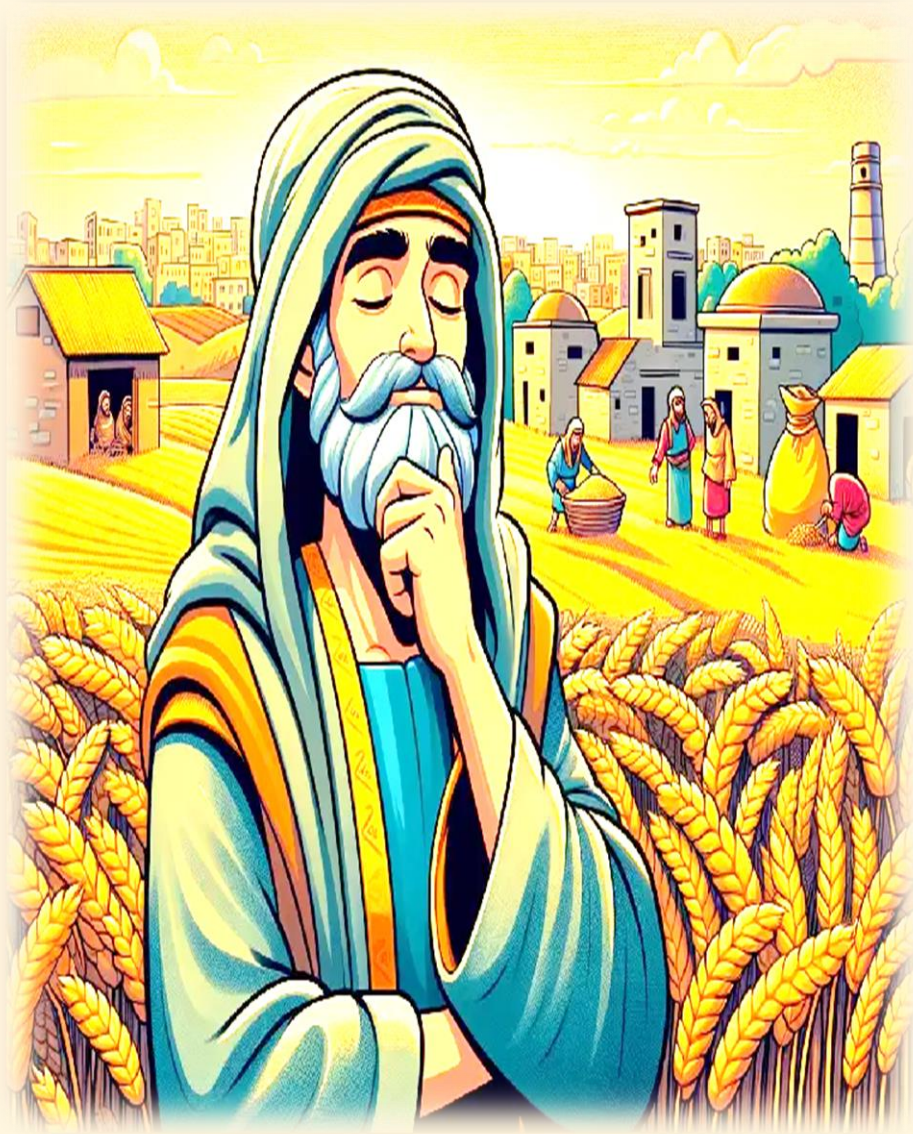


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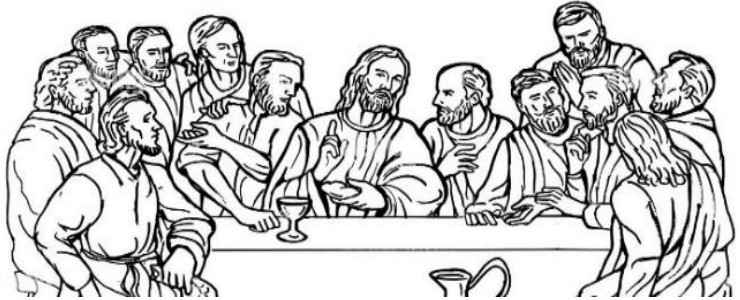
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*We invite you to a celebration
of the Resurrection of Christ*



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Happy & Blessed 50th Anniversary to Susan & Michael Perankovich

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Tropar – Tone 6

The angelic powers were at Your tomb. The guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave seeking Your Most Pure Body. You captured Hades, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting Life, Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You.

