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**Lord Jesus Christ, You were a pilgrim in this Holy Land. Now You lead and guide us on our pilgrimage to the heavenly Jerusalem. As we follow in Your steps, we ask the grace to keep our eyes on You. Open our hearts that we may find You not only in ancient stones, but in people around us and in each other. Let Your words be a fire burning within us. Write Your Gospel upon our hearts. Give us a spirit of prayer so that we return back not only full of facts but filled with grace and love. Lord, teach us to pray in the very land where You taught Your disciples so that we may say: Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One.**

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### DESIRE

*In order to be a good Christian,  
you must have a deep desire to serve the Lord.  
Therefore, cultivate humility, strengthen your desire... and serve.*

- Archbishop Daniel

### БАЖАННЯ

*Щоб бути добрим християнином,  
Ви повинні мати глибоке бажання служити Господу.  
Тому розвивайте смирення, зміцнюйте своє бажання ...  
і служіть.*

- Архієпископ Даниїл



# WHY GO ON A PILGRIMAGE

## НАВІЩО ЙТИ НА ПАЛОМНИЦТВО

### 1. БІБЛІЙНА ТРАДИЦІЯ

Паломництво, мандрівка до святині, є ніби фізичним втіленням духовного шляху і руху. Її суть завжди одна – ми залишаємо все і вирушаємо у дорогу.

В Біблії Традиція паломництв дуже давня і сягає своїм корінням старозавітніх часів. У паломництво до обіцяної Богом землі вирушив Аврам; до Ханаану згодом мандрував цілий народ під проводом Мойсея. Кожний юдей, якому виповнилося 12 років, мав обов'язок щороку ходити до Храму в Єрусалимі. Ісус Христос постійно перебував в дорозі. Його життя і діяльність спрямована до Святого Міста, Він часто відвідував Храм.

Першими в історії християнства паломниками були ті, хто незадовго після воскресіння Господа Ісуса Христа вирушали до Палестини та в Єрусалим до гробу Господнього. Із того моменту до храму Воскресіння Христового вирушали численні мандрівники, які прагнули бодай раз у житті побувати тут.

### 2. ЧАС ДЛЯ БОГА ТО ДЛЯ СЕБЕ

Паломництво – це не відпустка, а час, присвячений Богові, пошуку Його, пізнанню Його та посвяченню себе Йому. Паломництво це час молитви, нагода примиритися з Богом.

Не бійтеся залишити справи й рідних. Ви повернетеся всього через кілька днів. Підчас паломництва попрацюйте над собою, так щоб коли ви повернетеся по домах, до рідних своїх, ви будете лагідними та добрішими.

У паломництві ви побачите Христа у ближніх, навчитеся озиратися довкола і допомагати іншим хай у дрібних речах (запропонувати води, допомогти з наплічником, дати пластир, поділитися цукеркою і тд.). Згодом це допоможе вам стати уважнішими до потреб людей, які оточують вас щодня.

### 3. ПАЛОМНИЦТВО ВЧИТЬ ВДЯЧНОСТІ

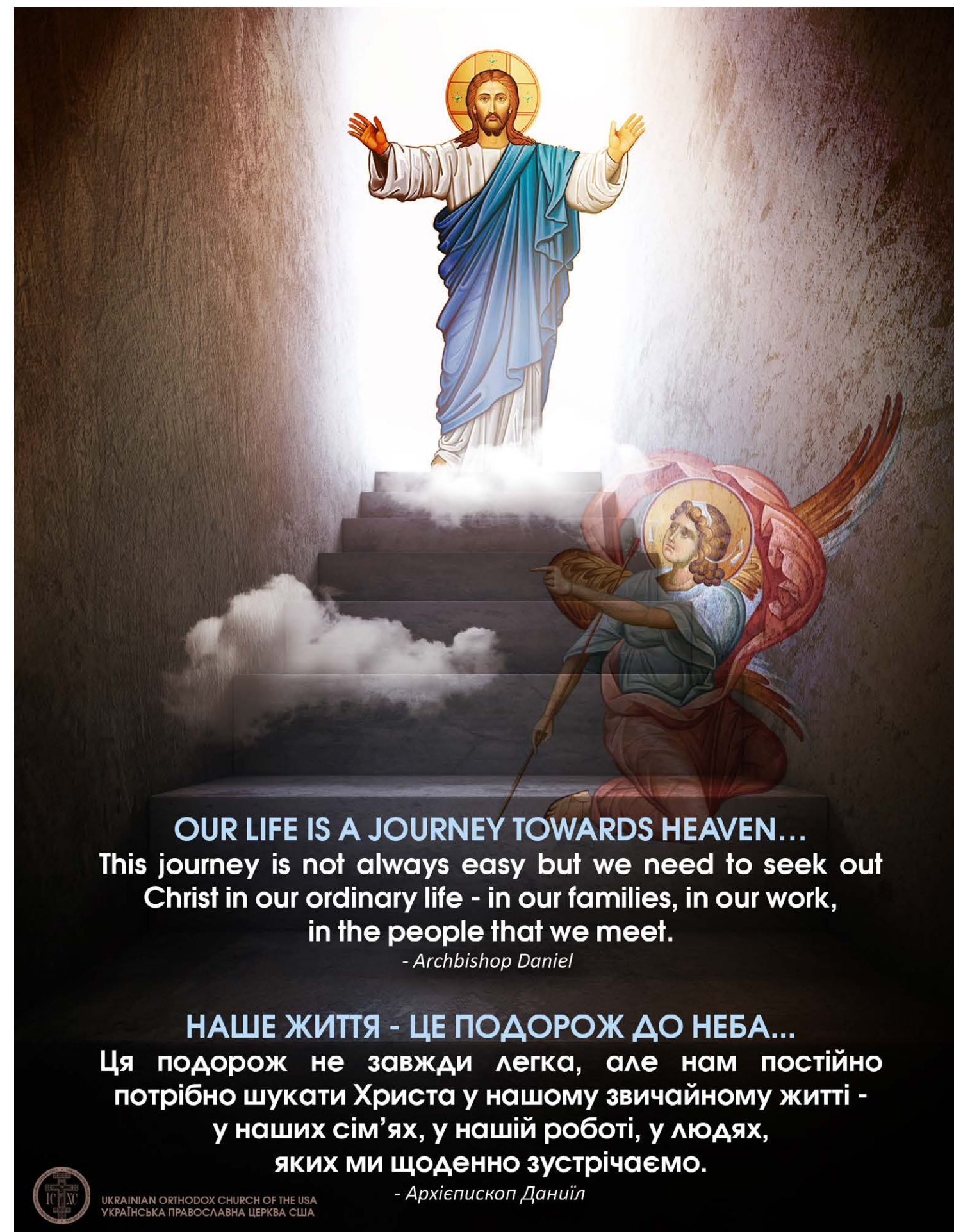
У паломництві ми жертвуємо свій час, сили, дорожні дні відпустки чи канікул; ми готові ділитися останнім із ближніми

Однак перші ж кроки на паломницькому шляху покажуть вам вашу слабкість та велику любов і підтримку інших. І це також треба прийняти! Ви зустрінете безліч чужих людей, які даруватимуть вам усмішки та частуватимуть вас їжею. Кожен день в паломництві – свідчення того, що Бог про вас турбується! Хмара, що раптом закрила палюче сонце, тінь дерева, холодна вода... Це не лірика, ви дуже швидко побачите, як це полегшує шлях.

У такі моменти мимоволі починаємо розуміти наскільки важливо є дякувати за все що маємо, кожен день і кожную мить. Тому не забуваємо подякувати Богові за все.


### 4. ПАЛОМНИЦТВО ВЧИТЬ ДИСЦИПЛІНИ

Ви прийняли рішення піти у паломництво? То, будь добрі, у буквальному сенсі слова – йдіть! Для цього треба встати зранку, згорнути намет, подбати про сніданок. Будьте готові слухатися організаторів та службу порядку, ви не зможете затриматися на



**OUR LIFE IS A JOURNEY TOWARDS HEAVEN...**  
**This journey is not always easy but we need to seek out Christ in our ordinary life - in our families, in our work, in the people that we meet.**  
*- Archbishop Daniel*

**НАШЕ ЖИТТЯ - ЦЕ ПОДОРОЖ ДО НЕБА...**  
**Ця подорож не завжди легка, але нам постійно потрібно шукати Христа у нашому звичайному житті - у наших сім'ях, у нашій роботі, у людях, яких ми щоденно зустрічаємо.**  
*- Архієпископ Даниїл*

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відпочинок там, де вам сподобається краєвид. Таким чином, за якихось п'ять днів ви пройдете хороший тренінг формування самодисципліни.

## 5. ЗМІНИТИ ЖИТТЯ НА КРАЩЕ

Той, хто вирушив на прощу, ніколи не повертався додому порожнім

Завжди, незважаючи на безліч варіацій людських почуттів і переживань, свідчення однакові в головному – проща змінює серце, змінює життя, тому що в ній не тільки ми прямуємо до Бога, але й Сам Господь виходить нам назустріч, як добрий батько з відомої Христової притчі про блудного сина, спішить назустріч своєму синові – з радісними обіймами, простягаючи своїй заблуканій дитині всі свої скарби і спадок.

## 1. BIBLICAL TRADITION

A pilgrimage, a journey to a sacred place, is like a physical embodiment of a spiritual path and movement towards holiness. Its essence is always the same - we leave everything behind and go on the road.

In the Bible, the tradition of pilgrimages is very old and goes back to Old Testament times. Abraham went on a pilgrimage to the land promised by God; later, a whole nation traveled to Canaan under the guidance of Moses. Every Jew over the age of 12 was required to go to the Temple in Jerusalem every year.

Jesus Christ was constantly on the road. His life and activities were directed to Jerusalem where He often visited the Temple.

The first pilgrims in the history of Christianity were those who, shortly after the Resurrection of the Lord, went to Palestine and Jerusalem to the Tomb of the Lord. From that moment on, many travelers went on pilgrimage to the Church of the Resurrection of Christ, many wishing to visit it at least once in their lifetime.

## 2. TIME FOR GOD AND TIME FOR YOURSELF

A Pilgrimage is not a vacation, but a time dedicated to God, seeking Him out, getting to know Him and consecrating oneself to Him. Pilgrimage is a time of prayer, an opportunity to reconcile with God.

Do not be afraid to leave your life and relatives behind. You will return to them shortly. During the pilgrimage, work on yourself so that when you return home to your relatives, you will be a gentler and kinder person.

On a pilgrimage, you will learn to see Christ in your neighbors, you will learn to look around and help others even in the smallest of things (offer water, help with a shoulder bag, give a band-aid, share candy, etc.). Over time, this will help you become more attentive to the needs of the people around you every day.

## 3. PILGRIMAGE TEACHES GRATITUDE

During a pilgrimage, we sacrifice our time, energy, precious vacation days or holidays; we are ready to share everything we have with our neighbors.

