October4, Archbishop Elpidophoros, Chairman of the Assembly, shared his joy that the Hierarchs were able to gather in person this year, continuing their 10th Anniversary Celebration. He also expressed sorrow at the falling asleep in the Lord since the last gathering of Metropolitan Theodosius of the OCA, Metropolitan Maximos of the GOA, and Archbishop David of the OCA; and joyfully welcomed the new members to their first Assembly meeting.

The Chairman spoke about unity in diversity: "Orthodoxy, as we all know, is not a federation of Churches, but a family – a very large global family." He also spoke about the current climate in America and challenges posed by the culture, and the Assembly's responsibility to be a unified voice defending

the traditions of the Church, while being balanced and above all else pastoral. In order to see the Chairman's full address, click here.

In 2020, the Hierarchs declared 2021 the "Year of the Youth." Thus, a highlight of this gathering was the formation of two new transformational Assembly Agencies focused on serving youth and young adults to better address their needs. A pan-Orthodox Agency for Youth and Young Adults will prepare and provide effective resources, programs, tools, and gatherings to assist ministry workers, clergy, parishes and parents in order to form and strengthen future generations of engaged and faithful Orthodox Christians. The new Orthodox Volunteer Corps will respond to the deep desire of our Orthodox young adults to serve others, by providing year-long immersive service opportunities in nonprofit organizations. These two new Agencies will continue the Assembly of Bishops' focus on youth and young adults.

The Assembly also reviewed the extensive work of its Committees and Task Forces undertaken over the past year and considered

to continue developing a clergy to gather valid research in order held in the first guarter of 2022, and communication the Committee for Chaplaincy's Hierarchs and the faithful. The App The Mental Health Task Force 2021/early 2022. reported that it will continue its work having completed the Mental Health Needs Assessment Survey by developing program proposals based on the results.

On their final day of meetings, the Hierarchs engaged in a thoughtful dialogue about their respective practices for the reception of converts into the Orthodox Church. As a result, the Assembly approved the formation of a Task Force, under the oversight of the Committee for Pastoral Practice, to examine the issue of the reception of converts into the Church.

The last session of the meetings examined the North American Orthodox-Roman Catholic Theological Consultation, looking at the past, present, and future of the historic and important ministry.

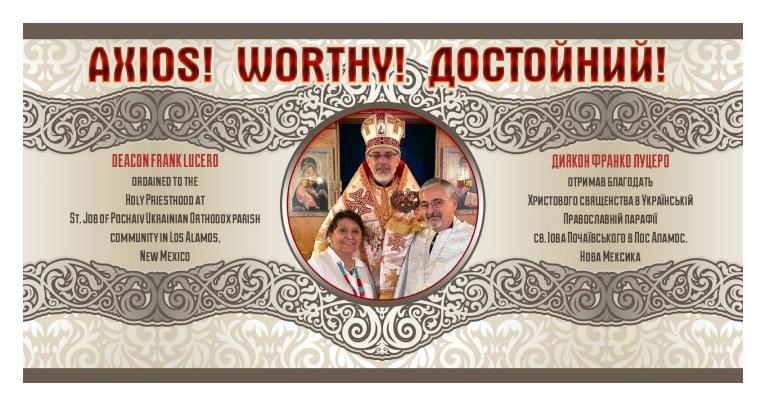
committee proposals. The Assembly The Assembly of Bishops also approved the ongoing work of the introduced a new iPhone/Android Committee for Canonical Matters App that will allow the Assembly database, the Committee for Youth's to better meet the needs of the upcoming Orthodox Camping and faithful. The App will also serve Youth Worker Conference to be as a tool to enhance and promote among Institutional Chaplaincy Program. will roll out in phases starting late

> As the meetings were underway in Washington, D.C., the Assembly acknowledged the joint statement of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Pope Francis, Archbishop Justin of Canterbury, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, Rev. Ioan Sauca, WCC Acting Secretary General, and other global faith leaders on the climate prior to the upcoming United Nation's Climate Conference (COP-26).

> Before concluding, the Hierarchs agreed to convene again October 2-4, 2022. They regretted the absence of their Brother Hierarchs the Moscow Patriarchate of and reiterated their invitation to participate in the following Assemblies.







Ordaining a new priest for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel encouraged him to witness to Christ's truth.

Entering the parish temple, Vladyka Daniel was greeted by the members of the parish board of administration and the vouth of the Church. Panimatka Kristi Mackey presented His Eminence with the traditional bread and salt and shared with the hierarch that the bread was baked by the pastor of the congregation – Rev. Fr. Theophan Mackey.

Fr. Theophan also welcomed the hierarch into the temple, stating that this was a special occasion for the visit, following the most recent archpastoral visit of Vladyka Daniel to Los Alamos, NM in September.

Responding to the words of welcome, Archbishop addressed Deacon Frank Lucero "Today you begin living a truth that will empower you to serve the Church with all of your heart," the Eparchial hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the Church said at October 1, 2021 ordination at St. imitation of Christ and in service to

Job of Pochaiv Ukrainian Orthodox parish in Los Alamos, New Mexico noting that on that day newly ordained Fr. Frank Lucero was beginning "a new life in and for the Lord."

"Deacons and priests are men who must live the truth, seek the truth, preach the truth, love the truth and long for the day when we all will know the truth," the archbishop said. "God's Spirit assures the Church that we will possess the truth and that possession will make us all free. Christ Himself of course is the Truth as he called Himself."

People in the congregation wore facemasks as a safeguard against the spread of the coronavirus, as did the clergy concelebrating with the archbishop.

As he gave his homily, Archbishop Daniel stood behind the beautifully decorated image of Cross of the Lord stating to the soon to be ordained priest Frank that he must live by the precepts of the truth that comes from the Holy Spirit and will empower him to live holy life in

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the Church and face the challenges that come his way.

Vladyka Daniel encouraged him to be a man of prayer as he will serve the people entrusted to him.

"My son, the Church will soon come alive for you in the faces and through the voices of the people that you will encounter. The elderly and sick, the young and joyful, the grieving and confused, the couples and young adults who will fill your lives must also become the very images of the Church for which you must pray daily," said the archbishop.

"Today, people will begin calling you as priest, father. You will become a father for people who are many years your senior, for people that you hardly even now know, for people who have very little reason to trust you or to accept your desire to care for them because you will represent Christ for them and that alone will be sufficient."

Archbishop Daniel asked deacon Frank never to violate the trust that people place in him, because that can even cause others to lose their

faith in God. And he encouraged him to let his joy be evident as he carries out his ministry, as a "sign that you know and love the God that vou serve."

In his homily, the archbishop also asked the soon to be ordained Fr. Frank to preach with conviction, to inspire people to believe in and live by God's word. You should be "compassionate and forgiving confessors that Christ calls you to be," as you forgive the sins of others and comfort them in the name of Christ in the Holy Mystery of Confession.

In his instruction, the archbishop told Fr. Frank that on day their relationship would change: "I become your father, your brother, and hopefully, even your friend," he said. "Together by listening to, loving, and appreciating one another, we will build up the Church in charity and in truth, as is the desire of Christ Himself."

The Liturgy and the sacred moment of ordination included many powerful moments, especially as deacon Frank knelt silently before the altar and Archbishop Daniel laid hands on his head, ordaining the newest priest of the Church.

After the consecration of the Holy Gifts. Father Frank 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."

As the faithful lined up to partake of the Holy Eucharist, the Royal Gates opened and out came Father Frank holding the Chalice. Under his







hierarch's watchful gaze, the newly ordained priest carefully bestowed the Holy Sacrament. His Eminence gave the faithful one last blessing, returning the Chalice to the table of Oblation.

With a sigh of joy and relief Father Frank descended from the ambo to read the Prayer of Dismissal, thanking God for this day, for His Gifts, for His mercy, and asking for His guidance in the days to come.

Archbishop Daniel stepped out of the sanctuary and presented the certificate of ordination to him, reading off that by his ordination he is now blessed to perform baptisms, crowning ceremonies marrying a man with a woman, hear confessions, and all other Holy Sacraments. Handing the certificate to the new priest, and giving him his blessing, he then turned his attention to Dobrodijka Rita and invited her to join her husband upon the solea. The couple stood together as she bowed her head. The Archbishop laid his hand upon her head and prayed that God grant her strength and wisdom to help her husband in his ministry.

Father Frank took the opportunity to thank Archbishop Daniel for the compassion, support and encouragement over the years. He asked to keep him and his family in prayers, before turning to the others and thanking the clergy who had traveled great distances to participate in this celebration. He thanked the Seminary Instructors, his brother seminarians, and quests for joining him on this day and asked for their continued support and prayers. He turned to his wife, and thanked her for always being there for him, and finally thanked his family for supporting him as he had studied and encouraging him as he followed his calling. As he invited everyone to enjoy a luncheon at the parish building, the congregation in attendance sang a joyous rendition of Mnohaya Lita! Many Years!

