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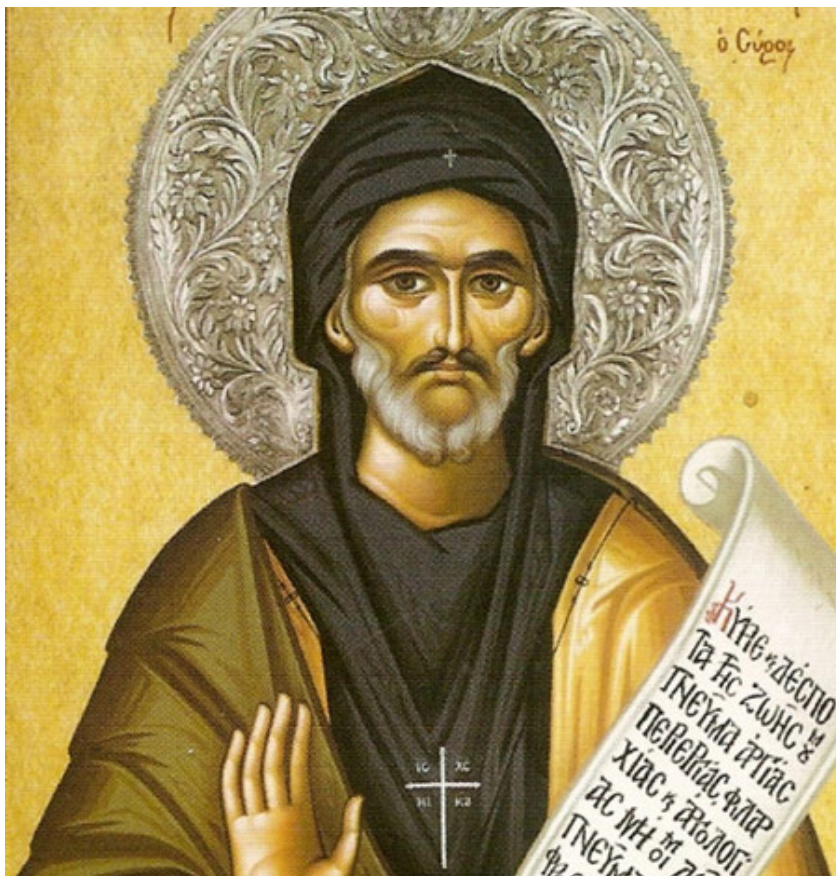
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LENTEN PRAYER OF ST. EPHREM THE SYRIAN

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth,
despair, lust of power, and idle talk. (*prostration*)

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and
love to Thy servant. (*prostration*)

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions,
and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages
of ages. Amen. (*prostration*)

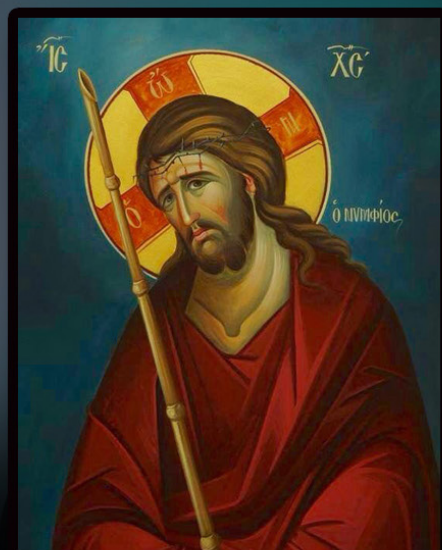
**ПОКАЯННА МОЛИТВА ПРЕПОДОБНОГО ЄФРЕМА
СИРІЙСЬКОГО**

Господи і Владико життя мого! Духа лінивства,
недбайливості, властолюб'я і пустомовства віджени від
мене. (*Доземний поклін*)

Духа чистоти, покори, терпеливості й любові Даруй
мені, слугі твогому. (*Доземний поклін*)

Так, Господи, Царю! Дай мені бачити гріхи мої і не
осуджувати брата мого, бо ти благословенний на віки
вічні. Амінь. (*Доземний поклін*)

ΕΣΥΜΕΝΙΚΑΛ ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΗ ΒΑΡΘΟΛΟΜΕΩΨ ΛΕΝΤΕΝ ΕΡΙΣΤΛΕ ВСЕЛЕНСЬКОГО ПАТРІАРХА ВАРФОЛОМІЯ ПОСТОБЕ ПОСЛАВННЯ



To the Plenitude of the Church

May the Grace and Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you together with our Prayer, Blessing and Forgiveness

With the grace of God, the giver of all gifts, we have once again arrived at Holy and Great Lent, the arena of ascetical struggle, in order to purify ourselves with the Lord's assistance through prayer, fasting and humility, as well as to prepare ourselves for a spiritual experience of the venerable Passion and the celebration of the splendid Resurrection of Christ the Savior.

In a world of manifold confusion, the ascetic experience of Orthodoxy constitutes an invaluable spiritual asset, an inexhaustible source of divine knowledge and human wisdom. The blessed phenomenon of asceticism, whose spirit pervades our entire way of life – for “asceticism is Christianity in its entirety” – is not the privilege of the few or chosen, but an “ecclesial event,” a communal good, a shared blessing and the common vocation for all faithful without exception. The ascetical struggles, of course, are not an end in themselves; the principle that “asceticism exists for the sake of asceticism” is not valid. The purpose of asceticism is the transcendence of one's own will and the “mind of the flesh,” the transference of the center of life from individual desire and the “right,” toward love that “does not seek its own,” in accordance with the scriptural passage: “Let no one seek his own good, but the good of the other.” (1 Cor. 10.24)

Such is the spirit that prevails throughout the long historical journey of Orthodoxy. In the New Miterikon, we encounter an excellent description of this ethos to renounce “our own” in the name of love: “Some hermits from Scetis once approached Amma Sarah, who offered them a container with basic provisions. The elders set aside the good food and consumed the bad. The righteous Sarah said to them: ‘You are truly monks from Scetis’”[1] This sensitivity and sacrificial use of freedom is foreign to the spirit of our age, which identifies freedom with individual assertions and claims for rights. Contemporary “autonomous” man would never have consumed the bad food, but only the good, convinced that in this way he expresses – while authentically and responsibly employing – individual freedom.

This is where the supreme value of the Orthodox concept of human freedom lies. It is a freedom that does not demand but shares, does not insist but sacrifices. The Orthodox believer knows that autonomy and self-sufficiency do not liberate humanity from the shackles of the ego, of self-realization and self-justification. The freedom “for which Christ has set us free” (Gal. 5.1) mobilizes our creative capacity and is fulfilled as rejection of self-enclosure, as unconditional love and communion of life.

The Orthodox ascetical ethos does not know division and dualism; it does not reject life, but rather transforms it. The dualistic vision and denial of the world is not a Christian concept. Genuine asceticism is luminous and charitable. It is a characteristic of Orthodox self-consciousness that the period of fasting is permeated by the joy of the Cross and the Resurrection. Moreover, the ascetic struggle of Orthodox Christians – much like our spirituality and liturgical life in general – communicates the fragrance and radiance of the Resurrection. The Cross is found at the heart of Orthodox piety, but it is not the final point of reference in the life of the Church. Instead, the essence of Orthodox spiritual life is the ineffable joy of the Resurrection, toward which the Cross constitutes the way. Accordingly, during the period of Great Lent, the quintessence of experience for Orthodox Christians is always the yearning for the “common resurrection.”

Pray, then, precious brothers and sisters in the Lord, that we may be deemed worthy, with the grace and support from above, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, as first among the saints, and of all the saints, that we may run the race of Holy and Great Lent in a way that is fitting and joyous before Christ, joyfully exercising, in obedience to the rule of church tradition, the “common struggle” of fasting that extinguishes the passions, constantly praying, helping the suffering and needful, forgiving one another and “giving thanks for all things” (Thess. 5.18), in order that we might venerate with a devout heart the “Holy, Saving and Awesome Passion” as well as the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory, power and thanksgiving to the endless ages. Amen.

Holy and Great Lent 2019

+ Bartholomew of Constantinople

Fervent supplicant for all before God



THE 2019

GREAT LENT EPISTLE

OF THE PERMANENT CONFERENCE OF UKRAINIAN
ORTHODOX BISHOPS BEYOND THE BORDERS OF UKRAINE

To the God-beloved Pastors, Monastics, and all Faithful Children of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the Diaspora and Ukraine,

Beloved in the Lord: **CHRIST IS AMONG US!**

The Holy and Sacred Season of Great Lent is upon us! Each year, the Church offers us the Lenten season as a time of repentance and renewal. As for us, Orthodox Christians, the contemplation on this beautiful season of the Church year is a cause for much of spiritual joy!

There is real confusion in today's world about the meaning of joy. Like happiness, joy is often seen as something that we can physically buy. We may be able to buy something that brings temporary pleasure: but we cannot buy joy. They must not be confused. Joy is a free gift from God.

This surreal and joyful season of Great Lent is an opportunity to be graced afresh by contemplating the presence of Christ in our lives. All our efforts to evangelize in our new millennium here in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in North America, Western Europe, Australia, South America and throughout Diaspora would be fruitless unless we ourselves have first contemplated on the presence of Christ in our relationship with the world around us. It is the presence of the One who has suffered, died and risen from the dead out of love for us. To be so loved by the God of love in the midst of all our sinfulness and human limitations, indeed, is a joyful experience. This is surely the starting point for the Lenten season and the key point in our reflection upon our path to salvation. It is all summarized in one word: conversion.

It resonates with a deep yearning and recognition within us. As we make our first prostrations, we are reminded of our own sinfulness. Throughout the next 40 days we are called to repent and believe the Good News: God loves us. He sent His Beloved Son to suffer and die for us. He has risen from the dead and shares his new life with us. This is the heart of the Gospel. Lent refocuses our attention on this message of salvation, this good news through our ability to recognize and consider our identity as children of God.

Searching for our identity is part of life. We identify our "self" as a family member, spouse, sibling, clergyman, carpenter, farmer, doctor, entertainer or clerk. We also identify ourselves as Orthodox Christians, or as members of a parish. Identity involves discovering who we are as persons and what our role is by answering these questions: who am I, and why am I here? Growth in the awareness of our Christian identity is a lifelong process that shifts as we change. It is rooted in our Baptism, where

we are transformed into our true identity as sons and daughters of the God. Holy Apostle Paul in his Letter to the Ephesians (“You should put away the old self of your former way of life . . . and put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth” (Eph 4:22, 24), challenges us to put away our former life and put on a new self. In other words, he tells us to turn from sinful ways and take on our new life in Christ. In so doing, we become one with Christ, where we find our true identity. We accept this challenge during the Great Lent, as we journey with Christ through life’s difficulties to eternal life.

In the Church’s Tradition the season of Great and Holy Lent has always been accompanied by the Lenten efforts of prayer, fasting and acts of charity. We know that parishes will be providing many extra opportunities for prayer over the days of Lenten journey. We call upon you to greater attendance at liturgical services of the season. We hope that the participation in the Holy Mystery of Repentance over this time will be a real priority in your lives and in all parishes. We hope that the prayers of the Church will offer people an invitation to be touched, healed, forgiven, comforted and strengthened by our Lord. Also, at home we recommend a closer attention to times of prayer and fasting and moments of genuine devotion in family life.

Secondly, our journey through Lent and preparation to more fitting celebration of Pascha – the Resurrection of our Lord - includes “willing service to our neighbor”. All Christian true conversion starts in the heart but never stays there. True spiritual conversion always seeks out acts of charity to give practical help to our neighbor in need. This is a vital aspect of who we are as children of God.

We also encourage practical gestures of prayerful compassion to children. In this Lenten period, we must remember that our children are so often victims of human selfishness in today’s world and deserve special attention. During this Lent, perhaps we could find ways in our neighborhoods to share something of the importance of Christ Jesus to those who do not believe in Him. Such efforts can start so simply: with a kind word and gentle smile in His Name.

As we embark upon this Lenten journey, it is the time to renew ourselves as Orthodox Christians. Upon baptism we assumed the obligation of sharing the Good News of Christ with others, of defending the Holy Orthodox faith from persecution and of living a Christ-centered life of love for others. This six-week journey entails striving for humility and contrition before God in our repentance, seeking mutual forgiveness from others and contemplating our renewal in our prayers. Let us open our hearts to let in that, which is eternal, that which is Truth and not be blinded by the temporal world around us. Where there is light there is hope. Through His life and suffering for our salvation, we gain renewed hope in the light of Christ’s glorious victory over death and in eternal life.

May our All-Merciful and Almighty Lord assist us on our journey through this Great Fast with humility and reverence so that we may be worthy to greet the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

With Hierarchical Blessings,

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† **JEREMIAH, Archbishop**, *Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Brazil and South America*
† **DANIEL, Archbishop**, *Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Western Europe*
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ВЕЛИКОПОСНЕ ПОСЛАННЯ

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ПОСТІЙНОЇ КОНФЕРЕНЦІЇ ПРАВОСЛАВНИХ
ЄПИСКОПІВ ПОЗА МЕЖАМИ УКРАЇНИ

Боголюбивим Пастирям, Чернецтву та всім Вірним Дітям Української Православної Церкви в Діаспорі та Україні,

Улюблені в Господі: **ХРИСТОС ПОСЕРЕД НАС!**

Ну ось і настав час Священного та Великого Посту для усіх нас. Кожного року Церква надає нам Великопосний період як час покаяння і відновлення. Для нас, православних християн, роздумування над цим чудовим періодом церковного року є причиною великої духовної радості!

У сучасному світі існує хибне розуміння значення радості. Як і щастя, радістю часто вважають щось таке, що ми можемо купити фізично. Ми можемо купити те, що приносить нам тимчасове задоволення: але ми не можемо купити відчуття радості. Тому не слід їх плутати. Адже радість - це безкоштовний Божий дар.

Цей піднесений та радісний час Великого Посту є неоціненною можливістю для нас знову примиритися з Христом, роздумуючи над Його присутністю в нашому житті. У теперішній час усі наші зусилля пов'язані з евангелізацією в Українській Православній Церкві на теренах Північної Америки, Західної Європи, Австралії, Південної Америки та усієї Діаспори були б безрезультатними, якщо б ми самі спочатку не роздумували про присутність Христа у наших відносинах з навколишнім світом. Це присутність Того, Хто страждав, помер і воскрес з мертвих через Свою любов до нас. Для людини, бути на стільки огорнутою Божою любов'ю, попри всю її людську гріховність та всю людську немічність, є справді радісним досвідом. Цей радісний досвід є початком Великого Посту, але водночас є і ключовим моментом у наших роздумах про наш шлях до спасіння. Все це узагальнено одним словом: преображенням.

Це перетворення відбувається і стає можливим тільки через глибоке прагнення і визнання у середині нас. Роблячи наші перші поклони, ми пригадуємо собі про нашу власну гріховність. Протягом наступних 40 днів ми покликані до покаяння та до віри в Благую Вістку: що Бог любить нас. Він послав Свого Улюбленого Сина, щоб терпіти і померти за нас. Він воскрес із мертвих і ділиться з нами своїм новим життям. Все це є центром Євангелія. Піст знову і знову звертає нашу увагу на цю вістку про спасіння, цю добру новину через нашу здатність вбачати в собі Божих дітей.