However, the very first steps on the pilgrimage will show us our own weaknesses, while also revealing to us the great love and support of others, which we must learn to accept and appreciate! We will meet many strangers who will smile at us and feed us. Every day on a pilgrimage is evidence that God cares about you! A cloud that suddenly covered the scorching sun, the shadow of a tree, cold water... you will very quickly realize how the tiniest of things make life easier for you.

In such moments, we involuntarily begin to understand how important it is to be thankful for everything we have, every day and every moment. Therefore, we learn not to forget to thank God for everything.

## 4. PILGRIMAGE TEACHES DISCIPLINE

Having decided to go on a pilgrimage we must dedicate ourselves to completing the assignment. We need to get up early in the morning, pack up, quickly eat breakfast, and get on the road. We must obey the organizers and follow the rules. Even if we wish to turn right instead of left, we must turn left and follow our guide, and our group. In this way, throughout the pilgrimage, we will be trained in self-discipline.

## 5. CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOR THE BETTER

Anyone who journeyed on a pilgrimage never returned home empty-handed.

Always, despite the many variations of human feelings and experiences, the evidence is the same, that through forgiveness our hearts and lives change. For during a pilgrimage, it is not only we who make an effort to seek out God, but also the Lord Himself comes out to meet us, like the father from the parable of the prodigal son. The Father rushes to meet his son - with joyful hugs, extending all his treasures and inheritance to his lost child.



After a long flight across the Atlantic, the group of 33 pilgrims, led by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, spiritual father of the Western Eparchy and Consistory President of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA arrived in Tel Aviv, Israel, and embarked on their journey to the sacred sites in the Holy Land.

Having boarded the Select International Pilgrimage Tours bus, they got comfortable for the drive to Nazareth where they would spend their first night. 33 pilgrims hailing from all corners of the United States, comprised of clergy, their wives, parishioners, and those who seek a closer relationship with God, all got to know each other. As their tour guide Elias introduced himself, he immediately got busy pointing out various sites from a distance as they drove by.

Everyone stopped rifling through their bags, and chitchatting with their seatmates as he pointed out a small outcropping in the distance. Mount Megiddo, the hill overlooking a valley, is identified as the site of the final battle between the forces of good and evil at the end of time, known as Armageddon and mentioned in the New Testament in Revelation 16:16. The reality of where they were, suddenly became very real to everyone.

As the continued to travel, signs appeared pointing to Nazareth, the location where Christ spent His youth. Bougainvillea grew rampant along the byways, and the bright red, pink, and white blossoms swayed in the light breeze as the bus made a final turn and neared the city. The vast open dry land to the left and right of

the bus were arid, with meager shrubs, and prickly plants dotting the landscape. However, the distance, the flat landscape was punctuated by one rather large round mountain. Noticing everyone's gaze, the tour guide smiled and informed them that what they were seeing was Mount Tabor, where the Lord was Transfigured before His three beloved Apostles – John, James and Peter, standing between Moses and St. Elijah, gowned in bright glory, to the awe of the Disciples. Everyone gazed thoughtfully as they gazed upon the round mountain in the distance, imagining the Lord Himself at the pinnacle.

Before arriving at the designated hotel, the bus parked in Nazareth, where the passengers disembarked and went for a leisurely walk through the city. The sun was low on the horizon, and a cool breeze blew down the alleys and byways as the group walked over cobbled streets illuminated by countless strings of lights bobbing in the wind, and enjoyed window shopping at the local shops. They paused at the locked gates of the large Church of the Annunciation, which they would visit tomorrow, before returning to the bus and heading to their hotel.

The bus bounced and made a final turn before speeding through a short tunnel and arriving at the hotel. Retrieving their luggage, the pilgrims registered, found their rooms, and then made their way down to enjoy their first communal meal.

Archbishop Daniel led everyone in prayer, and as everyone sat down, he thanked them for joining him on this pilgrimage, stating that this would be a life changing couple of weeks. They would be visiting the most holy

places on Earth, and while God is present everywhere, He chose these lands upon which to Incarnate, to fulfill His earthly mission, to ensure the salvation of mankind, and from which to Ascend to sit at the Right Hand of the Father. It is a blessing to walk upon this land, to venerate these holy relics, and to come closer to God through this experience. His Eminence asked that those present not be tourists but be true pilgrims. That this journey should not be a sightseeing expedition, but a soul-searching journey. He asked that everyone pause at each site and absorb everything before them, not only with their eyes, but, with their hearts and souls, and take these moments, hidden in their hearts, back with them, and relive them daily. When they read or listen to the Gospel Readings, they will now have a better understanding of the circumstances and the reasons why things happened the way they did. Life will have a deeper meaning from this moment forward and they will be forever changed.

With his final blessing, everyone settled down to enjoy a delicious meal of local cuisine. After a number of courses and visits to the buffet, some of the team members bid goodnight and retreated to their rooms to unpack, while others lingered over coffee, getting to know their teammates. People introduced themselves, which parishes they were from, shared stories about their families, and made plans for the week ahead. The evening passed in pleasant conversation and camaraderie, but soon eyes got heavy, and the long flight and time-change took its toll. With final goodnights and smiles, the pilgrims made their ways to their awaiting beds. With their first Evening Prayers recited in the Holy Land, everyone laid down and quickly drifted off to slumber, lost in dreams of holy places and experiences which awaited them.

The pilgrims regrouped by the monastery gate, as Archbishop did a headcount to ensure nobody was lost. Knocking on the large and impressive iron gate, they waited a moment before one of the nuns peered through the little spy window and recognizing His Eminence, swung the door wide open with a smile, asking his blessing and gesturing for everyone to enter. Stepping carefully, the pilgrims entered the monastery grounds and ascended the steps leading to the courtyard. In addition to the monastics, the pilgrims were greeted by the monastery cats who purred a warm welcome.

Before them loomed a beautiful large stone church. As the women covered their heads, the group walked towards the open and welcoming door to the church. Crossing themselves the faithful entered and were



VIEW FROM MOUNT PRECIPICE OVERLOOKING NAZARETH AND THE JEZREEL VALLEY BELOW

immediately awed. Before them heaven was revealed, as it was to the Apostles during the Transfiguration of the Lord. All the walls of the church were covered in iconography. From the left the halos of the Apostles, Saints, and Church Fathers glowed warmly as their eyes followed them in. The left walls were covered with large murals of female saints whose loving gazes and soft smiles encouraged the pilgrims. The walls were lined with ancient wooden benches. Everyone gathered in the center, awed by the beauty surrounding them, gazed upwards and craned their necks to appreciate all the images floating ethereally above them – God, watching from above.

Donning his Epitrachelion and Omophorion, Archbishop Daniel entered the altar and brought out the Gospel Book placing it on the tetrapod. As the group gathered, he read the day's reading in English language, while Very Rev. Fr. Mykola Andrushkiv chanted in Ukrainian language, his voice echoing around the pillars and amidst the pilgrims and the saints surrounding them. Closing the Gospel, he presented it to everyone to venerate before returning it to the Altar. The Moleben service continued for the clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, but especially for the end of the war in Ukraine. Vladyka Daniel mentioned by name several wounded soldiers who are in need of our prayers and support.

The group split up as everyone wandered around the beautiful church, praying in corners, gazing upon the faces of the saints which were illuminated by the sun pouring in from the windows above.

The monastics invited them to a side room for chai and freshly baked bread. The pilgrims paused at their counter in the side room and asked to see various items they had for sale. Pretty crosses, woven bracelets, prayer ropes, lapel pins, and small icons. Having purchased a few items, and left a donation along with a list of names for prayerful commemoration during church services, the pilgrims piled out and walked strolled around the monastery complex, enjoying the beautiful and serene gardens, pausing here and there to absorb the fact that they were standing upon Mount Tabor, before bidding a fond farewell to the nuns, making their way back out through the large iron gate to await the return of the vans in the outer courtyard.

The vans arrived in a flurry of activity as the group clambered aboard and the vans zipped back down the mountainside. Soon the pilgrims were once again in their own bus as it traveled across the arid and hilly vista on its way to Galilee. As the occupants chatted

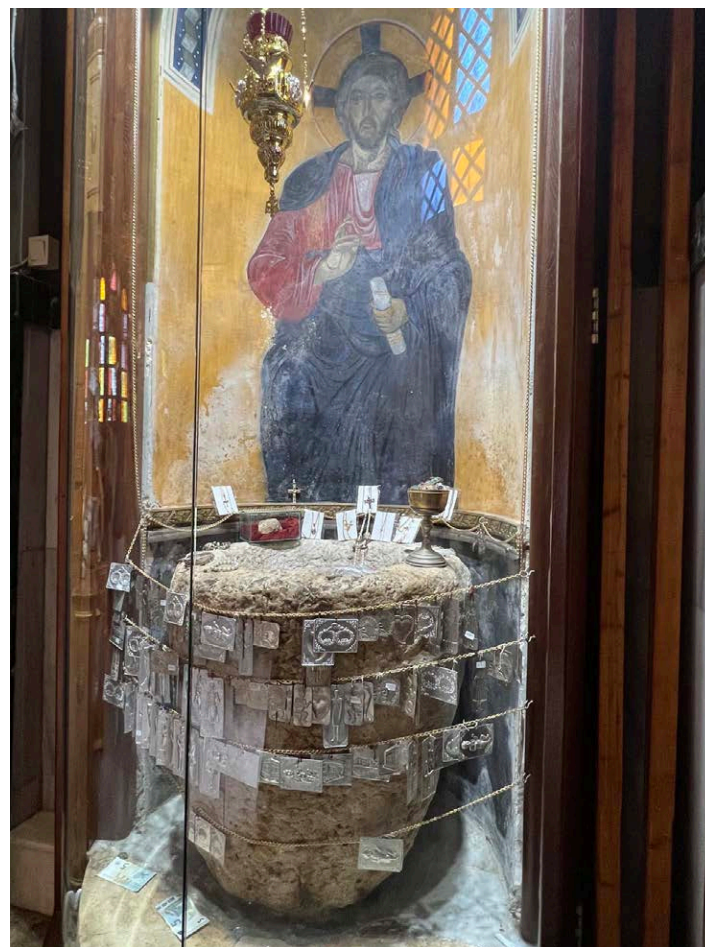
and gazed out the windows, the bus entered an urban area and soon drew to a stop along a tree lined street. Disembarking, the pilgrims went uphill along an alleyway, and soon found themselves entering under a wrought iron arch into a lovely courtyard. A fountain happily gurgled in a corner as the bright fuchsia bougainvillea and pink rose bushes swayed in the hot breeze.

On the right stood a small shop which the pilgrims walked past as they entered deeper into the courtyard. In the middle stood a small domed chapel, which they paused at before continuing to the tall cedars which bordered a trellis covered path which led to the entrance of the Cana of Galilee Greek Orthodox Church. The limestone edifice glowed warmly in the sunshine, as a multitude of birds chirped and sang in the thick green trees. Above the main door was a large mosaic of the Wedding in Cana of Galilee, depicting the Mother of God imploring Christ to help the parents of the newlyweds who had run out of wine at the wedding banquet of their children.