Photos by Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan









Blue skies and bright sunshine greeted current and former members, family, and friends of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Johnson City, NY as they gathered to celebrate the 95th Anniversary of the parish on Sunday, September 19, 2021.

The faithful waited in anticipation as His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, the Seminarians of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary, Pastor Fr. Ivan Synevskyy and our dedicated altar boys proceeded from the Rectory to the Church for this joyous event. It was a truly beautiful sight to behold as the sun glistened on the intricately embroidered vestments, stoles and crowns of our beloved Hierarchs, and reflected off of the processional cross and fans, as the group made their way to the front of the church for the special Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.

Parish President Brian Baxendale. along with parish children, warmly greeted our Hierarchs

presented them with bouquets of sunflowers. The sunflower was chosen as the 95th Anniversary theme since it symbolizes spiritual faith, longevity, hope and joy. The children giggled as Vladyka Daniel shared his sunflowers along with His Eminence Metropolitan Antony smiles, kind words and laughter. and his Eminence Archbishop Parish President Baxendale noted, Daniel made their way into the "When one of you visits, we are nave of the Church where Fr Ivan

traditional bread and salt and you here but with both of you, we are truly blessed". His Eminence Metropolitan Antony responded that it was truly a joy to be able to participate in this important Feast

truly delighted and honored to have Synevskyy greeted them. He



thanked them for joining us on this special day in the life of our parish and for their prayers and blessings. Metropolitan Antony remarked on his long history with our parish, and its rich heritage. He spoke of the people and clergy who have led and guided the church for 95 years, providing the foundation for its growth. He observed that the walls of our church have absorbed the faith, love, beauty, and prayers of the people within; "the walls would be nothing", he noted, "if it wasn't for the people within and the clergy who have led them throughout all of these 95 years". He shared that he would commemorate all of them as well as pray for the children and the future of our church.

What followed was a truly beautiful and spiritually uplifting Hierarchical Divine Liturgy as the Church Choir, led by Directors Julieanne Marra, Nancy Tarcha and Stamatia Dimitriou, lifted their voices in prayer and praise, along with His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, and the seminarians. Chants of "Eis pollá étē, Déspota" filled the air along with the light and joy of this sacred service. It was incredibly powerful and spiritual. Indeed, God was in our midst!

Archbishop Daniel read from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, his strong and pure voice echoing throughout the church and commanding the attention of the faithful. Let us be attentive!

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony provided a moving and impactful sermon imploring congregants to open their eyes to the glorious vision of Christ, something, he said, that our ancestors understood so well. He emphasized that we are all part of the ministry of Christ and reminded us how grateful and appreciative our ancestors were to







God and to worship together. He called on us to be, like them, an example of love; "called to put in process a movement of love that emanates from Christ's love for you and the love that you have for each other as you gather together in worship over these last 95 years".

After the communion of the divine and holy Eucharist, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony called upon longtime parish members Melodye and Robert Onysko to come forward. He praised their commitment, dedication and numerous contributions to the parish and presented them with the "Hramota" [Certificate of Merit]. The Hramota is a very special honor reserved for the most dedicated servants in the life of the Church. While Melodye and Bob recently relocated, their legacy and impact on St. John's remains. The congregation was incredibly happy to see them, to honor them and to hear Melodye's beautiful voice during the Liturgy.

Pastor Fr. Ivan provided remarks reflecting on the sunflower theme. He said that "our parish life looks like the sunflower. The same way the sunflower turns and follows the sun, the same way we as the parish move towards Christ. He is our Sun and when we fulfill His commandments and teachings, we are moving towards Him. Because He is everywhere present, He sustains us with water, air, and minerals. So even when it's not sunny all the time we can stay protected and in peace knowing He takes good care of us."

The program included performances of The Star Spangled Banner, the Ukrainian National Anthem and selections "Oh Dark as a Gypsy",

work together to build a house of "A Yearning" and "Dance, Dance" Dance, dance is just what our young St. John Ukrainian dancers did, performing lively and spirited versions of Chumak, Hone Veeter and Flirtation, to the delight of those present.

> As a special treat, those in attendance were also gifted with songs by our guest seminarians who spoke of their mission work. Their beautiful, angelic, ethereal voices added so much to the beauty of the day.

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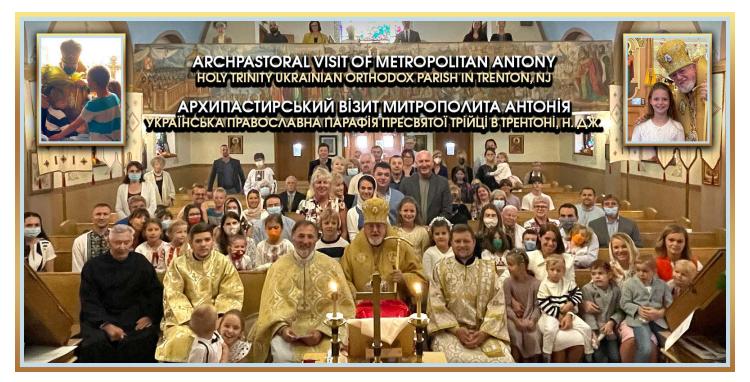
Following a Benediction by His performed by our church choir. Eminence Archbishop Daniel, the Ukraine National Anthem was sung again, as well as another chant of Eis pollá étē, Déspota. Lastly, everyone sang God Grant You Many Years, raising voices and glasses, in honor of 95 years of faith, family and tradition. Mnohiya Lita!

By Melinda Holicky

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On an overcast morning, as a light drizzle fell from the clouds, open doors of Holy Trinity parish in Trenton, New Jersey. Standing in the doorway was parish pastor, Fr. Zinovy Zharsky, along with the members of the parish board of administration. Gathered before them were the children of the parish, they awaited the arrival of their much-loved hierarch. The children on lookout at the top of the steps to the church let out an excited squeal as they bounced back inside letting has begun.

Led by a man carrying a cross, followed by icon banners, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Orthodox Church of the USA and the Diaspora, walked along the sidewalk towards the church, to celebrate the Liturgy commenced. His Eminence were seminarians Orthodox Theological Seminary Subdeacon Pavlo Vysotsky and the Reader Maksym Zhuravchyk. As

fidgeted but watched quietly as the the light shown brightly from the Metropolitan was first presented bread and salt, in a traditional Ukrainian greeting, by the parish administrators. Given the cue the children moved forward to welcome His Eminence and present him with the flowers. Graciously accepting the blooms, he shared them back waving flowers high in the air as with the children, and then he leaned down and opened his arms. Without bidding the children all ran to him and were enveloped in a warm bear hug from their hierarch. Releasing the youngsters with a smile, His the others know that procession Eminence stepped forward to kiss the cross presented by Fr. Zinovy and took the holy water and blessed all those present, sprinkling them generously with holy water.

Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Thus, Metropolitan Antony made his way to the center of the Nave, where he stood as the Divine Dressed parish's 102ndanniversary. Joining in golden vestments, amidst the glowing icons, the relics of the from the St. Sophia Ukrainian Saints, His Eminence stood humbly surrounded by his flock. The faithful, - Deacon Myroslav Mykytuk, adorned in traditional Ukrainian outfits, their faces covered with masks, nonetheless, reflected their

he ascended the steps the children joy on this happy occasion, which was reflected in the sparkle in their

> The reading was from the Gospel according to Matthew 22:35-46, reflecting how a lawyer once approached Christ and asked Him which was the greatest commandment, to which He replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

> Closing the Gospel Book and placing it back upon the Altar table, His Eminence stepped back out on the Ambon and delivered a riveting sermon.

> The faithful sat mesmerized as His Eminence elucidated upon the Lord's Two Great Commandments, driving home the seriousness of them both. The Ten Commandments were given to Moses so he could share them with the people; however, these two were given by God directly to us all. On one hand these two supersede

the ten, on the other, if we truly live by these two, we will also fulfill the ten.

"Christ was serious!" His Eminence loudly proclaimed, as he looked the people directly in their eyes to convey the magnitude of his words. He was silent for a few seconds, allowing the message to get absorbed. In the silence, everyone sat up straighter, put down the papers they had in their hands, set aside their phones, and quieted their children. All attention on was the Metropolitan.

He continued, by stressing that when they go out into the world beyond the church doors, they need to live these commandments. When Christ instructed us love our neighbors as ourselves, He was not speaking to love them like we love the person who looks back at us through the mirror in the morning. No. It is not about us, but, about God, and the image of God in each of us.

Every single person has been created in the image of God, and therefore, we are to love them all as we would love God. When we gaze upon the people around us, we are to realize we are gazing at the very image of God Himself. How can we state that we dislike different people, because they black, brown, white, purple, blue, red, or green? We are not to even notice these superficial things. When we look upon another, we need to see God in them, for God has made them, and God loves them just the way they are.

