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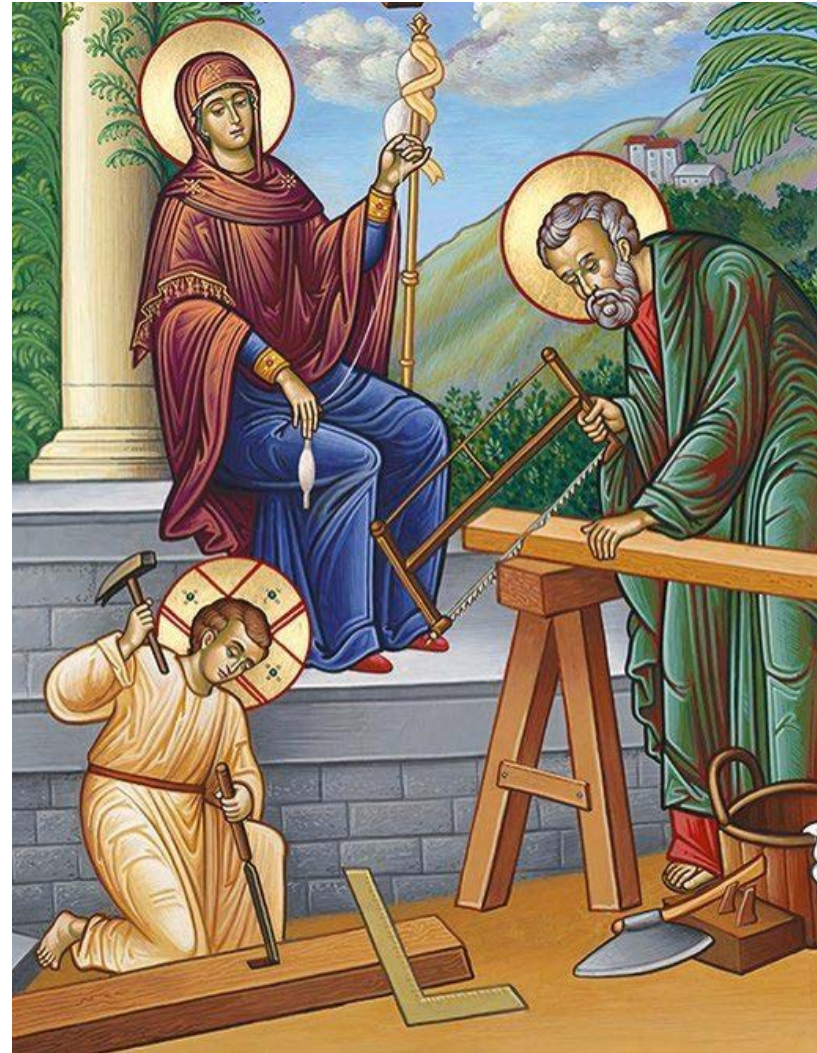
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FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who in Thy childhood and youth in Nazareth was submissive and obedient to Thy Most Pure Mother and Thy holy Provider and Guardian Joseph, leaving us an image of a pure childhood, well-pleasing to God and men; do Thou Thyself, O Lover of men, enlighten me, help me, and inflame me with Thy love, that I may be submissive in everything to Thee and to my parents who gave me birth, raised me, have taken care of me, and nourished me.

Help me, O Lord, to always be obedient to them and to honor them, as Thou didst command us, saying: Honor thy father and thy mother, that it may be well with thee and that thou mayest live many years upon the earth. I pray Thee, O Lord, to keep my parents safe, grant them grace, mercy, health, good temper, strength, love, holy zeal, and all that is necessary and profitable, so that they may bring me up well in Thy truth, with respect for holy things and for the good of society.

O Lord Almighty, all things are possible to Thee: help me and my parents, that we may do all that is pleasing to Thee, for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! З ДНЕМ БАТЬКА!

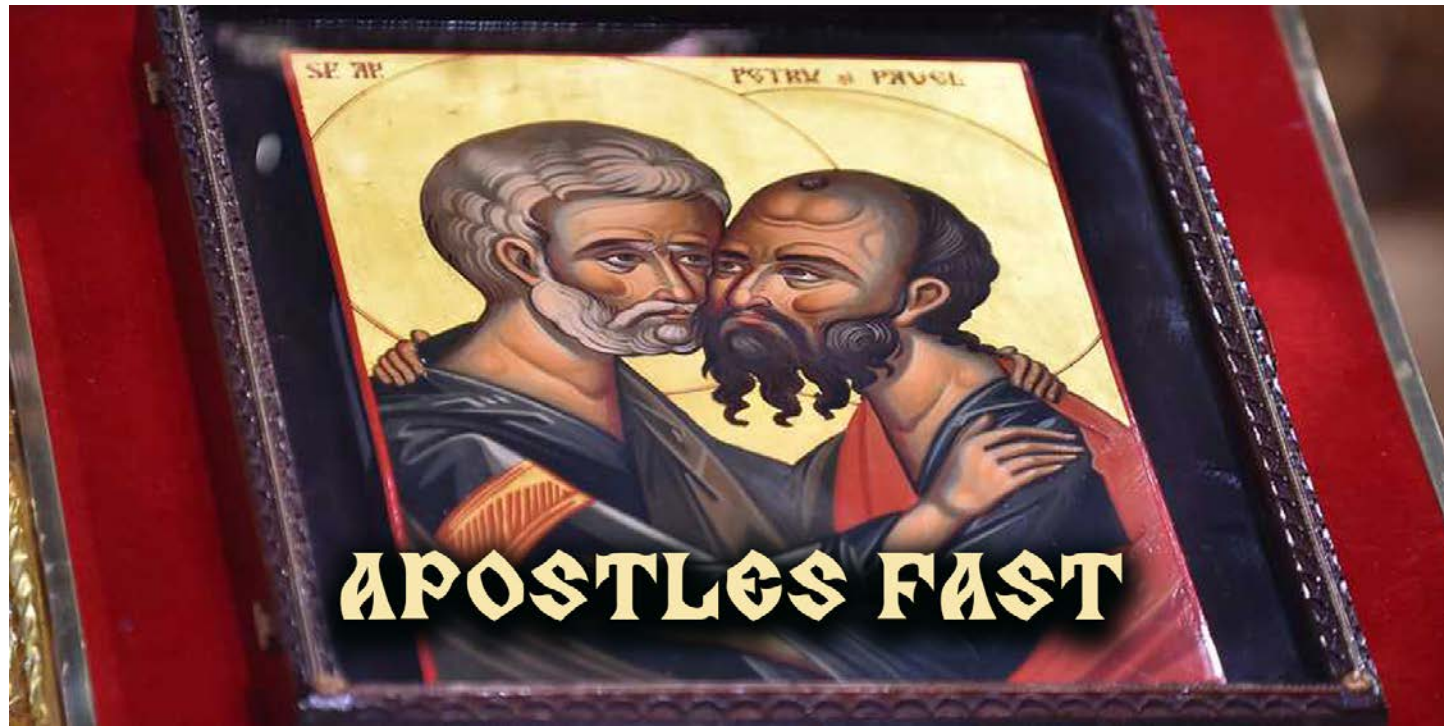
As we all know, the vocation of fatherhood is a vocation to love. To love like God our Father loves us. To give yourself every day and in every way for your children and your wife. Dear fathers, your vocation is very beautiful, and it is absolutely crucial to our families and in our society today.

- Archbishop Daniel

Покликання батьківства – це покликання любити. Любити, як Бог, наш Отець любить нас. Віддано присвячувати кожен день свого життя своїм дітям і дружині. Тати - Ваше покликання дуже прекрасне, і воно є абсолютно важливим у наших сім'ях і в нашому суспільстві сьогодні.

- Архієпископ Даниїл

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The beginning of the Apostles' fast 2022 is celebrated by the Orthodox Church on Monday, June 20, the second Monday after Pentecost..

This year it will last until July 11 (June 28), and its completion will be July 12 (June 29) – the commemoration day of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul (there is no fasting on this day).

Traditionally, the Apostles fast begins a week after the feast of the Holy Trinity (Pentecost), the date of which, in turn, depends on the day of Orthodox Pascha. In this regard, the duration of the Apostles' fast is always different.

Each year the Fast starts and ends on different dates and even in different months. This means that its length is not set, but determined by the day of the Resurrection or simply Pascha. For example, in 2022 the Apostles Fast will last for three weeks. In general, the Holy Apostles Fast may last from 8 to 49 days, depending on the year.

Jesus Christ Himself set the foundation for fasting. As it is said in the New Testament: "Can you make

the guests of the bridegroom fast while He is with them? But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast." (Luke 5:35)

The roots of the Apostles Fast go back to the first century of Christianity. After the Lord's Ascension, His disciples lived a lifestyle of continuous fasting and prayer until the day the Holy Spirit descended - the day of Pentecost.

After Pentecost, the Apostles also fasted, but this time the reason was a little bit different. It was the fast of thanksgiving for the gifts of the Holy Spirit that they received. Another reason was to get well prepared for their mission of preaching and spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

The Orthodox Apostles Fast was officially established during the Ecumenical Council of Nicea in 325 AD. It was decided that the Fast must start on the second Monday after the Feast of Pentecost (or the next day after the Feast of All Saints) and lasts right until the day when we commemorate the martyrdom of

the Apostles Peter and Paul. This is why it is often called the Peter and Paul Fast.

The Fast is nowhere near as strict as the Great Lent. However, there is a list of products that are prohibited for Christians to consume during the Fast: red meat, poultry, eggs, and dairy.

Products as oil, fish and wine are prohibited on Wednesdays and Fridays of the Apostles Fast.

For faithful Orthodox today, the Fast of the Apostles can be an occasion for reflection upon the lives and example of the Holy Apostles. Following Jesus' admonition recorded by St. Matthew (10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30), the Apostles left behind their parents, their children, and their possessions to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to people who did not know Him. Christian missionaries around the world are still doing this today. During the Fast of the Apostles, we are reminded to pray for them all, and for Orthodox mission everywhere.

The Fast is also an occasion to remember that in Christ, we have

a unity that goes far beyond our personal opinions, likes or dislikes. The Acts of the Apostles tells us that the Apostles themselves recognized this very early. The occasion was an argument which took place regarding whether the followers of Christ needed to continue to observe the Law of Moses. At first, Peter and Paul took different sides in the discussion. Paul even says that he opposed Peter to his face (Galatians 2:11 ff.).