Kondak – Tone 6

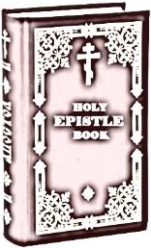
When Christ God, the Giver of Life, with His Life-giving Hand raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery, He bestowed Resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior, the Resurrection, the Life and the God of all.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

V: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians 2:4-10



But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 6

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (*Ps. 90:1*)

V: He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.”

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Luke 12:16-21

(The Parable of the Rich Fool)

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’



“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’”

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

MEMORY ETERNAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS

Sophia Karpa, George Klein, Iryna Farion, Charles Demetrios, Nun Antonina, Elaine Cartier, Betty Ewanish, William Zemko, Mary Gula, Mykola Prychodczenko, Oleksander Dymtro, Mark Vuksanovich, Vladyslav Chudakorov, Anna Adamovich, Soldier Serhiy. All Who died during the war in Ukraine.

PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE



Metropolitan Anthony, Archbishop Daniel, Walter Duzzny, Lori, Christine Kline, Arlene Hawryluk, Jerry Zets, Larry, Darlene Moon, Jeff Smith, Soldier Ivan, Bernard Gnat, Dolly Mehalco, Jeff Ulbrich, Ann Klein, David & Richard Scharba, Brittany, Matt, Stephen Shonn, Thelma Zemko, Artur Bohuslav, Bohdan, Lori Hayda, Shirley Duffy, Michele (Senediak) Caulder, Dobrodiyka Lilya, Sandy, Marilyn O`Leary, Alice Dobransky, Harold Owens, Dave Zylka, Marianne Carmack, Nicholas Yurchyk, Pauline Witkowsky, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Kathy Zebel. People Suffering from any Illnesses. Ukrainian people who are suffering from war.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Kevin Semchee
4 Gheorghiy Kolosovsky
6 Mary Zebel
6 Sandy Senedak
8 Bernard Gnat
8 Emily Hillard
10 JoAnn Gnat
10 Thomas Inchak
10 Ashley Woloschak
13 Mike Joe Maluk

14 Martha Woloschak
16 Ann Klein
16 Dorothy Gula Villers
20 Nicholas Yurchyk
23 Barbara Novicky
23 Frank Senediak
24 Jerry Zets
25 Charles Ames
26 Diane Demetrios
31 Melissa Crown



May your faith grow stronger
with each passing year,
and may God's light shine brightly
in your life!



**HAPPY
& BLESSED
50TH
ANNIVERSARY
TO SUSAN
& MICHAEL
PERANKOVICH**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOUR MARRIAGE
AND KEEP YOU BOTH IN BLISS
FOR MANY MORE YEARS!**

**GREETINGS FROM
THE FAMILY,
PARISH FAMILY
& FRIENDS**



Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE



- Sunday, December 1, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 23rd Sunday**
Rite of Induction to the Office of the Newly Elected Board Members & the Sisterhood Officers
- Wednesday, December 4 – **The Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple**
- Thursday, December 5, 6:30PM – **Moleben (Supplication) Service for the sick**
- Friday, December 6, 10:00AM – **Parish Feast Day Divine Liturgy** at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at 220 N Walnut St, Youngstown, OH
- Sunday, December 8, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 24th Sunday**
- Sunday, December 15, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 25th Sunday**, *St. Nicholas Play.*
- Wednesday, December 18, 5:30PM – **Holy Unction Service** at St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church at 3560 Logan Way, Youngstown, OH
- Sunday, December 22, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 26th Sunday**
- Sunday, December 29, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 27th Sunday**

Upcoming dates & events

- Dec 1 - **Sr. UOL Meeting.**
- July 23-27, 2025 - UOL Convention in Florida – SAVE the DATE – July 23-27, 2025

Church School Calendar

- Dec 1 – Church School. Christmas Trees Decorating in the Church.
- Dec 8 – Church School. * Dec 15 – **St. Nicholas Play**
- Dec 22 – Church School.
Dec 22 at 3:30 pm - Visit to See the Train Models, Train Tracks & other Collections
- By Dec 17 – **Christmas Ornaments** for the Office of the Consistory of the UOC of the USA.

