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# GREAT LENT

**ON THE MEND:** Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Metropolitan Savas, Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul Stoll, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John & Pani Mary Anne Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Protopresbyter William & Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolynec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick S3ilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Father Steve Hutnick [COVID-19], Father Victor Wronskyj [COVID-19], Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, Fr. Volodymyr Muzychka [COVID-19], Father Harry Linsinbigler [COVID-19], Archimandrite Raphael [COVID-19], Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Joseph Sliwinsky, Gary & Linda Mechtly, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Sam Wadrose, Isabella Olivia Lindgren, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, Michael Miller, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Liz Stumpf, Theodore Nixon, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Linda Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Halyna Zelinska [Archbishop Daniel's mother], Charlotte, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Eleanor Kelly, Bryan, Nancy Barylak, Patrick Keenan, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier, Nathan Forbeck, Sarah Doyle, Samuel Peters, Esther Holupka, David Vallor, Henry Faraly, Julie Eiler, Dorothy Lednovich, Bob C., Allie—young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Jane Wartinbee, Matthew—young man with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuznik, Michael Pryhodzenko, Sonia Luciw, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Yvonne Christy, Father Deacon Myron &

Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Loretta, Nancy, Carol, & Michael Sheliga, Gaelle Kelly, Irma McDivitt, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Carl & Margaret Reed, Lydia Wilson, Robert Pointon, Walter Cecelia, John Persico, Jeff Miller, Mary Kernick, Glenn Miller, Jean Marie, Donna & Walter McCrackin, Bonnie & Eugene Blair [Pani Gina's parents], David Hoenshell, Barbara Macino, Shelley Hill, Mikaela Kapeluck, Linda Cawley, Gerald Cogley, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Stroz [young lady with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Sandi Anderson, Lina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, Tom Hyatt, Bill Janiro, Jean Symanko-Andy's sister, William Lemonakis, Alma Wyke, Lindsay Romanczak & family, Susan Lucas, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskins, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Kateryna Kocelko, Nancy Heinbaugh, Mira Filipović, Lynn, Jacqueline, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Kristy, Elaine Ellenberger, Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, Ron Schwartz, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, Howell Swarm, Jane Bielewicz Allred, Manny "Lazarus" Lopez, Glenn & Lucas Burlack, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdré Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Kyranna Cherpas, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczuk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Marta Charron, Mary [Corba], Margie Sekelsky, Gary Howell, Fran Fulton, Gina Catanese, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kevin Allen (from Ancient Faith Radio), Kathy Flaherty, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Jodi Hanczar, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Martha Nezolyk, Kathy Cvetkovich, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Jim & Kitty, Phil Bouse, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slaughaupt, Louis & Teresa Bercelli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Sarah Dorning, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis Strittmatter, Nancy, Ian Brick, Cecilia Barnhart, Logan Magorien, Pam & Gordon Grant, Debbie & Jerry Novosel, Noah Willard, Sandra Dillard, Danielle McCann, Barry [Father Jim Orr's cousin], Tim Joyce, Mike Pawlyshyn-Jeannie Stutchell's brother, Joe Samchuck—vocations, Albert Heckman, Brianna Stumpf, Stanley Porembka, David & Terry Coyne Hartnett, Mike C., Jennifer Scheirer [Nick Behun's daughter], Catherine Beecham [Father Bob's

cousin], JoAnne & Dave Andrews, Rev. Peg Bowman, Pat Jennings, Tim Sams, Mike Ruzzi, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Joe Veto, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky, Monk Andrew, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Steven—Harry Batch's cousin, Rose Mary Pavlovich—Mary Anne Kuznik's Cousin, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Dollie Irvin, Joe Mrvos, Alexandra & Bowen, Katherine Kulik, Micky Delans [COVID-19], Pastor Terry Polen, Eleanor Kitt, Stacie & Gary, Maria Warholak, Stacie & Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, Mariruth, Rich & Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Denis Strittmatter, Father Joe Uzar—newly ordained, Tim—surgery, John Wakin, Olivia—young girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John St [triple by-pass], John, Kris & Kait, Jeff & Mary Jane Double [COVID-19], Terri Crosby-Vega [COVID-19], Kristi Wilson, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Mike, Amy, Nathan, & Ben Forbeck [COVID-19], David Salazar, Ann Zurasky [knee replacement], James Mary, Barb Bookser, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Carolyn Strittmatter, Barbara Shegat & Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, Candace Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Stacie Riley, Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr. [infant], Elizabeth [5-year-old], Lillian Skowvron, Pani Cathy Danczak, Sue & Greg Heinen, Paul Simpson [Father Bob's cousin, car accident], Sharon Curtis Rivas, Kathy Milcic, Lisa Bolan, David G. [cancer], Donna [dementia] & Darla, Linda Snow, Zack Blair [Pani Gina's nephew], Greg & Mary Lou Sheakley [Pani Gina's cousins—COVID], the McKenna family, David Gazella, Brian & Michele Cannone, Robert & Eleanor Rodrigues & family, Don Menagon [COVID-19], Father Nick Mahaly [COVID-19], Mike Wilcox [COVID-19], Father Deacon James Rossetti & Diakonissa Kari—ordination!, Steve Sivulich, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. **ARNOLD:** Homer Paul Kline and Walter Sakol. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!**  
**PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD—**  
**AND IN OUR LIVES!**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is NOTHING to keep us from praying...for each other, for our family and friends, and most**