Before entering, the group paused in the shade to take a group photo, unfurling, and holding the banner they brought from home with the flags of both Ukraine and the United States. Having taken the photo, everyone crossed themselves and entered the dimly lit church. Once again, their eyes and souls overflowed with the beauty greeting them. The iconography surrounding them depicted every pivotal moment of Christ's earthly life, His many miracles, healings, and teachings. Candles flickered in their candleholders, reflecting upon the glass windows which encased two objects on either side of the Nave.

Looking closer, the pilgrims were astounded to find that the glass protected two large stone jugs. The jugs were ancient and were designed to hold wine. The tour guide explained that we often are shown ceramic jugs in icons and images, but ceramic would not have been used to hold wine, as the minerals within the ceramic clay would have reacted with the acidity of the wine poured into them. In fact, the jugs that were used for wine were made of stone. These two large urns, which now held folded papers of prayers and requests, gold crosses, chains and other trinkets pilgrims managed to slip between the panes of glass, once held the water which the Lord changed into wine. In awe the pilgrims took turns gazing upon them and in their minds going back in time, over 2,000 years back and being present at the wedding where Christ performed His very first public miracle at the bequest of His Holy Mother.

Once again Archbishop Daniel gathered everyone together for prayer, after which they all had time to



STONE URN WHICH WAS USED TO TURN WATER INTO WINE - AT THE CHURCH OF GANA IN GALILEE

wonder about the church to pray, venerate the sacred objects, and light candles. Protopresbyter Stephen Hutnick chanted the Gospel narrative in English language, while the archbishop proclaimed the Word of God in Ukrainian language. Many purchased silver amulets, each with a particular purpose – if one had mobility issues, there was a silver amulet in the shape of a leg; babies for those who wished to conceive; heads for those who suffered from headaches, etc. Taking those amulets, many of the pilgrims stood and prayed for the Lord's mercy, and then hung them up in the church to hold and send their prayers to the Lord during the upcoming church services.

Before returning to the bus, the pilgrims had an opportunity to purchase some wine made locally in Cana to enjoy in the cool shade of the courtyard, and to take home with them to share with family and friends. As they walked down the streets, they stopped at several shops selling church goods, icons, crosses, as well as souvenirs.

Back on the bus, the pilgrims stashed their purchases in overhead compartments, and rested a little from the heat of the day before the bus once again returned to Nazareth and the doors opened. The little group disembarked and made their way along the streets they had walked the evening before and arrived at the now open gates of the Roman Catholic Church of the Annunciation.

The towering cupola of the Church of the Annunciation stands over the cave that tradition holds to be the home of the Virgin Mary. Here, it is believed, the Archangel Gabriel asked her if she would be willing to become the mother of the Son of God. And here the young Mary uttered her consent: "Let it be done to me according to your word."

The outcome of Mary's consent is carved in Latin across the façade over the triple-doorway entrance: "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). The massive two-story basilica is surrounded by a large courtyard. Upon entering the courtyard, immediately to their left the group noticed something familiar. An icon from Ukraine, depicting individuals dressed in Ukrainian costumes. The entire courtyard was surrounded by tall walls covered with icons and images of the Mother of God, sent from all the nations of the world. The group wandered around and were amazed at the wide variety of images, each different and uniquely representing the lands and peoples who created them, clearly representing their nation's styles and colors.

Entering through the massive doors of the basilica the faithful had to pause to allow their eyes to adjust to the dark environment. The cavernous church, built in a modern, open style, invited those who entered to walk the circumference of the building. As the group made their way around, they went down a few steps and found themselves before a gate through which they could see a grotto that contained the traditional cave-home of the Virgin Mary. Before the cave stood a simple altar, flanked by ruins of two ancient churches which had first been built around 427 AD.

As the group moved on they looked up at the cupola which was designed to represent a lily, which was to symbolize the purity of the Virgin Mary, the Lily given to her by Archangel Gabriel, and the name of Nazareth – "flower". Ascending the stairs, they pilgrims found themselves in the Roman Catholic church used by the local community, its many pews lining the wide nave.

Back in the courtyard, they could see excavations beneath the large church, described in 2009 by the Israel Antiquities Authority as the "very first" residential building found from the old Jewish village.

Exiting the courtyard, and squinting against the bright sun, the team made their way along the streets of Nazareth, arriving at the Church of St. Joseph. A fond tradition asserts that this church is built over the carpentry workshop of Joseph the Betrothed. The church stands in the shadow of the soaring cupola of the Church of the Annunciation from which they had just come, on its southern side — just as St. Joseph himself lived in the shadow of Christ and the Ever-Virgin Mary.

The church was built in 1914 over an old Crusader Church, which was built over a system of caves. Inside the church everyone paused to appreciate the image of an elderly Joseph dying, flanked by Christ on one side, and the Birth-giver of God on his other side.

As the sun moved towards the western horizon, the pilgrims made their way to the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation. Walking into the wide courtyard the faithful once again were greeted by two icons on a wall of the courtyard with Ukrainian symbols upon them. Pausing to cross themselves before these icons from Ukraine and praying for Ukraine's independence and safety of her people, the pilgrims turned towards the door of the church. Holding on to the columns the faithful descended the steps leading to the door and entered the ancient church. To their right stood the massive and power iconostas, its dark wood revealing the great age of the structure. Crossing themselves once

again they bowed before the Altar, before proceeding to the other side of the church where they descended more steps which led them down to a grotto.

In the tiny room they could hear the loud gurgling of water. Below the large icon of the Annunciation, they could look down through the rocks to the fresh stream of water that still flowed in the well. This is the well from which the young Virgin Mary had come often to fill containers with water. During one such instance, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her. She was frightened and unbelieving of the site before her and quickly returned to her home, where the angel once again appeared to her, and told her to fear not.

Once again, Archbishop Daniel put on his Epitrachelion and Omophorion and read the Gospel from Luke 1:26-38 in Ukrainian language, while Very Rev. Fr. Harry Linsinbigler chanted the Gospel reading in English language. The faithful bowed their heads and listened how Archangel Gabriel explained to the Virgin Mary that the Lord was with her and asked if she would be willing to become the Mother of God. As His Eminence's voice echoed in the grotto and up into the church above, the clear, cool water of the well continuously gurgled as if accentuating his words.

Having prayed and venerated the icon of the Annunciation, the faithful took turns at the spigot in the wall of the grotto, collecting some of the water from Mary's Well into little bottles to take home with them.

Deep in thought, and still in awe at the reality of all they'd seen and heard this day, the team once again found themselves on the bus traveling through the streets of the quiet city. Their final stop of the day was at Mount Precipice, just on the outskirts of Nazareth. The site is located on the cliffs of Mount Kedumim, overlooking the Jezreel Valley.

After his baptism, Jesus returns to Nazareth and at the local synagogue declares, for the first time in public, that He is the Messiah. Rejecting His claim, the Nazarenes declare Him a false Messiah, and drag Him to the "edge of the city". They attempt to throw Him to His death off the cliff, but "he passed through the midst of them and walked away" (Luke 4:29-30).

Since the Byzantine period its summit is identified with the site where Christ was almost executed. On its western side are remains of a Byzantine period monastery which commemorated the event. Walking up the curving path to the summit, the faithful

found themselves once again in a lovely courtyard, in the center of which grew a lush green olive tree. Before them opened the wide expanse of the Jezreel Valley. Below them the outcropping quickly disintegrated to rough stones and boulders. Looking down it was clear that if anyone fell or was pushed over, they would suffer great bodily harm, if not death. Behind them the hillside was covered with homes of the local Nazarenes. It was easy to imagine a young Jesus playing on this very hill with his friends and neighbors as a child.

The tour guide brought their attention to Mount Tabor which rose in the distance to their left. The landscape was flat and arid, with Mount Tabor clearly silhouetted against the barren landscape. It is for this reason that the slightly rounded mountain is also known as the "Belly Button" of the world.

Just to the right of Mount Tabor, shimmering in the haze like a mirage the people could barely make out a small town. This was Nain, where Christ when entering the city with His Disciples, encountered the funeral procession of a widow's only son exiting the city. This was where life and death met. This was where Christ took pity upon the weeping woman, realizing that by the death of her only son, the widow would now have a very difficult life. In those days women were not permitted to walk the streets, shop, etc. without a male relative, husband, or son to accompany them. Without her asking, the Lord took pity upon her, told her not to cry, stopped the procession, touched the bier and instructed, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" (Luke 9:14). The dead man sat up and began to speak, and the Lord returned the widow's son to her and returned not only the life of the son, but of his mother as well.

Pondering all this the pilgrims were amazed, awed, and speechless as their hearts and souls tried to comprehend all that they were witnessing this day. Quietly, and with a final furtive look back over their shoulders, they slowly returned to their awaiting bus. The cool air of the bus lulled many to sleep, while others scribbled in their notepads, eager to write down their emotions and feelings.

Soon they arrived at the hotel with enough time to refresh themselves before dinner. Tonight, their prayers would be more heartfelt than ever, and their sleep would be deeper and more restful than ever.

Tomorrow their journey would continue, but, tonight, they would rest.

*Photos by Very Rev. Fr. Vasyl Pasakas*

"My dear brothers and sisters: in order to become a saint, you need to take Christ Jesus as the pathway for your life, living as a child of God, conforming your life — your thoughts and words, your actions and attitudes — more and more to the image of Jesus, the Son of God."

*- Archbishop Daniel*

"Дорогі брати і сестри: для того щоб бути і стати святим нам слід мати Христа Ісуса дороговказом у нашому житті; жити як Божя дитина; пристосувати своє життя - наші слова, вчинки та стосунки - чим раз тим все більше і більше до образу Ісуса, Сина Божого..."

*- Архієпископ Даниїл*



UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA  
УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США



The second full day in the Holy Land found the 33 pilgrims from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA traveling northward through the arid landscape of Israel. The rocky and dusty cliffs, and wide desert plains soon changed to green fields, and lush groves of tall palm trees as they neared their day's destination – Capernaum.

Through the haze the passengers on the bus could just make out the shimmer of water in the distance. Soon they found themselves in a scenic drive beneath large trees as the bus pulled to a stop and they disembarked. Walking down a long entryway drive they were amazed by the chickens, turkeys, and peacocks which roamed the monastery grounds. They walked past an ornate fountain with grapevines growing around it and entered a courtyard with a sycamore tree so large that its canopy shaded the entire area.

Turning the corner, they were met by the large, red-domed Greek Orthodox Church of the Twelve Apostles. The church takes its name from the Gospel account of Jesus choosing the Twelve, an event that took place on a mountain in this area of Galilee. It is also known as the Church of the Seven Apostles – a reference to Jesus' post-Resurrection appearance by the Sea of Galilee to seven of his disciples – Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James, and John "and two other disciples" (John 21).

The courtyard surrounding the church featured lovely, lush gardens, and palms, with a beautiful view

beyond of the Sea of Galilee. Walking inside the pilgrims entered a golden heaven. Frescoes and murals decorated the walls of the church from top to bottom. Each wall depicted a particular parable, or miracle of Christ. Bright sunlight poured in through the stained-glass window casting beautiful rays of ethereal light throughout the interior. Gazing upward on one dome was a great icon Christ the Pantocrator and on the other was the Ancient of Days.