Віднайти та зрозуміти ким ми є – це частина нашого життя. Кожен з нас ідентифікує себе як член сім'ї, як чоловік чи дружина, брат чи сестра, священнослужитель чи столяр, фермер, лікар чи артист. Ми також ідентифікуємо себе як православні християни, чи як парафіяни. Ідентичність дає зрозуміти, ким ми є, як особи, і якою є наша роль, відповідаючи на такі питання як: хто я і чому я тут? Вдосконалення розуміння нашої християнської ідентичності – це процес, що постійно змінюється разом з нашою власною зміною. Її корінь же лежить в нашому Хрещенні,

де ми зодягаємось в нашу справжню ідентичність будучи синами і доньками Божими. Святий Апостол Павло у своєму посланні до Ефесян («Відкинути колишній спосіб життя старої людини ... і одягнутися в нову людину, створену за Богом, в праведності і святості істини.» (Еф. 4:22, 24), змушує нас відкинути наше колишнє життя і зодягнутися в нового себе. Іншими словами, він наставляє нас відкинути гріховні шляхи, преобразивши своє життя в нове життя у Христі. Ми відчуваємо на собі цей виклик переміни під час Великого Посту, подорожуючи з Христом через повсякденні труднощі до життя вічного.

Згідно Церковної Традиції, час Великого і Святого Посту завжди супроводжується молитвою, постом і ділами милосердя. Ми знаємо, що в час Великого Посту в наших храмах буде багато додаткової можливості усім нам для молитви. Ми закликаємо вас до частішого відвідування літургійних богослужінь в час цього періоду. Ми сподіваємося, що участь у Святому Таїнстві Покаяння впродовж цього часу стане справжнім пріоритетом яку вашому житті, так і в житті усіх парафій. Ми маємо надію, що молитви всієї Церкви прикличуть людей до зцілення, прощення, заспокоєння і зміцнення нашим Господом. Крім того, ми радимо вам вдома приділяти більше уваги молитві, посту і також справжній відданості й присвяті в сімейному житті.

По-друге, час Великого Посту як підготовка до належнішого святкування Пасхи - Воскресіння нашого Господа - включає в собі «добровільне служіння нашому ближньому». Все правдиве Християнське навернення починається в серці, але ніколи там не залишається. Справжня духовна трансформація завжди супроводжується ділами милосердя, подаючи руку допомоги кожному, хто є в потребі. Це важливий аспект того, ким ми є, як Божі діти.

Ми також заохочуємо вас до молитовних вчинків милосердя для дітей. У цей великопосний період нам необхідно пам'ятати, що наші діти в сучасному світі часто стають жертвами людського егоїзму і заслуговують особливої уваги. Під час цього Великого Посту, знайдімо шляхи і можливості підходу до тих, хто, можливо, не вірить в Ісуса Христа. Щоб саме з ними поділитись цією Євангельською радістю. Це можна зробити дуже просто: добрим словом та лагідною посмішкою в Його Ім'я.

Розпочинаючи цю подорож Великого Посту, для нас настає час для відновлення себе як Православних Християн. Разом із Хрещенням ми взяли на себе відповідальність ділитися Доброю Вісткою Христа з іншими, захищати Святу Православну віру від переслідувань і проводити наше життя навколо Христа в любові до ближніх. Ця шеститижнева подорож вимагає від нас бажання до смирення і щирого каяття перед Богом, прагнення взаємного прощення з ближніми і розмірковування над нашим оновленням в наших молитвах. Відкріймо наші серця перед тим що є вічним, перед тим, що є істиною, не будучи засліпленими тимчасовим світом що навколо нас. Там, де є світло, там є надія. Через Його життя і страждання задля нашого спасіння ми сподобились отримати нову надію у світлі славної Христової перемоги над смертю і у вічному житті.

Нехай наш Всемилосердний і Всемогутній Господь допоможе прожити нам цей час Великого Посту зі смиренням і благоговінням, щоб достойно возвеличити славне Воскресіння Господа нашого і Спасителя Ісуса Христа!

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27-Mar	3	17-23
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READING THE PSALMS THROUGH GREAT LENT

“When the Holy Spirit saw that the human race was guided only with difficulty toward virtue, and that, because of our inclination toward pleasure, we were neglectful of an upright life, what did He do? The delight of melody He mingled with the doctrines so that by the pleasantness and softness of the sound heard we might receive without perceiving it the benefit of the words, just as wise physicians who, when giving the fastidious rather bitter drugs to drink, frequently smear the cup with honey. Therefore, He devised for us these harmonious melodies of the Psalms, that they who are children in age, or even

those who are youthful in disposition, might to all appearances chant but, in reality, become trained in soul. For never has any one of the many indifferent persons gone away easily holding in mind either an apostolic or prophetic message but they do chant the words of the Psalms, even in the home, and they spread them about in the market place, and if, perchance, someone becomes exceedingly wrathful, when he begins to be soothed by a Psalm, he departs with the wrath of his soul immediately lulled to sleep by means of the melody.”

- St. Basil the Great (Homily X, 1; On Psalm I.)

The psalter is divided into 20 kathismata. Kathisma means sitting, since the people normally sit during the reading of the psalms. Each kathisma is divided into three stases, from stasis, to stand, because each stasis ends with Glory to the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, at which everyone stands. The reading of the kathismata are so arranged that the entire psalter is read through in the course of Great Lent.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:17



Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism. For what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes, but bite and devour our brothers?

St. John Chrysostom

Dost thou fast? Give me proof of it by thy works!

Is it said by what kind of works?

- If thou seest a poor man, take pity on him!
- If thou seest in enemy, be reconciled to him!
- If thou seest a friend gaining honor, envy him not!
- If thou seest a handsome woman, pass her by!

For let not the mouth only fast, but also the eye, and the ear, and the feet, and the hands, and all the members of our bodies.

Let the hands fast, by being pure from rapine and avarice.

Let the feet fast, by ceasing from running to the unlawful spectacles.

Let the eyes fast, being taught never to fix themselves rudely upon handsome countenances, or to busy themselves with strange beauties.

For looking is the food of the eyes, but if this be such as is unlawful or forbidden, it mars the fast; and upsets the whole safety of the soul; but if it be lawful and safe, it adorns fasting. For it would be among things the most absurd to abstain from lawful food because of the fast, but with the eyes to touch even what is forbidden. Dost thou not eat flesh? Feed not upon lasciviousness by means of the eyes.

Let the ear fast also. The fasting of the ear consists in refusing to receive evil speakings and calumnies. "Thou shalt not receive a false report," it says.

Let the mouth too fast from disgraceful speeches and railing. For what doth it profit if we abstain from birds and fishes; and yet bite and devour our brethren? The evil speaker eateth the flesh of his brother, and biteth the body of his neighbor.

Because of this Paul utters the fearful saying, "If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another." Gal. v. 15. Thou hast not fixed thy teeth in the flesh, but thou hast fixed the slander in the soul, and inflicted the wound of evil suspicion; thou hast harmed, in a thousand ways, thyself and him, and many others, for in slandering a neighbor thou hast made him who listens to the slander worse.

St John Chrysostom, Letters; Homilies on the Statutes, Homily III

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Journeying together through

GREAT LENT

ROAD TO PASCHA

Today is the joyful forefast of the time of abstinence, the bright threshold of the Fast. Therefore, brethren, together let us run the race with confident hope and with great eagerness.

— Ode 1, First Canon of Cheesefare Monday



HOLY WEEK

Focus on Christ's Passion

REMAIN SILENT

Spend the week in silence, thought and prayer
Attend Holy Week Services

Wednesday: Holy Unction

Thursday: Mystical Supper & Washing of feet
(Reading of 12 Passion Gospels)

Friday: Crucifixion and burial of Christ
(Vespers)

Saturday: Harrowing of Hades
Sunday: The Resurrection of Christ!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



APRIL 21
Palm Sunday

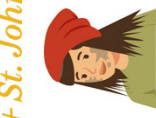
"Do not imagine that the monk alone stands in need of these lessons from Scripture. Of all others, the children just about to enter into the world specially need them"
+ St. John Climacus



FOURTH WEEK

Focus on Family

SPEND TIME GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FAMILY



APRIL 14
St. Mary of Egypt



FIFTH WEEK

Focus on God

SPEND TIME GETTING TO KNOW GOD

Attend Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday

Read the prescribed readings:

Monday: Proverbs 14:27-15:4

Tuesday: Proverbs 15:7-19

Wednesday: Proverbs 15:20-16:9

Thursday: Proverbs 16:17-17:17

Friday: Proverbs 17:17-18:5

APRIL 20 - Lazarus Saturday

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THIRD WEEK

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Focus on Sacrifice and Charity

DONATE

Each day this week purchase a tasty food item to donate to the hungry
Each day take one item from your closet and donate it to those in need
Turn off the television all week - *sacrifices are not easy*
Put aside a tenth of this week's paycheck, and donate it

Offer to help at church

Offer to help a neighbor

Donate books

Donate a pair of nice shoes

GO ONE DAY WITHOUT COMPLAINING

TRY AGAIN - to go all day without complaining

Sacrifices are not meant to be easy

SECOND WEEK

Focus on Prayer

Be disciplined with your Prayer Routine

Memorize the Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem

PRAY

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother; for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.

While it is good to avoid places of temptation, it is better to seek places of inspiration. While it is good to avoid individuals, who may lead you to sin, it is better to seek out individuals who will lead you to virtue. While it is good to shun those things which tend to control us, it is better to seek self-control over things which have no power over us unless we give them that power.

Pray Evening Prayers with your family

Each evening tell your child a story from your childhood

During dinner share a story about each child

Tell each of your children what makes them unique

Tell your parents why you appreciate them

Find a family recipe and prepare it together

Ask, "If you could go anywhere, where would you go?"

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MARCH 31

Veneration of the Holy Cross



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APRIL 7

St. John of the Ladder

*Let not one think, my fellow Christian, that only priests and monks need to pray without ceasing...
- St. Gregory of Palamas*



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MARCH 24

St. Gregory Palamas



MARCH 17

Sunday of Orthodoxy

FIRST WEEK

Monday - Strict Fast

Try to attend services

Focus on Self-Improvement

You are a living icon of Christ

Do not GOSSIP

If anyone comes up to gossip,

do not participate. This is

harder than you think.



UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA



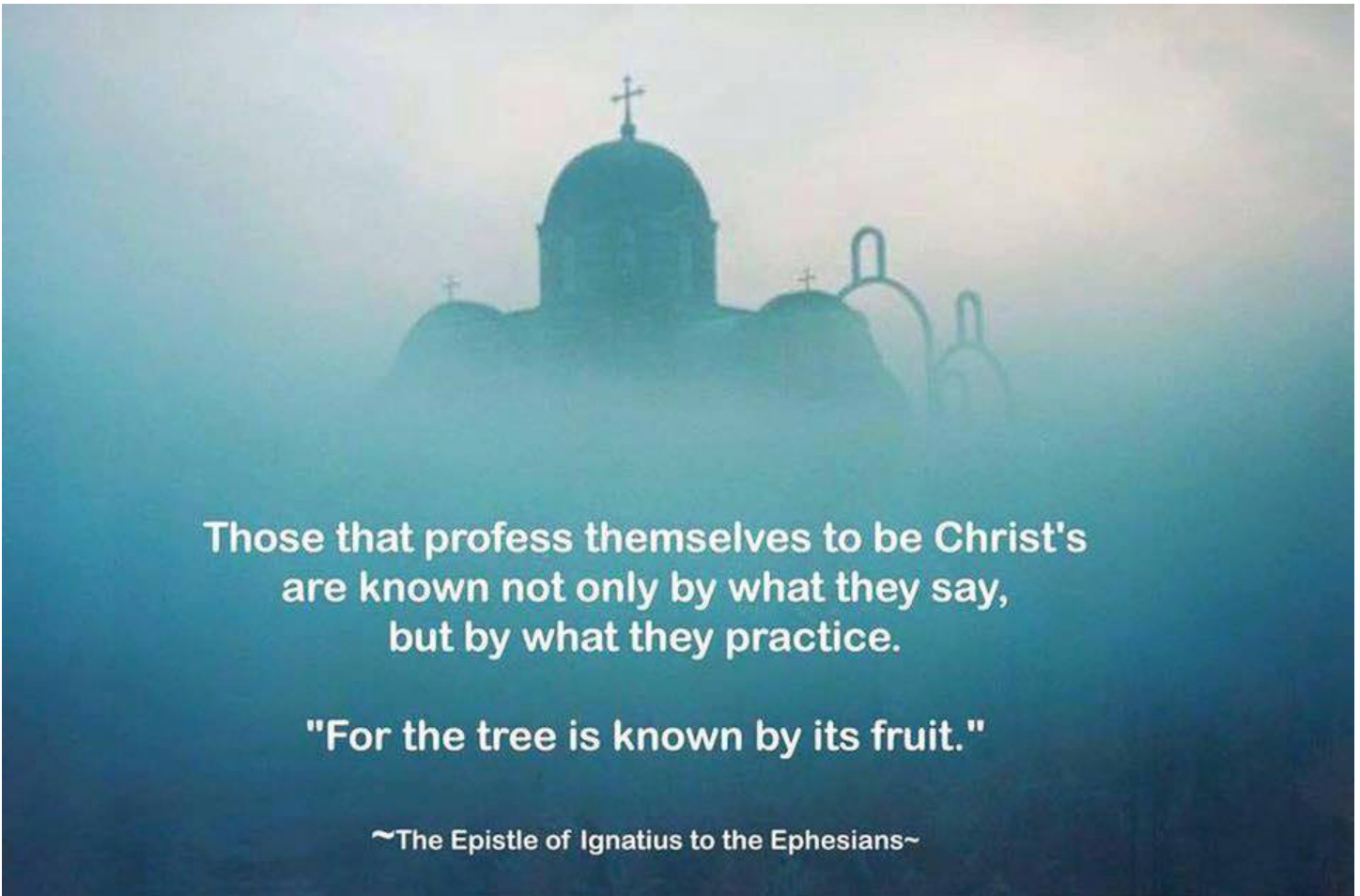
STATEMENT ON THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America affirms the sanctity of life based on the firm conviction that life begins at the moment of conception. The Assembly remains steadfast in its conviction that any interference in the development of life is a serious issue, and therefore it regularly participates in a variety of relevant events and also releases pertinent statements on the topic.

While recognizing that there are rare but serious medical instances where mother and child may require extraordinary actions, the Assembly of Bishops is deeply concerned that the taking of innocent life through abortion has become an acceptable cultural norm. This phenomenon – increasingly prevalent throughout contemporary

societies – was exacerbated by a recent law of the New York State Senate (Bill S.240). The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America categorically denounces these adverse developments that allow for abortion, under certain unjustifiable circumstances, even within the third trimester of existence.

The Assembly of Bishops further reminds the faithful that Christ is a beacon of hope in this challenging world. Accordingly, the Church is always prepared and willing to support women who are considering abortion to find alternative avenues to alleviate any burden, physical and spiritual. The Church is ever a mother – loving, understanding, nurturing, praying, and protecting all human life.





**TOMOS GRANTING AUTOCEPHALY TO THE
ORTHODOX CHURCH OF UKRAINE
SIGNED AND PRESENTED ACCORDING TO ANCIENT TRADITION**

**ТОМОС ПРО НАДАННЯ АВТОКЕФАЛІЇ
ПРАВОСЛАВНІЙ ЦЕРКВІ УКРАЇНИ
ПІДПИСАНИЙ ТА ВРУЧЕНИЙ ЗГІДНО СТАРОДАВНЬОЇ ТРАДИЦІЇ**

His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, in his final capacity of the Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarch to Ukraine, traveled to Constantinople, (Istanbul) Turkey, where he took part in the formal procedures of signing and granting Tomos of Autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine on January 5-6, 2019.

Present at the historic and religious events were clergy and faithful from Ukraine, representing over 45 million Ukrainian throughout the world.

His Excellency President Petro Poroshenko took part in the ceremony of signing the Tomos of Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in Istanbul. The solemn ceremony took place in the Patriarchal Church of St. George.

After the ceremony, the Head of Ukrainian State appealed to the attendees: “Your All-Holiness, Your Beatitude, Your Eminence, Ladies and Gentlemen. Dear Ukrainians who are watching us today in Ukraine and around the world, who have been waiting for this event for thousands of years. Thank God! For without God’s will this event would have been impossible”.