To resolve the question, a council was called in Jerusalem, and after some discussion the Apostles and Elders, discerning in and by the Spirit, agreed that Gentile Christians did not need to observe practices like circumcision and the complex dietary laws given in the Books of Moses to be full members of the New Covenant Church.

These events remind us to seek God when we have disagreements within the Church. This requires humility on our part, and the willingness to accept others even when we might not have agreed with them before. We let go of our own personal wishes or demands and pray for the good of the Church and for a recognition of the will of God for all of us together.


At the conclusion of the Fast, therefore, we celebrate Peter and Paul together. The icon of the Feast depicts the two men standing side-by-side, holding the Church together in their hands. This is a powerful symbol of the supernatural love for one another which is given by the Holy Spirit. In the Holy Spirit we have agreement and new life. For this reason, Orthodox Christians today can regard the Fast of the Apostles as one of the most important times of the year, a time to humble ourselves and pray for genuine love and unity in the Church around the world.

"You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."
(Matthew 5:14,16)

"...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."
(Matthew 28:19)

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."
(1 Peter 3:15)



A woman with brown hair, wearing a brown jacket, is shown in profile with her eyes closed and hands clasped in prayer. In the upper left corner, a bright, glowing dove is depicted with its wings spread, symbolizing the Holy Spirit.

When we think of our own
spiritual lives, there is no
doubt that we need the
inspiration of the
HOLY SPIRIT

We need the guidance of the
Holy Spirit to help us make the
right decisions and to truly strive
for holiness.

- Archbishop Daniel

Коли ми задумуємось про наше власне духовне
життя, безсумнівно, ми потребуємо натхнення

СВЯТОГО ДУХА

Нам потрібне кермування благодаті Святого Духа,
щоб допомогти нам приймати правильні рішення і
дійсно намагатися прагнути до
СВЯТОСТІ.

- Архієпископ Даниїл



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A serene beach scene at sunset or sunrise. Two wooden lounge chairs sit on the sand under a large beach umbrella. The ocean is visible in the background, and palm trees are silhouetted against the sky.

Vacation from GOD?

Ah, summertime! Each of us looks forward to the time of year where we get a break from our daily work and school routine.

In the United States, we call it vacation. Other countries call it holiday. Irrelevant of the name, it brings images of leisure time, travel, friends, family, and sometimes adventure.

Whether it is a trip to the shore, a cabin in the mountains, a tent in a park, a luxury hotel, or a cruise on the open seas, we all need a break from our normal routine to recharge our personal batteries. As each of us is different, we all have our own idea of what constitutes the best use of our time away from the office or the classroom.

We spend a great deal of our lives looking forward to a break from the norm—whether it's the typical long summer vacation from school or the ever-so-short week or two away from our jobs, it seems that planning for that getaway obsesses us for many weeks before the actual event.

Time away...from what? We never seem to give much thought about our spiritual lives when we plan a vacation...it's just a Sunday or two missing church—God will understand! There are 50 other Sundays and other holy days to visit with Him...and of course, since He loves us, we don't have to worry about Him! He'll be right there when we get back...and if we need Him on our trip, He'll be there as well!

Sometimes, we fail to plan for the most important part of our vacations—the spiritual recharge. My most restful, peaceful, relaxing, and recharging vacation was nearly twenty years ago. Pressures from my work were immense—the personalities were grinding my nerves to nothing—all was NOT WELL! I NEEDED a vacation!

For some reason, unknown to me at the time, I decided to visit a friend in Northeastern Pennsylvania—in the Pocono Mountains. Since their family worked as well, I would spend a weekend with them, then do something I had never thought of before—spend a week at a monastery! Arrangements were made and I arrived at the Orthodox

Monastery of Saint Tikhon in South Canaan, Pennsylvania. I was shown to my room, met my mentor for the week, Hieromonk Juvenaly—the monastery librarian, then was given the schedule of services...beginning with compline, vespers, and dinner. Church services were nice—quiet, peaceful, NO PEWS! Dinner was quiet as well...and my night's sleep as restful as I had ever experienced.

At 4 AM, the alarm went off, I got dressed, then up the hill in the dark to the chapel for Matins and Liturgy...which began at 5 AM! I went up the road in the dark—no hint yet of the sunrise. The church was empty except for a monk lighting candles...and the smell! Beeswax candles were burning throughout the church—it truly smelled heavenly. The silence filled everything as I stood in the back, just letting it permeate every cell in my body, until the arrival of other monks and laity. Matins and Liturgy were just a bit more special, the words a little clearer, the hymns a little easier to sing, the prayers ever so much more REAL. At the end of the Liturgy, when I went forward to kiss the cross

and receive the Antidoron, I truly did not want it to end. I had truly been transported away from every care and concern...to be with God for those few hours in His house. Throughout the days, it seemed that there were not enough services, so I spent extra time in the church, just breathing in the scent of the candles, looking at the light on the icons, and thinking about what I was doing there. I even thought about a monastic vocation! Father Juvenaly told me that the life of an Orthodox monk was not for me—I must say I was crushed emotionally...but he said not to worry, God had definite plans for my life! Now, two decades later, I can honestly say His plans for my

life were nothing close to mine. I have loved every moment of my priesthood, but still fondly travel back to my week with God. Just the thought of it makes me smile... to truly vacation with Him, on His terms, in His house! I can take a microvacation just by thinking back to the first morning Liturgy.

As we travel to our family vacation spot, I will still think of that week. Each of us has been given the opportunity to experience God's love and creation every day of our lives. Do not pass up the chance to see Him in everything around you—trees, hills, water, birds, animals, clouds, rain, storms—all are His creation!

On your vacation, take a few minutes to thank Him for everything He has given you—your health, family friends, and all good things come from Him. Visit an Orthodox church where you find yourself—go in and look around, breathe in the smells, experience a slightly different view of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Recharge your batteries... and save those memories for when the snow flies!

May God grant you a safe journey, no matter where you roam, a safe return to home and family, and His Love and Protection along the way!

Fr. Robert Popichak

On this day we not only commemorate those saints who are well known, but we also remember those whose names we don't know; who are not officially recognized by the Church (Canonized), but nonetheless attained the Kingdom of Heaven, by the grace of God, and are essentially saints!

The Ukrainian nation from the beginning of its Christian era had a certain God giving role in raising saintly people. It's worth mentioning that nowhere in the world is there another place that has produced more saints than the Kyiv-Caves monastery. In addition to the 123 incorruptible remains of saints who lived their saintly lives inside the monastery walls, there are also 61 myrrh-bearing skulls of unknown Saints preserved there with the Fathers of the Caves.

However, the theme of this Sunday goes well beyond a celebration or commemoration. It is probably the only Sunday of the church year that hits us right in between our eyes with a sober reminder and maybe even a certain degree of condemnation on what we, as Ukrainian-Orthodox Christians, are missing in our life today. We are missing the zeal or desire of personal sainthood!!!

How do we know that? It's how quickly and easily we surrender to the ways of this society, rather than staying affirmed to the Divine teachings and sacred traditions of Holy Orthodoxy.

St. Apostle Paul very often in his letters addressed the first Christians as "saints". At that time they were still alive and there was not a standard process of canonization developed yet in the Church. But he called them "saints" anyway...Why? Because they were different and willfully "separated" from the sinful ways of the world around them. The original meaning of the word

"saint" (Agios in Greek) – means different, separated and exempt from common use. Undeniably, the first Christians were different from the rest of their society in the way they treated each other, and those around them; in the how they put Christ and His Church above all other earthly matters and in the way they lived and how many of them died.

They were not sinless, however by the grace of God they strived to elevate themselves above the sinful ways of society. The light of Christ shined through them intensely in the darkness of sinful and perverted cultures of those days. This same light penetrated the darkness of sin throughout generations of our ancestors being produced by the saints of our motherland Ukraine beginning from Saint Equal-to-the-Apostles Prince Volodymyr and Saintly Princess Olga.

Now, let's ask ourselves: How different are we in this sinful world around us? How much of God's light do we let shine through us?

Are we dedicated to the Truth of God and Holy Orthodoxy or to lies and empty promises of today's society? These are the questions that we should try to answer on this Sunday of all Saints of Ukraine.

This world needs saints more than ever before. We live in time of raging Neo-paganism in this country. There are many people who call themselves Christians, but look how Un-Christian and Un-Godly this world had become. Change is much needed before it's too late for us personally and our society in general. We have to stand up and lead the way as Ukrainian Orthodox Christians with over a thousand year long tradition of producing saints. Maybe, just maybe, that's why the Lord brought us here to

the shores of North America, as He said: *"You are the salt of the earth..." (Mt. 5, 13), "You are the light of the world..." (Mt. 5, 14), and "... let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Mt. 5, 16)*

Christ told us last Sunday what it takes to become a saint, so that the light of God may shine through us. There were three key points that our Lord made: confessing Him openly, loving Him supremely, and following Him self-sacrificially with determination and endurance.

The time to act is now... Yes, we are sinful and have evil inclinations in our souls. But if a person is striving for God and His Truth, if that striving is sincere, deep and real, then the Lord will see it, come to meet them to make a connection of the human soul and God's grace – this same grace of the Holy Spirit that descended on the Apostles on day of Pentecost. This connection is called holiness or eternal life. But it doesn't stop there. This grace begins to shine and spread around the saintly person, which continues even after their physical death.

So today, as we commemorate all the Saints of Ukraine, let's take a closer look at our Saints and become conscious of one simple fact that, if we desire to be saved, have life eternal and help others to achieve the same in what we call our homeland now, we have to become saints, for only then will the light of Christ shine through us and illumine the way of salvation to those around us, even all the way to the Heavenly Kingdom of God, of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in Essence and Undivided.

*V. Rev. Anrrii Pokotylo
St. Mary Parish, New Britain, CT*

ALL SAINTS OF UKRAINE

One day a Sunday school class was discussing the topics of sainthood and saints. The children were riveted to the teacher's presentation, as they listened to the wondrous miracles and acts of personal sacrifice which were associated with the saints. As the presentation ended, it was time for the children to ask questions. All but one child asked a question and received their answer from the teacher. Little Suzy was the only child who sat silently in her chair looking around with a puzzled look on her face. Suzy was normally quite vocal and had opinions about everything, but she sat there silently listening to what the other students had to say. For homework, the teacher asked the students to answer the following questions - who are the saints and what does it take for someone to attain sainthood? But before class was dismissed, the teacher took the children to their church next door to show them the icons of the saints they had just talked about.