Cooking, Baking and Sales Schedule (to place orders - 234-247-1534)

- * Dec 7 - **STUFFED CABBAGE SALE - \$36 a dozen & HALUSHKI SALE - \$7 for a quart**
Workdays for Stuffed Cabbage: Thursday, Dec 5 - **Leaves at 8:30 am**
Friday, Dec 6 - **Roll & Make Halushki 9:00**
Saturday, Dec 7 - **Sales from 10:00 to Noon**
- * Dec 7-8 - **KOLACHI SALE - \$13 & COOKIE SALE - \$35**
Workdays for Kolachi: Saturday, Dec 7 - **Make Kolachi at 9:00am**
Sunday, Dec 8 - **Pick-up 11:30am to 1:30pm**
- * Dec 13 - **PYROHY SALE - \$8 a dozen**
Workdays for Pyrohy: Tue, Dec 10 & Thur, Dec 12 – **Making Pyrohy**
Friday, Dec 13 - **Pick-up from 9:00 to Noon**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Raffle by the Jr UOL

As a fundraiser the Jr UOL will be raffling off a lottery ticket board. To make this successful we are asking parishioners to make a donation of lottery tickets or cash by Sunday December 1. Raffle will be held in January. Thank you for your support.
 – Jr UOL

• **Need a Volunteer to Chair an Event**

Parish board is asking for volunteers to chair the Christmas Eve supper on Jan 6.

• **Personalized Return Address Labels**

Dear parishioners, we are offering personalized return address labels with your name and address, **free of charge**. If you would like to receive these, please let us know by contacting Fr. Mykola.

This is our small way of helping you, especially with Christmas just around the corner and the upcoming Christmas cards mailing.
 – Fr. Mykola



Joseph & Anna
 123 Beautiful St.
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Let's fill the **Christmas Trees** with **Precious Angels**

A great way to Remember and Honor your loved

There are envelopes in the back of the church for the Please fill out the information on the envelope with your donation.

Return the envelopes to Crystal or Yvonne



Sponsored by the Jr.UOL

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF	On Nov 17	On Nov 24
General:	\$ 1589.00	\$ 2594.00
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The Parable of the Rich Fool

The Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:16-21) offers profound spiritual lessons about the nature of true wealth, the fleeting nature of earthly life, and our relationship with God.

1. The Vanity of Earthly Wealth

The rich man's actions reflect a misplaced sense of security in material possessions. His focus on amassing wealth for himself reveals a heart enslaved by greed and self-centeredness. In the Orthodox tradition, we are reminded that material wealth is transient and should be seen as a gift from God, entrusted to us for stewardship. The problem is not wealth itself, but the rich man's failure to use it for the glory of God and the benefit of others. As St. John Chrysostom teaches: "The rich man is not the one who has much, but the one who gives much, for what he gives away remains his forever."

2. Neglect of the Soul

The parable contrasts earthly treasures with the treasures of the soul. The rich man's preoccupation with worldly success blinded him to the ultimate reality of life: death and the judgment before God. Orthodox spirituality calls us to *nepsis* (spiritual vigilance) and to prioritize our eternal soul over temporal concerns. The Fathers of the Church often remind us that we are pilgrims on earth, and our true home is in the Kingdom of God.

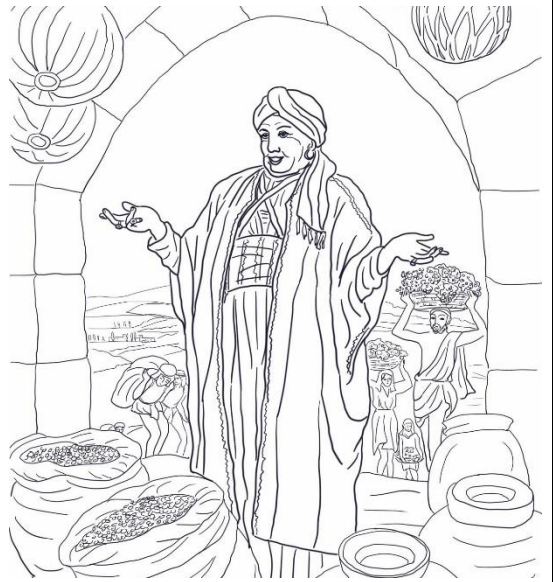
3. Being "Rich Toward God"

The rich fool's greatest mistake was his lack of spiritual wealth. He hoarded material goods but neglected almsgiving, prayer, and communion with God. In the Orthodox view, true wealth lies in being "rich toward God" through love, humility, and acts of mercy. This includes sharing with the poor, supporting the Church, and dedicating ourselves to the life of Christ. St. Basil the Great exhorts us: "When someone steals a man's clothes, we call him a thief. Should we not give the same name to one who could clothe the naked and does not? The bread you hold back belongs to the hungry; the coat you store in your chest belongs to the naked."

4. Preparation for the Eternal Kingdom

Finally, the parable underscores the suddenness of death and the need to be prepared for eternity. The Church reminds us to live each day in repentance and readiness, storing treasures in heaven through a life of holiness. As the liturgical prayers frequently ask, "Grant me, O Lord, a good defense before the dread judgment seat of Christ."