“I am grateful to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for his faith. Your All-Holiness, these applause are heard all over the world,” Petro Poroshenko said.

The President thanked Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for his faith and love for Ukraine, for his prayer for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people, for the courage that His All-Holiness has demonstrated throughout his life, but especially after the Great Monday - the first day after Easter in 2018, when the public process of granting autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine started.

“I want to thank the Holy Synod, the Ecumenical Patriarchate Council. I want to thank every hierarch who signed the appeal to the Ecumenical Patriarch to provide autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine,” the President said.

The Head of State expressed gratitude to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and Chairman of the Parliament Andriy Parubiy, to every deputy who voted for the support of the President’s appeal to the Ecumenical Patriarch on the provision of autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

“And most importantly - I want to thank millions of Ukrainians around the world who responded to the call to pray - pray for the Church to come true. Due to your prayers it became possible,” Petro Poroshenko emphasized.

He also noted that he was grateful to the generations of Ukrainians who had dreamed about that for either 1030 years, or 332 years, or 100 years. “At last, God has bestowed the Orthodox Church of Ukraine upon us,” Petro Poroshenko emphasized.

The President joined the words of gratitude to the patriarchal exarchs, noting that their efforts in this matter cannot be overestimated.

Upon completion of the ceremony of signing the Tomos, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew appealed to Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine Epifaniy:

*Your Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphaniy of Kyiv and all Ukraine,
Your Excellency Mr. Petro Poroshenko,
President of the Ukraine,
Most Reverend and Right Reverend brothers in Christ,
Dearly beloved people of Ukraine,
Devout congregation,*

“Behold, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth, the time for singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.” (Song of Songs 2.11–12)

We feel that these lyrics of the wise Solomon describe today’s feast and celebration when the Holy Great Church of Christ in Constantinople is elevating the Holy Metropolis of Kyiv and all Ukraine to an Autocephalous Church. Indeed, “the winter is past” for schisms and divisions. “The rain is over and gone” for ecclesiastical isolation. The flower of unity “appears on the earth” and “the time has come” for the glorious Holy Metropolis of Kyiv to acquire its ecclesiastical independence, being included in the body of the local and most holy Orthodox Autocephalous Churches, through the addition of the honorable name of Your Beatitude to the records of the Orthodox Canonical Diptychs.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

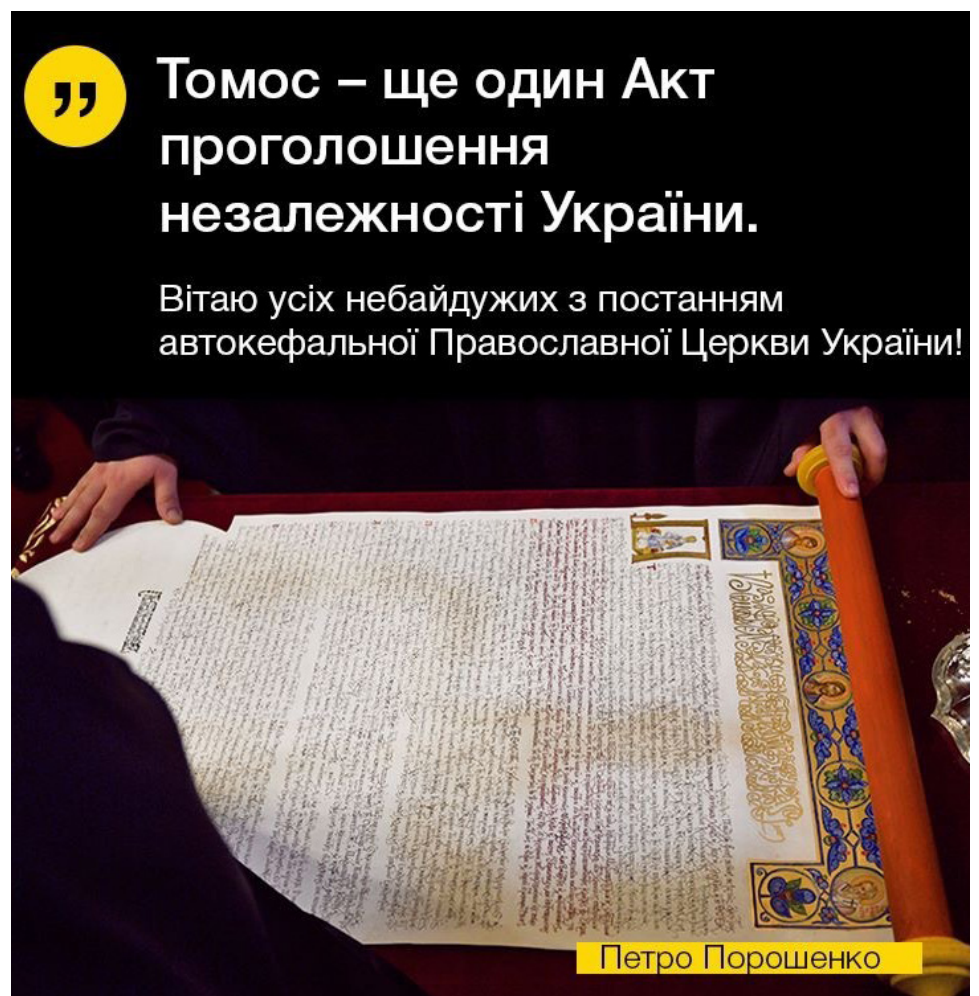
It is known that the Ecumenical Patriarchate founded the Holy Metropolis of Kyiv after previously demonstrating its concern for the illumination and baptism of the glorious and Christ-loving Kyivan people. In the unfolding of the centuries throughout its history, the Church of Constantinople always proved an affectionate Mother, sacrificially caring about the challenges that arose periodically, protecting and preserving this sacred eparchy like the apple of its eye from temptations to change faith, Orthodox doctrine and ecclesial mindset. And whenever historical circumstances so imposed, through our ever-memorable predecessor Dionysios IV, the Ecumenical Patriarchate permitted the ordination of the Metropolitan of Kyiv by the presiding Patriarch of Moscow, albeit never conceding its canonical jurisdiction to the Russian Patriarchate. After all, the inviolable condition of commemorating the name of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the Sacred Services and the Divine

Liturgy demonstrates the perpetual canonical dependence of the Metropolis of Kyiv from its Mother Church of Constantinople. However, as witnessed by archival sources and events, both past and more recent, not even the Kyivan people ever accepted that it constitutes part of the Church of Moscow, actually on occasion raising vehement objection to this. Already from the year 1325, when the see of the Metropolis of Kyiv finally was transferred permanently to Moscow, the faithful people of Kyiv desired its ecclesiastical independence—a desire that with the passing of centuries was rendered “a powerful and unbearable desire of the soul.” This is also why the historical first Constitution of Ukraine, composed in the year of the Lord 1710, envisioned that “the Orthodox Church in Ukraine should remain under the most holy Apostolic Throne of Constantinople.” Along with all this irrefutable and unwavering historical evidence, we have

of course taken into consideration the periodical requests for the bestowal of autocephaly both on the part of the Hierarchy and on the part of the State. Moreover, we have deemed especially significant the requests of Your Beatitude, representing the Hierarchs, clergy and pious people of the recently convened Unification Synod (Sobor), as well as of His Excellency Mr. Petro Poroshenko, President of the Ukrainian Republic. Thus, having come together in the Holy Spirit, we reached the synodal decision to grant the ecclesiastical status of autocephaly to the blessed land of Ukraine.

Your Beatitude,

Today, a new page opens in the history of Ukraine. The Church of Constantinople, which in similar manner bestowed the ecclesiastical status of autocephaly to all the newly-founded local Churches, today likewise presents to Your hands, through



the grace of Christ who appeared on earth, the Tomos of Autocephaly for Your Church. The all-merciful God has reserved this sublime honor to You, “God has chosen you, entrusted you, not by human election . . . Do not blaspheme or shame the election of God,” as St. John Chrysostom asserts.

Today, officially and canonically, you become the fifteenth Church in the blessed choir of Autocephalous Churches. We entreat and exhort You to strive for unity and peace, first and foremost on a local level with Your brother Hierarchs in Ukraine; and not only with them, but also with those brother Hierarchs who still remain under the omophorion of His Beatitude our brother Patriarch of Moscow, in order that, through Your inspired presence and prudent administrative service, you may help them understand that Ukraine deserves a united church body. Create the presuppositions for reconciliation. Work only on the basis of ecclesiological criteria. Administer with love, humility and self-sacrifice. The future belongs to You.

Finally, never forget this benevolence of the Mother Church, which commenced from the time of the baptism of Your pious people and is today sealed with the bestowal of ecclesiastical administrative independence. The history of the Orthodox Church is a history of redemption and salvation. Aware of this, our Holy Great Church of Christ is today acting without any self-interest, but only for the unity of the Ukrainian people and the salvation of its faithful. Therefore, follow this way of redemption and salvation; and regard the Tomos of Autocephaly, which You receive today, not as a symbol of power but as a testimony of love and sacrificial mind, so that You may offer salvation and Christ to Your flock in Ukraine. Make good use of the privileges contained in this Tomos, treating them as elements of crucified love and not as premises for the establishment of an authoritarian Church.



As for us, from this venerable Orthodox Center, we shall affectionately follow Your steps and always extend a supportive hand, whenever You so desire. We also look forward to our positive and excellent collaboration, for the glory of God and the salvation of our faithful.

Be strong and be well, then, Your Beatitude and dear brother; and serve as First Hierarch for the sake of righteousness, truth and meekness. May the grace of Christ who appeared on earth be with You and with our Holy Churches. Amen.

In turn, Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine Epifaniy thanked Patriarch Bartholomew for signing the Tomos, noting that the Orthodox Church of Ukraine was waiting for its granting with impatience and excitement.

“I would also like to express our gratitude to the President of Ukraine and all those who worked with him and under his leadership to help us accomplish the dream of generations of Ukrainian Orthodox hierarchs and believers to have an Autocephalous Orthodox Church. Your name, Mr. President, will remain forever in the history of the Ukrainian people and the church next to the names of our princes Volodymyr the Great, Yaroslav the Wise, Kostiantyn Ostrozky and Hetman Ivan Mazepa,” he said.

Later in the day, the President of Ukraine, speaking on behalf of the nation of Ukraine, stated:

A great historic event, in which the Lord was with us, with Ukrainians, has just finished. And we, Ukrainians, were with the Lord. The Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Ukraine has finally received the Tomos from the Ecumenical Patriarch, from the Mother Church.

The Lord saw and commended the persistent struggle of the Ukrainian people for their independence. He heard our prayers. He gave us proper reparation for our work and facilitated that His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch

Bartholomew and the Synod of the Constantinople Mother Church said the long-awaited “yes” to the independent Church of Ukraine.

Today’s event in the history of our country will remain in line with St. Vladimir’s baptism and the proclamation of Ukraine’s independence. The Orthodox world will remember the day when the Church of Ukraine possessing equal rights joined the family of sister churches.

Our country has covered a long path to this day. And no wonder that yesterday His All-Holiness recalled in his speech Olga - our first Christian Princess and Equal of the Apostles Prince Vladimir-Baptist. And long before them, the holy Apostle Andrew stood on the mountains of Kyiv and “his eyes saw Ukraine, and the mouth - blessed. And he planted the seed of faith in us”. This, by the way, is a quotation from the decisions of our Orthodox Council of 1621.

For over a thousand years, Kyiv’s Christian tradition has been respected and multiplied. Today, our Orthodox Church

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land.”**

(Song of Songs 2.11-12)

is ready for independent existence. The Ukrainian people thank God and what has happened is a true miracle, which we owe to the Creator’s will.

We rejoice that the Ecumenical Patriarch, as the spiritual leader of hundreds of millions of Orthodox people, as a global figure heard our voice and our requests. And the tireless work of His All-Holiness on the spiritual field will forever remain in the history of the church and in the history of nations, especially the Orthodox.

And the Tomos for us is actually another act of proclaiming Ukraine’s independence. It will complete the assertion of the independence of the Ukrainian state, strengthen religious freedom, interconfessional peace. It will strengthen the rights and freedoms of citizens, especially those who were outside the communion with the Ecumenical Orthodoxy and who were unjustly called non-canonical.

His All-Holiness these days especially emphasizes the importance of restoring the communication of millions and millions of Ukrainian believers with the fullness of the world Orthodoxy. In addition, for Ukrainians, our own Church is a guarantee of our spiritual freedom. This is the key to social harmony.

And as President, I guarantee on behalf of the state that Ukraine will respect the religious choices and freedom of religion of every citizen.

I congratulate all those who care about the rise of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church of Ukraine. And I thank everyone who tirelessly worked on its emergence, created unity and restored justice!

St. Sophia, the wisdom of God was with us and we fulfilled our duty to the past and to the next generations.

Glory to God! Glory to Ukraine!

Text: Presidential Administration of Ukraine

МОЛЕБЕНЬ І ЗУСТРІЧ ПРЕДСТОЯТЕЛЯ ПРАВОСЛАВНОЇ ЦЕРКВИ УКРАЇНИ ЗІ ВСЕЛЕНСЬКИМ ПАТРІАРХОМ

5 січня 2019 р., вранці, у патріаршому храмі святого Георгія Переможця на Фанарі в Константинополі відбувся молебень за участі Предстоятеля Православної Церкви України Блаженнішого Митрополита Київського і всієї України Епіфанія, великої кількості духовенства обох Церков, Президента України Петра Порошенка, Голови Верховної ради України Андрія Парубія, та вищих посадових осіб України, а також безлічі вірян. Загалом на церемонію підписання томосу приїхало чимало священників і віруючих з усього світу.

Після спільної молитви відбулася перша зустріч очільника Константинопольського Патріархату Його Всесвятості Варфоломія та Предстоятеля Української

Православної Церкви Блаженнішого Митрополита Епіфанія, на якій сторони тепло поспілкувалися і подякували Богу за Його благодіяння.

Після цього в урочистій обстановці в патріаршому храмі святого Георгія в Стамбулі Вселенський Патріарх Варфоломій підписав томос для Православної Церкви України, таким чином схваливши рішення про надання автокефалії Українській Церкві. Перед підписанням текст документа був зачитаний грецькою мовою.

Після підписання до усіх присутніх в храмі звернувся Його Всесвятість Патріарх Варфоломій, Його Блаженство Митрополит Епіфаній та Президент України

Петро Порошенко. Зокрема Константинопольський Патріарх Варфоломій заявив, що Вселенський патріархат завжди буде на боці Православної Церкви України. За його словами, Константинополь працюватиме над зростанням новоствореної Православної Церкви і допомагатиме долати усілякі труднощі задля блага Української Церкви і держави.

На завершення цієї визначної події у Тронній залі для почесних гостей відбулося прийняття Вселенського Патріарха, де також до усіх присутніх зі словами вітань звернувся Митрополит Епіфаній, а також Його Всесвятість Патріарх Варфоломій.

Вечері, під час урочистого прийому, який організував Глава Української держави Петро Порошенко, священнослужителі отримали державні нагороди з рук Президента. Після виступів Всесвятішого Патріарха Варфоломія, Блаженнішого Митрополита Епіфанія та Президента Петра Порошенка відбувся традиційний обмін подарунками.

Джерело: Православна Церква України





17 December 2018
 Holy Great-Martyr Barbara

His Beatitude Epiphaniy
 Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine
 Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Your Beatitude: CHRIST IS AMONG US!