**of all for the first responders—EMTs, nurses, doctors, firefighters, police officers, and members of our military who keep us safe. Be well and be SAFE!!! God Bless!**

Please remember ALL American service men and women in your prayers. May God watch over them and ALL American service men and women—and bring them all home safely!

**REMEMBER—PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS FREE!**

Communion Fasting: nothing to eat or drink after midnight, EXCEPT in cases where your doctor tells you to eat or drink something for medical reasons: medication, diabetes, etc. If you have a question, please ask Father Bob.

**AT ANY TIME—if there is an emergency, if you have questions, or if you just need to talk, please CALL FATHER BOB at [412] 279-5640.**

**SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE**

**SUNDAY, March 13 SAINT BASIL THE GREAT-OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS  
10:30 AM**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY; SAINT BASIL THE CONFESSOR; HIEROMARTYR NESTOR-BISHOP OF MAGYDOS; SAINTS MARANA & CYANNA; HIEROMARTYR PROTERIUS-PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA & 6 COMPANIONS**

*Tone 5*

*Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2*

*John 1:43-51*

**SUNDAY, March 20 SAINT BASIL THE GREAT-OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS  
10:30 AM**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS; SYNAXIS OF THE VENERABLE FATHERS OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA; HOLY HIEROMARTYRS OF CHERSON-BASIL, EPHRAIM, CAPITO, EUGENE, AETHERIUS, ELPIDIUS, & AGATHODORUS; SAINT PAUL THE SIMPLE OF EGYPT-DISCIPLE OF SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT; SAINT PAUL THE CONFESSOR-BISHOP OF PRUSIAS IN BITHYNIA; SAINT EMILIAN OF ROME**

*Tone 6*

*Hebrews 7:26-8:2; Galatians 5:22-6:2*

*John 10:9-16; Luke 6:17-23*

**SUNDAY, March 27 SAINT BASIL THE GREAT-OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS  
10:30 AM**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS; SAINT  
BENEDICT OF NURSIA-ABBOT; SAINT EUCHEMON-BISHOP OF LAMPACUS;  
SAINT ROTISLAV-MICHAEL-PRINCE OF KYIV; SAINT THEOGNOSTUS-  
METROPOLITAN OF KYIV & ALL RUS**

*Tone 7*

Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Mark 8:34-9:1

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 13 MARCH 2022**

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MAGYDOS; SAINTS MARANA & CYANNA; HIEROMARTYR  
PROTERIUS-PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA & 6 COMPANIONS**

### **TROPARION—TONE 2**

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One,  
And ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God.  
Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the cross in the flesh  
And deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy.  
Therefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee:  
Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior,  
For thou didst come to save the world

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,  
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **KONTAKION—TONE 8**

No one could describe the Word of the Father  
But when He took flesh from you, O Theotokos,  
He accepted to be described  
And restored the fallen image to its former state  
By uniting it to divine beauty.  
We confess and proclaim our salvation in word and images

### **PROKEIMENON—TONE 4**

**READER:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and  
glorified is Thy name forever!

**PEOPLE:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised  
and glorified is Thy name forever!

**READER:** For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

**PEOPLE:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised  
and glorified is Thy name forever!

**READER:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers



**PEOPLE: And praised and glorified is Thy name forever!**

**ALLELUIA VERSES**

Moses and Aaron are among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His name.

They cried to the Lord, and He answered them.

**SPECIAL PETITION FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE**

O God, You are our refuge and strength, and a very present help in trouble. *(Psalm 46:1)* Hear our heartfelt supplication on behalf of the people of the country of Ukraine. Protect those in danger with your holy angels and grant them courage. Turn back all manner of attacks. May hostility fade away. Let Your peace descend upon the whole land, so that the shedding of blood in warfare, violence, terrorism, tyranny, and all manner of strife may come to a swift end. Enlighten all civil authorities around the world with wisdom to diligently work for reconciliation. O Lord of hosts, we have no other help but You in times of distress: quickly hear us now and have mercy!