It was a bright sunny day, when the class entered the church. The



children began to walk around and look closely at the icons placed on stands, on the iconostasis and painted on the walls of the church. But Suzy wasn't paying any attention to that, instead she was standing in the middle of the church mesmerized and consumed by something else. Her eyes were fixated on the beautiful stain-glass windows. The bright sunshine was piercing through them creating a sparkle of different colors with an unbelievable brilliance of the images of the saints depicted there. Suddenly, little Suzy raised her hand and excitedly yelled out: "I know who saints are!" "They are

the people who let the light of God shine through them!"

Indeed, on this second Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate those who let the Light of Christ shine through them brightly in the land of Ukraine. We remember all those who have gone before us and who have fulfilled God's plan for humanity here on earth. Those who have answered the call from God to join Him, and became His hands, legs, eyes, ears and voice in this world, brining God's love, grace and salvation.



On the sunny morning of June 12, 2022, excitement hovered in the air around the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church - Ukrainian Orthodox Mission in Sacramento, California. The faithful of the parish were gathering to celebrate Pentecost, which this year marked the fifth anniversary of the mission parish, as well as to greet their visiting hierarch, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

This morning, the church filled early, as the parishioners dressed in traditional Ukrainian embroidered shirts and dresses (vyshyvanky), eagerly awaited the arrival of their hierarch. Following the custom, greenery decorated the church. Maple leaves decorated the various icons hanging upon the walls, while others leaned against the iconostas, and decorated the entryway. Some people held branches from maples, tulip trees and oaks, while others held flowers.

The Tradition of decorating our churches with greenery reminds

us of Spring and life. As the Holy Spirit gives life, and descends upon the Disciples today, the branch, which seems dry and dead in the winter, comes to life in the Spring, and bears fruit in the Summer. Therefore, the branches remind us of the Creation, of the life God has created, and the birth of the Church as we know it today.

As His Eminence entered the Narthex, dressed in green vestments, over 25 children stepped up to greet him. While some recited poems, all welcomed him with warm smiles and flowers. The joy of the moment was palpable as His

Eminence returning their smiles opened his arms and all 25 children ran forward to participate in one massive group hug.

Reluctantly the children released Archbishop Daniel, as he stepped up and was greeted by Mission Community president Yaroslav Drozdovsky with the traditional bread and salt. With gratefulness, His Eminence proceeded into the Nave where he was greeted by parish priest, Very Rev. Fr. Myroslav Turchak, who took a moment to reflect upon the legacy of the congregation which surrounded them.



The little parish was established five years ago, meeting in the home of Yaroslav and Mariya Drozdovsky until they were able to procure a building of their own. Over the years the small parish has blossomed, and the number of faithful attending has multiplied and grown like the flowers in Spring. Fr. Myroslav Turchak, along with Dobrodijka Oksana and their daughter Sophia, have served, encouraged, and watched the parish flourish.

Fr. Myrsoslav asked Archbishop Daniel for his continued prayers for the growth and success of the parish, as well as for the wellbeing of Ukrainians, and a cessation of aggression in Ukraine.

Archbishop Daniel responded with words of gratitude and assured everyone of his continued prayers, as he called upon the parents to raise their children in the Church, nurturing the Holy Faith within them, and to share our beautiful Ukrainian heritage with the next generations. With these words His Eminence moved forward to stand amid the faithful, as the Divine Liturgy commenced. The prayers and responses were beautifully chanted by the parish choir, along with the seminarians of the St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary.

After the Little Entrance, holding the trikiri and dikiri candles decorated with greenery, he gave his blessing to all before entering the Altar. As the faithful listened to the Epistle Reading retelling of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the gathered Disciples, they were moved anew by the significance of this Feast Day.

The Gospel Reading was from John 7: 37-52; 8:12, also referencing the Holy Spirit.

“On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a

loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.”

With these words still hanging in the air, His Eminence gave a moving sermon, reiterating the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, the Disciples of Christ became His Apostles. As Disciples they were merely students, learning and studying. But, now as Apostles, they were being sent to teach others what they have themselves been taught, they were now God’s messengers upon the Earth. Once they received the Holy Spirit they were strengthened in their resolve. They were no longer afraid and hiding, but, having been imbued with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, they walked out and immediately set to teaching, converting and baptizing the people they encountered.

His Eminence continued by reminding everyone that the Holy

Spirit has also descended upon each of them during their Baptism and Chrismation, and that they too have a mission from Christ to fulfill. Just as the Apostles traveled the world spreading Christianity, so they too are to proclaim the truth of Christ. As the Gospel stated, “Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them,” John 7:38, this living water which flows within us needs to flow out of us to water those around us.

In this world, which is floundering, we need to use the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and wash away the confusion and darkness, bringing people into the light and the joy of Christ. To reach this end we have also been given gifts of the Holy Spirit, including - charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. With these instruments in our tool belt of life, we can change the world around us.

We are equipped to change the world. Do not be afraid, but go out there and through your life, your actions, and your words, be a positive influence upon those



around you, bringing them to Christ and eternal salvation. It is a great responsibility, and awesome task, and you are equipped to undertake it.

Leaving everyone moved and feeling empowered, His Eminence returned to the Altar and the Divine Liturgy continued. As the time neared for the reading of the Creed, everyone paused, turned to those around them and as the clergy exchange the “kiss of peace,” they too exchanged the gesture with a kiss and a hug, forgiving all from all, and entering this portion of the Liturgy free of angst, anger, and resentment, and filled with love, forgiveness, and hope. The Creed is the one prayer that is recited during the Divine Liturgy from a personal basis. While all other prayers are recited for the benefit of all gathered, this one demands a personal focus from the faithful, as they proclaim their personal belief in the Faith.

When time for Communion approached, it seemed as if the entire congregation shuffled forward. Quietly and peacefully, over 30 communicants partook of the Body and Blood of Christ on this monumental Feast Day. As the final prayers of Dismissal were read, the Royal Gates closed as the Vespers of Pentecost began.

For fifty days, since the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord on Pascha, the faithful have remained standing during their prayers, a gesture of celebration. Now, during the Pentecostal Vespers, the faithful once again returned to their penitential form of prayer, where they heard for the first time since Pascha the prayer “O Heavenly King,” invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit.

As His Eminence called out, “On bended knee, let us pray to the Lord,”



everyone fell to their knees together as one, and bowed their heads. Archbishop Daniel, along with Fr. Myroslav kneeled at the Royal Gates, facing the congregation. During the First Prayer the faithful prayed along with their hierarch, asking God to hear them, forgive their sins, grant a guardian angel, and to cleanse them through the Holy Spirit, before rising.

As the Second Prayer was read, the faithful again fell to their knees, and prayed that the Lord grant them discernment and strength before rising. As Fr. Myroslav read the prayer, a young boy came up on the ambo and embraced the clergy, finally settling down and knelling quietly next to Archbishop Daniel. The innocence of the child mingled with the deep words of the prayer, moved many to tears of repentance, joy, and hope.

Kneeling a third time the faithful once again bowed their heads as everyone prayed for their departed loved ones, asking the Lord to grant rest to their souls, write their names in the Book of Life, and forgive their sins. Thus, the three prayers encompassed all of creation – both the living and the dead, asking the Lord’s mercy.

As the service concluded, His Eminence spoke a few words, and then bestowed Blessed Hramotas to members of the choir and the sisterhood, before everyone slowly filed outdoors. The sun shown brightly, upon the scene below as the faithful gathered around the entrance of the church awaiting His Eminence who stepped out and walked towards the street to bless the new sign that had been erected with the parish name and service hours. Having blessed the sign, sprinkling it with holy water,

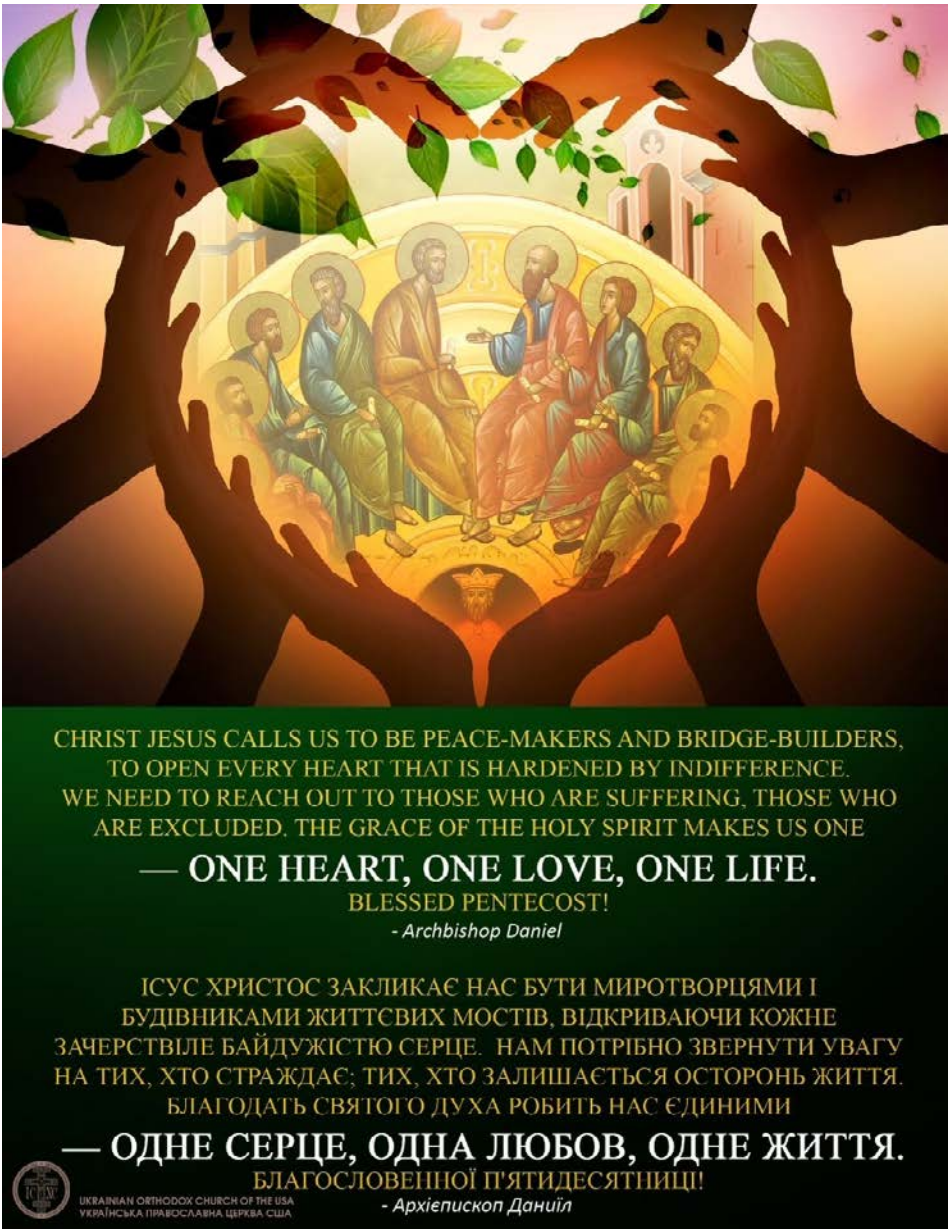
Archbishop Daniel walked towards the crowd and generously sprinkled them, as well, causing laughter and joy as the children squealed and the adults squinted as water ran down their faces.