Donning his Epitrachelion and Omophorion, Archbishop Daniel placed the Gospel upon the stand before the Altar and read from it. As the group bowed their heads and prayed, others entered and respectfully joined. Having blessed his flock, Archbishop Daniel also bestowed his blessing upon those others who came forward, especially the group of Orthodox Christians from Romania.

As they turned to exit the beautiful church everyone stopped as they were confronted by reality of life... and death. The entire back wall of the church had a mural of the Final Judgment on it. God sat upon His throne as His creation was judged. Little devils were seen pricking wretched souls, while angels guided the righteous towards their reward. With this blatant reminder that we are all to be judged one day, and that our eternities rest in our own hands as we guide our lives along various paths, the group exited into the bright sunshine of the lush courtyard.

There next stop was the other side of Capernaum, which is dominated by an ancient synagogue. It was in the Capernaum synagogue that Jesus gave the Sermon on the Bread of Life (John 6:35-59) "Whoever eats my flesh and

drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day". In this synagogue Jesus would regularly preach (John 6:59, Luke 4:33). Christ expelled a demon from a possessed man here (Mark 1:21-27) and cured a Roman officer's servant of palsy, the centurion is thought to have had the synagogue built (Luke 7:3). Here the Lord also raised the daughter of Jairus from the dead (Luke 8:41-53).

The original synagogue was destroyed and later replaced in approximately 200 AD. The remains of the synagogue include one complete wall, the ruins of the other walls and several columns. It is white stone, unlike the characteristic black basalt rock used for other Capernaum buildings. You can still see some of the stucco work, frescos, and motif carvings on the walls as well as inscriptions in Greek and Aramaic commemorating the synagogue benefactors.

The pilgrims slowly walked around the ruins of the synagogue, envisioning Christ's presence, surrounded by the ghosts of the Pharisees and Scribes who had sat and listened to Him preach. The limestone floors were slick and shiny from the millions of feet that had trod upon them over the centuries. It was easy to lose oneself in the history and spiritual significance of the temple.

Despite having performed many miracles in Capernaum, Jesus was disappointed in the village's lack of faith and eventually cursed it. By the 3rd century it had fallen on hard times. The once thriving city had a mere seven houses of poor fishermen. It was later resettled, but again fell into disrepair.

Walking a little distance to the side they came to an octagonal modern church built on 8 solid pillars atop dark stone ruins. Archaeologists uncovered an early Christian home in Capernaum thought to have been the home of Peter. Christ cured Peter's mother-in-law here (Matthew 8:14-16) and is thought to have lived in this house while in Capernaum. This is the site where Christ cured a paralytic who was lowered in through the roof (Mark 2:1-12). After Jesus' death the home became a place of worship with a "home church" located in the center of the simple structure. In the 5th century, an octagonal church was built here to preserve the remains of the home church. Many inscriptions in Greek, Armenian, Estrangelo, and Latin are on the ancient stones. There now stands a modern hexagonal Franciscan church over the spot with a glass floor so that you can still see the ancient original church below. As the pilgrims walked through the church, they paused to look down at the ruins below, imagining St. Peter and the Apostles gathering there at one time.



CAPERNAUM - ANCIENT SYNAGOGUE WHERE CHRIST TAUGHT  
CAPERNAUM - GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES ON THE SEA OF GALILEE

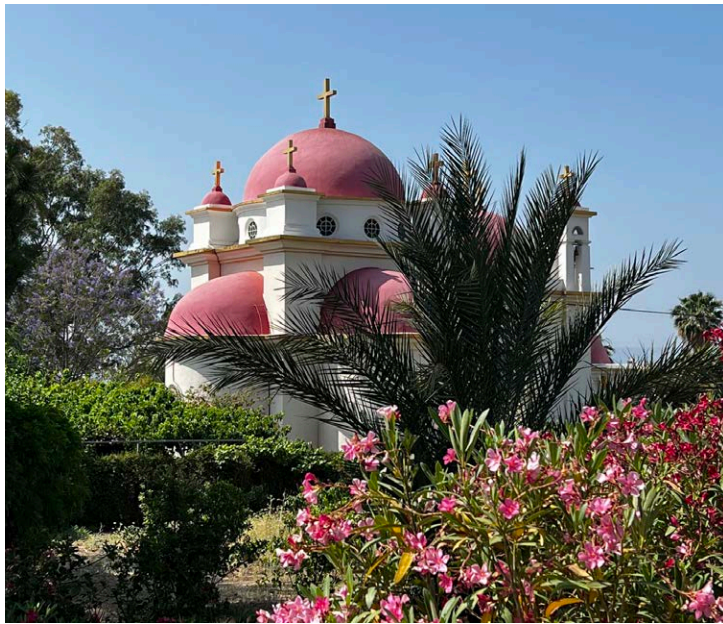
Following a prayerful trip to Capernaum, the group traveled to port of the Sea of Galilee to catch a boat ride in the sea, thus reflecting upon the ministry and miracles of Christ around the city of Capernaum and Sea of Galilee district. Protopresbyter Stephen Hutnick and Very Rev. Fr. Mykola Andrushkiv chanted the Gospel reading, thus enabling all to recall the miraculous walking on the sea of Christ and his call to unconditional faith and trust in the Lord.

The anthems of both the United States of America and Ukraine were sung by the pilgrims. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, speaking from the middle of the boat, right in the center of the Sea of Galilee called upon all to offer their prayers for the peace and end of invasion in Ukraine.

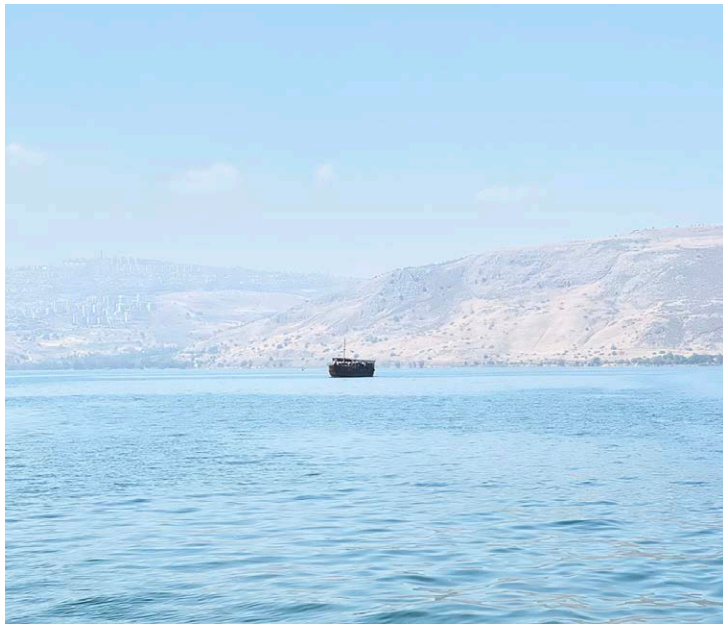
With smiles and abundant joy the group gathered to take a group photo, and were sad when the boat once again returned to the dock. The late morning hours would not be complete without enjoying a tasty lunch. Having been to the site where the Lord called the Apostles, where they left behind their fishing nets and followed Him, it was time to enjoy some of those same fish. Seated in a large cool restaurant with stucco walls, the group enjoyed a leisurely lunch of fresh fried fish, caught that day from the Sea of Galilee.

The next stop was a short distance away as once again the pilgrims found themselves walking down a long driveway towards the Sea of Galilee. Tranquil Tabgha, located at the foot of the Mount of Beatitudes, on the north-western shore of the Sea of Galilee, is best known for Christ's miraculous multiplication of loaves and fish to feed a multitude. The name comes from an interpretation of "Seven Springs" as several warm sulfurous springs enter the lake here, attracting fish even in the winter. Therefore, it was a prime spot for local fishermen, and certainly was familiar to Christ and His disciples. It is easy to imagine Jesus speaking from a boat in one of the little bays, with crowds sitting around on the shore.

Before walking to the shore of the sea, the group turned left and entered the Church of the Multiplication of fish and loaves. As they walked in everyone immediately noticed the mosaics. The entire floor is covered in mosaics depicting the flora and fauna of the area in vibrant colors — peacocks, cranes, cormorants, herons, doves, geese, ducks, a flamingo and a swan, as well as snakes, lotus flowers and oleanders.



ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES



SAILING ON THE SEA OF GALILEE

As they moved forward, they noticed on the floor near the altar, they saw the beautiful mosaic of a basket of loaves flanked by two Galilee mullet. Instead of the "five" loaves, only four are depicted, as Christ Himself is considered to be the fifth. Beneath the altar is the rock on which it is believed Jesus placed the loaves and fish when He blessed them.

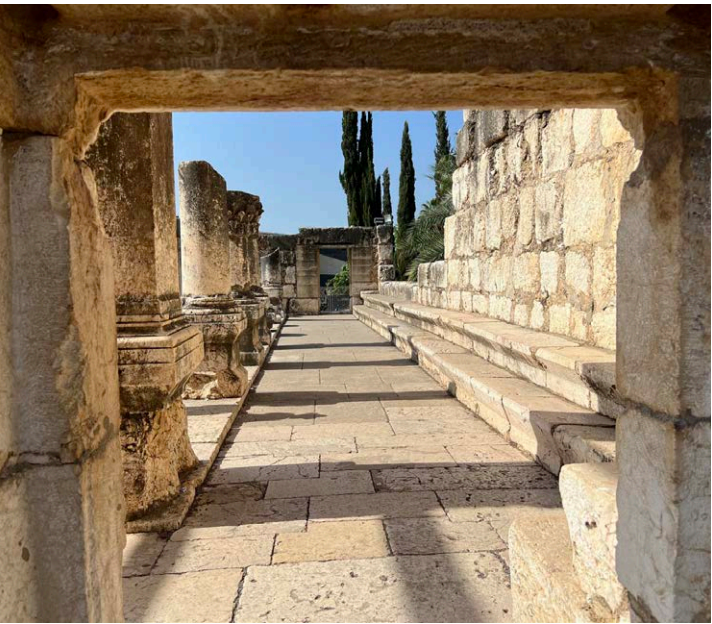
The group exited the church and went down the steps to their left and along the rocky shore to reach the gurgling waters of the Sea of Galilee. Many removed their shoes and waded in, while others reached down and splashed their friends on the shore. With laughter everyone enjoyed their firsthand experience with the Sea of Galilee. Pilgrims from all over the world were gathered here. Everyone was smiling and laughing and enjoying being in a place they knew the Lord had visited. Selfies were taken with complete strangers, who were now friends, as they were here seeking Christ as well.

The bus next took them upward towards a beautiful of the Mount of the Beatitudes. Overlooking the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee, it offers an enchanting vista of the northern part of the lake and across to the cliffs of the Golan Heights on the other side. Within sight are the scenes of many of the events of Jesus' ministry in Galilee, including the town of Capernaum, where he made his home. Just below is Sower's Cove, where it is believed Jesus taught the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-9) from a boat moored in the bay.