*“This is a day the Lord
 has made!”*

The day of December 15, 2018 in the life of the Holy Orthodox Church of Ukraine will always be treasured in history as the day when the faithful of the Church, with the blessing of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I and the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Constantinople, were blessed with the establishment of a Pomisna-Local Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the election of the Primate-Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine in the person of Your Beatitude. We look forward to your service to the Gospel and Body of Christ in God-loving Ukraine, which will be guided by the Holy Spirit and lead to the final ecclesiastic unity in the Holy Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

“This is a day the Lord has made!” It is the day that the hierarchs, clergy and faithful of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA have prayed and worked for throughout our 100 year history. Metropolitan John (Theodorovych), our first primate and the only hierarch who survived martyrdom of all the other hierarchs of the first formation of Ukrainian autocephaly (1921) served our Holy Church and the cause of Autocephaly for 50 years. Our second Primate-Metropolitan Mstyslav, from the second formation of autocephaly (1942) served our Holy Church for 43 years. He later became the first Patriarch of Ukraine in the third formation of autocephaly (1990) and never wavered in the struggle for an independent Pomisna Church of Ukraine. Our third Primate-Metropolitan Constantine strove continually throughout his 40 years of service – 20 as Metropolitan – to our Holy Church for the recognition of Autocephaly for Ukraine. We, as the present hierarchs of the UOC of the USA have worked diligently over the past 24 years ensuring that the question of Autocephaly for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Ukraine would never fade away. Our clergy and faithful have never weakened in their faith that this day would come. “We rejoice and are glad” (Ps. 117:24) in this day and thank God for your election your Beatitude, to the Primacy of the fully autocephalous Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Glory to God for all things!

We all must realize, however, that this is a time in the history of Ukraine and the world that requires gentle healing, firm leadership and great love. Our prayer for you, Your Beatitude, is that you will continue to be graced by God with the gentle healing faith exhibited by the saints of all Rus-Ukraine, that you will be given the strength to exercise firm leadership in the example of the

Holy Fathers of the Church and that you will be enabled to unconditionally open yourself in service to the bishops, priests and faithful who are entrusted to your paternal spiritual care. Our Lord will certainly assist you in carrying this heavy burden-responsibility and the powerful prayers of your spiritual children will sustain you always.

In behalf of the clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, we express to you our most sincere greetings as you begin this certainly difficult, but spiritually and fundamentally important, mission in the life of the Church. We enthusiastically look forward to our common work with you in brotherly love, peace, and harmony as we seek to fulfill God's Holy Will for all Ukrainian Orthodox Christians.

Dear Brother in Christ and co-celebrant in Christ's Vineyard, we pray in the depth of our hearts and souls that the joyful Light of the Bethlehem Star will always lead you to Christ our Lord in all your blessed service in His Name seeking the salvation of souls. We know that alone, human desire is insufficient to fulfill this service to which you have been called. As we have seen throughout the history of mankind, we cannot rely upon the wisdom of mankind as our source of strength. May your real strength come from the Wisdom of God in the Holy Trinity, for He is Good, Compassionate, Merciful, Just and loves us beyond our ability to fully comprehend.

With prayers in Christ our Lord,

+Antony, *Metropolitan*

+Daniel, *Archbishop*

“We rejoice and are glad”
(Ps. 117:24)





Блаженнішому Епіфанію
Митрополиту Київському та Всієї України
Православної Церкви України

Ваше Блаженство: ХРИСТОС ПОСЕРЕД НАС!

День 15 грудня 2018 року в житті Святої Православної Церкви України завжди буде заповітний в історії, як день, коли вірні Церкви з благословення Його Всесвятості Вселенського Патріарха Варфоломія I та Священного Синоду Константинопольського Патріархату стали свідками утворення Помісної Української Православної Церкви та обрання Предстоятеля-Митрополита Київського і всієї України в особі Вашого Блаженства. Ми в очікуванні Вашого служіння Євангелію та Тілу Христовому у Боголюбивій Україні, яка буде керуватися Святим Духом і призведе до остаточної церковної єдності у Святій Православній Церкві України.

“Цей день, що його створив Господь!” Цей день, за котрий ієрархи, духовенство та вірні нашої Української Православної Церкви США молилися і працювали протягом нашої 100-літньої історії. Митрополит Іоанн (Теодорович), наш перший Предстоятель і єдиний ієрарх, який пережив і не був знищений, як всі інші ієрархи від першого утворення Української Автокефалії (1921 р.), служив нашій Святій Церкві і прагнув Автокефалії протягом 50 років. Наш другий Предстоятель-Митрополит Мстислав, від другого становлення автокефалії (1942 р.), служив нашій Святій Церкві протягом 43 років. Пізніше він став першим патріархом України у третьому утворенні автокефалії (1990 р.) і ніколи не зупинявся у боротьбі за незалежну Помісну Церкву України. Наш третій Предстоятель-Митрополит Константин постійно боровся за свої 40 років служіння – 20 років, як Митрополит - нашої Святої Церкви за визнання Автокефалії в Україні. Ми, нинішні ієрархи УПЦ США, старанно працювали протягом останніх 24 років, щоб питання Автокефалії для Української Православної Церкви в Україні ніколи не зникло. Наше духовенство та вірні ніколи не похитнулися у своїй вірі, що цей день настане. “Ми радіємо і тішимося” (Пс 117: 24) в цей день і дякуємо Богу за обрання Вашого Блаженства, як Предстоятеля повністю Автокефальної Української Православної Церкви. Слава Богу за все!

Ми всі повинні усвідомити, що це час в історії України та світі, який вимагає благого зцілення, твердого лідерства та великої любові. Наша молитва за Вас, Ваше Блаженство, що ви будете і надалі удостосні Богом незмінної, цілісної віри, яка виявлялася святими всієї Русі-України, що Ви будете наділені силою і проявлятимете міцне лідерство на прикладі Святих Отців Церкви і що ви зможете беззастережно відкрити себе для служіння єпископам, священикам та вірним, які стали довірені Вам на батьківське духовне піклування. Наш Господь, безсумнівно, допомагатиме Вам виконувати цю нележку відповідальність, а посилені молитви ваших духовних дітей будуть підтримувати вас завжди. Від імені духовенства та вірних Української Православної Церкви США ми висловлюємо вам найщиріші вітання, у початок важливої, духовної та фундаментальної місії в житті Церкви. Ми з ентузіазмом чекаємо на нашу спільну працю з вами у братській любові, мирі та гармонії, у прагненні виконувати Божу Святу Волю для всіх Українських Православних Християн.

Дорогий брате у Христі та співслужителю у Винограднику Христовому, ми молимося в глибині наших сердець і душ, що радісне Світло Вифлеємської зірки завжди буде приводити Вас до Христа, нашого Господа, у всій Вашій благословенній службі в Його Ім'я, прагнучи спасіння душ. Ми знаємо, що єдине людське бажання є недостатнє для виконання цього служіння, на яке Вас покликано. Як ми бачимо протягом всієї історії людства, ми не можемо покладатися на мудрість людську, як на наше джерело сили. Нехай ваша справжня сила походить з Премудрості Божої у Трійці, бо Він Добрий, Щедрий, Милосердний, Справедливий і любить нас понад нашу можливість це збагнути. з молитвами у Христі,

+**Антоній**, Митрополит

+**Даниїл**, Архієпископ

HIERARCHS OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

ATTEND INSTALLATION SERVICE OF THE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE-EXARCH
OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE IN

Kyiv
UKRAINE

HIERARCHS OF THE UOC OF THE USA ATTEND INSTALLATION SERVICE OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE - EXARCH OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE IN KYIV

While in Ukraine, the hierarchs of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA took part in a Vespers service for the feast day of Venerable Maximus the Confessor and the 36th Sunday after Pentecost, at the Stavropegial St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle Church in Kyiv, Ukraine on Saturday, February 2, 2019.

At the conclusion of the liturgical service, His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel, Special Representative of the Ecumenical Patriarch for the Enthronement of the newly-elected Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine, presided over the introduction and installation service of the Patriarchal Exarch in Ukraine – Archimandrite Michael (Anischenko).

The monastics from the holy mount Athos: Abbot Alexios of Xenophontos with brothers as well as the priests from Vatopedi monastery participated in the liturgical service and presented Archimandrite Michael for the installation service.

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony

and Archbishop Daniel offered their greetings to the newly appointed representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Kyiv, wishing him the zeal of Holy Apostle Andrew, who according to the historic records visited the ancient hills of Kyiv and prophesied the great glory of the city of Kyiv and the entire Ukrainian land. Moreover, the hierarchs of the UOC of the USA expressed their willingness and desire to develop closer pastoral ministerial ties with

the Representation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Ukraine.

Among other representatives of ecclesiastical bodies and government officials were His Eminence Metropolitan Yuriy - Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada as well as Very Rev. Fr. Taras Udod - Chair of the Presidium of the Consistory of the UOCC.





HIERARCHS OF THE UOC OF THE USA PARTICIPATE IN THE ENTHRONEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN OF KYIV AND ALL UKRAINE AT ST. SOPHIA ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

While on the official visit to Ukraine, the hierarchs of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA took part in the Divine Liturgy and the Rite of Enthronement of the newly elected Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine His Beatitude Epiphaniy.

Along with over 60 hierarchs of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel concelebrated with His Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphany and the Special Representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel of France. Among other hierarchs were His Eminence Metropolitan Yuriy of the Ukrainian Orthodox of Canada and His Eminence Metropolitan Amphilochous – Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Greece. Both Metropolitan Antony and Metropolitan Yuriy, on behalf of the Ukrainian Orthodox Churches of the USA and Canada took part in the Enthronement service and presented the Metropolitan of Kyiv with panagias.

During the three-hour event in the gold-decked 11th-century St. Sophia Cathedral, Metropolitan Epifaniy became head of the church, having been elected by the Unification Council of the Church on Decemebr 15th, 2018.

The monastics from the Holy Mount Athos: Abbot Alexios of Xenophontos with brothers as well as priests from Vatopedi monastery participated in the Divine Liturgy and the Enthronement service, assisting His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel with the presentation of an archpastoral staff – a gift from His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch.

President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko, together with his wife Maryna, took part in the liturgy and enthronement of Primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine. “In the last two months, we have been meeting in these thousand-year-old walls of St. Sophia of Kyiv unprecedentedly often. And every event that brings us together here is truly historic,” Petro Poroshenko said.

The Head of State reminded that on December 15, 2018, the Unity Council was held, where the autocephalous Orthodox Church of Ukraine arose, and Bishop Epifaniy was elected its Primate. On January 7, Metropolitan Epifaniy conducted the first Nativity of our Lord (Christmas) liturgy after the Church had received the Tomos of autocephaly.

“And today, we are present at the event, which is both continuation and completion of the previous ones. The enthronement of Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine Epifaniy means that the Church and the Orthodox Ukrainian people received a new leader,” the Head of Ukrainian State emphasized.

“Great hopes of many people are put on you now, Your Beatitude. I believe that they will be justified, that you will lead the Orthodox community along the path of goodness, love, faith and mercy,” Petro Poroshenko noted.

The President congratulated the Metropolitan on the enthronement and on his birthday, which the hierarch celebrates today. “I am very glad and thank God that today I have this opportunity to congratulate you. And it is very important that today there is a reason for additional greetings. On behalf of myself, Maryna, family and all present, I congratulate you, Your Beatitude, on the 40th anniversary. I am very happy that our church has such a young primate. I wish you strength and wisdom, understanding and support. May God bless all your deeds,” Petro Poroshenko said.

The President expressed sincere gratitude to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for his love, for supporting the Ukrainian people’s aspiration to have an autocephalous church. “His faith in Ukraine, faith in the

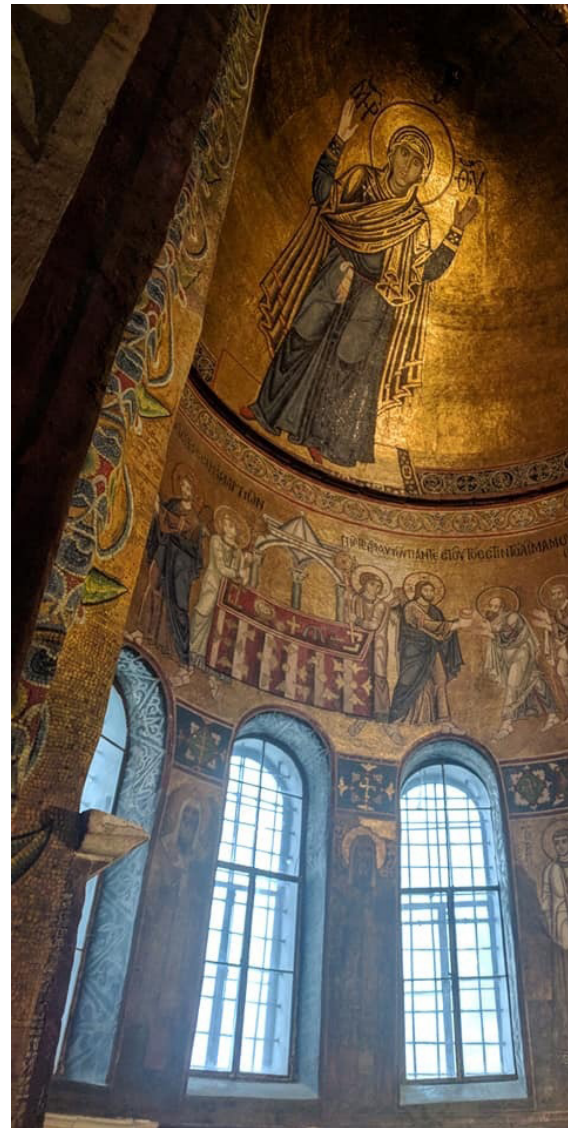
Ukrainian people, love for Ukrainians and Ukraine, wisdom and courage gave us strength and determination,” Petro Poroshenko said.

The Head of State expressed sincere gratitude to Metropolitan Emmanuel and the Exarchs of the Ecumenical Patriarchate who were present at the event “for the great role in our common work on the unification of the Ukrainian Orthodoxy and the recognition of the autocephaly of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church”.

Primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine Epifaniy, in turn, thanked President Poroshenko for his efforts that helped create the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and receive the Tomos of autocephaly.

“Thank you, Mr. President, for the enormous work that you personally and your employees, other branches and authorities have made for the request of the Ukrainian church about the Tomos to be met, for the preconditions for the church unification to be created,” he said.

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel offered their greetings to the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, wishing him the zeal of the saintly Metropolitans of Kyiv, who offered themselves selflessly in the service of the Ukrainian people, while making numerous attempts, at times even sacrificing their lives, in order to achieve the Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.





HIERARCHS OF THE UOC OF THE USA MET WITH THE PRIMATE OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF UKRAINE

On Wednesday, February 6, 2019, the feast of Venerable Ksenia of Rome (Oksana), the hierarchs of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA held a meeting with His Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphany of Kyiv and All Ukraine, the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

Welcoming His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel, His Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphany expressed his gratitude to the hierarchs of the UOC of the USA for their participation in the enthronement services and the support offered in the process of formation of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

Responding to the welcoming remarks, Metropolitan Antony once again congratulated the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine on his election to the office of the Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine.

“We prayerfully look forward to your service to the Gospel and Body of Christ in God-loving Ukraine, which will be guided by the Holy Spirit and lead to

the final ecclesiastic unity in the Holy Orthodox Church of Ukraine,” – stated Metropolitan Antony.

“This is a day the Lord has made!” It is the day that we, the hierarchs, clergy and faithful of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA have prayed and worked for throughout our 100 year history. Metropolitan John (Theodorovych), our first primate and the only hierarch who survived martyrdom of all the other hierarchs of the first formation of Ukrainian autocephaly (1921) served our Holy Church and the cause of Autocephaly for 50 years. Our second Primate-Metropolitan Mstyslav, from the second formation of autocephaly (1942) served our Holy Church for 43 years. He later became the first Patriarch of Ukraine in the third formation of autocephaly (1990) and never wavered in the struggle for an independent Pomisna Church of Ukraine. Our third Primate-Metropolitan Constantine strove continually throughout his 40 years of service – 20 as Metropolitan – to our Holy Church for the recognition of Autocephaly for Ukraine. We, as the present hierarchs

of the UOC of the USA have worked diligently over the past 24 years ensuring that the question of Autocephaly for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Ukraine would never fade away. Our clergy and faithful have never weakened in their faith that this day would come. “We rejoice and are glad” (Ps. 117:24) in this day and thank God for your election your Beatitude, to the Primacy of the fully autocephalous Ukrainian Orthodox Church.”