Wiping water from their eyes, the parishioners all made their way to the parish hall to continue the day’s festivities. Having enjoyed a delicious lunch, everyone settled down to enjoy the program. Parishioners stepped up to sing, recite poetry, and dance. Seminarian Roman Marchyshak dedicated a song to mothers of wounded soldiers, his deep voice

bringing the reality of war to the forefront, making everyone grateful for the many blessings, and the peace that they enjoy.

The afternoon was spent in great camaraderie and happiness as the faithful sat enjoying each other’s company. With such love and enthusiasm, the mission parish of Holy Trinity will enjoy many years of growth and prosperity, as her faithful heed their hierarch’s instructions and work on proclaiming Christ to all the world, changing it for the better. Mnohaya Lita!

Photos by Subdeacon Pavlo Vysotskyi





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

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

The Black Sea has been blockaded, paralyzing supply lines from the south, and making the lines from the west even more crucial, as many people find themselves starving and dying of injuries that

otherwise would be curable, if medical supplies and avenues of transportation to hospitals were available.

Even in this seemingly dire situation, God works through His people, and shines a light in the darkness. With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and the Diaspora, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of the USA, delivered funds to be utilized to

ease the hardships in Ukraine. Through the generous donations of the faithful of the Church, supplies of food have been purchased and are being delivered to the IDPs and others who find themselves in need of assistance. Vehicles have been procured to be used in the war-torn areas to deliver food and medical supplies.

Additionally, a number of ambulances have been purchased and delivered to Ukraine to help save the lives of those who are injured and need immediate medical



care. These Chariots of Hope have been furnished with the necessary medical devices and supplies to provide emergency help.

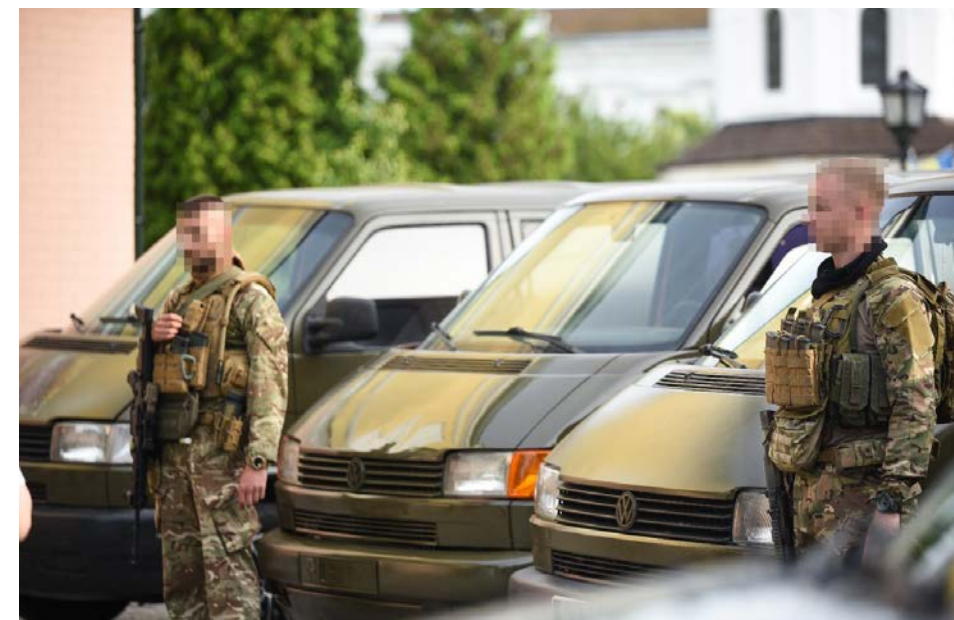
Today, His Beatitude Metropolitan Epifaniy, Primate of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine, blessed the newly delivered fleet of ambulances, before they were transferred to the military units, including the French Volunteer International Legion, to fulfill the mission of saving lives on the battlefield, and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

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

As the war wages on, please consider joining the forces of good by donating generously to the UOC of the USA fund set aside to assist Ukraine. It is thanks to your generosity that the Church is able to provide these crucial supplies and save lives, while it continues to pray and save souls.

The national Spiritual Center – Metropolia continues to coordinate financial donations and their distributions via various ministries in Ukraine. Having collected over 2.1 million dollars, the UOC of the USA continues to finance logistical medical and food deliveries in various parts of Ukraine.

Please, visit our web site for the most recent updates on our humanitarian efforts and **CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US IN OUR MISSION TO HELP THE PEOPLE AND NATION OF UKRAINE!**





**Ukrainian Orthodox Communities of Germany blessed
to welcome the newly-ordained priest - graduate of
St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary
FR. ALEXANDER SMOKTUNOWICZ**

AXIOS! WORTHY! ДОСТОЙНИЙ!

**Українські Православні громади Німеччини вітають
нового священнослужителя - випускника
Свято-Софіївської семінарії
О. ОЛЕКСАНДРА СМОКТУНОВИЧА**

On the 5th of June, 2022, beneath a crystal clear blue sky, the faithful gathered in the Protection of the Birth-Giver of God Ukrainian Orthodox parish in Munich, Germany. The parish, nestled in the beautiful countryside of Bavaria, is home to a flourishing Ukrainian Community, which has recently welcomed hundreds of refugees from Ukraine.

On this beautiful Summer morning, hundreds filled the church in eager anticipation of the arrival of His Eminence Archbishop Daniel (in his capacity of the Spiritual Father of the Western-European Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora).

Bells joyously chimed as His Eminence arrived and was greeted at the door by the parish administration with the traditional bread and salt. The faithful smiled joyously as they followed His Eminence as he entered the nave and was greeted by Parish Pastor Very Rev. Fr. Valentyn Smoktunowicz – Dean of Germany Deanery, who was on this day celebrating his 60th birthday, was surrounded by his three children

who take an active part in parish life – Deacon Alexander, a graduate of the St. Sophia Seminary who would this day be ordained to the priesthood, his son David, who serves in the Altar, and his daughter Anastasia who chants in the choir.

Surrounded by numerous priests who were in attendance from Romania, the Georgian Patriarchate, and the Orthodox Church in Ukraine, His Eminence blessed the faithful and stepped forward to stand in the center of the nave as Fr. Valentyn began serving the Divine Liturgy. His Eminence was assisted by seminarians of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary: Readers Maksym Zhuravchyk and Andrii Vetrych, and seminarian Mykola Stefanyk.

Everyone paid attention as Deacon Alexander read the Gospel Reading from John 17:1-13, listening how Christ implored God the Father to take care of those who had been entrusted to Him. The moving Gospel made God's love evident, and all those gathered felt that love as it flowed through them.

Archbishop Daniel gave a thought-provoking sermon, speaking of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. The Council, held in Nicea in 325 A.D. was the first of its kind and was called in order to clarify Church teachings and condemn a few heresies that were taking hold. Anywhere from 230-318 bishops participated. Among them were notable saints including - Nicholas of Myra (St. Nicholas), Athanasius the Great, Spyridon of Trimythous, Alexander of Alexandria, and Paphnutius of Egypt.

His Eminence explained that these bishops, who had already dedicated their lives to serving the Lord, did not grow complacent in their roles. They took an active interest in ensuring the integrity of the Faith, and worked towards the wellbeing and salvation of the flocks entrusted to them.

The First Ecumenical Council set a precedent for all subsequent Councils. During the gathering the bishops renounced Arianism, developed the Paschalion used to calculate the date of Pascha, and produced the original version of the Nicene Creed.

All this was accomplished through much effort and prayer. Even when things became difficult, the hierarchs kept working at it, knowing that by the guidance of the Holy Spirit they would succeed in strengthening the Church.

It is that same self-sacrifice, the emptying of self, that is required of all of us, especially those who are called to be ordained into the Holy Priesthood. Looking over at Deacon Alexander, he advised him of this fact, that much is required of the clergy, and in order to be successful and to fulfill one's calling, the priest must be selfless and like the bishops at the First Council of Nicea, work diligently to uphold the truths of the Christ, to preserve the integrity of the Church, and to lead their flocks to salvation.

With these deep words to ponder, the Liturgy continued. During the Great Entrance, Deacon Alexander exited the Altar and made his way to the back of the church, holding the Aer over his head. As Archbishop Daniel received the Gifts and placed them upon the Altar, he donned his mitre, blessed the faithful, and then took a seat at the corner of the Altar.

From the Narthex was heard, "Command!" as the candidate to the priesthood, Deacon Alexander made a prostration, and was lead through the Nave to the Altar, pausing to prostrate once again before the icon upon the tetrapod. The words, "Command! Holy Master, bless him who is before thee," echoed through the church as Deacon Alexander entered the Altar and was presented to Archbishop Daniel who awaited him. Having received the hierarch's blessing, Deacon Alexander was led around the Altar Table, pausing at each corner to kiss the table, and prostrating before the Archbishop.

This whole time the choir joyously sang:

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

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

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

With three rotations completed, Deacon Alexander 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 Cheirotonia over him, while the clergy, the choir, those present at the Liturgy, and those attending over the live stream all prayed and sang "Lord, have mercy!"