The group walked the expansive grounds and gardens, delighting in the colorful blooms, swaying palms, and picturesque vistas. Every corner of the grounds had little groups of pilgrims from all corners of the earth gathering in prayer beneath the shade of trees, reading scripture upon boulders, or just basking in the sunlight of the glorious day.

Here, in the sacred temple of the Beatitudes, His Eminence took out the Gospel book and read from Matthew 5: 1-11:

*"And seeing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain: and when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit*



ANCIENT SYNAGOGUE IN CAPERNAUM



MULTIPLICATION OF FISH AND LOAVES



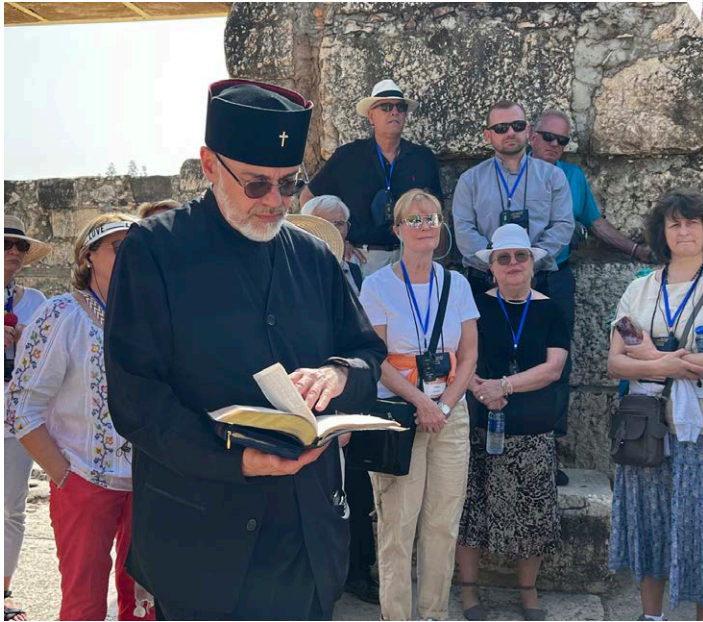
MOUNT OF BEATITUDES

the earth. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets that were before you."

The actual site of the Sermon on the Mount is further down the mountain, marked by the ruins of an ancient Orthodox Church. However, on the top of the mountain, commemorating the sermon, the Roman Catholic Church of the Beatitudes is an elegant octagonal building with colonnaded cloisters, blends nicely into the slope rather than dominating it. It was built in 1938 for a Franciscan order of nuns, to a design by Italian architect Antonio Barluzzi. The eight sides of the light and airy church represent the eight beatitudes, and these are also shown in Latin in the upper windows. Everyone entered the church and walked around the circular perimeter observing the centrally placed altar which is surmounted by a slender arch of alabaster and onyx. Around it, the seven virtues (justice, charity, prudence, faith, fortitude, hope, and temperance) are depicted by symbols in the mosaic floor.

The day concluded as the tired pilgrims returned to their hotel to rest and re-energize for the next day's adventures. They had much to think about and absorb before they went to sleep this night. Their souls were overflowing with joy and awe as they contemplated all the holy sites, they'd seen this day. The sun slowly set in the west as final notes were jotted down and memories written in journals. Tomorrow would be another day filled with new experiences as they all got a new appreciation for their Faith and strengthened their own faith in the Lord.

Photos by Fr. Vasyl Pasakas and Mark Hatala



CAPERNAUM ANCIENT SYNAGOGUE



ROCK WHERE CHRIST LAID OUT BREAKFAST FOR THE APOSTLES - MENSA CHRISTI



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Third Day of the Holy Land Pilgrimage with Archbishop Daniel  
Третій день паломництва до Святої Землі з Архієпископом Даниїлом

The third day of the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land found the 33 Pilgrims enjoying a leisurely day in Caesarea, along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. The first stop of the day was at an ancient aqueduct. The Judaeen port of Caesarea had no reliable source of fresh water when construction on the city began around 22 BC. King Herod commissioned a raised aqueduct to deliver water from the springs from the southern side of Mount Carmel, at Shummi, 10 miles northeast of Caesarea. Since even this was not sufficient, a second aqueduct was built by the Legions of the Emperor Hadrian (2nd century AD). Hadrian's improvement on the work of Herod can be seen on the beach portion of the high-level aqueduct, which is where the group of pilgrims clamored up the old stones to take photos and get their first view of the Mediterranean Sea just beyond the aqueduct.

Having reveled in the architectural expertise of the ancient civilization, the pilgrims traveled further until they reached the Caesarea Maritima, where the apostle Peter baptized the first recorded gentile convert to Christianity – Cornelius, a centurion in the Roman army. This site figures repeatedly in Christian history. It was the headquarters of Pontius Pilate. From here the Roman procurator set out for the Passover festival in Jerusalem, where he sentenced Jesus to death. Here the apostle Paul was imprisoned for two years and preached to the last of the Herod's, King Agrippa II, who said that if he were to listen any longer to Paul's persuasion, he might become a Christian. The city was the home of Philip the evangelist and his four daughters, who were prophetesses. Paul stayed with

them when he returned from his missionary journeys. After Jerusalem was destroyed, Caesarea became the center of Christianity in Palestine. A Church council held here in AD 195 determined that Pascha should be celebrated on a Sunday.

Disembarking from the bus, the pilgrims were immediately admitted to a small, darkened theater where they were shown a movie on the history of the construction of the port city. Caesarea was founded by Herod the Great (the one who had all the male children 2 years and younger slaughtered in Bethlehem in his attempt to kill Christ) in 22 BC, with no expense spared. Massive breakwaters gave safe anchorage to 300 ships, a sewage system was flushed by the tide, and a vast hippodrome seated more than 20,000 people at chariot races. Later an amphitheater was built to present chariot races, gladiatorial combats, animal performances and theatrical events.

Shielding their eyes from the bright sun, the group made its way along the worn limestone passageway as they entered into a vast open area with a large stage to their right and rows of rows of stone steps to their left to seat 3,500 individuals. Below the seats is an empty area, in which they stood, which was able to be closed off and filled with water for maritime battle scenes to the joy of the onlookers. The marble stage had little nooks carved into it where would have stood statues of deities. Historically, only men were permitted to be actors. To depict women, the men would wear dresses and masks. The fact that they wore masks and therefore had varying personalities gave birth to the term hypocrite.

Further down the path the group came upon Herod's seaside palace, where was discovered an archaeological find with an inscription mentioning the name "Pontius Pilatus"; a double aqueduct that brought water from springs at the foot of Mount Carmel; a boundary wall; and a wide moat protecting the harbor to the south and west. The harbor was the largest on the eastern Mediterranean coast. As the pilgrims leaned against the parapet, they gazed into the churning waters of the Mediterranean Sea, through which they could easily make out Herod's ancient pool, the mosaics shimmering through the clear sparkling waters.

Leaving behind the Palace, which contained the ruins of the room in which St. Paul was detained, the pilgrims walked the length of the Hippodrome which had hosted many gladiator games. In Byzantine times the bloody games were suspended, however, the structure continued to be used for horse and chariot races. It was not difficult to imagine the neighing horses racing around the circumference of the arena.

On the far end they entered the Crusader Fortress, with its angled walls which allowed the defenders to easily see the enemy below them. Exiting through a tall, vaulted structure, the pilgrims gazed up at the Crusader church, which was never completed, due to the unstable ground below.

The bus next dropped the pilgrims off in a beautiful, wooded area – Ein Karem, which is traditionally believed to be the birthplace of St. John the Baptist, as well as the location where the pregnant Virgin Mary came to visit her elderly aunt Elizabeth, who was pregnant with St. John. Here the Virgin remained for 5 months assisting her aunt. The group made their way to the grotto containing the well, where the two pregnant women met, and then climbed the 175 steps to the church built at the top of the hill, where the summer home of Elizabeth and Zechariah was located. The climb took some time, but nobody complained as the steps were flanked by lush greenery, blooming bushes, flowers, and endless birdsong.

Reaching the top, the pilgrims walked along the wide porch surrounding the church, availing them of a picturesque view of the surrounding landscape. The Church of the Visitation designed by Antonio Barluzzi was completed in 1955. The walls inside the church were covered in frescoes depicting various historic events from the life of the Virgin Mary. After the long descent back down through the lush landscape the pilgrims were dropped off at the traditional location of the birth of St. John the Baptist.



ANCIENT ROMAN AQUEDUCT



PLACE OF NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN EIN KAREM



JERUSALEM

Entering the large courtyard which lead to the church, the pilgrims noted the tiled plaques all along the walls, with the Canticle of Zechariah written in dozens of languages – including a Ukrainian plaque and an English one. “Blessed be the Lord, The God of Israel; He has come to His people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Savior, Born of the house of His servant David.”

The group paused in the shade of the trees near the plaques as Archbishop Daniel read from the Gospel.

Following the crowd, the group entered the old church parts of which were built as early as the 11th century, with the lower sections dating back as far as the Byzantine period (4th Century). Slowly the pilgrims made their way to the lower chambers, where they finally walked through an arch with a Latin inscription reading “The precursor of God was born here.” Here they were able to view the spot where St. John the Baptist was believed to have been born.

Having enjoyed a traditional ancient meal of fish the day before, this day’s lunch was an unexpected surprise. In the middle of the small town of Neve Ilan, they pulled up to small eatery – the Elvis Presly Diner. The brightly colored diner is covered in more than 700 pieces of Elvis memorabilia, from photos to posters to giant statues. The jukebox is filled with Presley’s hits ranging from “Heartbreak Hotel” to “Jailhouse Rock.”

Having enjoyed the taste of Americana in a far away land, the satiated pilgrims once again boarded their bus and settled in for a lengthy drive to the highlight of this trip – the holy city of Jerusalem. As the sun dipped low in the sky, the group made one final stop before heading to the hotel for the evening. Exiting the bus, they walked up a spiraling drive and came to the courtyard before the Petrus in Gallicantu church.

The Church of “Petrus in Gallicantu” (Latin for: “Peter of the Cock crow”) is a dominant structure on the sheer hillside of Mount Zion. By Christian tradition it marks the place where Jesus was imprisoned when interrogated by the high priest Caiaphas and denied by Peter (Mark 14:30). The current church, built in 1924-1931, is constructed over ancient churches and over remains of an estate of a wealthy Jew from the time of Jesus. On its roof rises a golden rooster atop a black cross — recalling Christ’s prophesy that Peter would deny him three times “before the cock crows”.

Pausing at the impressive brass doors, the group marveled at the relief depicted of Christ telling Peter

that he would betray him today, before the rooster crowed thrice. With this image setting the mood, they pulled the heavy doors open and entered the darkened interior of the church. Making their way inside their eyes were immediately drawn to the huge cross-shaped window in the ceiling. Below the circular church walls are covered by large mosaics, one depicting a bound Jesus being questioned in the house of Caiaphas. The group paused to gaze through an opening, which was the peephole from the Roman guardroom so they could keep an eye on the prisoners, to the dungeon below, through which it is said Christ was lowered. Ancient crusader crosses can be seen etched into the limestone of the prison entrance.