Expressing his gratitude, Metropolitan Epiphany discussed with the hierarchs of the UOC of the USA the outcome of the most recent Holy Synod meeting of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and the appointment and formation of the Synodal departments.

As a token of prayerful respect, Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel presented Metropolitan Epiphany with a triple set of liturgical panagias and a cross; while the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine presented the hierarchs of the UOC of the USA with hierarchical panagias that were issued in honor of the formal election

and Enthronement of the Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine.

Being in a building of the Kyiv Theological Academy, the hierarchs of the UOC of the USA toured the academic facility of the Church and met with the professors and students of the Academy.

Earlier in the week, the hierarchs of the UOC of the USA held a joint meeting with Metropolitan Epiphany and Metropolitan Yuriy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada and the Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Ukraine, Archimandrite Michael (Anischenko). During the meeting, the participants discussed the steps for joint cooperation in order to further the ministry of the Gospel of Christ to the flock of Orthodox Christians in Ukraine and throughout the world.

ІЄРАРХИ УПЦ США ТА УПЦ КАНАДИ ПРОВЕЛИ ЗУСТРІЧ ІЗ МИТРОПОЛИТОМ ЕПІФАНІЄМ

5 лютого 2019 р. відбулася зустріч ієрархів Української Православної Церкви США та Української Православної Церкви Канади з Предстоятелем Православної Церкви України Митрополитом Київським і всієї України Епіфанієм та Езархомом Вселенського Патріархату в Україні архимандритом Михаїлом (Аніщенком).

Зокрема у зустрічі взяли участь: Предстоятель УПЦ Канади митрополит Юрій, Предстоятель УПЦ США митрополит Антоній, архієпископ Памфілійський УПЦ США Даниїл і прот. Тарас УДОД – голова Президії Консисторії УПЦ Канади.

Архіпастирі обговорили поточну церковну ситуацію в Україні, накреслили плани на подальший її розвиток у правильному руслі, а також підняли низку важливих питань щодо врегулювання і вдосконалення міжцерковних відносин між Українськими Церквами по всьому світу.

Також владки поділилися своїми враженнями від нещодавнього урочистого богослужіння у Святій Софії Київській у день інтронізації Митрополита Київського.

Photos by Andriy Sydor



HIERARCHS OF THE UOC OF THE USA MET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko met with bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the USA - the Ruling Hierarch of the UOC in the United States Metropolitan Antony and the Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of the USA Archbishop Daniel.

The Head of State expressed gratitude for the spiritual and moral support of the process of granting autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and personally thanked Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel for their support and assistance in the process of establishing an independent Ukrainian Orthodox Church. The Head of State also thanked the Ecumenical Patriarch for his efforts in providing the Tomos to Ukraine.

“Life has shown that this decision required a great faith in our Lord, a great love for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people demonstrated by His All-Holiness. And we can say that it required courage, which many in Russia did not expect,” the President said.

In turn, Metropolitan Antony emphasized the crucial role of President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko in gaining the independence of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

“The entire process was carried out by the Holy Spirit. We believed but did not expect it to happen so soon. Thank God, you have led this process since last April starting from the visit to Constantinople,” Metropolitan Antony noted and thanked Petro Poroshenko for his great work.

“This is an incredible and the most important event in the history of the Ukrainian nation. It seemed that it was impossible. You spoke as the great leader of the nation and entered the history of mankind as the man who brought the Tomos to Ukraine. We have been waiting for such a leadership for many years, much more than you,” Metropolitan Antony said, speaking about the role of the President in obtaining the independence of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Metropolitan Antony stressed the importance of preserving stability in Ukraine. “We are only at the beginning of a very complicated process. And if people can follow you, your views and your patience, they will pass this complicated process,” he said.



ІЄРАРХИ УПЦ США ЗУСТРІЛИСЯ З ПРЕЗИДЕНТОМ УКРАЇНИ

Президент України Петро Порошенко провів зустріч з єпископами Української Православної Церкви США - першоієрархом УПЦ США Митрополитом Антонієм та керуючим Західною єпархією УПЦ США Архієпископом Даниїлом.

Глава держави висловив слова подяки американцям українського походження за духовну та моральну підтримку процесу надання автокефалії Православній Церкві України та особисто подякував Митрополиту Антонію та Архієпископу Даниїлу за їх підтримку і допомогу в процесі творення незалежної православної української церкви. Глава держави також подякував Вселенському Патріарху за його зусилля в наданні Томосу для України.

«Життя продемонструвало, що це рішення потребувало великої віри в

Господа нашого, великої любові до України і українського народу, яку продемонстрував Його Всесвятість. І ми можемо сказати про те, що це потребувало і високої мужності і сміливості, яку багато хто в Росії просто не очікував», - сказав Президент.

В свою чергу Митрополит Антоній наголосив на визначальній ролі Президента України Петра Порошенка в здобутті незалежності Української православної церкви.

«Весь цей процес був проведений Святим Духом. Ми вірили, але не сподівалися, що це так скоро відбудеться. Але Слава Богу, що Ви стояли і брали першість в цьому процесі від квітня минулого року з візиту до Царгороду», - сказав Митрополит Антоній та подякував Петру Порошенкові за його велику роботу.

«Це є неймовірна і найважливіша подія в історії української нації. Здавалося, що це було неможливим. Ви говорили як величний лідер нації і увійшли в історію людства, як людина, яка принесла Україні Томос. Ми чекали на таке лідерство дуже багато років, набагато більше ніж Ви», - додав Митрополит Антоній, говорячи про роль Президента в отриманні незалежності української православної церкви.

Митрополит Ієрапольський Антоній наголосив на важливості збереження стабільності в Україні. «Ми лише на початку дуже складного процесу. І якщо люди зможуть йти за Вами, за Вашими поглядами і Вашим терпінням, вони пройдуть цей складний процес», - сказав священнослужитель.

Photos: Administration of the President of Ukraine



ORDER OF PRINCE YAROSLAV THE WISE AWARDED TO HIS EMINENCE



*Archbishop
Daniel*



On January 5, 2019, millions watched the ceremony taking place in the Patriarchal Church of St. George, in Constantinople, as His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew signed the Tomos granting autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

As the faithful rejoiced, dignitaries and guests gathered for a banquet to honor Patriarch Bartholomew and Metropolitan Epiphanius I, the new Metropolitan of Ukraine, and to celebrate the historic event. In addition to His All Holiness, the banquet was attended by numerous clergy and various dignitaries including the Speaker of Ukraine's Parliament, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the Ministers of Culture, the Ministers of Defense, and the First Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine.

During the banquet the President of Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko, honored four individuals who played pivotal roles in garnering Ukraine her own local canonical Church, by presenting them the "Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise" award.

This medal is awarded for distinguished services to the state and people of the Ukrainian nation. As such, the award was

given to four individuals who selflessly and tirelessly devoted their prayers and efforts towards the successful granting of the Tomos of Autocephaly, which will benefit not only the current, but all future generations of Ukraine.

The honored recipients of the "Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise" were:

- Metropolitan Elpidophoros of Bursa
- Metropolitan Emmanuel of France
- Archbishop Daniel of the UOC of the USA
- Bishop Ilarion of the UOC of Canada

Each award recipient had worked diligently, prayed continuously, attended

countless meetings, and sacrificed much in order to ensure the success of the granting of autocephaly to the Orthodox Church in Ukraine.

May the Church prosper and grow; may her faithful fill the parishes and raise their voices in glorifying and worshipping the Lord; and may God grant good healthy, joy and many blessed years to the hierarchs, the recipients of this award, for all their hard work and continued prayers.

Eis polla eti Despota!



Ми пройшли всі випробування і створили незалежну Православну Церкву України - Президент України вручив державні нагороди

Президент України Петро Порошенко у Стамбулі під час офіційного прийняття з нагоди підписання Томосу про автокефалію Православної Церкви України Вселенським Патріархом Варфоломієм вручив державні нагороди.

Глава держави наголосив, що кілька годин тому відбулась важлива подія, на яку українці чекали століттями. «Подія, яка відновила історичну справедливість і яка належить до високопомітних подій нашої української історії і історії світового православ'я. Напії єдність, сила і віра, а також мудрість його Всесвятості Вселенського Патріарха Варфоломія провели нас крізь всі випробування і негарзди, крізь всі пастки і підступні наміри недругів», - наголосив Петро Порошенко.

«Все це дало нам змогу створити об'єднану незалежну Православну Церкву України. Церкву, яка завтра отримає Томос з рук Його Всесвятості, який сьогодні вже підписаний», - додав він.

Президент подякував Господу та Вселенському Патріарху Варфоломію. «Диво на наших очах відбувається завдяки вашій непохитній та правдивій позиції, вашій мудрості і мудрості Константинопольської Церкви-Матері, її турботи про колись нею і охрещений український народ», - підкреслив Глава держави.

Окремо Глава держави подякував Президенту Туреччини, з яким вранці провів теплу і змістовну розмову з усіх питань, що стосуються дружніх українсько-турецьких відносин. Глава держави подякував за гостинність турецьким партнерам.

Петро Порошенко також подякував архієреям, які моляться за українську церкву та Митрополиту Епіфанію за надзвичайне важливе рішення об'єднати і вести вперед українську церкву та вірян. «В українських храмах і Церкві мають молитися за Україну, за український народ і нашу Матір-Церкву. Народження автокефальної православної церкви стало спільним святом для всіх українців, для кого є цінністю свобода України і її державна самостійність», - наголосив він. Президент вкотре підкреслив, що незалежна церква є ще однією гарантією державної незалежності, відновлення територіальної цілісності і суверенітету. Петро Порошенко подякував, що появу такої церкви з великим ентузіазмом привітали і лідери кримськотатарського народу.

«Дивлячись вперед бачу українську церкву, яка з кожним днем з Божою поміччю стає сильнішою і веде український народ до спасіння та щастя», - наголосив Глава держави та ще раз подякував Вселенському Патріарху, членам Священного Синоду і всім, хто вірив та молився за автокефалію української православної церкви.

«З нетерпінням і благоговінням чекаю на завтрашню подію історичну - вручення Томосу і літургію, де вперше будуть співслужити Вселенський Патріарх і Митрополит Київський і Всієї України. І ця служба стане наочним втіленням мрії всіх українців і сподівань нашої держави», - сказав Глава держави.

Президент вручив нагороди за визначну діяльність, спрямовану на зміцнення авторитету православ'я у світі, утвердження ідеалів духовності і милосердя, вагомий особистий внесок у розбудову автокефальної помісної Православної Церкви України.

Орден князя Ярослава Мудрого IV ступеня вручено митрополиту Бурському,

іпертиму та екзарху Віфінії Елпидофоросу та митрополиту Галльському Еммануїлу.

Нагороджено орденом князя Ярослава Мудрого V ступеня архієпископа Памфільського і Західної єпархії Української православної церкви США, екзарха Вселенського Патріарха в Україні Даниїла (Зелінського) та єпископа Едмонтонського і Західної єпархії Української православної церкви Канади, екзарха Вселенського Патріарха в Україні Іларіона.

Президент також вручив орден "За заслуги" III ступеня митрополиту Адріанополіса, директору представництва Вселенського Патріархату в Афінах Амфілохію, патріаршому диякону, заступнику Головного секретаря Святого і Священного Синоду Константинопольської православної церкви Вселенського Патріархату Грегоріосу та митрополиту Пергамському Іоанну.

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COMMUNITY IN PRAYER FOR THE HEAVENLY HUNDRED

Clergy and Parishioners from the five states that surround the Metropolitan New York area battled the snowy day of February 20th, 2019 in order to join the hierarchs of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in the solemn Memorial Service, commemorating the sacrifices of the HEAVENLY HUNDRED – the young men and women that in February 2014 lost their lives on Maydan in Kyiv.

The Memorial Service and program were made even more solemn, as the local Ukrainian Orthodox and Catholic community learned that the President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko, who was in the US during a working visit, would take part in the memorial service for the deceased Heroes of the Heavenly Hundred.

Over four hundred people arrived to the spiritual center of the UOC of the USA in South Bound Brook, NJ for the memorial service and the ability to personally welcome and greet the President of Ukraine.

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora along with His Grace Bishop Paul Chomnycky of the Ukrainian Greek-

Catholic Eparchy of Stamford, CT and Archbishop Daniel of the UOC of the USA as well as the clergy, representing both Ukrainian Orthodox and Catholic Churches, greeted the President of Ukraine as he arrived in front of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Church – the very first memorial built to the victims of the Artificially Created Famine in Ukraine of 1932-1933.

Prior to the beginning of the Memorial Service, Metropolitan Antony addressed the congregation in attendance, stating: “As we mark the fifth anniversary of the still incomprehensible murder of

over 100 Ukrainian citizens on the Maidan in Kyiv – simply because they stood for the freedom of choice in their nation without control or manipulation from other nations – we your hierarchs state without any reservation that by all human calculations, Ukraine should not even exist today having suffered cataclysm after cataclysm after cataclysm throughout her history during which so many millions of people perished and millions more who were never born because those who perished were unable to give them life. How can a nation continue to exist and endure if its population cannot grow through



the birth of successive generations? It is by the Grace of God that Ukraine exists. Once again, we encourage you all to pray fervently for Ukraine, especially to the Mother of God who has always extended her veil of protection over her people.

We awaken each morning over the past years asking ourselves: how can this be happening to Ukraine again? How is it that a nation already independent for twenty-four years cannot be accepted as such by her neighbors? How can those neighbors still claim to have “rights” to any part of Ukraine that have no moral, legal or logical foundation? What is important to remember at this first anniversary of the Maidan murders as we commemorate these fallen heroes is that they were not simply following the example of earlier martyrs for truth in Ukrainian history. They were standing firm for truth and human dignity in response to the circumstances of today – standing against those who would sell Ukraine’s independence once again to foreign invaders.

None of them expected or wanted to die. None of them expected that their very deaths would be the catalyst for abrupt change in the life of their nation – with a corrupt “president” fleeing from the knowledge that his corruption was about to be revealed, abandoning any possible claim to his presidency or legitimacy before the world community. But their very deaths were the last straw that changed the life of the nation instantly. Their deaths forced a corrupt government to realize that its days were over and that it could no longer squander the wealth of the nation – of the people. Their deaths resulted in a new government leadership placing very surprised members of the Verkhovna Rada (Ukrainian Parliament) in authority and finally in the election of a new President and Rada, which leads the nation today. Their deaths provoked a self-examination of the membership of the former ruling party, finally bringing on the realization that they were on the wrong side of “truth”.

What the world needs to comprehend is that, which the people of Ukraine have known for generations: “Heroes do not die!” (“Heroyi ne vmirayut!”) They live on in the collective memory of the nation and give rise to future heroes who will continue to stand firm in “truth”. We ask all of you, our faithful spiritual children, to remember that such heroism is never wasted or useless. It reaches not only the minds of the nation’s population but the minds of the world – in particular the czars, the commandants, “unidentified” invaders and even the presidents who refuse to accept the new world reality and want to recreate empires. They speak to proclaim: “we will not die!” No longer will you be free to murder millions of us through starvation, by freezing us during long cold winters or dropping your abundance of destructive

bombs. Beneath all the attempts to wipe the Ukrainian nation out of existence and off the world map, the Ukrainian self-identity has survived and always resulted in the rebirth of a stronger nation. “Heroes do not die!”