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

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

O God, great in might and inscrutable in wisdom, marvelous in counsel above the sons of men: You the same Lord, fill with the gift of Your Holy Spirit this man whom it has pleased You to advance to the degree of Priest; that he may become worthy to stand in innocence before Your

altar, to proclaim the Gospel of Your kingdom, to minister the word of Your truth, to offer to You spiritual gifts and sacrifices; to renew Your people through the font of regeneration, that when he shall go to meet You, at the second coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, he may receive the reward of good stewardship in the order given to him, through the plenitude of Your goodness.

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

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

With relief on his face the newly ordained priest approached his wife, Kateryna, embracing her warmly, as she would be traveling this journey with him. He then turned to his father, Fr. Valentyn and embraced him as well before returning to the Altar, for the first time to serve as a priest.

The new priest greeted the concelebrating priests with a holy kiss, then stood at the altar and concelebrated the Divine Liturgy with them, holding the Aer that was just recently upon his shoulders,

over the Holy Gifts during the proclamation of the Creed. Thus, the Divine Liturgy continued with the new priest shining in his new white vestments leading the way, supported by the senior clergy.

After the consecration of the Holy Gifts, Father Alexander 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 Alexander communed as a priest. The Royal Gates opened and 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. Alexander’s head as he held the very Body and Blood of Christ, and communed the faithful.

As the choir sang Father Alexander recited the prayer behind the ambo, as Archbishop Daniel gave the final blessing and dismissal.

With the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence once again presented the newly ordained priest Alexander, as the parish reverberated “Axios!” as he called up the priest’s young wife,



Kateryna. His Eminence explained the Fr. Alexander’s priestly path includes the partnership and participation of his wife, and to help strengthen her for this new vocation, Archbishop Daniel took her to the side, and prayed over her, that the Lord should bless and strengthen her as she supports her husband in his ministry.

As Dobrodiyka Katernya stepped down, His Eminence turned his attention to the faithful who had joined in this wonderful celebration. On behalf of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, Archbishop Daniel once again congratulated the newly ordained priest, and expressed his warmest greetings to all the clergy present, the Ukrainian Consul-General in Germany, Mr Yuriy Yarmilko, as well as all the faithful.

As the choir sang Mnohaya Lita, Fr. Valentyn was presented with flowers and gifts from the parish in honor of his birthday. Once again, the church erupted in a loud rendition of Mnohaya Lita as the faithful joined their voices to those of the choir.

The festivities continued as everyone gathered for a luncheon, where they spent a relaxing afternoon greeting old friends, making new friends, sharing stories, and rejoicing that a new priest has been ordained to serve in the Lord’s Vineyard.

May God bless newly ordained Fr. Alexander and grant him many years! Mnohaya Lita! Axios!

Photos by Reader Maksym Zhuravchyk





The past 100 days have weighed heavily on the hearts and minds of the world with the horrendous images of Russia waging war on Ukraine, and millions of refugees fleeing the country to save their lives. For Natasha W. Birmingham, they've been images that brought to life the stories she heard from her late grandmother, Halyna Bodareva, and her mother, Nona, and her aunt Alla. Over 80 years ago, Halyna was also forced to flee Ukraine with her infant daughters after Josef Stalin's regime arrested her husband. Halyna knew she would likely never see her husband again, but she needed to save her family and so she launched out on a multi-year-long journey that took them through treacherous and war-torn Europe. Like so many, it was a hardship and an injustice that they would bravely endure, but never forget.

As Natasha was out riding her bike in April on what would have been her grandmother's 109th birthday, she wondered how she could honor her grandmother during this deeply troubling time, along with all the brave women who have fled

Ukraine with their children. Thus the idea was conceived for a long and challenging bicycle ride which she called A Journey of Hope: 100 miles for 100 days of the Ukrainian invasion. Its purpose was to honor her grandmother's difficult journey, to honor all the women forced to flee Ukraine with their families, to continue to raise awareness for the 100 days of the invasion, and to raise relief money for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA to help with their humanitarian aid efforts.

"My grandmother remained a most hopeful person, despite everything she went through," Natasha said,

"and my dream for this ride was to share that hope through her story, and through the money raised for the Church to help with their incredible humanitarian aid that may bring hope to the people of Ukraine."

Natasha created a 100-mile route from the High Point Monument in Sussex, New Jersey to her grandmother's gravesite at St. Andrew Ukrainian Cemetery, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in South Bound Brook, NJ. Natasha felt it was important that this journey be by women, for women, and reached out to two friends,



Eva Wirth from New York City and Hazlet, New Jersey, and Christine Parauda, from Blairstown, New Jersey, who jumped at the chance to become a part of the Journey of Hope. Another friend, Kathy Czizk, joined the riders at mile 88 for the final ride onto the Church grounds. Her husband, Bobby Birmingham, provided support throughout the day by following along in his vehicle.

A little over six hours after they started their journey on Saturday, June 4, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, along with other clergy and employees, and family and friends, greeted the riders at their completion at St. Andrew Memorial Church and Cemetery. Metropolitan Antony commented on the importance of keeping the Ukraine crisis forefront in people's minds and appreciated the impact that the money raised will have on the continued humanitarian aid going into Ukraine.

The ride concluded with a Memorial Ceremony at Halyna's gravesite, conducted by Fr. Andriy Drapak. A prayer was also offered for everyone who has died due to the war in Ukraine. Very Rev. Fr. Vasyl Pasakas also thanked the riders for all they did, mentioning how the crisis has moved some people to sing, or dance to help Ukraine and how the riders chose to ride their bicycles to raise awareness and help Ukraine.

To date, a Journey of Hope has raised over \$15,000.

For more information or to donate, you can visit <https://www.facebook.com/donate/7410482322326467/> or make your donation on the Church's website www.uocofusa.org where you can also read about how humanitarian aid is being distributed in Ukraine.

By UOC of USA staff



RECOGNIZING THE GRADUATES Вшанування Випускників

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN ANTONY &
HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DANIEL
RECOGNIZE THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES



PARISH/CITY	NAME	GRADUATION INFORMATION
Protection of the Holy Virgin in Arnold, PA	Victoria Swindle	University of Pittsburgh, Masters - Library and Information Science
St. Peter & St. Paul Carnegie, PA	Maksym Shcherbatyuk	Planning to attend Kent State University, Double Major in Music Composition
St. Nicholas UOC Charlottesville, VA	Gregory J. Brogan	Western Albemarle High School, attending Savannah College of Art and Design in the fall
Assumption of the Virgin Mary UOC, Northampton, PA;	Gabriel Sawarynsk	Graduating Northampton High School, attending Wilkes University in the fall for Pharmacy
	Justin Ost	Parkland High School, attending University of Scranton in the fall
St. Vladimir, Parma, OH	Sophia Dobronos	Graduated from The Ohio State University with honors, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. Physician Assistant (PA) School at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio
	Matthew Paul Greaves	Graduated from The Ohio State University Bachelor of Science in Ecological Engineering (FABE)
	Jonathan Stephen Greaves	John Carroll University Summa Cum Laude Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Minor in Business and Mathematics
	Bohdana Komichak	Graduated: Georgetown University, Master of Professional Studies in Design Management & Communications
	Orest Mahlay	He is graduating from Georgetown University / BA in Political Economy
	Logan Mroczak	Brecksville Broadview Heights High School Graduate, Planning to attend Kent State University, Double Major in Music Composition and Animation Game Design
	Anna Tatoczenko	Graduated from Normandy High School, She will attend Cuyahoga Community College to study in the Veterinary Technician program.

PARISH/CITY	NAME	GRADUATION INFORMATION
St. Vladimir - Philadelphia	Michael SanAntonio	Graduated High School and moving on to higher education
	Natalie Hrytsay	Graduated High School and attending University of Pittsburgh
	Sophia Holubowsky	Graduated High School and attending Cornell University
	Peter Peltekis	Graduated High School and moving into Interning at the Philadelphia Academy Charter High School
St. Michael's	Africa Rachel Harendza	Graduating honors student from Seton Catholic Central High School attending Suny University Broome Campus and majoring in Social Work and Counseling
St. Luke's Ukrainian Orthodox Church	Daniel Kolos	West Genesee High School
Holy Resurrection, Waynsville, NC	Warren Perkins	Hart County High School; will be attending the University of Georgia - College of Education
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church	Shannon Marinich	Middletown South High School





INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CERTIFICATION FORM

1. Please type or print all information.
2. Certification must be signed by the Delegate, Pastor and President of the Parish Board to be valid.
3. A check payable to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA must be submitted along with each registration form. The registration fee for delegate, alternate or guest is \$400.00 each. The delegate certification form and check must reach the Consistory before September 19, 2022. A late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed for delegate certifications postmarked and received after September 19, 2022. Therefore, all checks received with delegate forms after September 17, must be made out for \$450.00
4. **Please make copies of this form. Delegates must bring a copy of this form to register at the Sobor and show proper identification.**
5. This same Delegate certification form is to be completed by the Alternate, if he/she is designated to be in attendance and possibly represent the parish in place of regular delegate.
6. PLEASE MAIL FORMS AND REGISTRATION FEE TO:

**UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF USA
ATTN: SOBOR REGISTRATION
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I. PARISH DELEGATES