Descending into the dungeon below, the group grew silent as they envisioned Christ being held here overnight before His crucifixion. All throughout the prison, little group of people quietly gathered in prayer and contemplation, some crying, others quietly praying, all horrified that the Lord could have been treated this way.

Exiting through the back door of the church the group found themselves looking up at the bronze statue of Peter denying Christ, as a rooster stretched out above him crowing into the sky. Stepping past the statue and wondering off to the far side, they could just make out the ancient and crumbling marble steps dating from the time of Jesus, leading down from Mount Zion to the Kidron Valley. These stone steps were certainly in use at the time of Christ. On the evening of his arrest, he probably descended them with his disciples on their way from the Last Supper to Gethsemane.

With heavy hearts the group returned to their bus and soon arrived at their hotel for the night. Before heading down for dinner, they gazed out their windows at Jerusalem, the holy city, which they would be blessed to explore in the morning.

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CAESAREA MARITIMA



Reflecting upon the answer to the daily question of the pilgrimage: “What does it mean to be an Orthodox Christian in Jerusalem?” the pilgrims of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA visited the Ancient Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, the Ruling Hierarchy of the Western Eparchy and President of the Consistory of the UOC of the USA led a group of 33 pilgrims on a visit to the Patriarchate on May 27, 2023.

Archbishop Daniel, Joined by the Pilgrims of the UOC of the USA, Received by the Patriarch of Jerusalem at the Private Audience

Following the presentation, His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos bestowed upon His Eminence Archbishop Daniel patriarchal panagia. Further, the Patriarch hosted the group of pilgrims with tea and pastries and in conclusion of which each pilgrim of the UOC of the USA approached His Beatitude to receive a blessing, while being presented with a gift of an icon from the hands of Patriarch Theophilos.

Having received a blessing from the hands of His Beatitude Theophilos III, Patriarch of Jerusalem and All Palestine, the pilgrims of the Church spent over an hour with the Patriarch, learning about the history of the Patriarchate, the Order of the Brotherhood of the Holy Sepulcher and about the life of Orthodox Christians in Jerusalem and the surrounding areas that are under spiritual protection of the His Beatitude.

“For us, Ukrainian Orthodox Christians from the United States of America”, said Vladyka Daniel, “a great honor indeed, the fact that we find ourselves in the Holy Land these days... His Eminence Metropolitan Antony expresses his most sincere prayerful greetings and gratitude for your Beatitude’s time spent with us... You are the spiritual father, guardian and keeper of the All-holy sites of pilgrimage, and we respect and pray for you.”

...While visiting the sacred sites of Capernaum and the Sea of Galilee, we offered our prayers for our ancestral homeland Ukraine, beseeching the Lord to bring to end the war in Ukraine, and the restoration of peace and stability for all people, especially those that are wounded or have lost their loved ones.”

In his remarks, Patriarch Theophilos spoke of the great danger of the modern-day secularization of society, the ongoing economic difficulties and war atrocities that destabilize the harmony of our spiritual efforts and daily life. Patriarchal exhortation to the pilgrims was to spend the time in the Holy Land opening themselves to the eternal message of salvation of the Savior, while becoming active participants of His Ministry of Service and Love.

In conclusion of the meeting, Vladyka Daniel, assisted by Protopresbyter Stephen Hutnick, Very Rev. Fr. Harry Linsinbigler, Very Rev. Fr. Stephen Masliuk, Very Rev. Fr. Mykola Andrushkiv and Very Rev. Fr. Vasyl Pasakas presented the Patriarch with a traditional Pascha (ostrich) egg, decorated in the motives of Mariupol and Dondas regions of Ukraine that have been devastated by the

ongoing war against the people of Ukraine. Receiving the gift, the Patriarch once again reassured the pilgrims of the UOC of the USA of his prayerful love and concern for the people and nation of Ukraine.

Following the presentation, His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos bestowed upon His Eminence Archbishop Daniel patriarchal panagia. Further, the Patriarch hosted the group of pilgrims with tea and pastries and in conclusion of which each pilgrim of the UOC of the USA approached His Beatitude to receive a blessing, while being presented with a gift of an icon from the hands of Patriarch Theophilos.

Bidding farewell to the Patriarchate, Vladyka Daniel and the clergy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA received a blessing from the Patriarch to participate in the service of Divine Liturgy in the Church of Holy Sepulcher (the site of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem is identified as the place of the crucifixion and the tomb of Jesus of Nazareth. The church has long been a major pilgrimage center for Christians all around the world) and the Church of the Nativity of the Lord in Bethlehem.

Photos by Fr. Vasyla Pasakas and Mark Hatala



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE TO BE CONTINUED IN JULY ISSUE...

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RECOGNIZING THE GRADUATES  
ВШАНУВАННЯ ВИПУСКНИКІВ

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony & His Eminence Archbishop Daniel  
Recognize this Year's Graduates

TOMÁŠ MIROSLAV SEAMANS  
GRADUATED MOUNTAIN HOME HIGH SCHOOL  
ATTENDING UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BASIC TRAINING WITH A CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL WARFARE

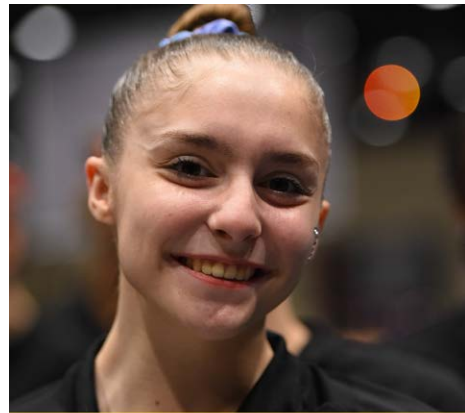
DIANA OVCHINNIKOVA  
GRADUATED NAZARETH HIGH SCHOOL  
ATTENDING DE SALES UNIVERSITY, MAJORING IN NURSING

YURII SHTYK  
GRADUATED EMMANUS HIGH SCHOOL  
ATTENDING NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM

ANNA SWINDLE  
GRADUATED - INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, BA IN CRIMINOLOGY WITH A MINOR IN FORENSIC BIOSCIENCE, SUMMA CUM LAUDE

IVAN SAVCHYN  
GRADUATED JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL

ROKSOLANA MARTHA TYMINSKA  
GRADUATED - UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY



**ELIZABETH CAIRNS**  
GRADUATED - OGBURN HIGH SCHOOL

ATTENDING - IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ON A FULL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR GYMNASTICS AND MAJORING IN INTERIOR DESIGN



**MICHAEL DILENDORF**  
GRADUATED- ROSALIND FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE, DOCTOR OF PHARMACY



**ALEXANDRA MUELLER**  
GRADUATED - NEWSOME HIGH SCHOOL WITH HONORS

ATTENDING - UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR PRE-MED



**ADRIANNA TRUSS**  
GRADUATED - GRADUATING BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HS

ATTENDING - NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR SPORTS THERAPY



**CHRISTINA GREAVES**  
GRADUATED - STRONGSVILLE HS

ATTENDING - JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY, BIOLOGY



**MARK HOST**  
GRADUATED FORDHAM UNIVERSITY WITH AN MA IN MEDIEVAL STUDIES CONCENTRATING IN LITERATURE AND CHURCH HISTORY

CONTINUING AT FORDHAM THIS FALL WITH A FULLY-FUNDED DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP TO PURSUE A PHD IN ENGLISH



**ISABELLA LARISSA CASTRILLO**  
GRADUATED - ROCKY HILL HIGH SCHOOL

ATTENDING - UNIVERSITY OF ST. JOSEPH STUDYING PSYCHOLOGY



**ALINA DMYTRENKO**  
GRADUATED - THE UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD WITH A DEGREE IN NURSING. DEAN'S LIST, PRESIDENT'S LIST, HONOR STUDENT.



**ISABELLE SAWARYNSKI**  
GRADUATED - NORTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

ATTENDING - NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR SPEECH PATHOLOGY



**STEPHANIE HWODEKY**  
GRADUATED - ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

ATTENDING - AIR FORCE ACADEMY IN COLORADO SPRINGS, CO



**JULIA HONTARIUK-LEVKO**  
GRADUATED - YALE UNIVERSITY / B.A. SOCIOLOGY, INTENSIVE

SHE WILL BE WORKING AS A PARALEGAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



**MAKSYM MAHLAY**  
GRADUATED - UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, COLLEGE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC BACHELORS OF MUSIC



**ANTHONY SAWARNYSKI**  
GRADUATED - PENN STATE UNIVERSITY BS IN FINANCE



**VIKTORIYA TYCHYNSKA**  
GRADUATED MIDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



**YULIYA ILITYCH**  
GRADUATED - PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL

ATTENDING - BROOKLYN COLLEGE, MAJORING IN BIOLOGY



**JOHN WILLIAM MEADEN**  
GRADUATED - OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY., BS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, MAGNA CUM LAUDE WITH HONORS RESEARCH DISTINCTION IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

ATTENDING - GRADUATE SCHOOL AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY



**ALEX PETER PARFEJEWIEC**  
GRADUATED - OHIO UNIVERSITY, BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MOVING TO FT. MYERS, FLORIDA TO START HIS CAREER WITH GARTNER



**ALEXANDER SCHILLING**  
GRADUATED - NORMANDY HIGH SCHOOL WITH HIGHEST HONORS

ATTENDING - BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY



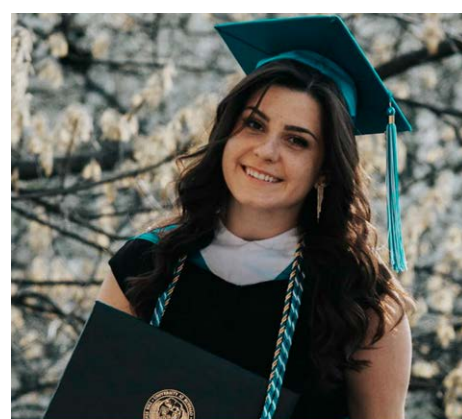
**SOPHIA SCHILLING**  
GRADUATED - KENT STATE UNIVERSITY  
FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
SCHOOL WITH A DEGREE IN COMPUTER  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS



**OLESYA KOROTINSKY**  
GRADUATED - CENTRAL HS  
ATTENDING - ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSTIY



**ANHELYNA KORYTNYUK**  
GRADUATED - COUNCIL ROCK HS  
ATTENDING - BUCKS COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE



**KHRYSTYNA ADAM**  
GRADUATED - UNIVERSTIY OF BUFFALO  
BACHELOR OF BIOLOGY



**STEPHEN SHEPTAK**  
GRADUATED - BUTLER AREA HS  
ATTENDING - BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE TO STUDY NURSING



**SOPHIA GLAZER**  
GRADUATED - WISSAHICKON HS  
ATTENDING - VIRGINIA TECH  
HONORS COLLEGE



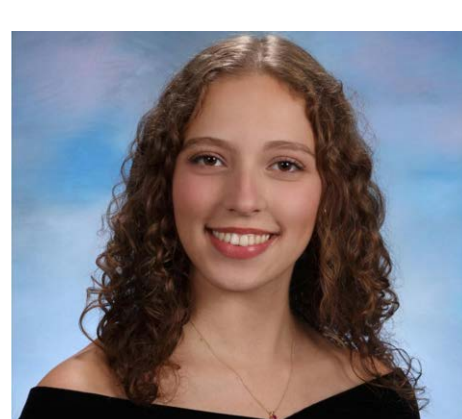
**NATALIE SWAN**  
GRADUATED - PLYMOUTH WHITEMARSH HS  
ATTENDING - WEST VIRGINA UNIVERSITY



**VLADIMIRA VAVRUKH-VOVK**  
GRADUATED - BENJAMIN RUSH  
ARTS ACADEMY  
ATTENDING - INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF  
PENNSYLVANIAN



**CYRIL SHEPTAK**  
GRADUATED - WAKE FOREST UNIVERSTIY, BS  
DEGREE IN ACCOUNTANCY  
RETURNING TO WAKE FOR A MASTERS IN  
ACOUNTANCY



**CHRISTINA MARKIV**  
GRADUATED - JONATHAN DAYTON  
HIGH SCHOOL  
ATTENDING - TCNJ, MAJOR IN  
BIOPSYCHOLOGY/PREMED TRACK.