Following the Ecumenical Memorial service, the responses to which were chanted by the choir of St. Andrew Memorial Church, Metropolitan Antony formally welcomed the President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko to the Spiritual Center of the UOC of the USA.

The Head of Ukrainian State remarked that the days from February 18 to February 21 had entered the history of Ukraine forever, when five years ago, pursuant to the criminal order of the



former authorities, fire was opened at the Heroes of the Heavenly Hundred.

“What did our heroes give life for? The Revolution of Dignity began in November 2013 because of a very simple reason - Ukraine no longer wanted to live under the Soviet or Russian yoke. The Ukrainian people sought to return to the European family of nations. And it united us. Why were we winning all these 5 years? Because the nation was united,” the President said.

The President remarked that representatives of the whole Ukraine were among the Heroes of the Heavenly Hundred. “What did the heroes, who gave their lives, strive for? They loved Ukraine very much, they loved Ukrainians very much. And that is why it is so important

for us to always remember this, to pray, to value the great responsibility they put upon us with their death. So that we do not waste time. So that we never allow to destroy our unity. So that we know where we are going and win on this path,” Petro Poroshenko said.

The President stressed that Ukrainians had undergone tremendous challenges - revolution, aggression against Ukraine and annexation of Crimea. “This very date (February 20, 2014 - ed.) was scratched on Russian medals distributed to the Russians and collaborators in honor of the Crimean occupation,” the Head of State added.

The President emphasized that over the past 5 years Ukraine had been established, because genuine independence had

been gained not only in 1991, but also in 2014. In addition, we managed to build a spiritual foundation by obtaining autocephaly for the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

“I want us today to pray for the Heroes of the Heavenly Hundred and pay tribute to those who gave their lives for freedom and independence of Ukraine. Ukrainians are such a nation that can never live without freedom,” the President said. He also thanked Ukrainian soldiers, who are now defending the Ukrainian land at the front, rebuffing the Russian aggressor, as well as Ukrainians of the United States for a joint prayer and daily prayers for Ukraine.

In response, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony called for prayer for Ukraine. “The world should know that the generations of Ukrainians remember that Heroes do not die ... They continue to live in the memory of the nation and be an example for future heroes who make history,” he said. Metropolitan urged everyone to remember this heroism.

“These fallen heroes appeal to all of us - nobody can torment us with hunger or other terror anymore. Despite all the attempts to wipe Ukrainians off the map, Ukrainian self-identity has been preserved in the hearts and minds of the Ukrainian people. It has always been an impetus for the revival of the nation. Heroes do not die!” Metropolitan Antony noted. He thanked the President of Ukraine for his efforts to protect and develop Ukraine. “When five years after the tragedy on Maidan, aggression and suffering, I visit Ukraine, I see many positive changes under your leadership. Thank you for your leadership,” the Metropolitan emphasized.

President Petro Poroshenko noted the important role of the Ukrainian community in strengthening the international support of Ukraine.

The Head of State stressed that Ukraine finally had its independent



church. He thanked Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, leaders of Ukrainian churches, Patriarchal Exarchs (Archbishop Daniel of the UOC of the USA and Bishop Ilarion of the UOCC) due to the efforts of which this historic event came true.

According to Petro Poroshenko, today Ukraine is united. “Despite all Putin’s attempts to split us, undermine stability from inside, destabilize, spread lies, sow hatred in the hearts of Ukrainians ... That is why Ukrainians are strong now, that’s why the whole world supports us,” he added.

The President noted that he had begun the day with a meeting with the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations and had the honor of speaking on behalf of Ukraine at the debate on the situation in the occupied territories.

“In the UN hall, the invader is called the invader, the aggressor is called the aggressor, the seized territories are called the territories occupied by the aggressor. This is the result of a global solidarity with Ukraine,” he said.

The Head of State stressed: “Why was it possible? Thanks to the Ukrainian community. For no one can stop Ukrainians who are defending their land, defending their faith, defending their own state, defending their people”.

He especially noted the importance of meeting with the Ukrainian community of the United States. “I want to thank everyone for a joint prayer. I want to thank for these five years of unity of Ukrainians in the world. I want to thank for a strong willingness to continue working,” the President added.

At the same time, Petro Poroshenko stated we should not assume that we have already gained victory. “We have a lot of work ahead. And we need to keep that unity. For these children. These are young Ukrainians. I emphasize that these children love Ukraine, and when they grow up Ukraine will be a member of the European Union, a member of NATO”.

He stressed the necessity of hard work for making our country better. “I am convinced that we will definitely win, because the truth is with Ukraine. God

is with Ukraine. And the Lord hears our prayers, despite the fact that he gives us very difficult trials. But finally, after hundreds of years of trials, the Lord sends us victory. We stopped the Russian aggressor, we created a Ukrainian church, we entered the world Orthodoxy. We are building and changing our state,” Petro Poroshenko emphasized.

Following the formal address, the entire community, under the leadership of the hierarchs, chanted the most spiritually sobering MEMORY ETERNAL – remembering by name every person of the HEAVENLY HUNDRED that offered their lives in the service of Ukraine.

Once the Memorial Service concluded, President Poroshenko paid a short visit to the crypt underneath the St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial church, where the remains of Patriarch Mstyslav (Skrypnyk) of blessed memory found their final rest. The student choir of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary chanted the responses to a short Memorial Lytia in the crypt of the Ukrainian Orthodox hierarch of both the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

Coming outside, into a snowy stormy weather, the President of Ukraine was treated to a profound welcome by the numerous parishioners and visitors to the Spiritual Center of the UOC of the USA. With a prayerful greeting “Glory to Jesus Christ!” and joyful “Glory to Ukraine-Slava Ukraini!” the community embraced the leader of the Ukrainian State, wishing him success in navigating through the task of rebuilding the nation, as the ongoing invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation continues to impose danger to the Eastern part of Ukraine and Crimean Peninsula.

Departing the spiritual center – Metropolia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, President Poroshenko personally reached out to the people in attendance and asked them to pray for the nation and the people of Ukraine – the ancestral home of many Ukrainian-Americans.



Photos by Seminarian Yaroslav Biloban



“HEAVENLY HUNDRED” MEMORIAL PROGRAM AND CHARITABLE ICONOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AT THE METROPOLIA CENTER OF THE UOC OF THE USA

As the world-wide community in general and the Ukrainian-American community in particular marked the 5th anniversary of the slaughter of the innocent victims of the “Heavenly Hundred” on Kyiv’s Maydan in February of 2014, the spiritual center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in South Bound Brook, NJ became a place of a profound prayerful reflection about the tragedy and the need for the community to engage itself in the promotion of the sacredness of life and its protection.

Pokrova Sisterhood Social Hall of the Metropolia Center became a place of a solemn reflection, as those in attendance viewed the images of the lost men and women of the Heavenly Hundred. The event was organized by the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in cooperation with the Ukrainian History and Education Center, benefitting the Pirogov First Volunteer Mobile Hospital (PFVMH), which is the largest nongovernmental project involving civil health professionals in the provision of medical assistance in the zone of Joint Forces Operation (formerly “Anti-Terrorist Operation”), which is carried out in certain districts of Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts of the Eastern Ukraine.

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“We believe that our experience in combining the volunteer movement’s enthusiasm and flexibility with the state’s systemic and strategic approaches is turning the PFVMH into a unique project that is laying the foundations of future accessible and highly effective mobile medicine in Ukraine.

Nov. 30, 2013 – Voluntary mobile teams formed to provide first aid to wounded participants in the Revolution of Dignity.

January–February 2014 – Underground hospitals established by activists treated over 150 participants in the Revolution of Dignity, including those with ballistic traumas.

March 2014 – Working out combat medical aid skills at the Sniper firing ground near Kyiv within the Ukrainian Reserve Army initiative.

March–November 2014 – Developing the Pirogov First Volunteer Mobile Hospital (PFVMH) project.”

Following the introductory remarks and presentations, Archbishop Daniel introduced iconographer Oleksandr Klymenko, who opened the exhibit of iconography, titled “Buy and Icon – Save a Life!”

“Buy an Icon–Save a Life” is an art project of Kyivan artists Sofia Atlantova and Oleksandr Klymenko aimed to support the Pirogov First Volunteer Mobile Hospital (PFVMH), a non-government project that employs civilian medics to provide medical aid to both militants and civilians in the Anti-Terrorist Operation (ATO) zone in Eastern Ukraine.

Exhibitions of the icons on ammo boxes, brought from the combat zone, have already been held at the European Parliament, Parliaments of Ukraine and Lithuania, St. Sophia Cathedral in Kyiv, Kyiv Pechersk Lavra, and the Lithuanian Embassy in Ukraine. The icons have been displayed in The Hague, Antwerp, Berlin, Frankfurt am Main, Munich, Hanover, Leipzig, Bonn, Cologne, Warsaw, Vienna, Lublin, Prague, Rome, Milan, and Catania on Sicily, Los Angeles, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto as well as the Ukrainian cities of Lviv, Lutsk, Mariupol, Dnipro, Peremyshl, Kamyanske, and Pokrovsk. Exhibitions of the icons on ammo boxes were also part of the 25th Economic Forum in Krynica, Poland, and the 8th Kyiv Security Forum, and were held in the University of Alberta in Canada, the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv and the Superior Institute of Religious Sciences of St. Thomas Aquinas in Kyiv.

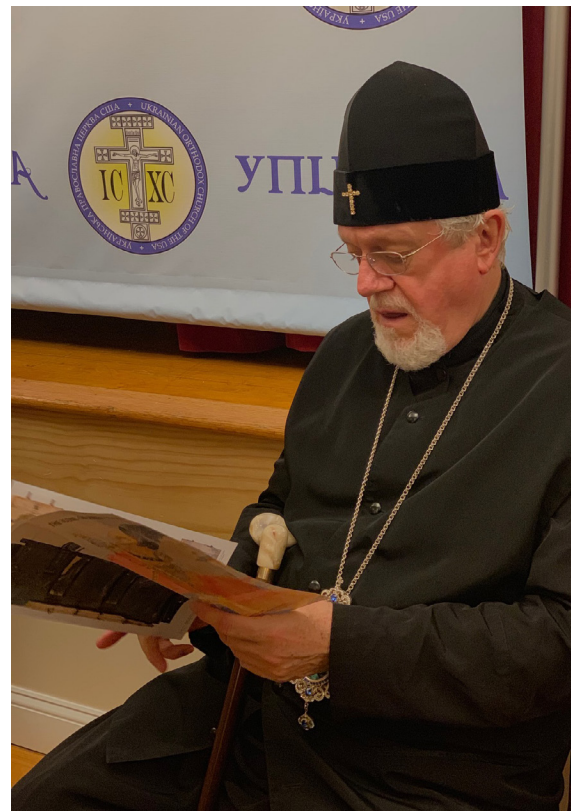
Vladyka Daniel shared with everyone in attendance that the main idea of the project is the transformation of death (symbolized by ammo boxes) into life (traditionally symbolized by icons in Ukrainian culture). What is important, this victory of life over death happens not only on the figurative and symbolic level but also in reality...

In profound silence, some 200 people walked through the isles of icons and portraits of the heroes of the Heavenly Hundred, while opening their hearts and offering donations for the icons in the exhibit, thus proving care and assistance to the Pirogov First Volunteer Mobile Hospital, wounded soldiers and their families.

As everyone prepared to depart, a reflection was offered about the Ukrainian soldier, who died in a line of duty, leaving his child behind, who is in a major need of medical assistance.

If anyone desires to help or to purchase an icon, please contact the Consistory of the UOC of the USA via e-mail ConsistoryOPR@aol.com

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OVER \$15,000 RAISED FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS IN UKRAINE VIA ICONS ON AMMO BOXES EXHIBITION IN THE PARISHES OF THE UOC OF THE USA

Over \$15,000 has been raised for the needs of the Pirogov First Volunteer Mobile Hospital from the sale of Icons on Ammo Boxes during exhibitions in the parishes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. The local parish exhibits were held under the “Buy and Icon – Save a Life” joint project of the PFVMH and artists Sofia Atlantova and Oleksandr Klymenko. The amount seems to be not final since several potential buyers are still considering a purchase of icons.

The exhibitions were originally held at several US based academic institutions: Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA; University Bloomington, Valparaiso University, Indiana, etc.

With the blessing of the Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, several parishes of the Church hosted the exhibit in order to raise awareness and to collect financial assistance for the wounded soldiers and their families of the ongoing war in eastern Ukraine.

The Metropolia Center of the UOC of the USA hosted a major exhibit of icons, dedicating the entire event to the memory of the lost heroes of Ukrainian Maydan of 2014 – The Heavenly Hundred. The event was organized by the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in cooperation with the Ukrainian History and Education Center, benefitting the Pirogov First Volunteer Mobile Hospital (PFVMH), which is the largest nongovernmental project involving civil health professionals in the provision of medical assistance in the zone of Joint Forces Operation (formerly “Anti-Terrorist Operation”), which is carried out in certain districts of Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts of the Eastern Ukraine.

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Among other parishes of the UOC of the USA that hosted the exhibit, were Sts Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Palos Park, IL; St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Parma, OH; St. Andrew the First-Called Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in the Washington, DC suburb of Silver Spring, MD.

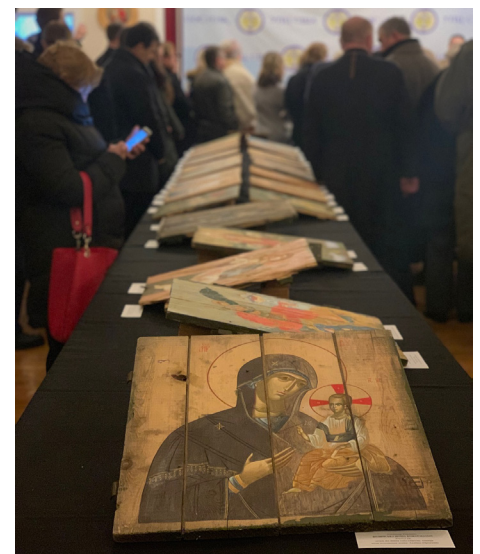
According to Oleksandr Klymenko, the exhibitions generated quite an interest and have become the project’s most successful so far. Both Americans of Ukrainian origin and those in no way related to Ukraine came to see the icons. This allowed the organizers and the artists to tell the truth about the war in Ukraine to many people beyond the seas.

“There is no doubt now that the PFVMH will not only financially survive until the Day of Medical Worker in June, repair its worn vehicle fleet, and ‘re-shoe’ it with summer tires but will also be able to implement a few important short-term projects in Eastern Ukraine,” Gennadiy Druzenko commented.

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The exhibit remains in the United States of America and will be displayed at the Consistory building of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA (135 Davidson Ave; Somerset, NJ 08873) on March 4, 2019.

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ARCHBISHOP DANIEL BEGINS ARCHPASTORAL VISIT TO ST. ANTHONY OF THE DESERT MISSION IN LAS CRUCES, NM

Having battled the snowy conditions of the Northern New Jersey, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, accompanied by the seminarians of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary Subdeacon Ihor Protsak and Yaroslav Bilohan, with a slight delay arrived to El Paso, TX International airport and later in the day to Las Cruces, NM – the town that embraced the mission of St. Anthony of the Desert – a community of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

Archpastor's arrival was scheduled way in advance, so the community might pray together and have enough time for social meetings with their bishop prior to the beginning of the Lenten journey.

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019 – the Memorial Saturday on the ecclesiastical calendar, was truly designated to be a day for prayer and meeting with the Archpastor, as the community prepares for an uplifting spiritual journey on Meatfare Sunday when two spiritual children of the mission will be ordained to the service in the life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA: seminarian Aaron Nathaniel Hallway – to be tonsured and set aside as Subdeacon and Subdeacon Clinton Kifolo ordained to Diaconate.