Imagine if we all lived according to these two Commandments? What a wonderful world it truly would be. We would focus on the positive and not the negative. We would accept, help, and love everyone equally. Harmony would prevail







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This is achievable only if we all live by Christ's Commandments, and we must. His Eminence instructed the parishioners to pray for God's assistance in fulfilling His instructions, and to never forget His words; to put aside all preconceived notions, and truly look upon everyone they meet as if they are looking upon God – to treat everyone they meet, as they would treat God Himself. His Eminence paused one more long moment, glancing around at all the quiet, yet attentive faces, before silently turning back to the Altar and continuing the Divine Liturgy.

The Litany of Fervent Supplication this day was truly impassioned, and the words, "Lord almighty, God of our fathers, we pray You, hear us and have mercy," held a deeper meaning. Everyone rose to their feet and silently prayed as the choir, under the directorship of Taras Pavlovsky, began to earnestly sing, "Lord have mercy!"

As the Royal Gates closed, the faithful humbly approached to partake of the Holy Eucharist. One by one they stepped up to the tetrapod upon which lay a beautiful Cross, surrounded by lovely blossoms, which was laid out for veneration the preceding Monday – the Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of the Lord. Toddlers eyed their mothers, who fell to their knees and prostrated before the Cross, themselves toppling to their knees and bowing, their little heads hitting the plush carpet before they arose and repeated the gesture. Young and younger, all took a moment to silently bow low, thanking the Lord for all His blessings, asking for His continued assistance, strength, and protection, venerating His sacrifice and love for them all.

humbly and serenely







partaken of the Eucharist everyone quietly prayed, as Fr. Zinovy read the Prayer behind the Ambon.

"O Lord, Who blesses those who bless You and sanctifies those who put their trust in You, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Protect the whole body of Your Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house. Glorify them in return by Your divine power and forsake us not who have set our hope in You. Grant peace to Your world, to Your churches, to the clergy, to our civic leaders, to the armed forces, and to all Your people. For every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from You, the Father of lights. To You we give glory, thanksgiving, To lighten the moment, His and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages."

At the conclusion of the prayer, His Eminence called all the children to step forward. His Eminence sat down in a chair, so that he would be at eye level with the youngsters as he addressed them. Looking them in their shining bright eyes, he instructed them that even though they are young and small, God loves them more than they can imagine, and He expects them in turn to love Him, and thereby, love all the other people in their lives. Metropolitan Antony told them that they are to look upon all their friends, classmates, and acquaintances like God – with love, care, and mercy.

To clarify the ask, His Eminence asked the children if they'd ever been bullied in school. Timidly a few little hands were raised. The hierarch explained that the reason they were bullied is because the bully did not look upon them as if he were looking upon God. He was blind to their true selves. He asked the children how it felt to be bullied.

"Bad" they quietly answered, as His Eminence on behalf of all and reminded them that it is never good to bully anyone else. We are never to hurt anyone, not their this, you must stop. When you look at another child, stop and imagine you are looking upon Jesus. How would you treat Him? So, treat all the children you meet.

Eminence once again opened his arms, and like moths to a flame, all and got lost in his vestments, enveloped in a loving and warming bear hug. His Eminence stood and read a prayer of blessing over all the little bowed heads before him, asking the Lord's intervention in their lives, that He would protect and guide them all their days. They giggled and squealed as Vladyka sprinkled them with Holy Water.

Zinovy took a moment to thank them many years!

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their eyes gazed down at the the parishioners for visiting and ground before them. Metropolitan celebrating their 102nd anniversary Antony cleared his throat and with them. Quietly, everyone asked, "how many of you have lined up to get their hierarch's bullied other children?" Before blessing, and to receive a prayer they could catch themselves, a card which he was handing out to few hands jotted upward, and were commemorate the day's events. quickly lowered. His Eminence The children could not get enough smiled at the children's innocence of Metropolitan Antony and kept running up for more hugs. The adults smiled, realizing the children had actually listened and absorbed their bodies, nor their feelings. If you do hierarch's words to them. Holding the icon cards close, squinting against the bright sunshine that had chased away the morning clouds, like His Eminence's words had chased away their morning worries and concerns, everyone made their way down the front steps of the church, and proceeded out into the world beyond. As the breeze blew the children eagerly raced forward the leaves off the trees, peppering the sidewalk below, the faithful drove away taking the words of Metropolitan Antony home with them, nestled safely within their hearts. They were determined to look upon the world with new eyes, seeing Christ in everyone they met along the way.

With renewed hope and joy, the parish promises to flourish for Having taken a group photo, Fr. another century. May God grant





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Окремо хотілося б подякувати Високопреосвященнійшому Митрополиту Антонію семінаристам за те, що завітали до нашої парафії і розділили з нами радість свята. Хай Господь

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благословить вас, дарує вам усім здоров'я, сили та натхнення на подальшу працю у славу Божу. Щиро сподіваємось, що ще не раз завітаєте до нас, щоб ми мали гарну нагоду послухати ваші мудрі настанови та помолитися разом. Хай Бог дарує і вам і нам усім Свій мир та все добре. Вікторія Ваврух

On October 10th in the year of the Lord 2021, in St Vladimir UOC Cathedral in Philadelphia PA, his Eminence Antony, Metropolitan and Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, celebrated a hierarchical Liturgy commemorating 95th Anniversary of St Vladimir Cathedral and the feast of St Mary the Protectress.

The presence of Metropolitan Antony filled the hearts of parishioners and guests with joy and greatly enhanced the feast day celebration that, with the

blessing of Metropolitan Antony, was commemorated at our cathedral. The beautiful singing, psalms, hymns, and prayers greatly enriched us. Metropolitan Antony's sermon reminded us that the focus in our lives must be love for Jesus Christ and for each other, and that, if we open our hearts the Lord's love will always be present in us. Exalt the Lord with our words and our actions. Let us not allow the spiritual richness that came upon us during Liturgy to dissipate; let the Lord help us in this goal. The Lord helps us in all, for which we need to thank and exalt Him.

We thank everyone who helped organize and make the celebration a success. We are very grateful to the children of the parish that greeted Metropolitan Antony and received his blessing, to Metropolitan Antony for celebrating the Liturgy with us, and to the choir members for the beautiful singing.

Everyone present at the celebratory luncheon had a wonderful time in the midst of friends and in mutual love.

We sincerely thank Metropolitan Antony and all of the seminarians from St Sophia that visited St Vladimir and shared in the joy of the celebration. May the Lord bless you and grant you good health and inspiration for continued work on His behalf. We hope and trust that you will visit us again so that you may share your thoughts and prayers with us. May the Lord grant you and all of us peace and good.

Written by Victoria Vavrukh translated by Jurij Trypupenko

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Sunday, October 10, the sun shone brightly upon the little parish of the Dormition of the Birth-Giver of God Ukrainian Orthodox Parish, in Jones, Oklahoma. Today was a special day for the parish that was celebrating its 102nd anniversary, as this day they would be blessed with a hierarchical visit by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and the Diaspora.

Turning the corner, Archbishop Daniel, who was walking in procession to the open church doors, looked up at the crosses atop the golden domes as they glowed in the morning light. He smiled as his eyes settled upon the many happy faces awaiting him at the entrance. Smiling, His Eminence reflected on the amazing history of the parish which was a good reflection of Orthodoxy in the New World. The faithful who filled the church came from diverse backgrounds, nationalities, and races, being composed of not only Ukrainians, but, also of American-born faithful,

as well as people from Lebanon, Greece, Georgia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Belorus.

Climbing the steps, His Eminence

was warmly greeted by Parish Board President, Maura Baker. Following the ancient Ukrainian tradition, she approached the hierarch holding a lovely long embroidered towel, upon which was a round loaf of bread, with salt. The round loaf of bread (Kolach) is a symbol of eternity and represents hospitality, while the salt reflects Christ's words, "You are the salt of the earth". Graciously accepting the greeting, and commenting on the beautifully baked bread, Archbishop Daniel stepped forward to the awaiting priests. Presenting him with a cross, and holy water, was parish pastor, V. Rev. Stepan Bilogan, next to whom stood Archimandrite Raphael Moore, emeritus. Smiling at the clergy, His Eminence venerated the offered cross, than with a smile turned and blessed everyone with holy water, before proceeding into the Nave.

As the Divine Liturgy commenced, the clergy dressed in gold, seemed

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to glow as they entered and exited the Holy Altar. The sun poured in through the windows, lighting the interior of the church. The wooden ceiling and floor led the faithful, who filled the church, to easily imagine themselves standing within the safe confines of the Ark which in Noah's time brought creation to safe harbor, and such the new Ark, the Church, once again brings those safely found inside it, to safety and salvation.