**ELIAS KOWAL**  
GRADUATED - ABINGTON HEIGHTS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
ATTENDING - MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY  
STUDYING SPORTS MANAGEMENT &  
ANALYTICS



**KALEENA PETERS**  
GRADUATED - THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH  
SCHOOL  
ATTENDING - DENISON UNIVERSITY TO STUDY  
MUSIC PERFORMANCE



**SOPHIA ZHARSKY**  
GRADUATED - SUNY BROOME COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE, ASSOCIATES IN PHYSICAL  
THERAPIST ASSISTANT AND ASSOCIATES IN  
HEALTH STUDIES



**NICHOLAS BORSEVICH**  
GRADUATED - PARKLAND HIGH  
SCHOOL, NICHOLAS  
EMBARKING ON A CAREER IN  
PROFESSIONAL MASONRY





# U K R A I N I A N *Cherry* T A R T

## INGREDIENTS:

### FOR THE DOUGH:

½ cup (118.3 ml) whole milk, scalded  
 1 teaspoon (5 g) granulated sugar  
 1 tablespoon (9.3 g) instant yeast or active dry yeast  
 ¾ cup (75 g) granulated sugar  
 3 cups (384 g) unbleached all-purpose flour, divided (plus more as needed)  
 8 tablespoons (113.4 g) very cold unsalted butter, in tablespoon-sized pieces  
 Zest of 1 lemon, finely grated  
 2 teaspoons (8.4 g) vanilla extract or paste  
 2 large eggs, at room temperature  
 2 large egg yolks, at room temperature  
 ½ teaspoon (2.8 g) salt

### FOR THE FILLING:

1½ pounds (680 g) fresh sweet or sour cherries  
 1 tablespoon (14.4 g) lemon juice, omit if using sour cherries  
 2 tablespoons (7.69 g) Instant ClearJel\*\*\*  
 ½ cup granulated sugar (100 g), more if cherries are very tart

### FOR TOPPING:

2 tablespoons (25 g) coarse sanding sugar (optional)  
 Confectioner's sugar (optional)

Preparing the dough: Scald milk in a small saucepan over medium heat or in a heat-resistant glass container in the microwave on medium-high (70%) power, stirring every 15 seconds until steam begins to rise from the milk. Remove milk from heat and cool until it registers between 110 -120 °F (43-49°C) on an instant-read thermometer. Stir in the yeast and 1 teaspoon sugar into the milk until dissolved and set aside until foamy, about 10 minutes.

Using a stand mixer with the paddle attachment, place 2 cups (254 g) of flour, butter, sugar, and lemon zest into the mixer bowl and mix at low speed for about 3 minutes, until the butter is cut into small pieces. Add yeast-milk mixture, eggs, and egg yolks and beat on medium speed for 3 minutes, scraping the bowl and beater halfway through. Switch to a dough hook. Add the remaining 1 cup (127 g) flour and knead on low speed just until incorporated, 1 to 2 minutes. (It is important to avoid kneading which would overactivate the gluten. The dough will be wet and sticky.) With a silicon spatula, scrape dough from bowl sides and beater forming a mound at the bottom of the bowl.

Sprinkle dough with 2 tablespoons of flour and cover the bowl tightly with plastic wrap. Place in a warm spot for the dough to rise until doubled in size, 1 to 2 hours.

Preparing filling: Pit cherries into a large bowl.

Combine sugar and Instant ClearJel in a separate bowl. Then sprinkle sugar mixture over the pitted cherries (some whole and large ones cut in half), stirring until thoroughly coated and set aside.

Assembling and baking tart: When ready to assemble the tart, lightly flour a work surface. With a pastry scraper, empty dough onto the work surface and turn to coat all surfaces lightly with flour. Gently shape the dough into a ball. Cover loosely with a clean kitchen towel and let rest for 15 to 20 minutes.

Butter and line the bottom and sides of a large baking sheet (18 in. x 12 in. x 1 in.; 46 cm x 30 cm x 2.5 cm) with parchment, folding the overhanging parchment around the outsides of the pan. Butter the parchment.

On the floured surface, roll out dough to the size of the baking sheet. Fold dough in half, then into quarters, and place it in the pan. Unfold the dough and pat it gently to cover the bottom of the pan and extend about ¼ inch (0.6 cm) on each side. Prick the dough bottom at 1-inch intervals with a fork and with the tines of the fork, form an edge around the dough. Arrange cherries evenly over the dough. Cover loosely with a kitchen towel and let rest for 20 minutes.

Adjust an oven rack to the center position and preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C).

Just before baking, sprinkle sanding sugar evenly over the cherries if using. Bake for 30 minutes, or until the edges of the dough are golden brown. Lay a sheet of heavy-duty foil, shiny side up, loosely over the tart. Lower the temperature to 300°F (150°C) and bake for another 15 to 20 minutes until dough is completely baked, and fruit is tender.

Remove foil and place pan on a wire cooling rack to cool for 10 minutes. Using the overhanging edges of the parchment, slide the tart from the baking sheet to the cooling rack. Cool completely before cutting, dusting with confectioner's sugar and serving.

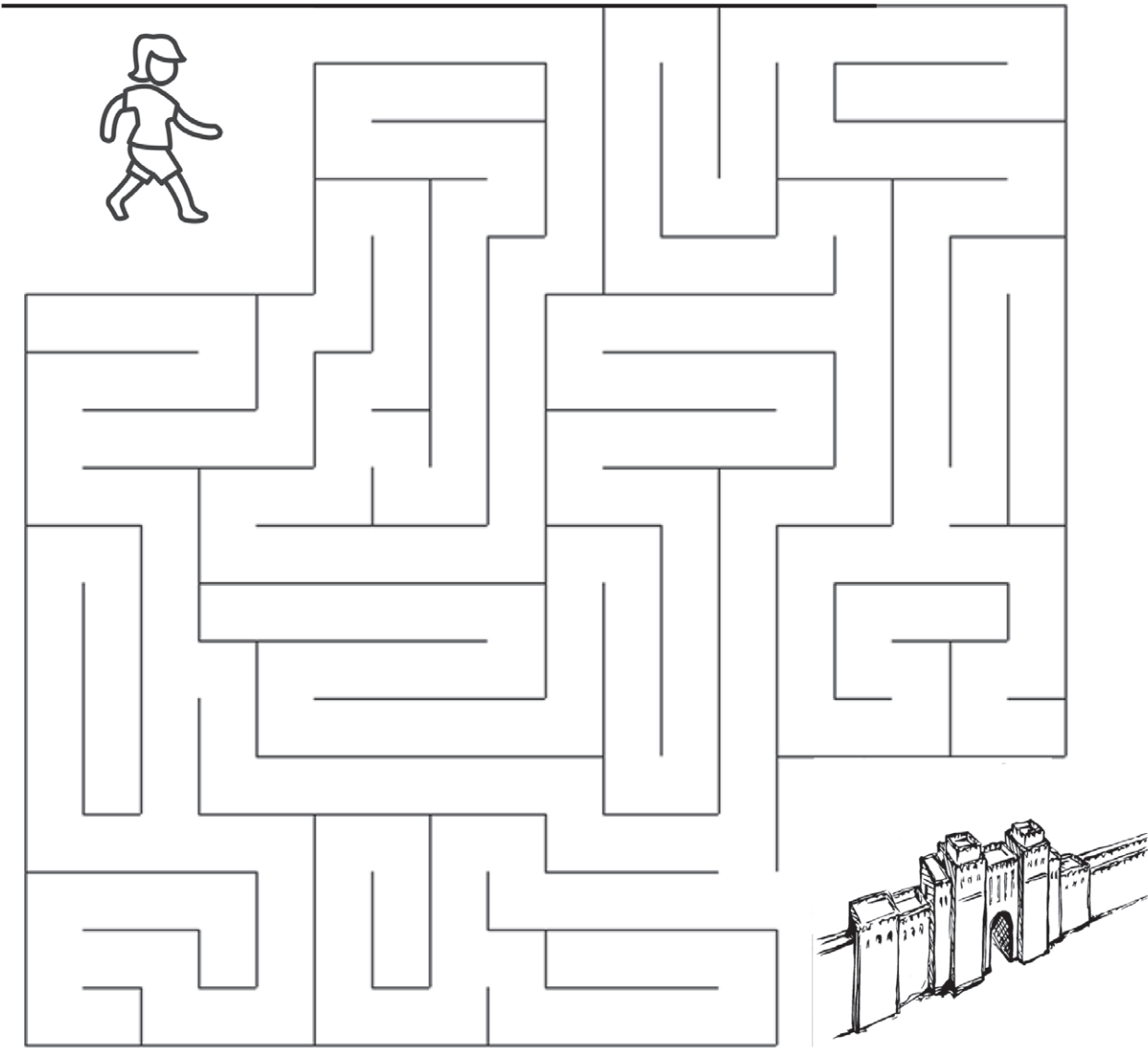
Makes 1 large tart; 12-16 serving pieces

Source: [kitchenepiphanies.com](http://kitchenepiphanies.com)

A pilgrim is someone who travels to a faraway land to visit holy places.

A few such places are: Jerusalem, Constantinople, Mount Athos... However, are also local places that are holy.

Name a few holy places:



HELP THE PILGRIM FIND THE WAY TO JERUSALEM



Amirkhanov, Michael baptized and chrismated on January 14, 2023 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Georgiy Amirkhanov and Oksana Kovalchuk. Sponsors: Ivan Cherniukh and Olga Souljik. Celebrated by Protopresb. Yuriy Siwko.