On Saturday evening, following Vespers service that was served by the pastor of the mission – Very Rev. Fr. Gabriel

Rochelle, Archbishop Daniel offered a short reflection on the spiritual response to a number of social and moral issues of the society in which the Church ministers: the immigration reform, ongoing war in Eastern Ukraine, the most recent decisions in the State of NY that terminates and authorizes further the slaughter on the unborn children – just a few themes that are prevalent in the present day society.

In his concluding remarks, Vladyka Daniel reflected upon the topic of the Meatfare Sunday Gospel narrative, concluding with a reflection about the meaning of the Memorial Saturday of the ecclesiastical calendar.

“...Our Church calendar provides many occasions when we are asked to face up to the fact of death. Great and Holy Friday is one such occasion. So is Pascha/Easter. Sunday is another. Every Sunday is a “little Pascha/Easter” celebrating Christ’s victory over death. On our Church calendar, every year there are special Memorial Saturdays or “Saturdays of the Souls” which provide another opportunity for us to face up to death, i.e, the two Saturdays preceding Great Lent and the Saturday before Pentecost. On these Saturdays the Divine Liturgy is celebrated and special prayers are offered for our deceased loved ones. We pray for the dead especially on Saturdays since it was on the Sabbath day that Christ lay dead in the tomb, “resting from all His works and trampling down death by death.” Thus, in the New Testament, Saturday becomes the proper day for remembering the dead and offering prayers for them.

When Orthodox Christians pray for departed loved ones, they focus not only on them but also on Christ in Whom they died: “Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus,

the author and finisher of our faith...” (Hebrews 12:1). “I am the resurrection and the life,” He said, “he who believes in me though he were dead yet shall he live; and he who lives and believes in me shall have life everlasting”

Memorial prayer services which affirm the reality of physical death and also the reality of resurrection into life eternal play a vital role in healing of grief for the Orthodox Christian.

Today we remember all pious and Orthodox Christians who have fallen asleep in the Lord, and recall the dread Day of Judgment. May Christ our God be merciful to them, and to us. Memory Eternal...” concluded Vladyka Daniel.

With the children holding in their hands a loaf of Memorial Bread, the congregation, holding candles in their hands, as symbols of their own call to holiness and light, chanted the memorial hymn “Memory Eternal!”

The evening concluded with a dinner, prepared and offered by Subdeacon Clinton Kifolo, once again providing an opportunity for the parishioners and their spiritual father to spent time in conversation and reflection.

Addressing everyone in attendance, Archbishop Daniel presented a reflection of the historic decision of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople to grant Autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, thus validating the appeal of millions of Ukrainian Orthodox Christians for the need to pray in their native tongue, to worship according to the ecclesiastical regulations and various traditions of the multi-cultural Ukrainian society.

A number of faithful of the mission community asked questions about the spiritual and physical care that the UOC of the USA provides for the orphans, wounded soldiers and their families in Ukraine. Once again, Vladyka Daniel provided thorough answers, offering practical charitable examples of the spiritual and charitable generosity of the UOC of the USA through the ministry of St. Andrews’ Society, various chapters of the UOL and parish communities of the Church.

The visit of Vladyka Daniel shall continue through Monday, while many opportunities for prayer and discussions will be offered throughout the weekend of the Archpastoral visit.

Photos by Seminarian Yaroslav Biloban





ARCHBISHOP DANIEL ORDAINS NEW SUBDEACON AND DEACON IN NEW MEXICO: ‘NOT TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE’

The sacred day of Meatfare Sunday welcomed everyone to St. Anthony of the Desert Mission – a community of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, with the temperatures in low 80s.

About 100 faithful of the local Las Cruces, NM mission family gathered in their temporary space (which is graciously offered by St. Andrew Episcopal community of Las Cruces, NM) for the Eucharistic Divine Liturgy served by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel – the spiritual father of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of the USA.

Entering the worship space of the mission, Vladyka Daniel was greeted by the pastor of the congregation - Very Rev. Fr. Gabriel Rochelle, bearing the cross and by Reader Blake Davenport, chairman of the parish council, who presented His Eminence with the traditional bread and salt.

Before the liturgy, a seminarian of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary of the UOC of the USA Aaron Nathaniel Holloway was tonsured Reader and set aside as Subdeacon for the parish. Vladyka Daniel shared with

Subdeacon Aaron Nathaniel thoughts on the ministry of the subdeacon and charged him to study the Scriptures and the prayers of the church in continual preparation as a reader and subdeacon.

St. Anthony has been blessed with numerous Subdeacons and Readers, and one deacon of blessed memory, Deacon David Mascarenas. One previous subdeacon is now Fr. Theophan Mackey of St. Job of Pochaiv parish in Los Alamos NM. Subdeacon Vladimir Michael Laven continues to serve the parish, and Deacon Ted Brinegar now serves as Deacon in OCA. However, this year’s archpastoral visit of Vladyka Daniel also brought an opportunity for the parishioners to witness the ordination to Diaconate of Subdeacon Clinton Dean Joseph Kifolo.

In his sermon Vladyka Daniel stated: “... Christ is telling us in the Gospel Narrative for the Meatfare Sunday, that in order to repent, we must extend our love to our neighbor. This parable of the Last judgment is about love. Christian love. By virtue of our baptism, we are all ultimately called in some way to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, visit the sick...

- these are the requirements of our class, class of life, and the final exam is yet to come... When? Instead of when, we should ask, are we ready?

When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion of His judgment? The parable of the Last Judgment answers: love—not a mere humanitarian concern for abstract justice and the anonymous “poor,” but concrete and personal love for the human person—the specific persons that we encounter each day in our lives.

Christian love is to see Christ in another person, whoever he or she is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a “good deed” or an exercise of charitable deed, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself.

The parable of the Last Judgment is about Christian love. Not all of us are called to work for “humanity,” yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ’s love.

We know that all persons ultimately need this personal love—the recognition in them of their unique soul in which the beauty of the whole creation is reflected in a unique way. We also know that people are in prison and are sick and thirsty and hungry because that personal love has been denied them. And, finally, we know that however narrow and limited the framework of our personal existence, each one of us has been made responsible for a tiny part of the Kingdom of God, made responsible by that very gift of Christ's love. Thus, on whether or not we have accepted this responsibility, on whether we have loved or refused to love, we will be judged..."

Assisted by Very Rev. Fr. Gabriel Rochelle, Rev. Fr. Thephan Mackey and Deacon Theodre Brinegar, Archbishop Daniel was formally presented with a candidate for the Holy Deaconate of the Church – Subdeacon Clinton Kifolo. In the prayerful bowing in front of the bishop, veneration of his hand the sacred altar, the candidate for the ordination knelt in front of the altar of the mission community, as the archbishop recited the prayer of ordination.

Suddenly, raised from a posture of prayerful submission, the newly-ordained deacon was embraced by the powerful AXIOS! WORTHY! – the exclamation of the Christian community, recognizing the call to service and his desire to serve as he is set aside to care for the needs of the mission community along with Fr. Gabriel. In his short instructions to the newly-ordained Deacon Clinton, Vladyka Daniel stated "...I would ask you from this day forward, remember two important responsibilities: One, that you are entrusted with the Holy Gospel. You don't own this book; you are a trustee like all the rest of us, to share this great news about Jesus Christ. Every time you read the Gospel at Liturgy, think of this day and how this task is entrusted to you... Second, you are now particular servants of the Eucharist, a role that belongs to the deacon, who stands by the priest and presents the chalice of the Precious Body and Blood of the Savior..." Archbishop Daniel concluded.

As the Divine Liturgy came to conclusion, Archbishop Daniel blessed an icon of St. John the Baptist – the labor of the mission's iconographer Sara Harper, who was also commissioned by Vladyka

Daniel to work on the icon dedicated to the Birth-Giver of God, the Nurturer of the Unborn children.

Once the Liturgy concluded, Archbishop Daniel presented Centennial Medals to the parishioners of the mission community that have work tirelessly for the spiritual and physical welfare of the community: Pani-matka Susan Steinhaus, Verlaine Elizabeth Davies, Subdeacon Vladimir Michael Laven and Very Rev. Fr. Gabriel Rochelle, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday.

Following the Divine Liturgy, a festive potluck offered the eighty some people who gathered different foods to savor and the opportunity to once again socialize with each other and approach the bishop with the requests for prayers and blessings.

At about 5am on Monday morning, Archbishop Daniel and seminarians Subdeacon Ihor Protsak and Yaroslav Bilohan departed Las Cruces, NM for the Spiritual Center – Metropolia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in South Bound Brook, NJ.

Photos by Seminarian Yaroslav Bilohan





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IT IS GREAT LENT, AND I WILL SHOW GOD HOW MUCH I LOVE HIM

In addition to following the directions my parents have given me for Great Lent, I promise to:

- Go to sleep on time without complaining
- Help wash the dishes
- Clean my room
- Not drink any soda pop
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Ісусе Христе, Сину Божий
Дякую за мою родину,
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Поможи мені Боже
Бути доброю дитиною,
Слухати батьків,
Бути чемною, та мудрою.

During Great Lent I will pray my Evening Prayers before going to bed, and in addition to my family, I will pray that the Lord helps:

Pray for the child at school that everyone picks on

Pray for child that always picks on you

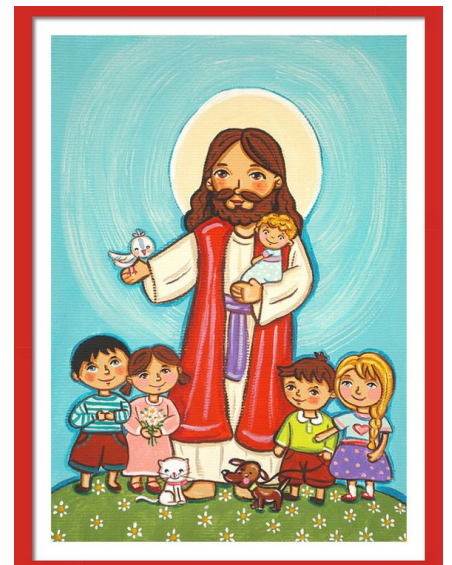
Pray for person you saw on TV that is having a hard time

Pray for a sick friend, etc.

Lord, bless....

My bishops – **Metropolitan Antony**, and **Archbishop Daniel**

Father (*name of your priest*) _____ and his family





MARCH

Brown, Laryssa Ann baptized and chrismated on February 17, 2019 in St. Vladimir's Cathedral Church, Parma, OH. Child of Jarrod Brown and Christina Bohuslawsky. Sponsors: Zenon Mural and Andrea Mural. Celebrated by Fr. John Nakonachny / Fr. Michael Hontaruk.

Geraskin, Sofia Nicole baptized and chrismated on June 7, 2015 in St. Michael's Church, Baltimore, MD. Child of Nikolay N Geraskin and Anastasiia Geraskin. Sponsors: Dima G Nikolov and Olena Shynkaruk. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Kryshntompol.

Geraskin, Nicholas Vladimir baptized and chrismated on February 16, 2019 in St. Michael's Church, Baltimore, MD. Child of Nikolay N Geraskin and Anastasiia Geraskin. Sponsors: Nikolay Klimov / Diana Cherednyk and Alexander Geraskin / Deanna Geraskin. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Kryshntompol.

Pisarenko, Uliana baptized and chrismated on February 16, 2019 in St. Nicholas Church, Albany, NY. Child of Sergey Pisarenko and Lidia Pisarenko. Sponsors: Michael Rimkunas and Tetiana Kharchenko. Celebrated by Fr. Vasyl Dovgan.

Roark, Alana Valentina baptized and chrismated on March 2, 2019 in St. Vladimir Cathedral Church, Parma, OH. Child of Russ Alan Roark and Katerina Lasiychuk. Sponsors: Taras Lasiychuk and Victoria Bitenbinder. Celebrated by Fr. Michael Hontaruk.

Valencia, Victoria Alvarado baptized and chrismated on February 23, 2019 in Holy Trinity Mission Church, Sacramento, CA. Child of Fernando Alvarado Valencia and Zoya Gorbatyuk. Sponsors: Yury Akopyan / Valentin Horbatyuk and Yulia Jessup. Celebrated by Fr. Myroslav Turchak.

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MARCH

Andrew Bormuth and Olga Sergiienko in St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH, on February 9, 2019, witnessed by Prespon Morrison and Allison Morrison. Celebrant: V. Rev. John Nakonachny.

Mark Host and Nicole Sheets in St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH, on February 23, 2019, witnessed by Anthony Balazic and Emily Christine Allsop. Celebrant: Fr. Michael Hontaruk.

Volodymyr Kucenko and Zoriana Vasylyk in St. Volodymyr Cathedral Parish, New York, NY, on June 2, 2018, witnessed by Taras and Galya. Celebrant: V. Rev. Volodymyr Muzychka.

Sean Jodat Nehmeh and Elivonne Mikayla Mendez in Assumption of the Virgin Mary Parish, Apalachin, NY, on February 9, 2019, witnessed by George Yoowakim and Sarah Daabies. Celebrant: Fr. Myron Oryhon.



MARCH

Burlack, Evelyn (Graham) of Murrysville, PA on February 14, 2019 at the age of 88 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Robert Popichak of Holy Ghost Parish, Suckville, PA.

Iwanenko, Vera of Blasdell, NY on January 26, 2019 at the age of 67 years, officiating clergy Fr. Yuriy Kasyanov of Holy Trinity Parish, Como Park Blvd.

Miner, Lerry Andrew of Hamilton, NJ on February 18, 2019 at the age of 61 years, officiating clergy Fr. Zinovy Zharsky of Holy Trinity Parish, Trenton, NJ.

Zukowski, Alexander of Buffalo, NY on February 15, 2019 at the age of 59 years, officiating clergy Fr. Yuriy Kasyanov of Holy Trinity Parish, Como Park Blvd.

As salt is needed for all kinds of food, so humility is needed for all kinds of virtues.