The day's Gospel Reading, according to the Gregorian Calendar, was from Luke 7:11-16, retelling of the time that Christ resurrected the widow's son. Closing the Gospel, and returning it to the Altar Table, His Eminence stepped out on the ambon and delivered a moving sermon.

He told of an instance he witnessed in New York City. The city is busy, bustling with people, tourists from all nations, businessmen rushing to work, taxi's honking, hawkers selling their wares, rats scurrying about, garbage littering the streets, and a constant cacophony of noise. However, as you approach this one

busy corner, at the crosswalks of life, you can hear a single voice yelling over the din. Standing there, blind to the sideways glances and pointing fingers, stands a man holding a Bible, and yelling out, "I was once lost, but now I know God!" Nobody hears his message. The few who do notice him simply laugh at him, because even as Christians they have an expectation of Christianity – you dress up and go to church on Sunday. But this man doesn't care, because he is happy for, he knows God.

New York is filled with people escaping their previous lives, and they all collide. Today, in the Gospel Reading we heard of another collision. A collision of life and death. Death is exiting while life is entering. Archbishop Daniel continued, explaining that in those days women had few rights and were not even permitted to leave their home unaccompanied by a husband, or other male relative. For her to even go to the local market, she needed to be escorted by a man. Therefore, this woman who was already a widow, relied heavily on her son, her only remaining male relative, not only for her livelihood, but, for the most basic of human needs. Without him, she found herself at a great disadvantage, with the remainder of her life passing in misery. She wept, mourning not only the loss of her beloved child, but, wept in fear and hopelessness as she was now a woman alone.

As death and hopelessness, in the guise of the funeral procession exited the city, they collided with hope, and life, as Jesus Christ, along with his Disciples entered. Death crashes into Life. The Lord hears the widow's weeping, and realizing her dire situation, and before she even asks for help, He has compassion on her and tells her not to weep. He reaches over







to the casket, touches it, and tells the young man to "arise". Touching the casket, or the body of the dead person was viewed as taboo, rendering the person spiritually unclean and in need of several weeks of purification before being permitted to return to society. Yet, Christ, is life, and life does not fear death, and so the Lord touches the casket, and brings life to where death was. The boy wakes up, and the Savior reaches over and picks up his living body and returns him to his mother. Not only does He return to her a son, but He returns to her hope, and life.

His Eminence expounded that we too often spend our lives in darkness, feeling alone, overpowered by despair, and anxious about our futures. His Eminence paused and gazed around at all the slightly nodding heads. Stepping down from the ambo, stepping closer to the people, he stated that we need to remember that Christ is always on the path to meet us, and He is are to put our fingers together our one true Salvation.

The despairing widow represents the past, the dead young man, are all the people who had yet to encounter Christ. The Lord touches him, and he lives. Thus we, touched by the Lord, live. However, each day we need to decide - will we walk in the procession of light and life with Christ, or will we choose to walk along the path that will take us further away from Him?

It is a question of faith. Will we, the Christians of the 21st century proclaim that we believe in this miracle? Because if we do not believe, if we are merely observers of Christianity, we would say that raising someone from death is an impossibility. In the physical world this would be true, for we cannot

bring back to life a person who has died. However, in the world of faith, in the supernatural world, in the world in which we truly believe in Christ Jesus, our Savior, we know He can bring life back. We know He can say to us "Rise Child of God," and even though we are spiritually dead, we will arise and live in Him... if we believe.

Each of us experiences spiritual death. We lay in our caskets every day. In numerous monasteries, monks have the tradition of preparing their casket for burial, while they still live. They keep these caskets in their cells, and at night they lie down to sleep in them, as a symbol of death; that they are dying to the world through the night, and will be resurrecting in the morning, to proclaim the existence of the Lord once again to the world.

Each of us goes to bed each night, positioning ourselves in our own caskets of life. Each evening we and make the Sign of the Cross physically over our beds, stating that tonight we commit our souls and our bodies to God, and ask for His mercy that we should arise in

the morning. In the morning when we awaken, we make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves, thanking the Lord for the blessed night, the rest we received, and asking for His blessing throughout the upcoming

This decision we make daily, with every word we speak, and every action we take identifies which path we walk. Let us choose life. Let us choose Christ. With one final long look at the people who were now sitting mesmerized, Archbishop Daniel returned to the Altar and the Divine Liturgy continued.

As the choir sang angelically, the remainder of the service, the people prayed, contemplating His Eminence's words, and their own actions and life choices. When the Royal Gates opened, and the Eucharist was presented, they made their choice this day to follow Christ, as they humbly got in line to partake of Holy Communion. The words spoken by Fr. Stepan, "The servant of God partakes of the precious and all-holy body and blood of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, unto the forgiveness of sins and



unto life everlasting," held a deeper meaning, as having partaken they too felt resurrected this day, and fully alive.

As the Divine Liturgy concluded the faithful feeling energized and strengthened, came up to receive a blessing from Archbishop Daniel, who having blessed each person, exchanged a few words with them, and gifted them with a lovely icon, and prayer card. The icons represented various saints and angels. Kissing them reverently, the faithful held them close to their hearts as they made their way to the parish hall to enjoy a delicious lunch.

The hours wiled away as the young children settled on the carpet and played with blocks, and the adults sat laughing and catching up on the latest news about family and friends. Throughout the afternoon His Eminence walked from table to table, getting to know his flock better, praying over them, bestowing blessings, and sharing hugs and words of encouragement. Having shared a pleasant afternoon, their bodies nourished, and their souls overflowing, the faithful began to depart for their homes. Their laughter echoed in the parking lot, as the last of the cars departed, leaving the golden domed church to bask in the setting sun. With such a rich and diverse congregation, the parish promises to be around for another century or more. May the Lord bless the parish of the Dormition of the Birth-Giver of God with many blessed, happy, and prosperous years!

Photos by Pani-matka Iryna Bilogan









His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, arrived in Oklahoma City late on Saturday, the ninth of October, 2021, and was welcomed to the state by Very Rev. Stepan and Panimatka Iryna Bilogan, as well as Archimandrite Raphael Moore.

On Sunday morning, Fr. Raphael drove His Eminence to St. Mary Dormition Ukrainian Orthodox Church located in Jones City, Oklahoma, to be welcomed by the faithful of the parish. St. Mary Church was founded in 1918 by Ukrainian immigrants who entered the United States through the port of Galveston, Texas. They then travelled by train to the farming communities of Harrah, Choctaw, Luther, and Jones City in Eastern Oklahoma County. The current building, erected by those hardworking men and women, is the third home of the parish, as the first two churches were destroyed by fire.

The Divine Liturgy was served by Archbishop Daniel, concelebrated

by Fr. Stepan and Archimandrite Raphael. The clergy were assisted by Subdeacon Robby Wall and several altar servers. Afterwards, the ladies of the sisterhood provided, as always, a feast of various culinary delights in the parish trapeza. The hall was decorated with dozens upon dozens of photos, both from the distant past and present. People slowly walked around and viewed the many images, recalling the historic members, many of whom were already asleep in the Lord, reminiscing about their own youth, and smiled as they recalled recent parish events and celebrations. Every wall and cabinet were plastered with photos, joining the past with the present, and assuring a future.

Throughout the afternoon, as they enjoyed the delightful lunch, the faithful rejoiced as His Eminence slowly made his way around the room, stopping and chatting with everyone present. Some people pointed out various photos, and shared historic stories, while others asked questions on current topics and events. Having had the chance to mingle with their hierarch, bodies

satiated and souls rejoicing, the faithful began to depart for their homes, as His Eminence, along with the Parish Council members. retreated to the church for a short

After the meeting, Archbishop Daniel visited Emily Tucker who is recuperating from a recent fall. Pani Emily is the very last member of the original group of Ukrainians who settled the state. She recently fell at her assistedliving apartment and is temporarily residing at a rehabilitation hospital in Midwest City, while undergoing physical therapy. Her face lit up as His Eminence entered her room, and everyone gathered around her, expressing their joy at seeing her recovering from her injuries. Vladyka Daniel prayed over her, asking that God grant her a speedy and complete recovery. joined in and recited the Lord's Prayer in Ukrainian. With final smiles and blessings, the little party departed, but, Emily smiled well into the evening, her soul rejoicing at the visit of her hierarch and friends.

Before departing for Britton, His

Eminence took the opportunity to meet with the clergy and discuss items concerning the parish and make plans for a bright future. Archbishop Daniel also shared news of the UOC of the USA, and updated the clergy on the situation in Ukraine.