Borkivska, Emiliia baptized and chrismated on June 12, 2023 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Mykhailo Borkivskiy and Ivanna Zubyk. Sponsors: and Liliia Mandziuk. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

Demchuk, Leonard baptized and chrismated on May 19, 2023 in Holy Trinity Mission Church, Sacramento, CA. Child of Leonid Demchuk and Anastasiia Demchuk. Sponsors: Val Tarasov and Nataliia Breha. Celebrated by V. Rev. Myroslav Turchak.

Didyk, Luka baptized and chrismated on April 16, 2023 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Volodymyr Didyk and Mariana Tymchuk. Sponsors: Sergii Tkach and Yana Tymchuk. Celebrated by Protopresb. Yuriy Siwko.

Dyachenko, Ellis baptized and chrismated on January 8, 2023 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Yuriy Dyachenko and Nadiia Senchuk. Sponsors: and Nadiia Andrushko. Celebrated by Protopresb. Yuriy Siwko.

Dydych, Eva baptized and chrismated on May 6, 2023 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Oleh Dydych and Lesya Grynysyn. Sponsors: Vitaliy Veretchak and Vita Kurylenko. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

Dymo, Daniel baptized and chrismated on April 11, 2023 in St. Michael Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Oleksandr Dymo and Olena Shurbina. Sponsors: Yaroslav Shneikin and Ekaterina Andreus. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

Guzman Goliak, Anna Sofia Maria baptized and chrismated on April 8, 2023 in St. Michael Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Jose Gerardo Guzman Orellana and Marta Goliak. Sponsors: James Hogue and Uliana Mazan. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

Hlushchuk, Leo baptized and chrismated on May 26, 2023 in St. Andrew Church, Boston, MA. Child of Roman Hlushchuk and Olga Pristavko. Sponsors: Maksim Yarchak and Katerina Trus. Celebrated by V. Rev. Roman Tarnavsky.

Khersonskiy, Michael Robert baptized and chrismated on May 10, 2023 in Three Holy Hierarchs Chapel Church, Somerset, NJ. Child of Michael Khersonskiy and Ganna Artemenko. Sponsors: and . Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

Kornelyuk, Michael baptized and chrismated on January 21, 2023 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Vasyl Kornelyuk and Nadiya Babynyuk. Sponsors: Igor Dishanskyy and Nelia Solianyk. Celebrated by Protopresb. Yuriy Siwko.

Lakoma, Eva baptized and chrismated on April 30, 2023 in St. Vladimir Cathedral Church, Parma, OH. Child of Ihor Lakomyi and Tetiana Dnes. Sponsors: Ruslan Gorokhivskiy and Anna Lebid. Celebrated by Rev. Michael Hontaruk.

Nazarov, Alexei baptized and chrismated on January 7, 2023 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Volodymyr Nazarov and Oksana Mykolaivna Palko. Sponsors: Arthur Francis Ferramosca and Sofia Ferramosca. Celebrated by V. Rev. Yuriy Siwko.

Rapko, Leon Lev baptized and chrismated on May 20, 2023 in St. Nicholas Pro-Cathedral Church, Lakewood, OH. Child of Volodymyr Kovalchuk and Yaryna Rapko. Sponsors: Taras Kovalchuk and Uliana Boichuk. Celebrated by V. Rev. Dennis Kristof.

Rosner, Maximus baptized and chrismated on May 27, 2023 in St. Andrew Church, Atlanta, GA. Child of Alon Rosner and Maryana Mokrynska. Sponsors: Oleksandr Senko and Sofia Mokrynska. Celebrated by Rev. Bohdan Maruszczak.

Rurka, Olivia Ann baptized and chrismated on October 29, 2022 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Gene Michael Rurka and Nicole Maiorelli. Sponsors: Matthew Rurka and Krystle Stoecker. Celebrated by V. Rev. Yuriy Siwko.

Shkrybailo, Elliana Eva baptized and chrismated on May 25, 2023 in St. Vladimir Cathedral Church, Parma, OH. Child of Andrei-Maksim Bunti and Iryna Shkrybailo. Sponsors: Nazar Shkrybailo and Yuliya Zamansky. Celebrated by Rev. Michael Hontaruk.

Thambidurai, Lilian Lydia baptized and chrismated on March 25, 2023 in St. Michael Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Jonathan Thambidurai and Julie Raynova. Sponsors: Alex Masluk and Claudia Cornejo. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

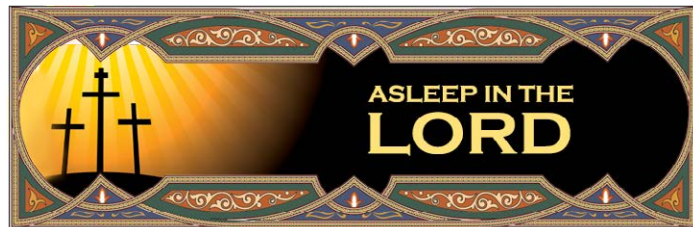
Underhill, Mark Victor baptized and chrismated on June 19, 2016 in St. Volodymyr Cathedral Church, New York, NY. Child of Mark Robert Underhill and Tanya Underhill. Sponsors: Brian Barton and Alice Lichtchouk. Celebrated by V. Rev. Volodymyr Muzychka.

Underhill, Victoria Ann baptized and chrismated on January 20, 2021 in St. Volodymyr Cathedral Church, New York, NY. Child of Mark Robert Underhill and Tanya Underhill. Sponsors: Bobby Stovken and Alice Lichtchouk. Celebrated by V. Rev. Volodymyr Muzychka.

Zomchak, Katherine baptized and chrismated on May 13, 2023 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Youngstown, OH. Child of Rev. Mykola Zomchak and Mariia Zomchak. Sponsors: Rev. Myron Korostil and Christina Korostil. Celebrated by Archbishop Daniel Zelinsky.



Mykola Ihorovych Pylyptsiv and Natalia Ivanivna Koval in Holy Trinity Parish, Cheektowaga, NY, on May 6, 2023, witnessed by Orest Chura and Yuliia Pylyptsiv. Celebrant: V. Rev. Yuriy Kasyanov.



Burcovsky, Joseph of Bethlehem, PA on April 25, 2023 at the age of 90 years, officiating clergy Rev. Richard Jendras of St. Mary Cathedral Parish, Allentown, PA 18102.

Gomelsky, Olga of Eden Prairie, MN on March 5, 2023 at the age of 69 years, officiating clergy Rev. Myron Korostil of St. Michael's & George's Parish, Minneapolis, MN 55413.

Hunsicker, Doris Ann of Allentown, PA on May 7, 2023 at the age of 85 years, officiating clergy Rev. Richard Jendras of St. Mary Cathedral Parish, Allentown, PA 18102.

Iemeljanova, Katerina of Paul, MN on December 13, 2022 at the age of 74 years, officiating clergy Rev. Myron Korostil of St. Michael's & George's Parish, Minneapolis, MN 55413.

Kozak, Robert - Alan of McDonald, PA on March 16, 2023 at the age of 69 years, officiating clergy Rev. Ihor Protsak of St. John the Baptist's Parish, Clymer, PA 15728.

Parfejewiec, Nadia of Cleveland, OH on April 6, 2023 at the age of 88 years, officiating clergy Protopresbyter John Nakonachny/V. Rev. Michael Hontaruk of St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH 44134.

Pulym, Anatol of Parma, OH on April 29, 2023 at the age of 91 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. John Nakonachny/V. Rev. Michael Hontaruk of St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH 44134.

Sencio (Bilas), Ann of East Berlin, CT on February 24, 2023 at the age of 100 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Andrii Pokotylo of St. Mary's Parish, New Britain, CT 06051.

Tanasichuk, Vera S. of St. Paul, MN on March 30, 2023 at the age of 82 years, officiating clergy Rev. Myron Korostil of St. Michael's & George's Parish, Minneapolis, MN 55413.

Zerebny Jr., Anthony of Palos Park, IL on October 20, 2022 at the age of 86 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Vasyl Sendeha of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Palos Park, IL 60464.

IN TIMES OF DIFFICULTY AND DOUBT  
TURN TO GOD FOR STRENGTH AND REASSURANCE  
-Archbishop Daniel

**"LORD, I BELIEVE!  
HELP MY UNBELIEF!"**  
(Mark 9:24)

У ВАЖКИЙ ЧАС ПЕРЕЖИВАНЬ ТА НЕВПЕВНЕНОСТІ  
ЗВЕРТАЙМОСЯ ДО БОГА ІЗ ПРОХАННЯМ ПРО  
СИЛУ, НАСНАГУ ТА НАДІЮ  
-Архієпископ Даниїл

**"ВІРУЮ, ГОСПОДИ!  
ПОМОЖИ МОЄМУ  
НЕДОВІРСТВУ!"**  
(Марка 9:24)

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**THIS IS THE  
PURPOSE OF OUR  
LIVES:  
no matter what we  
do — who we are,  
or what occupation  
we have — God  
wants us to live a  
LIFE OF LOVE  
AND  
SERVICE.**  
- Archbishop Daniel

**ОСЬ МЕТА  
НАШОГО ЖИТТЯ:  
незалежно від  
того, що ми  
робимо — ким ми  
є чи яку роботу  
маємо — Бог хоче,  
щоб ми жили  
ЖИТТЯМ  
ЛЮБОВІ ТА  
СЛУЖІННЯ.**  
- Архієпископ Даниїл

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# ORDINATIONS

## JUNE

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
V. Rev. Stephen Masliuk	6/29/2002
Rev. Oleg Kravchenko	6/29/2019
Protodn. Ireney Dziadyk	6/19/1998
Dn. Nicholas Zachary	6/25/2011
Dn. Timothy Kelleher	6/29/2019



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## JUNE

Bishop Volodymyr (Hay) \* – June 7 1977

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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
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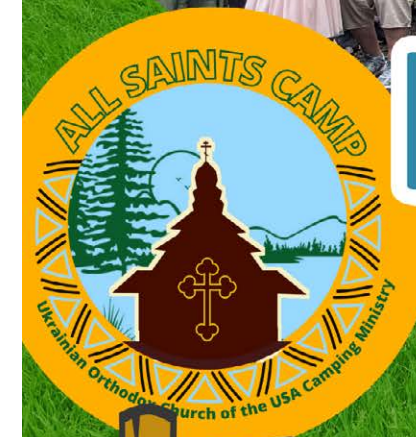
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АПОСТОЛА ІУДИ, БРАТА ГОСПОДНЯ

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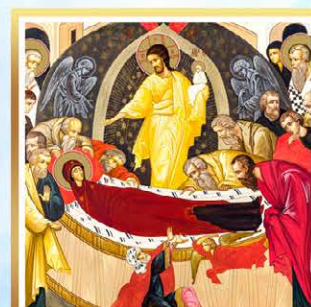
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**POCHAIV ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**  
ПОЧАЇВСЬКОЇ ІКОНИ БОЖОЇ МАТЕРІ

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**HOLY MARTYRS AND PASSION-BEARERS  
BORYS AND HLIB OF RUS**  
МЧЧ. БЛГВВ. КНЯЗІВ БОРИСА І ГЛІБА

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БОГОРОДИЦІ

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**THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE  
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