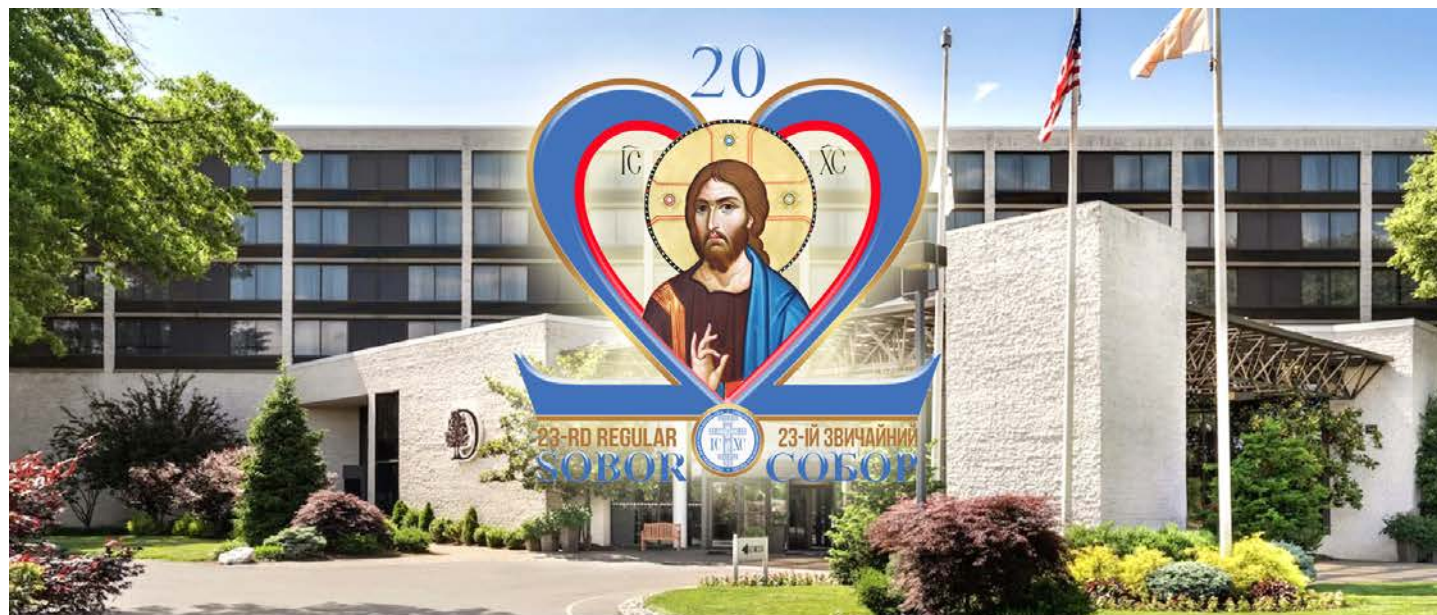
- A. To be eligible to send a delegate(s) to the Sobor, the parish must be "in good standing" with the Consistory with paid up assessments, pension, parish info sheets, membership forms and any outstanding bills as of August 15, 2022.
- B. Delegates to the Sobor should be elected at a parish meeting.
- C. The following criteria should be considered in selecting candidates for delegates to the Sobor.
 - To be eligible as a candidate for election as a Sobor delegate, the candidate must be a practicing Ukrainian Orthodox Christian who regularly attends Divine Liturgy and other Church Services, goes to Confession and receives Holy Communion.
 - The candidate must be a member in good standing of the parish which he/she represents.
 - The candidate's service to the parish should be an important consideration. Some service considerations are serving on parish board, choir, teaching in church school, working with youth, sisterhood, UOL.
 - The candidate must have the recommendation of the parish and the priest.
 - Must register in a timely manner.

II. CLERGY DELEGATES

1. Must be a clergy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.
2. Must be in good standing --- all financial obligations should be met, including outstanding assessments, and bookstore invoices.
3. ALL VITAL STATISTICS CURRENT AND SUBMITTED.
4. Must have the blessing of the eparchial bishop.
5. Must register in a timely manner.

III. OTHER PARTICIPANTS - GUESTS

1. Guests are welcome as observers.
2. Guests do not have the right to vote nor to participate in official discussions.
3. Guests may be asked to sit in a separate section.
4. Guests must be members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.
5. Guests must pay the GUEST REGISTRATION FEE.
6. The guest registration must be approved by guests' home parish and parish priest.



SOBOR **HOTEL INFORMATION**

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23RD REGULAR SOBOR • OCTOBER 12 – 15, 2022

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 South Bound Brook, New Jersey
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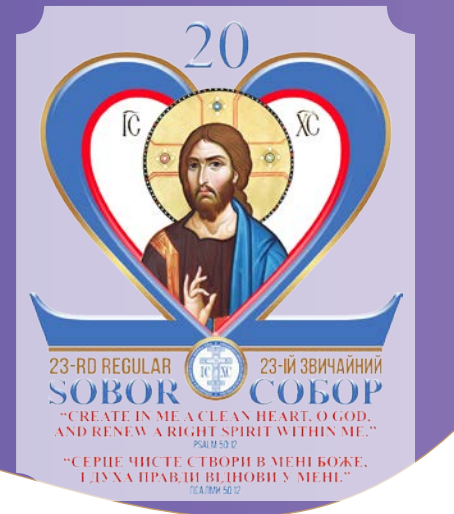
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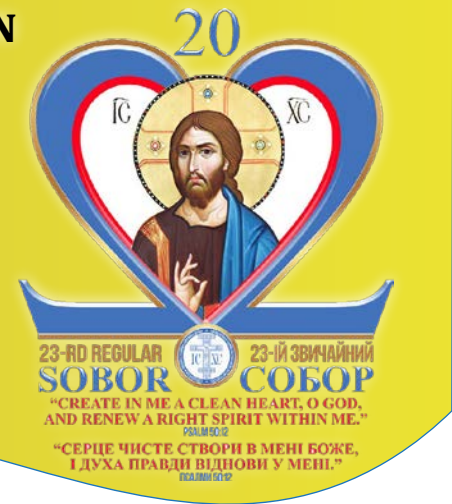
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Signature of Delegate/Alternate/Guest:

Parish Name:

City: State:

☐ Delegate / Делегат

☐ Alternate / Заступник

☐ Guest / Гість

We the undersigned certify that the above named was elected at the General Meeting of the Parish held on _____ to represent our parish as a delegate/alternate/guest to the 23rd Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, which will be held from October 12-15, 2022.

We also certify that the above named is a bona fide member of the parish, participates on a regular basis in the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Holy Communion, and has fulfilled all obligations prescribed by the Parish Constitution and the Constitution of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

Ми, нижче підписані, стверджуємо, що названі особи були обрані загальними парафіяльними зборами, що відбулися _____ делегатами нашої парафії на 23-й Собор УПЦеркви США, що відбудеться з 12 до 15 жовтня, 2022 року Божого.

Одночасно ми підтверджуємо, що вони є повноправними членами парафії, регулярно беруть участь у святих таїнствах сповіді і причастя та виконали всі свої зобов'язання згідно з парафіяльним статутом і зі статутом Української Православної Церкви в США.

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JESUS SENDS THE HOLY SPIRIT

After Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, the disciples went back to Jerusalem. They stayed there all together, and some of the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, were with them. They were all waiting for the Comforter that Jesus had promised them.

One day Peter stood up and said: "Let us choose someone who was with us from the day that Jesus Christ was baptized until His death. Let us make him one of the Twelve to replace Judas, who betrayed our Lord." The other disciples agreed. They chose two names among those of Jesus' friends who had always been with Him. They prayed and asked God to show which one of the two He wanted to be chosen. Then they drew lots, and the good lot was drawn by a man called Matthias. From that day on Matthias became one of the twelve apostles in the place of Judas. "Apostle" is the name given to Jesus' twelve closest friends and disciples.

A great holiday was approaching. The city of Jerusalem was crowded with people who had come there for the holiday. The twelve apostles and Mary, the mother of Jesus, were all together in the upper room of their house. Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as if a mighty wind were rushing through the entire house. A flame of fire appeared over the head of each one of the apostles. And through these flames of fire a great and mysterious strength came down on them. This was the Comforter, God the Holy Spirit, entering into the disciples.

Suddenly the apostles felt that they had become quite different from what they had been before. They knew now what they had to say to people about the things Jesus had taught them. They knew how to say these things so that people would believe them. Many people who were in Jerusalem for the holiday, heard the rushing noise made by the wind. They gathered before the house. They had come from many different countries and spoke many different languages. Then they heard the apostles speaking to them in their own languages and telling them the story of Jesus Christ, who was the Savior promised from olden days. The Apostle Peter told the people how He was crucified and arose from the dead and ascended into heaven and how He had promised that a special Comforter, God the Holy Spirit, would come down to His disciples and give them special strength and wisdom.

The people who listened to Peter believed him and said: "What shall we do then?" Peter said: "Be sorry for all the bad things you have done. Come and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

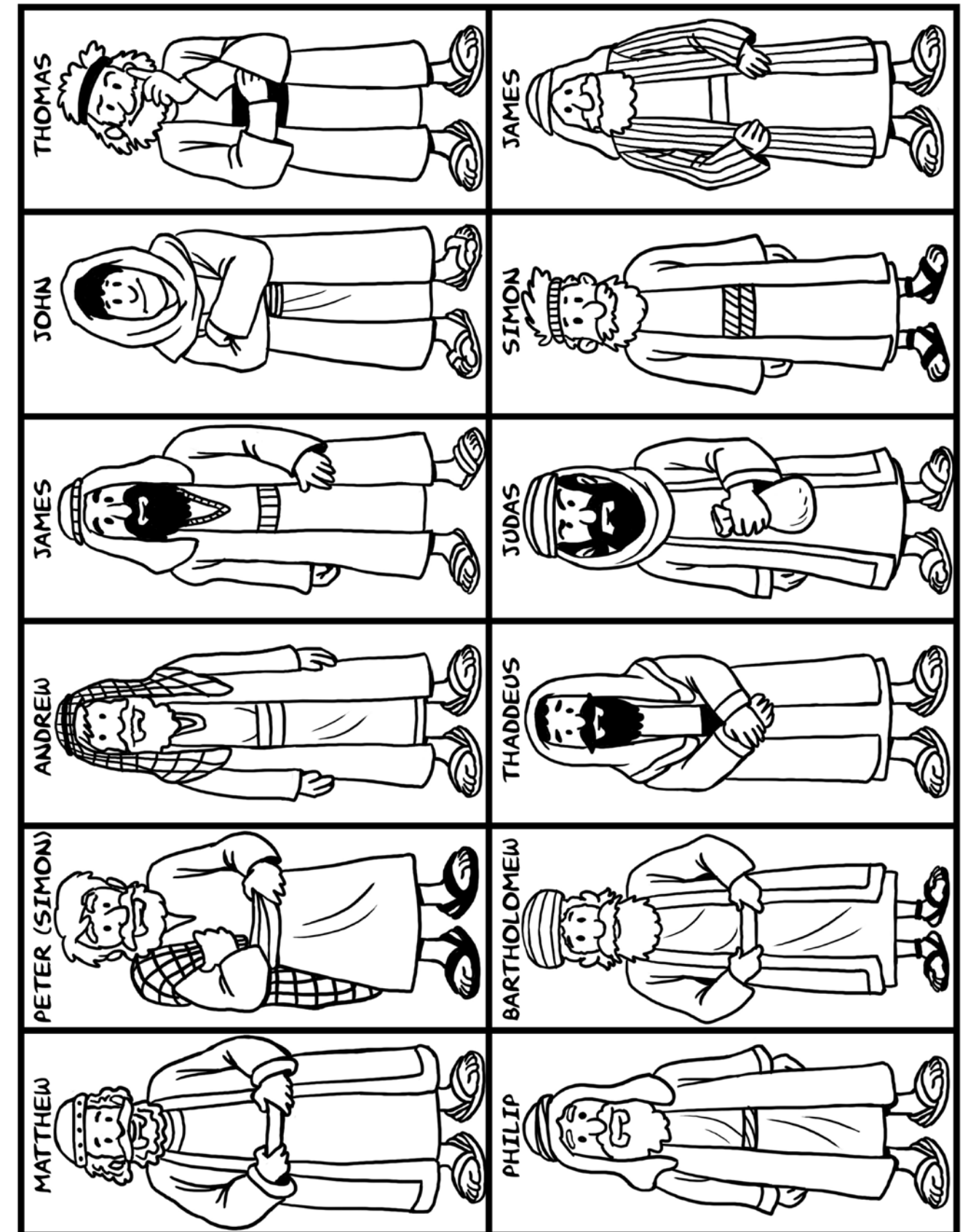
All the people who were gathered there listened to Peter and were baptized. From then on, they all lived as one family. They prayed and thanked God for everything. They came together often to receive Holy Communion. They listened to the things the Apostles told them and shared with each other everything they had. No one was in need of anything. They lived happily together.