Later that afternoon, His Eminence visited the community of Britton, where he was able to meet with numerous Orthodox priests serving in the Oklahoma City area. Archbishop Daniel was greeted by several Antiochian, Greek, ROCOR, and UOC of the USA clergy. They met at the "Zero Tolerance Coffee and Chocolate Shop," a business owned by St. Mary Church parish members, the Baker family. Maura Baker, currently serves as St. Mary Parish Council President, and all four of their sons serve as readers or acolytes. The oldest son, Roman, is serving in the U.S. Navy, and is stationed in Bahrain. The Fr. Stepan played his accordion, afternoon hours wiled away in light banter, as well as deep theological instruments, including the joyful discussions, as brother priests from voices of all the guests. various jurisdictions met together in fellowship and in the love of Christ.

The day ended with a delicious along with Fr. Raphael, met with dinner served at the home of St. Mary parishioners Mamuka and Irma Gomarteli and their children in Norman, Oklahoma. Gomartelis are from the Republic of Georgia, therefore, it was not surprising to find many Georgians, many of whom are members of St. Mary parish, joining them for dinner. stories. His Eminence had gotten

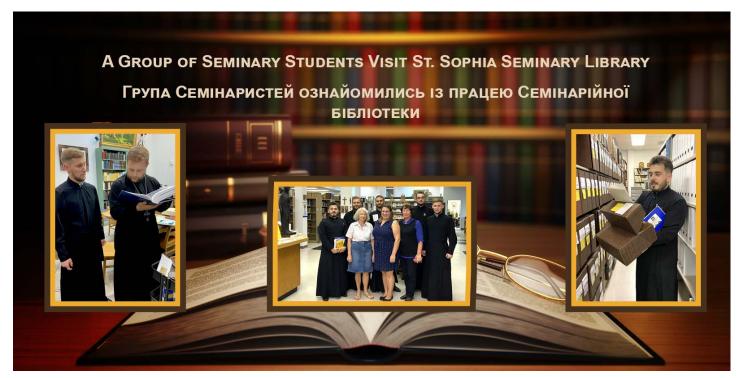
Before sitting down to the meal, the Lord's Prayer was recited in of Oklahoma City. The faithful of English, Georgian and Ukrainian, followed by loud and vigorous renditions of each nation's anthem. As the dinner was consumed, and the guests were enjoying the late evening sipping coffee and relaxing.

accompanied by various other

The following morning, Fr. Stepan and panimatka Iryna Bilogan, Archbishop Daniel for coffee before departing for the Will Rogers World Airport, for his return flight to Newark, New Jersey. It had been a busy two days, full of excitement. The people had prayed together with their hierarch, spent time talking with him and sharing to know the parishioners, the local clergy, and the wonderful people St. Mary Church look forward to the next, hopefully longer, visit of Archbishop Daniel soon.

Photos by Pani-matka Iryna Bilohan Text by Archimandrite Raphael (Moore)





At the beginning of the fall semester of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary, the first- and second-year students of the full time academic program accompanied their teacher Pani Nelia, on an introductory tour of the St. Sophia Seminary Library. The Library tour was conducted by the Librarian, Dobrodijka Oksana Pasakas, and assisted by long-time Library assistant Pani Liudmila Bezsoniw.

The Library tour introduced the students to the holdings of our Library: where they would be able to find theological books, Ukrainian fiction, history, music, the reference section, calendars and almanacs, periodicals, books and materials pertaining to the Holodomor (manmade Famine in Ukraine in 1932-33), commemorative books from parishes and Ukrainian-American organizations, and much more. During the tour, the students were shown the online catalog, which is updated on a weekly basis with new donations that have come to the Library.

Resources at our St. Sophia Seminary Library play a vital role in the education of the students at the Seminary. Our circulating library continually updates its holdings to include books utilized by the students for the classes, term papers, and additional reading material "for fun". or by donating books and other Near the end of the tour, students began to wander off and settling in stacks that were of interest to them: some flipped through old almanacs and calendars of the UOC of USA, another grabbed his first book

to check out of the Library, and another began opening up boxes of liturgical sheet music.

If you would like to support the Library at the Seminary, you may do so by making a financial donation resources. For more information, contact the Library by calling 732-356-0090, ext. 120 or by emailing Dobrodijka Oksana at library@ stsuots.edu.



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You're invited to the 75th UOL Convention!

July 27 – 31, 2022 hosted by Sr. UOL Chapter of Sts. Peter & Paul in Carnegie, PA!

It's time to renew those old friendships! Time to make some new friendships! It's just time to start doing UOL items again! The convention theme "In the Beginning" will take you back to the beginning of the UOL with wonderful memories and give us the "beginnings" for the next 75 years of the UOL. The convention committee has some wonderful events planned to take you through all the years and "for all ages"! We can not wait to welcome you to Carnegie & Pittsburgh!

Wednesday Night will be Hospitality Night with some special treats to help make you feel right at home! If you know anything about Sts. Peter & Paul in Carnegie, you know we "love" to feed people anyway we can! The evening is a great way to catch up with your UOL friends and share memories. Bring pictures to show and stories to tell people, you never know how ideas start! (Think front porch of ASC Dining Hall and everyone sitting around and talking!)

Thursday Night we will have you dancing and remembering Thru the Decades! The evening will have a cocktail hour, dinner and desserts that were popular from each decade! We hope you will come dressed in clothing from YOUR favorite decade! Still have your grunge or poodle skirt? What about that victory suit or bell bottom pants? Tables and favors will be "decked" out to the "Decades" to reflect the periods. You will be able to dance to all the sounds from Big Band to Punk Rock to Rock'n'roll and much more!

Friday Night is a special Ukrainian Christmas in July event. Some special eight-legged friends might be visiting us to share their Christmas Story! The Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Group will be around to provide a new Christmas Show to everyone. Of course, the evening will not be complete without 'caroling', so make sure you bring your voices to sing!

Saturday Night of course will be the Grand Banquet and Ball celebrating the UOL's birthday of 75 years! The theme for the night will be of the 1940's design with all the elegance. A jazz band will start the night during the cocktail hour and dinner. Afterwards you will be able to dance the night away to the fabulous sounds of "ZIRKA" from Canada! Make sure you bring your dancing shoes!

Sunday will be the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at our parish, St. Peter & St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Mansfield Blvd in Carnegie. Here's a special note; WE WILL HAVE AIR CONDITIONING IN THE CHURCH THIS DAY FOR YOUR COMFORT! After the service, everyone is invited to our Parish Hall for the Farewell Brunch. (The parish hall is air conditioned too!) There you will enjoy a fabulous sampling of food that will make you wish the convention wasn't ending! Which the convention isn't ending, as the memories will always be there, and new ones are "just beginning".

The convention itself will be held at the **Hilton Double Tree in Greentree** and the rooms will be \$99.00 a night! Look for more information on the hotel, convention events, packet information and other exciting happenings will be available in upcoming news information and on our Website, Facebook & Instagram Pages.

Make sure you follow us on our sites as we also have some fun and exciting convention fundraising opportunities you can participate in, and you don't have to be local to Carnegie or the Pittsburgh Area either! Our Sure Tip Raffles continually change, and you can play along by visiting this link https://orthodoxcarnegie.org/75thsuretipraffles or following along on our Facebook page. See you soon in Carnegie!

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INGREDIENTS:

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken or beef broth
- 1 (15 ounce) can no-salt-added tomato sauce
- 1 cup long-grain white rice
- ½ teaspoon salt, divided
- ½ teaspoon ground pepper, divided
- 8 cups chopped green cabbage (1 1/4 pounds)
- 2 teaspoons dried dill
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1½ cups shredded Cheddar cheese

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

Step 2

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add ground beef and onion; cook, stirring, until the beef is no longer pink, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in broth, tomato sauce, rice, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper; bring to a simmer. Cover, reduce heat to maintain a simmer and cook, stirring once or twice, until the rice is tender, about 17 minutes (the mixture will be a little saucy). Uncover and remove from heat.

Step 3

Meanwhile, heat the remaining 2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add cabbage, dill, crushed red pepper and the remaining 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Cook, stirring, until the cabbage is just tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Remove from heat.

Step 4

Spread half the cabbage in the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Top with half the beef mixture then half the cheese. Repeat with the remaining cabbage, beef mixture and cheese. Bake until hot and the cheese has melted and started to brown, about 25 minutes.

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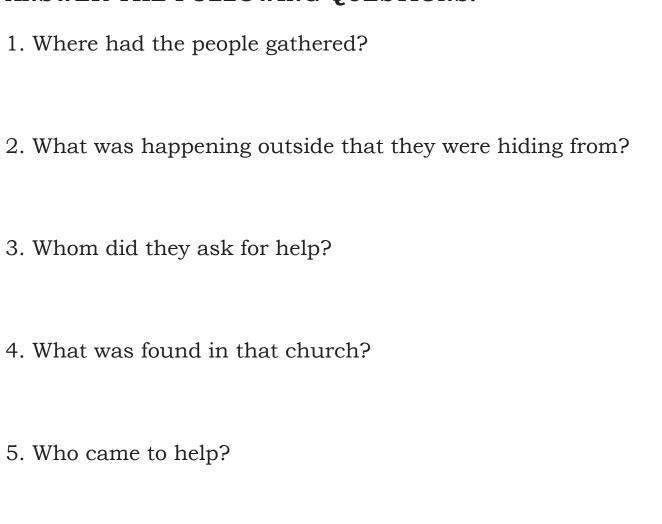
Once upon a time, in the 10th century, on October 1 (October 14 according to the modern calendar) the ancient city of Constantinople was being attacked by pagans. All the faithful ran to the Blachernae Church, where the many relics of the Mother of God were being kept, such as her robe, veil, and part of her belt. With the war raging outside, the people knelt and prayed unceasingly for the Virgin Mary to intercede before her Son on their behalf and save them.