In the Orthodox tradition, this parable serves as a warning against the illusion of self-sufficiency and a call to live with eternal priorities. By placing our trust in God, sharing generously with others, and cultivating a life of prayer and repentance, we can avoid the folly of the rich fool and prepare for the true riches of the heavenly Kingdom.



Orthodox Christianity 101

The Essence of Christianity

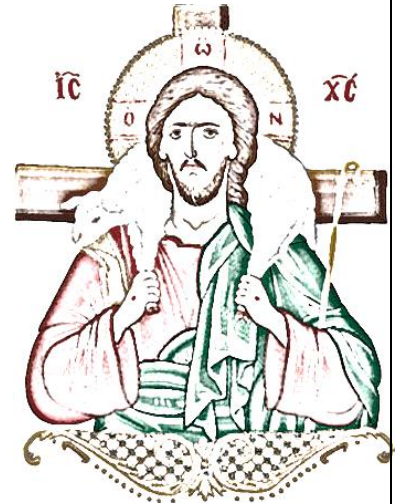
The Essence of the Christian Faith is simple: God is love and created us to partake of this love. Lest we remain infants drinking only milk, however, and fail to grow into maturity and eat solid food, we must plumb the depths and grow to maturity in wisdom and understanding. As our Lord said, be wise as serpents but gentle as doves, for He is Wisdom and true knowledge.

God is an eternal Communion of love, and created humankind to attain by grace what the Holy Trinity is by nature. God brings to fulfillment all the things of His loving dispensation to accomplish this. Above all these things is the Incarnation and the Theosis that results therein and therefrom.

Only God has absolute unbounded existence, while creatures, including humans and angels, have limited conditional existence. Indeed, only God IS absolute existence. God alone is and has natural existence unconditionally and eternally. He is the great “I AM,” the “Existing One,” or “the Being” (Ο On). Only God the Father, together with the Word begotten before time in all eternity, and the Spirit who preceeds from the Father, being spirated before time from all eternity, exist before the beginning of Creation. All other things exist as the *ex nihilo* creation of God, and only continue to exist because He upholds and preserves created existence in his memory. Therefore, the natural universe and the angelic powers have not only their origin but their continued existence dependent upon God’s perpetual memory and will. God created all things good and they are infused with His Presence, as He fills all things as the treasury of blessings and giver of life. The entire Trinity is involved in this creation, as we see in Psalm 33.6: “By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the Spirit [Pneuma, Breath] of His mouth.”

God is a Communion of the Love of Three Persons who share one Divine Nature: God the Father, together with His Only-Begotten Son and Word and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in essence and undivided. Hence, God is love. He created man in his own image that man too, might be a communion of love. He created man in His own image, and refers to man as both “him” and “them,” reflecting that man was also brought forth as a plurality of persons who share a single nature so that they too might be a communion of love, being icons of the Trinity.

For this reason, because we were created that we might attain union with God by grace and thereby union with one another, the essential commandment of God is simply this: to love—to love God above all things, and to love all the things that God loves. Love is the way that we cooperate (synergize) with God and find energetic union with Him, also called *Theosis*. Whatever comes from the human will that is not complete love is sin. Therefore, the Lord became Incarnate to save us from our sins and restore us to His love.



The Commandments

The Four High Commandments of Love given by our Lord Jesus Christ: The Two Great Commandments and New Commandments:

1&2 The Lord tells us that all the law is summed up in the commandment to Love:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. [Matt. 22.36-40](#)

3. But the Lord wants us to go beyond this, as He wants us to love one another more than we love ourselves, as He selflessly loved us and our lives putting us before Himself: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love each other. Love one another even as I have loved you. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for each other. Jn 13.34 15.12
4. For the sake of clarity, the Lord instructs us that the commandment to love includes our enemies, and gives us specific instructions as to how we can accomplish this: “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. For he makes his sun to rise on the even and on the good, and sends rains on the just and on the unjust. For if you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the Publicans do so? Therefore be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect” (Matt. 5.43-44). *[it should be noted here that at anyone moment we are either serving God, i.e. “being perfect” in goodness, or serving selfish or bad impulses. Thus most people are in a back and forth growth process, obeying the commandment at one time, and turning away from it the next]*

Are all men our neighbors?

Yes, all; because all are the creation of one God, and have come from one man: but our neighbors in faith are doubly neighbors to us, as being children of one heavenly Father by faith in Jesus Christ.

But why is there no commandment of love *to ourselves*?

There is: love your neighbor as yourself is a command to love yourself—not with sinful self-satisfying love, but as the image of God and temple of the Holy Spirit. Thus we love ourselves, not with selfish love (philavtia), but with the selfless love of the image of God within us.