This is the way God made His church on earth. Ever since then we receive special power and strength in the church. We belong to the true church founded by Jesus Christ. We must remember that it is the greatest treasure we have.

There is a special prayer in our church, in which we speak to God the Holy Spirit and Comforter, who was sent to the apostles after Jesus Christ ascended into heaven:

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth who art everywhere and fillest all things. Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life: Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

GET TO KNOW THE APOSTLES OF CHRIST



HEALTHY ZUCCHINI CORN FRITTERS

(VEGAN DISH PERFECT FOR THE APOSTLES FAST)



INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups shredded zucchini, about 4 medium-size zucchini
- 1½ cups corn kernels, fresh or frozen and defrosted (about 8 ounces)
- ¾ cup chopped green onions, about 6 green onions
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1¼ cup chickpea flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon salt & pepper
- high heat oil
- nacho cashew cream, for serving
- black beans, salsa and avocado, for serving

INSTRUCTIONS

In a large bowl, combine shredded zucchini, corn, green onions, chickpea flour, garlic, cumin, oregano, thyme, salt & pepper. Stir together until well combined. Allow to sit for at least 5 minutes. This step is important because the flour will absorb the moisture from the zucchini and create a batter.

Warm a large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Grease with preferred cooking oil then scoop out 1/4 cup of the zucchini mixture at a time into the skillet. Cook for about 3-5 minutes on each side, until light golden brown. Serve warm with black beans, salsa, nacho cashew cream and/or avocado then enjoy!



Balla, Mykola baptized and chrismated on May 15, 2022 in Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Brooklyn, NY. Child of Bledi Balla and Olha Oliynyk. Sponsors: Ivan Serota / Iana Zagrebina and Yuriy Oliynyk / Victoria Kuhar. Celebrated by V. Rev. Victor Wronskyj.

Khodakovskiy, Mark baptized and chrismated on May 15, 2022 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Carnegie, PA. Child of Sergii Khodakovskiy and Inna Skoroda. Sponsors: Anatoly Rusalov / Nataliia Pototska and Oleksandr Khodakovskiy / Iryna Kudina. Celebrated by Rev. John Charest.

Klymenko, Melania baptized and chrismated on January 16, 2022 in Sts. Peter & Paul Mission Church, Brooklyn, NY. Child of Taras Klymenko and Viktoria Klos. Sponsors: Ivan Kosmenko and Olesia Klos. Celebrated by V. Rev. Stepan Motychak.

Kyryliuk, Nicole Avery baptized and chrismated on April 16, 2022 in St. Michael's Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Oleksandr Kyryliuk and Olga Stefanets. Sponsors: Dzianis Ivanou and Halyna Holinei. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

Ladoszka, Simon Stanley James baptized and chrismated on June 5, 2022 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Carnegie, PA. Child of Terry John Andrew Ladoszka and Anna Lee. Sponsors: Ryan Mulderig and Elicia Slava Polacek. Celebrated by Rev. John Charest.

Mirzoyan, Elizabeth baptized and chrismated on May 28, 2022 in St. Andrew Memorial Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Vladimir Mirzoyan and Tamar Mirzoyan. Sponsors: Sergo Shnayder / Anna Shnayder and Tea Goghiasvili / Tamar Gogoladze. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

Moroz - Bayaan, Genevieve Naomi baptized and chrismated on April 16, 2022 in St. Mary Protectress Church, Spring Valley, CA. Child of Siraj Musaddiq Bayaan and Galyna Moroz. Sponsors: Robert Cataliotti and Gulia Trulove. Celebrated by V. Rev. Myron Mykhaylyuk.

Oliyarnik, Mikhail baptized and chrismated on May 29, 2022 in St. Vladimir Cathedral Church, Parma, OH. Child of Oleg Oliyarnik and Tatiana Hofal. Sponsors: Andriy Boechko and Anna Pochemsana. Celebrated by Fr. Michael Hontaruk.

Pilyptsiv, David baptized and chrismated on June 4, 2022 in Holy Trinity Church, Cheektowaga, NY. Child of Oleh Pilyptsiv and Yuliia Ptashynska. Sponsors: Roman Potiuk and Viktoriia Liubimova. Celebrated by Fr. Yuriy Kasyanov.

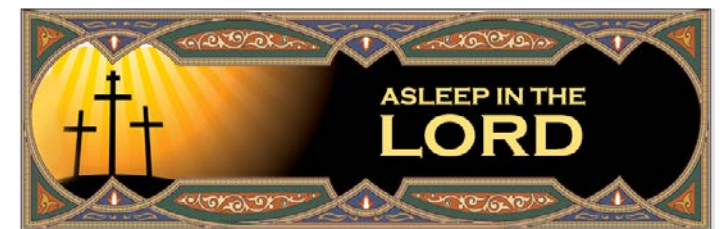
Tyvoniuik, Alice baptized and chrismated on April 30, 2022 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Carnegie, PA. Child of Bohdan Tyvoniuik and Olena Slobodian. Sponsors: Volodymyr Sagaydak / Evelina Gagatko and Roman Tsvek / Olha Zhyla. Celebrated by Rev. John Charest.

Vaske, Emil Taras baptized and chrismated on April 16, 2022 in St. Michael's Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Charles Joseph Vaske and Olena V. Morozova. Sponsors: Paul Gregory Monson and Anastasiya Donchak. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.



David Bruce Heisler and Christine Lynne Wachnowsky in St. Peter & Paul Parish, Carnegie, PA, on June 4, 2022, witnessed by Beverly Wachnowsky and John Heisler. Celebrant: Rev. John Charest.

Zachary Stephen Kapeluck and Andrea Miwa Yorita in St. Peter & Paul Parish, Carnegie, PA, on May 6, 2022, witnessed by John Harbist and Mikaela Kapeluck. Celebrant: Rev. John Charest.



Foley, Valerie K. of Fairport, NY on March 28, 2022 at the age of 66 years, officiating clergy Fr. Igor Krekhovetsky of St. Mary's Protection Parish, Rochester, NY.

Gridley, Brian J of Rochester, NY on January 26, 2022 at the age of 88 years, officiating clergy Fr. Igor Krekhovetsky of St. Mary's Protection Parish, Rochester, NY.

Mitchell, Joanne Solan of Munster, IN on May 15, 2022 at the age of 90 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Raymond E. Sundland of St. Michael Parish, Hammond, IN 46324.

Ostaffy, Janet Eileen of Indiana, PA on April 16, 2022 at the age of 67 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Mark Swindle of Holy Virgin Parish, Arnold, PA 15068.

Satepanczak, Julia of New Britain, CT on May 16, 2022 at the age of 96 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Andrii Pokotylo of St. Mary's Parish, New Britain, CT 06051.

Sivulich, Stephen of Pittsburgh, PA on April 24, 2022 at the age of 86 years, officiating clergy Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel and visiting clergy of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Carnegie, PA 15106.

Skic, Lev of Rochester, NY on August 24, 2021 at the age of 97 years, officiating clergy Fr. Igor Krekhovetsky of St. Mary's Protection Parish, Rochester, NY.

Soulik, Dmitri V. of Rochester, NY on November 13, 2021 at the age of 86 years, officiating clergy Fr. Igor Krekhovetsky of St. Mary's Protection Parish, Rochester, NY.

Teaman, Ronald H. of Broadview Hts., OH on May 22, 2022 at the age of 84 years, officiating clergy Fr. J. Nakonachny / Fr. M. Hontaruk of St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH 44134.



ORDINATIONS

may god grant to them many happy and blessed years!

V. Rev. Anthony Perkins	6/2/2007
V. Rev. Benjamin Worlinsky	6/4/1967
Rev. Ivan Synevskyy	6/5/2010
Rev. Mark Phillips	6/15/2002
Rev. Myron Korostil	6/16/2013
V. Rev. Volodymyr Zinchyshyn	6/16/1997
Protopresb. William Diakiw	6/17/1956
V. Rev. Ivan Semko	6/18/1984
V. Rev. Andrew Gall	6/26/1988
Rev. Oleg Kravchenko	6/29/2019
V. Rev. Stephen Masliuk	6/29/2002
Protodn. Ireney Dziadyk	6/19/1998
Dn. Nicholas Zachary	6/25/2011
Dn. Timothy Kelleher	6/29/2019



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JUNE

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Bishop Volodymyr (Hay) – June 7 1977

21st 1948 -	PRIEST JOHN SENCHUK
21st 1955 -	PRIEST JOHN PALEY
23rd 1973 -	PROTOPRESBYTER VOLODYMYR KLODNYTSKY
30th 1975 -	PROTOPRESBYTER PAWLO SZPIRUK
24th 1976 -	PROTOPRIEST EVHEN NOVITSKY
20th 1977 -	PROTOPRIEST WASYL BULAVKA
23rd 1981 -	PRIEST EUGENE KRYWOLAP
3rd 1982 -	PROTOPRESBYTER PETER MAJEVSKY
19th 1982 -	PRIEST ANDREW ILINSKY
21st 1987 -	PROTOPRESBYTER FRANK LAWRYK
29th 1990 -	PROTOPRESBYTER IVAN TKACZUK
30th 1995 -	PROTOPRIEST JOHN KULISH
4th 1996 -	PROTOPRIEST JOHN KULCHYCKY
20th 1997 -	PROTOPRESBYTER STEPHEN HANKAVICH
6th 2000 -	PRIEST WOLODYMYR CHUHAJ
22nd 2000 -	PROTOPRESBYTER STEPHEN HALLICK-HOLUTIAK
9th 2001 -	PROTOPRIEST IHOR MIROSHCHENKO
18th 2003 -	PROTOPRESBYTER BOHDAN ZELECHIVSKY
6th 2010 -	PROTOPRESBYTER FRANK ESTOCIN
13th 2013 -	PRIEST VLADIMIR IVANOV
23rd 2014 -	PROTOPRIEST WSEWOLOD SHEMETYLO