Near 4 o'clock in the morning, St. Andrew "the Blessed Fool for Christ", who was also present and praying for salvation, looked up and saw the dome of the church open and the Virgin Mary come down from heaven, surrounded by angels and saints. She came down and knelt, and prayed fervently for all the Christians of the world. She asked Christ, her Son, to accept the prayers of the people who were calling upon Him, and asking for her assistance. Having finished her prayers, she walked to the altar and continued to pray, then she turned and spread her veil over all the people in the church, covering them with her protection.

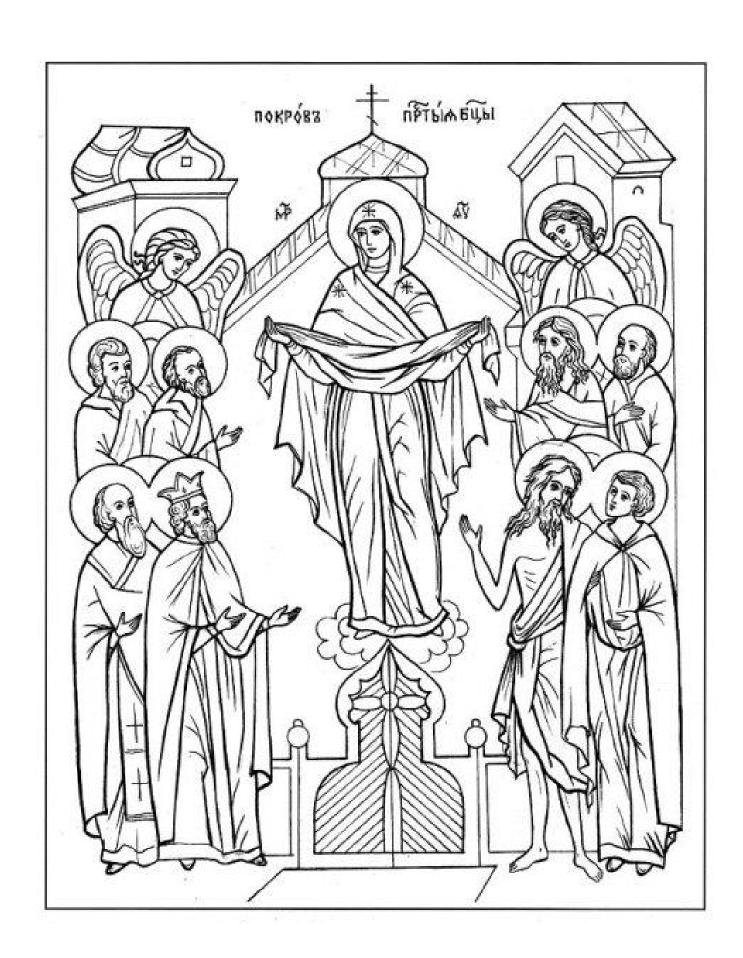
St. Andrew turned to his student, St. Epiphanius, and asked if he had seen the Virgin Mary praying for all the world? His student nodded, replying, that yes, he too had seen her and was amazed.

At that moment the attacking army became confused, and were easily defeated, and all the people were saved.

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:



- 6. What did she do?
- 7. Which saint was present and saw these things with his eyes?
- 8. What is the name of the church where all this happened?





Cheipesh, Stephanie baptized and chrismated on June 6, 2021 in Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Brooklyn, NY. Child of Vasily Cheipesh and Maryna Ivancho. Sponsors: Fedir Cheipesh / Liudmyla Karavaieva and Volodymyr Betsa / Iaroslava Stilnyk. Celebrated by V.Rev. Victor Wronskyj.

Didenchenko, Elizabeth baptized and chrismated on June 13, 2021 in Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Brooklyn, NY. Child of Oleksii Didenchenko and Angelina Tysiachna. Sponsors: Vyacheslav Adamov and Alexandra Makhanik. Celebrated by V.Rev. Victor Wronskyj.

Frodge, Everette Alan baptized and chrismated on August 21, 2021 in St. Tomas the Apostle Church, Mountain Home, AR. Child of Jason Clay Frodge and Katherine Ashley Frodge. Sponsors: Larry Mclain and Rachel Kathleen Miller. Celebrated by Fr. Samuel Seamans.

Frodge, Jason Clay baptized and chrismated on August 21, 2021 in St. Tomas the Apostle Church, Mountain Home, AR. Child of Dan Clay Frodge and Francis Bonita. Sponsors: Larry Mclain and Rachel Kathleen Miller. Celebrated by Fr. Samuel Seamans.

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Hutsulyak, Ivan Damian baptized and chrismated on August 28, 2021 in St. Panteleimon Parish Church, Brooklyn, NY. Child of Sergey Hutsulyak and Mariia Hutsulyak. Sponsors: Anatoliy Tkach and Nadiia Podsokha. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

Kauer, Elizabeth Anne baptized and chrismated on September 12, 2021 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Carnegie, PA. Child of Jaseph Michael Kauer and April (Macari). Sponsors: and Nicole Kauer - Feller. Celebrated by Rev. John Charest.

Kopchuk, Elyzabet baptized and chrismated on September 5, 2021 in St. Panteleimon Parish Church, Brooklyn, NY. Child of Volodymyr Kopchuk and Oksana Vytvycka. Sponsors: Yaroslav Mykytiuk and Oksana Khadieva. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

Muehlman, Mila Rebecca baptized and chrismated on September 4, 2021 in St. Vladimir Cathedral Church, Parma, OH. Child of Logan Lee Muehlman and Viktoriia Pylypenko. Sponsors: Michael Stecyk and Anna Messerly. Celebrated by Rev. Michael Hontaruk.

Nazarenko, Maria baptized and chrismated on September 12, 2021 in St. Vladimir Cathedral Church, Parma, OH. Child of Bogdan Nazarenko and Maryna Bogomolna. Sponsors: Daniil Pleshkov and Maria Lloyd. Celebrated by Rev. Michael Hontaruk.

Pop, Michael baptized and chrismated on July 25, 2021 in Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Brooklyn, NY. Child of Ruslan Pop and Irina Gayovich. Sponsors: Vasyl Khymych and Ivanna Chobey. Celebrated by V.Rev. Victor Wronskyj.

Sas, Roxanne Irene baptized and chrismated on September 5, 2021 in St. Vladimir Cathedral Church, Parma, OH. Child of Vladimir Sas and Orysya Levytska. Sponsors: Yuriy Aleksandrov and Maria Kucher. Celebrated by Rev. Michael Hontaruk.

Smialko, David baptized and chrismated on May 9, 2021 in Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Brooklyn, NY. Child of Oleg Smialko and Olga Valiashchuk. Sponsors: Vitalii Desiatnychenko and Karolina Slavina. Celebrated by V.Rev. Victor Wronskyj.

Tkach, Daniel baptized and chrismated on August 8, 2021 in Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Brooklyn, NY. Child of Andrii Tkach and Nataliia Koval. Sponsors: Petro Olenchuk and Olga Danyliouk. Celebrated by V.Rev. Victor Wronskyi.

Val, Elizabet baptized and chrismated on July 24, 2021 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Palos Park, IL. Child of Illia Val and Hanna Val. Sponsors: James Nevels and . Celebrated by V. Rev. Howard Sloan.

Val, Illia baptized and chrismated on July 24, 2021 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Palos Park, IL. Child of Pavlo Val and Laryssa Val. Sponsors: and . Celebrated by V. Rev. Howard Sloan.

Val, Hanna baptized and chrismated on July 24, 2021 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Palos Park, IL. Child of Serhiy Antonchenko and Tatiana Antonchenko. Sponsors: and . Celebrated by V. Rev. Howard Sloan.

Val, Dominika baptized and chrismated on July 24, 2021 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Palos Park, IL. Child of Illia Val and Hanna Val. Sponsors: James Nevels and . Celebrated by V. Rev. Howard Sloan.