*Our Venerable Father  
Moses the Carpathian  
of the Caves Lavra*

**The Sunday of the Last Judgment Matthew 25:31-46**

*When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them*

*on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.(KJV)*

The Church prescribes the present Gospel each year as Great Lent draws near. Believers are reminded of the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in each suffering person.

This Sunday of the Last Judgment is a good time to call to mind the men, women and children in various residential facilities that are in need of God's mercy. Each believer is to be an active agent of God's mercy.

Facilities exist in communities for homeless families. Men, women, and children having no place to live are housed because they are poor, perhaps have been abandoned or abused.

Christians from parish churches showing love and mercy can improve lives for the homeless, the abused in shelters and in rehab centers. Believers giving attention to the hospitalized facilitate healing.

Residential facilities for the mentally ill and mentally challenged benefit from creative parish church outreach efforts. Institutions for delinquent youths are more humane when parish churches take an interest in them.

Hospitals, jails and prisons are places where ministry can take place by priests, deacons and interested parishioners. Parish outreach to nearby institutions is consistent with the present Gospel.

Too often church members are blind or not knowledgeable about confined and institutionalized needy very near to the parish church. The

present Gospel is a challenge to awaken to needs and to reach out in behalf of Jesus Christ.

Addressing human suffering requires strong faith. Crime victims suffer. Stress experienced by hospital workers and others working in human caring facilities can be lessened when the local parish church shows genuine support.

The present Gospel is proclaimed in parish churches and monasteries throughout the world. Each attentive listener is to respond according to the current Gospel reading. Jesus Christ is identified with each suffering person.

Caring for a family member, a neighbor or loved one can be a way to live according to today's Gospel. Learning from members in the parish that work in caring facilities is a way to increase personal involvement to meet area needs.

Every person will stand before Christ for the final judgment. Actions taken during the course of daily life will serve as the record for judgment. Christians are to show love and compassion according the Gospel.

Hardheartedness or neglecting the needy nearby puts the soul in peril. Being an active Christian in manifesting love goes a long way in helping persons in need.

Jesus Christ is identified with each person including all in need.

God's Holy Church reminds believers to be loving and caring. Personal interests having nothing to do with the Gospel can blind a person to needy nearby.

Today's Gospel is a lesson in sensitizing each believer to the needy in this world.

Is there a jail, a prison, a hospital, or a rehab facility near the parish church which would welcome interest from the parish? Are there hungry people in the area or those in need of clothing? Is the parish helping?

Are personal steps being taken by each parishioner to support parish outreach programs for the needy? Is there a residential place for individuals with disabilities nearby that can benefit from parish volunteers?

The Gospel is filled with love. Love is to be the basis for all relationships. Communities improve when Christ's love extends well beyond the walls of the parish church into each place of need.

Showing love to the needy is showing love to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Earthly life is limited in time. Making the wisest use of the time of life includes showing love for the needy identified in today's Gospel.

Today is the time to commit to living in accord with the present Gospel. Today is the day to direct daily life towards the Last Judgment, God's kingdom and eternal life.



*The Sunday of the Last Judgment. Meatfare Sunday. Venerable Auxentius, St. Cyril—  
Teacher of the Slavs. February 14/27, 2022. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father  
Rodney Torbic*

**Mother Alexandra [Magan]:**

**How appropriate and needed. From today's reading:**

**"These are the things you shall do: Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace, do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, says the Lord."**

**Zechariah 8.16-17**





I THINK GROWN-UPS JUST  
ACT LIKE THEY KNOW  
WHAT THEY'RE DOING.



**I know five languages. The first is the smile; the second is tears. The third is to touch. The fourth is prayer, and the fifth is love. With these five languages you can travel the whole earth, and all the world is yours.**

**+ Mother Gavrilia**

### **Father Bojan Banović—Old Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church**

✚ Brethren, our faith is tried more often than is the reed rocked by the winds. Trials are like the winds: a weak faith they will uproot and a strong faith will be strengthened even more. Trials are also like the flame in which straw is burned and gold is purified.

Man's intellectual pursuits and suppositions also try our faith. These are very strong and bitter winds. But we can overcome them if we are willing to adhere to the words of God and if, in opposition to those intellectual pursuits, we are able to emphasize the teachings of the Faith of Christ.

Our faith is further tried by fear and shame: fear of men who persecute the Faith and shame of men who arrogantly despise the Faith. These also are strong winds which we must resist if we wish to remain alive. How will we resist them? By the fear of God which should always be greater in our soul than the fear of men and of shame before the apostles, saints and martyrs who were not ashamed of their faith before emperors, princes, and sages of this world.