- St. Isaac the Syrian





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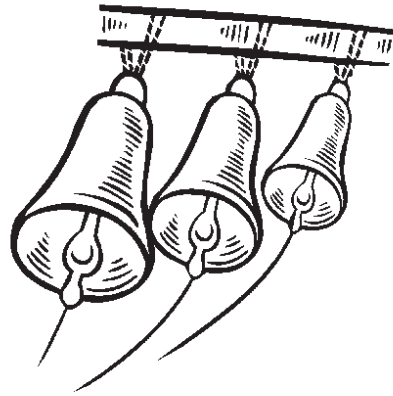
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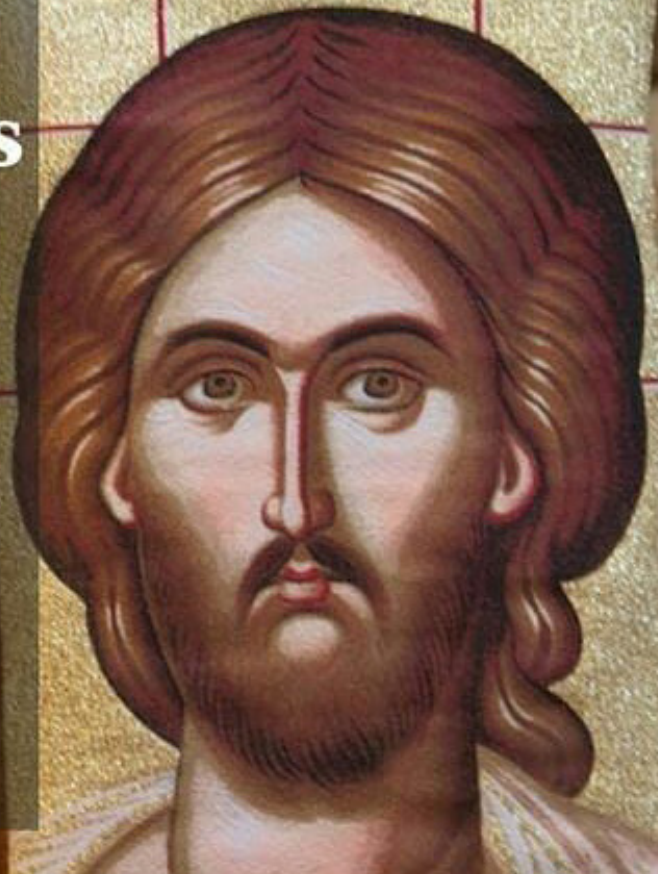
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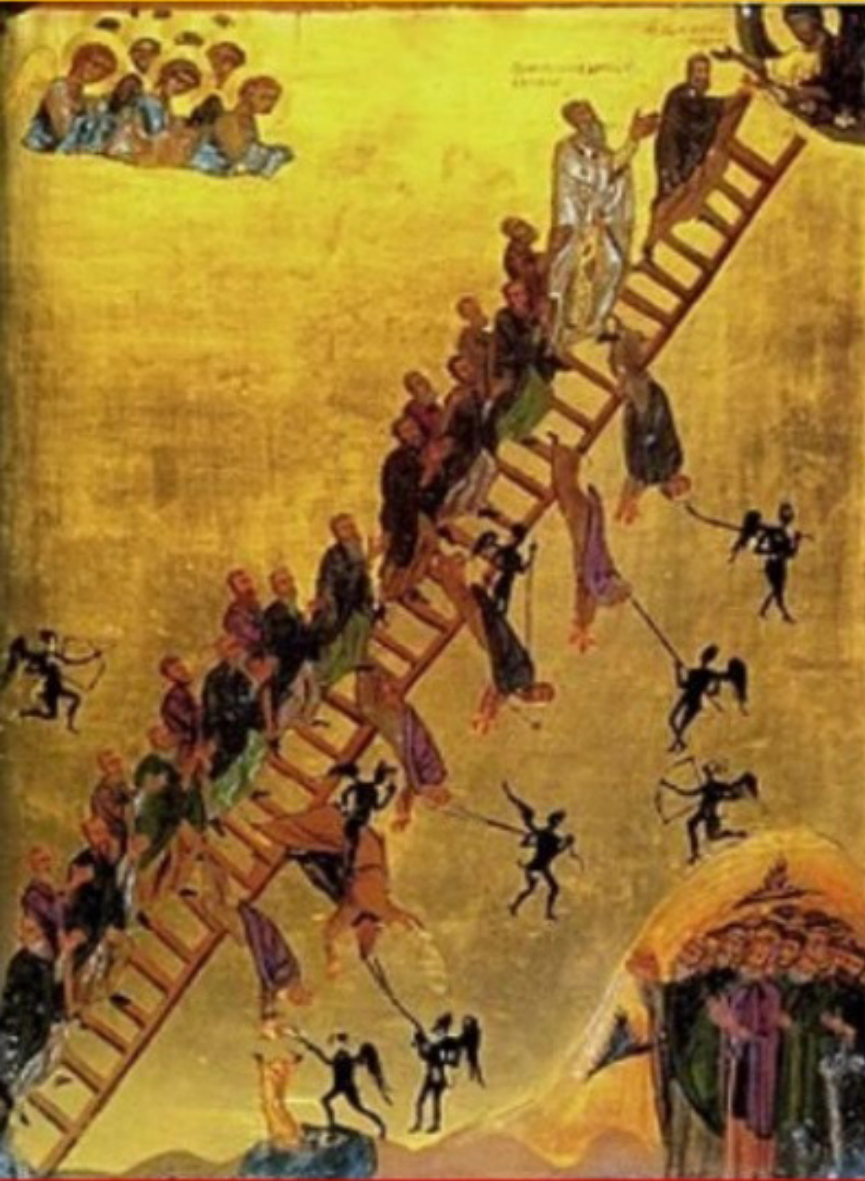
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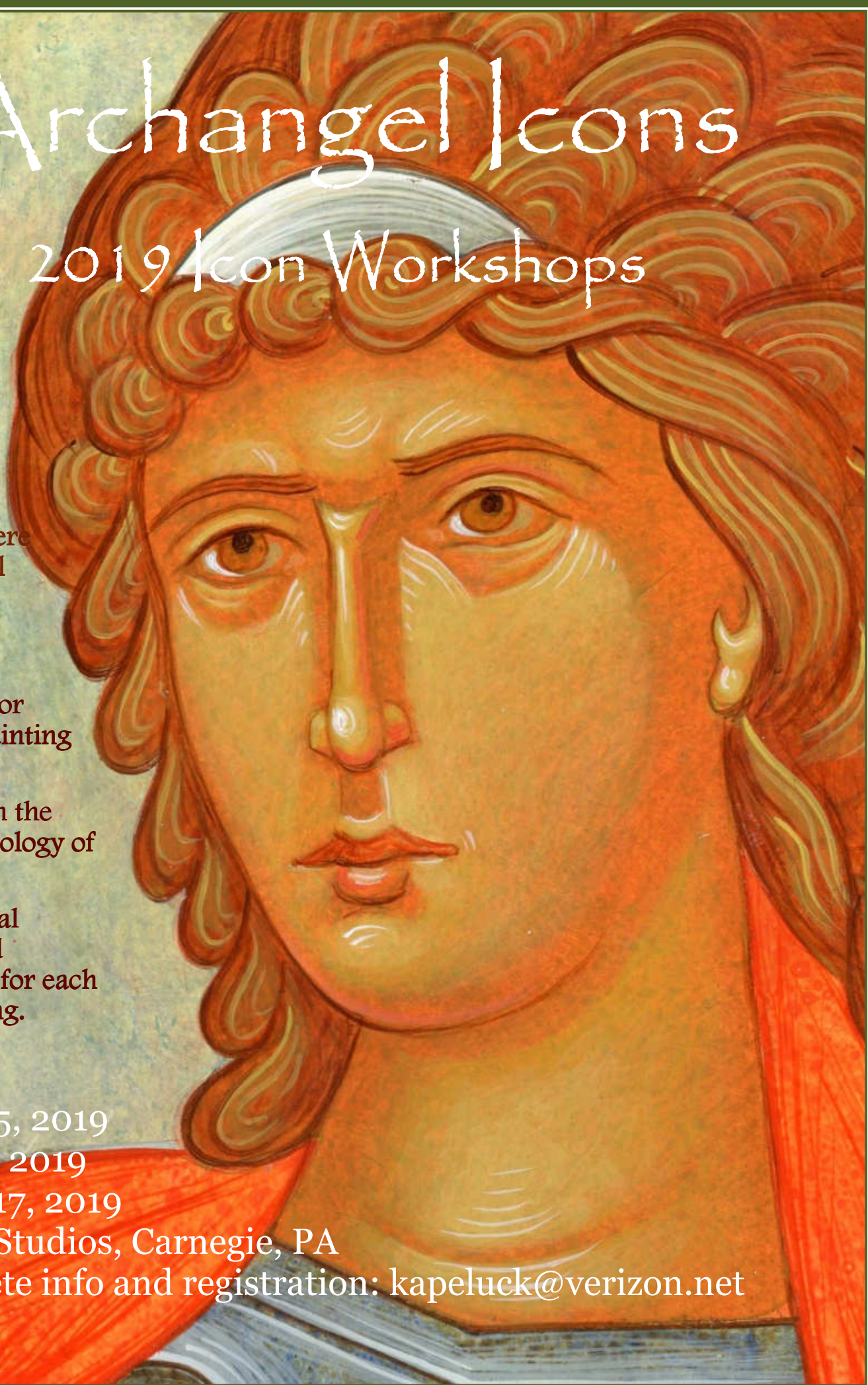
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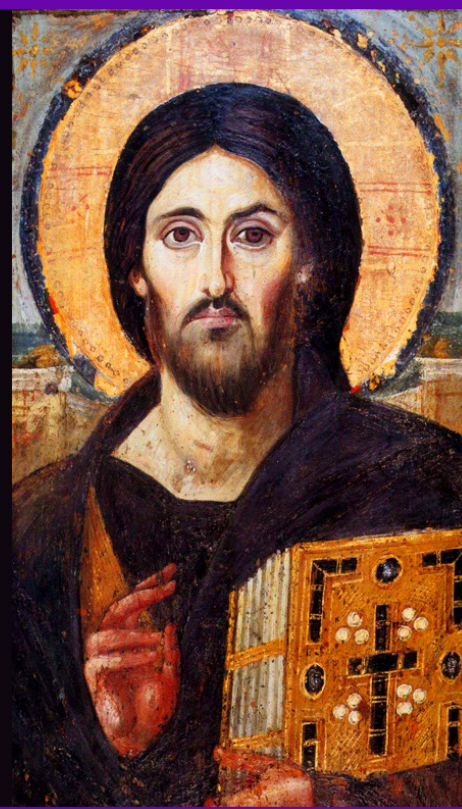
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Chicago DEANERY MEETING

ЗАСІДАННЯ ДЕКАНАТУ
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With the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, the spiritual father of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, the clergy of Chicago Deanery of the Church will gather at St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Chicago, IL for the annual spiritual retreat/Deanery meeting with Vladyka Daniel presiding on March 22, 2019.

Beginning with the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, the clergy of the Deanery will have the opportunity to pray with their bishop as well as to discuss the pastoral issues pertaining to the numerous parishes and missions of the UOC of the USA in the Mid-Western and Central USA as well as the new pastoral challenges and ministerial opportunities that have arisen following the granting of the Tomos of Autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

Taking into consideration Vladyka Daniel's role in the establishment of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and the need for historical and pastoral witness of Ukrainian Orthodox Christians throughout the world, the clergy and lay representatives of the parishes shall reflect upon the role of the Church in modern society, truly reflecting the mission of the Church as it is defined by the Canon Law of the Holy Orthodox Church.

The clergy that will represent the parishes of the UOC of the USA and participate in the meeting of the Chicago Deanery of the UOC of the USA:

His Eminence Archbishop Daniel – Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of the USA

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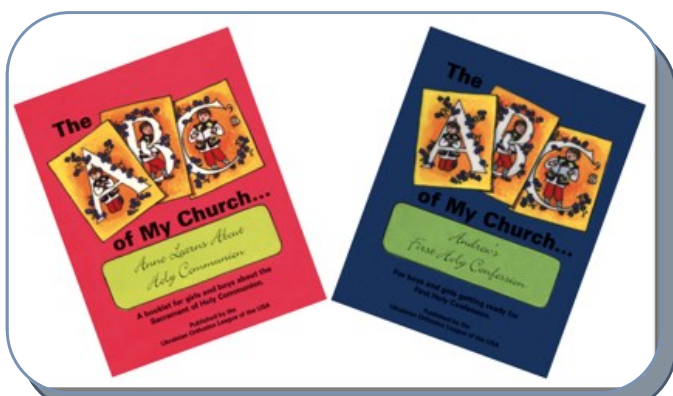
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MAY 4 & 5, 2019

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BRIGHT SATURDAY – May 4, 2019

Ukrainian food, crafts and youth activities throughout the day

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy St. Andrew Memorial Church

3:00 PM Picnic at St. Sophia Seminary

6:00 PM Vespers and Confessions - Seminary Chapel

BRIGHT SUNDAY – May 5, 2019

Ukrainian food, crafts and youth activities throughout the day

9:30 AM Eucharistic Liturgy, celebrated by His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, pastors of local and distant parish communities.

11:30 AM Memorial Service in front of St. Andrew Memorial Church, commemorating the departed servants of God, His Holiness Patriarch Mstyslav, Metropolitan John, Metropolitan Constantine, and all departed hierarchs, clergy and faithful of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A, along with the victims of Stalin's genocidal famine of 1932-33, the victims of the Chernobyl disaster, those who sacrificed their lives for the freedom and independence of Ukraine and the U.S.A, as well as our fallen soldiers throughout the world, especially the fallen heroes of the Ukrainian Revolution of Dignity – the Heavenly Hundred.

PLEASE NOTE: MEMORIAL SERVICES ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING BRIGHT WEEK – MONDAY TO FRIDAY (17-22 APRIL 2017). THESE DAYS ARE RESERVED FOR GRAVE CLEANING AND CEMETERY PREPARATION FOR ST. THOMAS SUNDAY.

PARKING REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

As directed by the Consistory, all parking on Memorial Church and Cemetery grounds is strictly prohibited on Saturday, 14 April and Sunday, 15 April. Parking is permitted only on the Consistory grounds located at 135 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ. Round trip transportation of pilgrims to the Memorial Church and Cemetery will be provided.

Cultural exhibits and all commerce will take place on Saturday, 14 April 2018 from Noon to 6 PM and Sunday, 15 April from Noon to 6 PM in the main auditorium of the Cultural Center. Permits for sales must be obtained from the Consistory. No business will be transacted during the Liturgy and Panakhyda. Any individuals conducting unauthorized sales will be removed from the property.

The Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A, the clergy and the Office of Youth Ministry encourage children and youth of our Holy Metropolia to enrich their lives by participating with their parents and family members in the various liturgical services, especially the Holy Mystery of Confession and the Holy Eucharist during this year's Holy Pilgrimage. Youth activities scheduled for Sunday, 15 April 2018 will emphasize a relationship based on our relationship to Christ.

All other Panakhyda (Memorial Services) are permitted only after the conclusion of the general Panakhyda.



SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY

ПРИЙДІТЬ РОЗДІЛИТИ СВІТЛО, РАДІСТЬ І БЛАГОВІСТЬ ВОСКРЕСЛОГО ХРИСТА!

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4 & 5 ТРАВНЯ 2019

РОЗКЛАД ПОДІЙ

СВІТЛА СУБОТА - 4 ТРАВНЯ, 2019

Українська кухня та сувеніри, та події для молоді після обіду

10:00 год. ранку Літургія в Церкві-Пам'ятнику св. Андрія

3:00 год. після обіду Пікнік при семінарії Святої Софії

6:00 год. ввечера Вечірня і сповідь у каплиці семінарії

НЕДІЛЯ - 5 ТРАВНЯ, 2019

Українська кухня та сувеніри, та події для молоді після обіду

9:30 год. ранку Божественна Літургія, очолена Високопреосвященнішим Митрополитом Антонієм та Архієпископом Даниїлом у співслужінні місцевого та приїжджого духовенства.

11:30 год. ранку Після Літургії відбудеться Панахида перед Церквою-Пам'ятника св. Андрія за спокій душ слуг Божих: св. п. Патріарха Метислава, Митрополита Іоана, Митрополита Константина та всіх спочилих єпископів, священників і вірних УПЦеркви, а також за спокій душ жертв Геноциду - Голодомору 1932-33 р.р., Чорнобильської трагедії, всіх тих, що життя своє поклали в боротьбі за волю й незалежність України і США, та всіх загиблих воїнів, особливо за душі героїв що полягли під час Українського Майдану Гідності – Небесної Сотні.

УВАГА! НА ПРОТЯЗІ СВІТЛОГО ТИЖНЯ ВІД ПОНЕДІЛКА ДО П'ЯТНИЦІ ВКЛЮЧНО ВІДПРАВЛЯТИ ПАНАХИДИ НА ЦВІНТАРІ НЕ ДОЗВОЛЕНО. ЦІ ДНІ ЗАРЕЗЕРВОВАНО НА ВПОРЯДКУВАННЯ МОГИЛ ДО ПРОВІДІВ.

ЗАГАЛЬНІ ПРАВИЛА

Консисторія повідомляє, що паркування авт в суботу 4 травня та неділю травня 2018 року буде тільки на площі Консисторії при 135 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ. Для транспортації бажачючих поміж паркувальною площею і Церквою-Пам'ятником/цвинтарем щопівгодини ходитимуть спеціальні авта (Consistory vans). Паркування авт біля Церкви-Пам'ятника і на цвинтарі суворо заборонене!

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Приватні Панахиди можна служити тільки після закінчення загальної Панахиди.



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