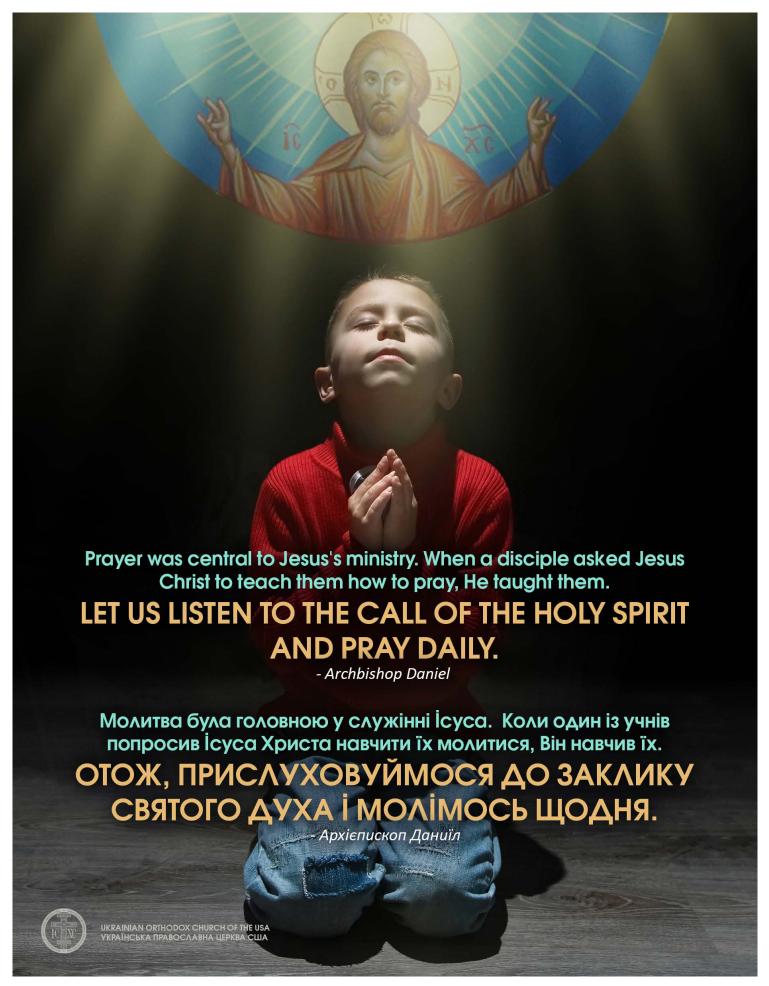


Nandor Bodnar and Diahann Marie Hiser in St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH, on September 14, 2021, witnessed by David Hiser and Brenda Hiser. Celebrant: Fr. Michael Hontaruk.



Markovski, Alice Lashiw of Ambridge, PA on September 9, 2021 at the age of 100 years, officiating clergy Fr. Michael Kochis of St. Vladimir Parish, Ambridge, PA 15003.

Stranko, John of Carnegie, PA on December 2, 1991 at the age of 61 years, officiating clergy Fr. John Charest of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Garnegie, PA 15106.

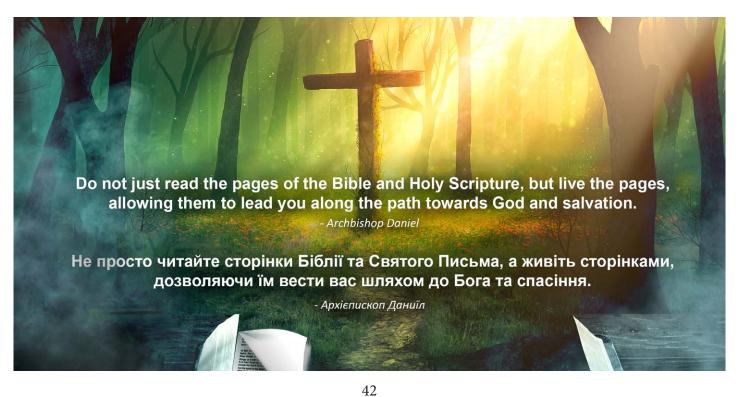




may god grant to them many happy and blessed years!

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony	10/6/1985
(Episcopal Ordination)	

V. Rev. Taras Naumenko	10/1/1995
Rev. John Charest	10/1/2017
Rev. Borislav Kroner	10/9/2010
V. Rev. Bohdan Kalynyuk	10/14/1989
Rev. Silouan Rolando	10/18/2009
Rev. Ivan Tchopko	10/21/2018
V. Rev. Paisius R. McGrath	10/28/2006
V. Rev. Richard Hawrish	10/30/1982
Protodn. Anthony Szwez	10/19/2003
Dn. Paul Neal	10/22/2017







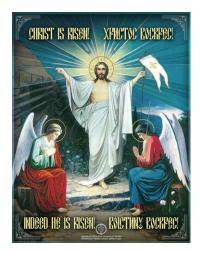
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OCTOBER

23 October 1973 - Archbishop Hennadij (Shyprykevich)

2nd 1952 - PRIEST STEFAN MOSIYCHUK

9th 1960 -PROTOPRESBYTER VASYL WARWARIW

22nd 1963 - PROTOPRIEST JOHN ZAYATZ

19th 1966 -PROTOPRIEST MYKOLA CZERNIAWSKY

8th 1975 - PROTOPRIEST MICHAEL KOCHANSKY

15th 1976 - PRIEST GEORGE YAHODSKY

24th 1979 - PRIEST THEODORE BORECKY

8th 1981 - PRIEST BORIS ARIJCZUK

20th 1985 -PROTOPRIEST LEW OPOKA

17th 1988 -PROTODEACON YURIJ KORSUN

PROTOPRESBYTER JOHN DANYLEVICH 16th 1992 -

19th 2003 -ARCHIMANDRITE ANASTASIJE

PROTOPRESBYTER PAUL HRYNYSHYN 5th 2004 -

5th 2004 - PROTOPRESBYTER SERHIJ NEPREL

3rd 2005 - PROTOPRESBYTER THEODORE FOROSTY

PROTOPRIEST MYKOLA NEWMERZYCKYJ 28th 2006 -

11th 2007 - PRIEST WOLODYMYR BOROWSKY

30th 2014 - PROTODEACON JOSEPH HOTROVICH

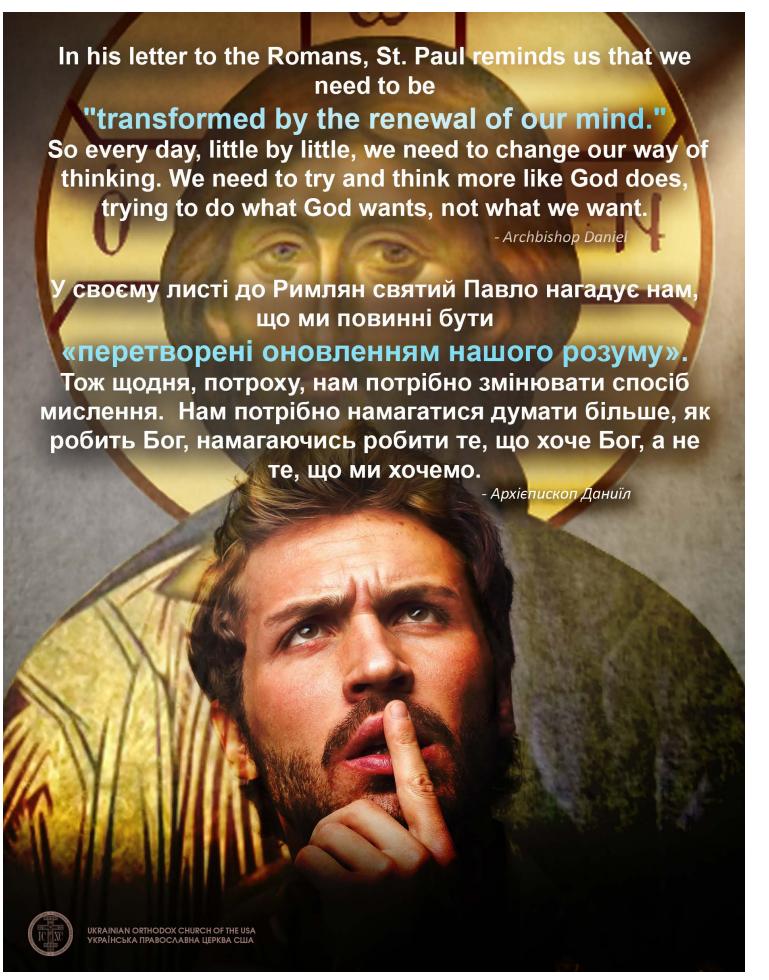
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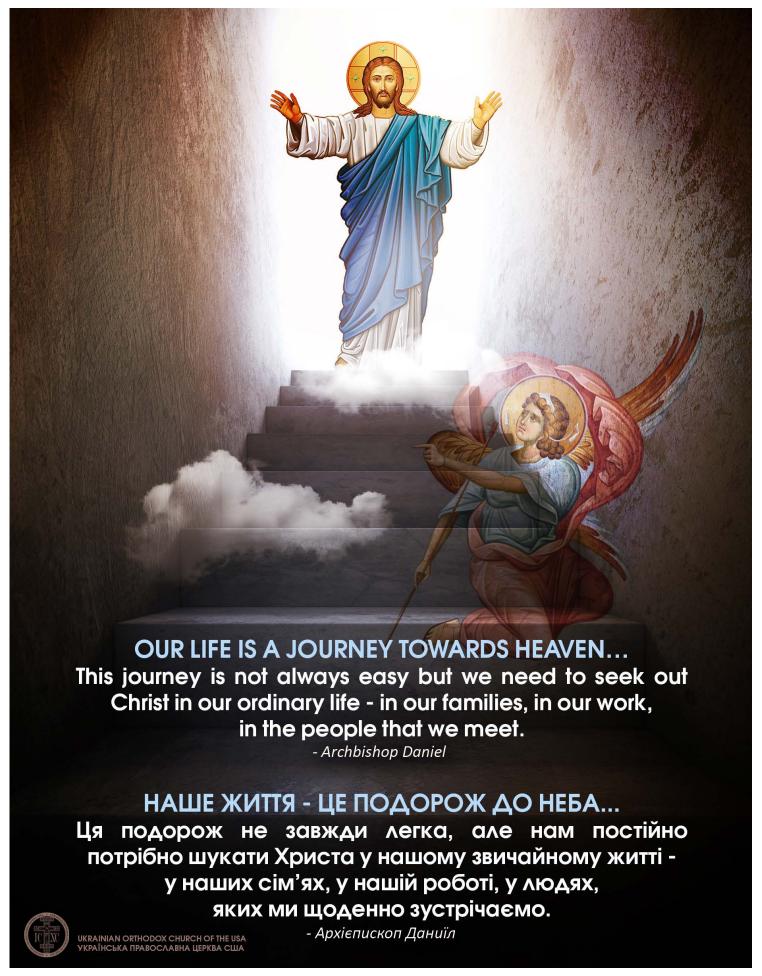