Our faith is further tried by suffering and misery. This is the fire in which our faith either has to be burned like straw or to be tempered as pure gold. We will resist these trials if we would but remember Christ crucified on the Cross for us and so many thousands of martyrs for the Faith who, in their patience, conquered all and emerged from the flames as gold and who for centuries glow among the angels and among men.



Our faith is also tried by death, the death of our relatives and friends and the death of mankind in general. This is the bitter fire in which the faith of many have been burned. Is death the end of everything? It is not, but rather believe that it is the beginning of everything; it is the beginning of a new and just life. Believe in the Resurrection of Christ, believe in life beyond the grave and believe in the general resurrection and the Dreadful Judgment.

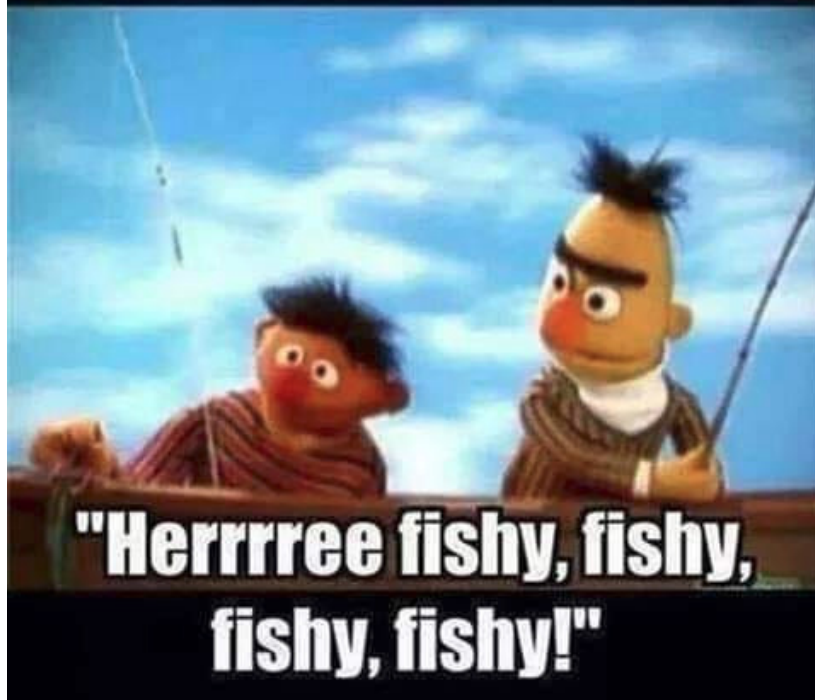
O Good Lord, strengthen the faith in us and have mercy on us.

To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

+Saint Nikolai [Velimirovič]



**You know you've tried it...**



WE PRAY, O LORD OUR GOD, FOR ALL THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM ACTS OF WAR, ESPECIALLY FOR THE VICTIMS AND ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE STRUGGLE IN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE. WE PRAY FOR THY PEACE AND THY MERCY IN THE MIDST OF THE GREAT SUFFERING PEOPLE ARE NOW INFLECTING ON EACH OTHER. VOUCHSAFE TO ACCEPT THE PRAYERS OF THY CHURCH, SO THAT BY THY GOODNESS PEACE MAY RETURN TO ALL PEOPLES. HEAR US AND HAVE MERCY ON US.

WE ALSO PRAY, O LORD OUR GOD, TO REMEMBER AND HAVE MERCY ON OUR ORTHODOX BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN VIOLENT CONFLICT. REMOVE FROM THEIR MIDST ALL HOSTILITY, CONFUSION AND HATRED. LEAD EVERYONE ALONG THE PATH OF RECONCILIATION AND PEACE. WE PRAY THEE, HEAR US AND HAVE MERCY ON US. GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN.

**AN ORTHODOX PRAYER FOR TIMES OF WAR**



A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us *"Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God."* In this time of great worry, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit sustain all the people of Ukraine to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice. Grant their leaders wisdom and prudence. Yet, may they also have the strength and perseverance to defend their land from all adversity and foreign attacks. Help us all to live according to your Divine Will.

O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God extend her blessed mantle of protection over our Ukraine. Amen.

**"As the Prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the teachers have dogmatized, as the universe has agreed, as Grace has shown forth, as Truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dissolved, as Wisdom has presented, as Christ has awarded: thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ, our true God, and honor His Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshiping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all, and accordingly offering them veneration. This is the Faith of the Apostles; this is the Faith of the Fathers; this is the Faith of the Orthodox; this is the Faith which has established the universe!"**