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Planned Summer Schedule

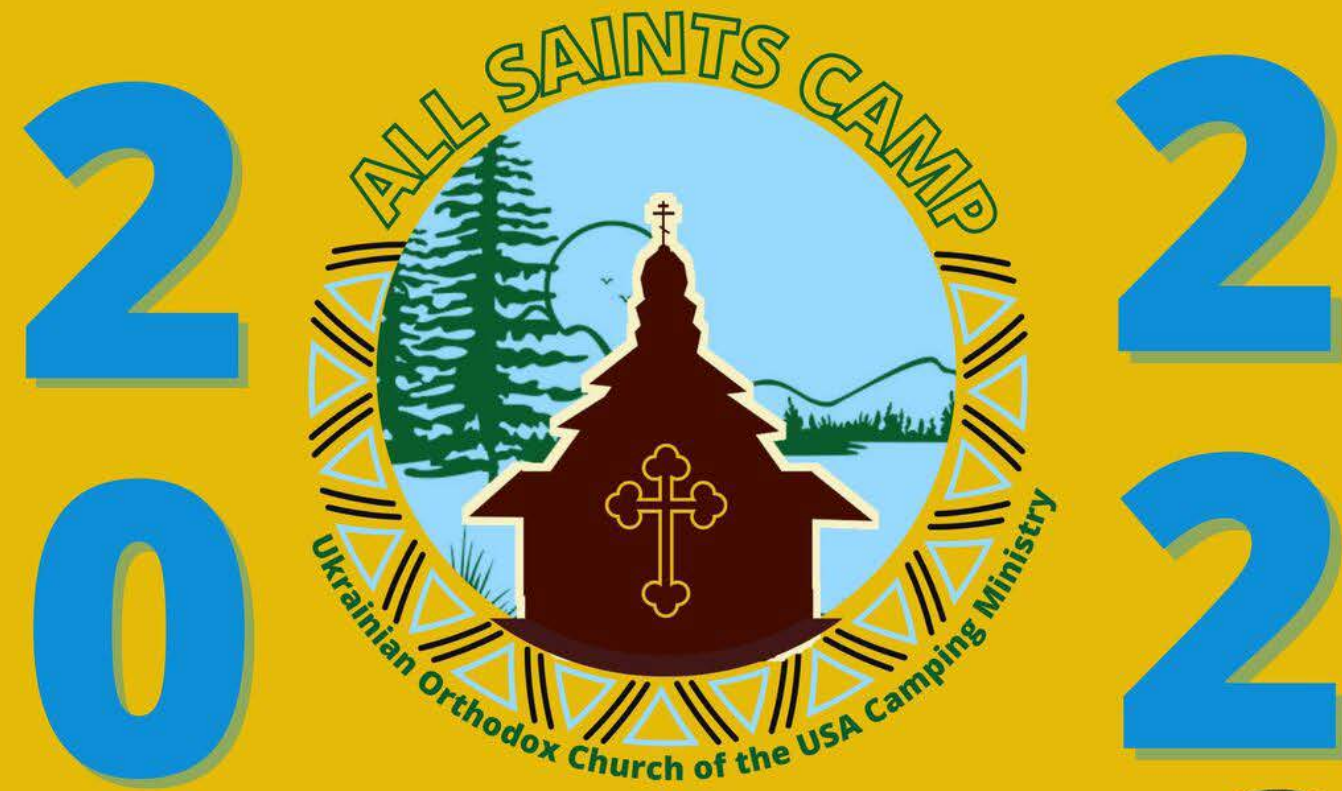
- July 3 - 9 Diocesan Church School Camp
- July 10 - 23 Teenage Conference
- August 1 - 5 Mommy/Daddy & Me
- August 5-8 St. Nicholas Program
- Aug 28- Sept 1 ASC for Adults
- September 2-5 Family Fest

Dates for work weekends or special events or for rental inquiries may be found at www.allsaintscamp.org.

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Запланований Розклад на Літо

- Липень 3 - 9 Шкільний Табір
- Липень 10 - 23 Програма для Підлітків
- Серпень 1 - 5 Мама / Тато & Я
- Серпень 5-8 Програма Св. Миколая
- Серп 28- Верес 1 Табір для Дорослих
- Вересень 2-5 Сімейне свято

Дати робочих вихідних, спеціальних заходів чи інформацію про рент можна знайти на www.allsaintscamp.org.

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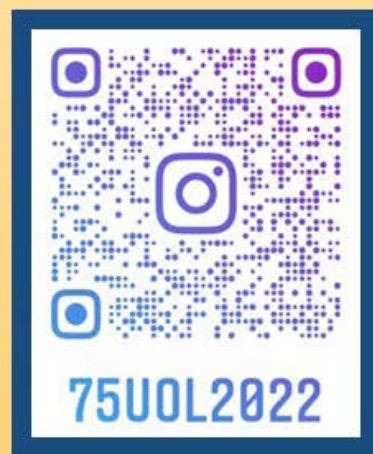
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We can't wait to greet YOU!



75th Annual UOL Convention CO-Chairs
Deacon Evan O'Neil, Pani Matka Alice O'Neil,
Tracey Sally, Michael Sally

Visit Website

75th UOL CONVENTION REMINDERS

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

- The Convention Hotel rate of \$99.00 expires **July 6th**, reserve before that date!
- You can pay for your registration online, but you still need to mail or email your registration form.
- Did you know you can register for the weekend for the convention or purchase single event tickets?

See YOU soon in Carnegie, PA!

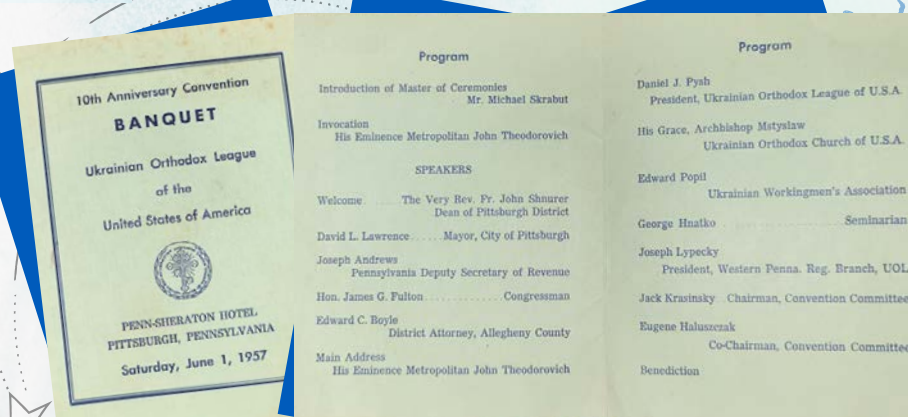
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It's Time
for the
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Why should YOU attend the 75th
UOL Convention?

How many words apply to you?

Chapter LSSK CREATIVITY
ACTION ALL SAINTS CAMP Love
Challenge JUNIORS Dance
MJSF Achievements CHRIST
Life UOL MOTTO Choir AWARDS
RENEWAL Seminarians Skills
Clergy IDEAS Social Volunteer
HISTORY National SERVICE
Responsibility MINISTRY Local
Enthusiasm TALENTS Meetings
YOUTH Faith Inspiration LOVE
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Convention Events



Thursday July 28, 2022
6:00 PM
Through the Decades
Tickets: \$40 cash \$45 online



Friday July 29, 2022
5:15 PM
Ukrainian Christmas in July
Tickets: \$75 cash \$80 online

Saturday July 30, 2022
4:30 PM
75th UOL Grand Banquet & Ball
Tickets: \$85 cash \$90 online
Ball only: \$40 cash \$45 online



Sunday July 31, 2022
9:30 AM
Archpastoral Divine Liturgy
Farewell Brunch
Brunch Tickets:
\$25 cash \$28 online

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Event
Tickets by
July 11th!

"The UOL is a very unique organization with our Church. Annually it brings together members from parish chapters across the country who embrace the UOL motto of being dedicated to youth, supporting our Church, and preserving our rich Ukrainian culture. It helps us realize that as members of a parish chapter we are not by ourselves on an island, but rather part of a bigger world with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA."

-Helen Greenleef, 71st
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Through the Decades

75TH UOL ANNUAL CONVENTION
Thursday, JULY 28, 2022
6:00 to 10:00 PM
"THROUGH THE DECADES"
Dinner & Dance
Hilton DoubleTree Hotel Greentree

- 30 Minute DJ Music Sessions starting from the 1940's to present day!
- Time specialty desserts!
- Dress up in your favorite decade attire and have fun!

Single Event Ticket Price \$40.00 cash/check
Single Event Ticket Price \$45.00 online
Visit: www.orthodoxcarnegie.org/75thregistration

Convention QR Code

Convention Workshops

Workshops Friday July 29, 2022
PYSANKY ETCHING CLASS BY TRACEY SALLY

- HAVE MADE AT LEAST 1 (ONE) PYSANKY
- \$30.00
- REGISTER WITH CONVENTION REGISTRATION OR AT REGISTRATION DESK

LOCATION: HILTON DOUBLETREE HOTEL, GREENTREE, PA

Saturday July 30, 2022
AN INTRODUCTION IN ICONS
2 TO 3:00 PM

BY ICONOGRAPHER, MICHAEL KAPELUK
LOCATION: SSS. PETER & PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CARNEGIE, PA

Ukrainian Christmas in July

Ukrainian Christmas in July
The Story of 'the Ukrainian Christmas Spider' performed by the Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble

Friday July 29, 2022
5:15- Cocktails
6:15- Dinner
7:30 Show

\$75 cash/check
\$80 online

QR CODE TO 75TH UOL CONVENTION WEBSITE!

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Вмц. Марини (Маргарити)

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July 12

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