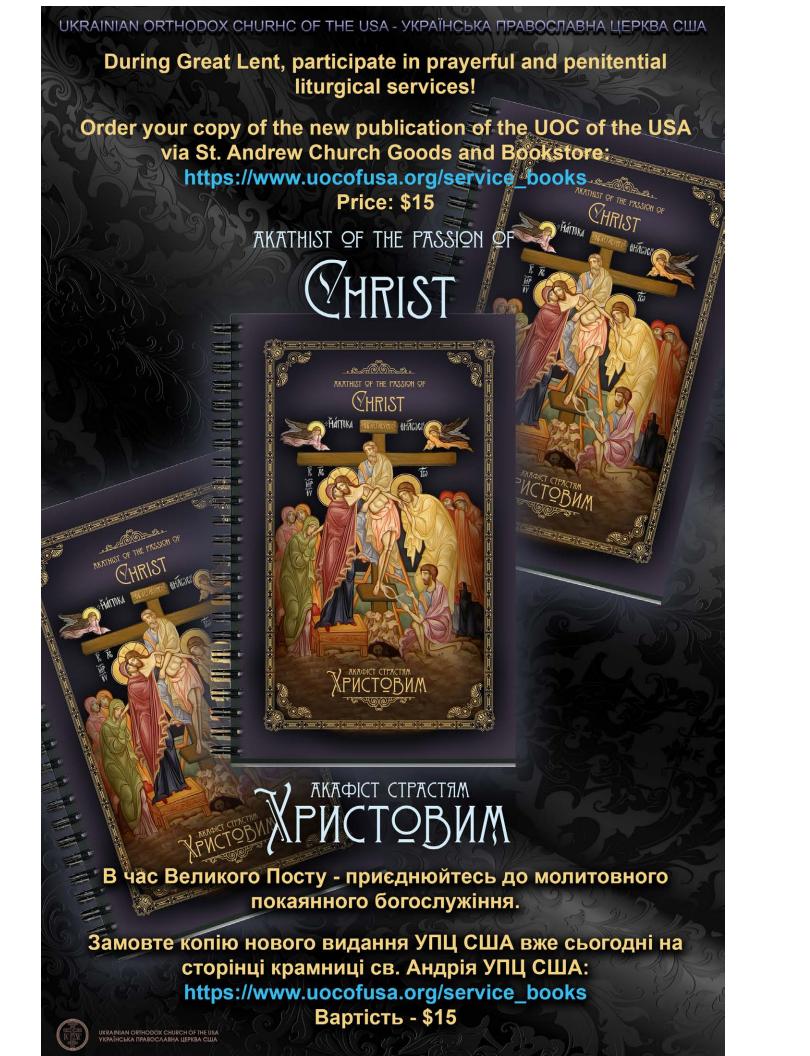
















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OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS У ЖОВТНІ СВЯТКУЄМО

The Conception of the Honorable, **Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John**

Зачаття чесного, славного Пророка, Передвісника і Хрестителя Господнього Іоана

Repose of the Holy Apostle and **Evangelist John the Theologian**

Преставлення св. апостола і євангелиста Іоана Богослова

Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kyiv Caves Monastery (Near caves)

Собор Преподобних Отців Києво-Печерських (в ближніх печерах)

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St. Michael - first Metropolitan of Kyiv

Святителя Михаїла - першого митрополита Київського

THE PROTECTION OF OUR MOST **HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY**

ПОКРОВ ПРЕСВЯТОЇ ВЛАДИЧИЦІ НАШОЇ БОГОРОДИЦІ І ВСЕДІВИ MAPIÏ

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Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas

Апостола Фоми

Holy Apostle James, son of **Alphaeus**

Ап. Якова Алфеєва

24

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Пам'ять святих отців сьомого Вселенського Собору

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Апостола і євангелиста Луки



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS У ЛИСТОПАДІ СВЯТКУЄМО

Holy Apostle James the Brother of

Апостола Якова, брата Господня по плоті

netrious Memorial Saturday Димитрівська поминальна субота

Holy and Glorious Gr Demetrius of Thessalonica Вмч. Димитрія Солунського

stor the Chronicler of the

Прп. Нестора Літописця, Печерського, в Ближніх печерах

10 Прп. Іова, ігумена Почаївського 21

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers

Собор Архистратига Михаїла і інших Небесних Сил безтілесних

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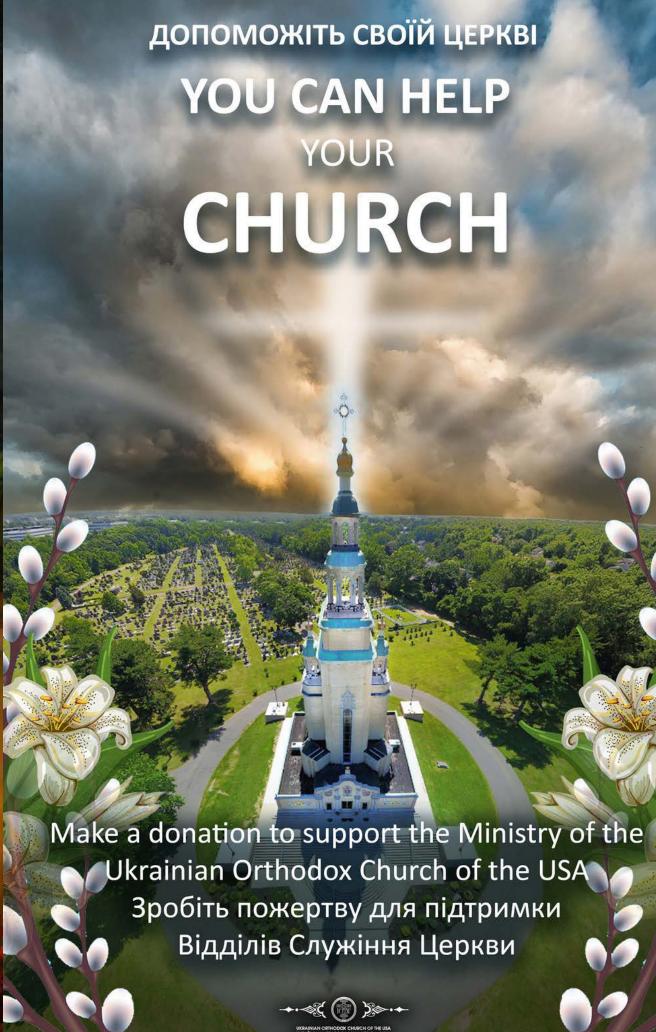
St. John Chrysostom, archbishop of

Свт. Іоана Золотоустого, архиєп. Константинопольського

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Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip -Апостола Пилипа - Початок Пилипівки

29 Апостола і євангеліста Матвія



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November 25

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