No man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourisheth and cherisheth it. (Eph. 5.29). But we must take sure that this love is God-centered, not self-centered, or else it profits nothing.

What relative order should there be in our love to God, our neighbor, and ourselves?

We should love ourselves not for our own, but for God's sake, and partly also for the sake of our neighbors; we should love our neighbor also for the sake of God; but we should love God for Himself, and above all. Love of self should be sacrificed to the love of our neighbor; but both should be sacrificed to the love of God. Sacrificed does not mean “done away with” but rather offered into the ultimate context of God's love for us: *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.* [John 15.13.](#)

Ten Commandments given to Moses

- 1). I am the Lord your God—you shall have no gods other than me
- 2). You shall not make unto yourself an idol nor shall you worship idols
- 3). You shall not take up the name of the Lord your God in vain
- 4). Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy
- 5). Honor your father and your mother
- 6). You shall not murder
- 7). You shall not commit adultery
- 8). You shall not steal
- 9). You shall not bear false witness (give false testimony) against your neighbor
- 10). You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse, nor home, nor anything that belongs to your neighbor

Operative Love in the life of the Christian

The Catechumen must learn and take to heart the following duties of Christians (Matthew 6):

- **Alms (Acts of Mercy or Charity)**
- **Prayer**
- **Fasting**

1. Alms: Acts of Mercy, Charity. With regard to the first duty of Christians, called Alms, Charity, or Acts of Mercy (Matthew 6). In the Gospels, Christ does not say “if you do works of mercy” but rather “when you do works of mercy,” otherwise known as “alms.” It is listed even before prayer or fasting. Christ says that without practicing these, we shall in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven, and we will be told: “depart from me you workers of iniquity”

The works of mercy are 14 total in number, with 7 basic spiritual works of mercy and 7 basic bodily works of mercy:

The Seven Acts of Mercy relating to the Body

- To feed the hungry
- To give drink to the thirsty
- To clothe the naked
- To receive the traveler
- To visit the sick
- To visit the imprisoned
- To bury the dead

The Seven Spiritual Acts of Mercy

- To admonish sinners
- To instruct the ignorant
- To counsel the doubtful
- To pray to the Lord for the salvation of your neighbor
- To comfort the sorrowful
- To bear wrongs patiently
- To forgive all injuries



IN MEMORY OF

**MICHAEL
WOLOSCHAK**

(+ DEC 5, 2022)

ON THE 2ND ANNIVERSARY
OF HIS PASSING AWAY



**MEMORY OF HIM BE FROM
GENERATION TO GENERATION**

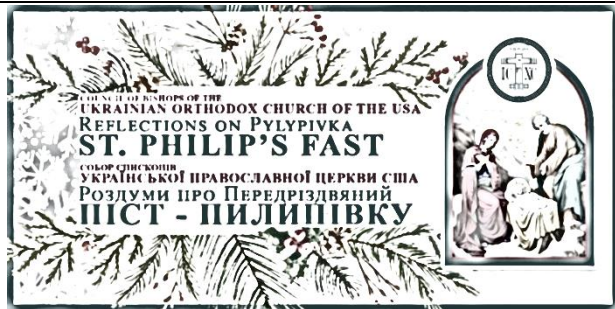
FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS
WIFE MARTY
CHILDREN STEPHANIE AND MATT

GRANDCHILDREN SUMMER,
MIKEY, MATT, KLOEY, JOEY,

KATIE, DAMIEN
GREAT GRANDCHILD
ADALYNN
MEMORY ETERNAL!



Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA: Reflections on Pylypivka - St. Philip's Fast



To the Venerable and Christ-loving clergy and laity of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Australia, New Zealand, Europe, South America, the United States of America and in Ukraine.

May the Grace of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Beloved Faithful,

As we enter the sacred period of St. Philip's Fast, the journey of preparation for the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we are invited to reflect deeply on the mystery of His becoming one of humankind. This journey calls us to approach the season with humility, love, and a profound awareness of the sanctity of life, embodied in the wondrous miracle of Christ's Incarnation.

The Annunciation reminds us of the immense gift bestowed upon humanity by God's grace. We, as Orthodox Christians, are called to hold this Biblical Truth close to our hearts. Through the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, a child was conceived - Jesus, the Savior of the world. The One who brings peace, stability, and salvation to all was born in humility and love. The Nativity of Christ is not merely an event in the past but an ever-present reality calling us to prepare our spiritual households, to make ready a place within us for the Christ Child. Let us endeavor to welcome Him with hearts that are repentant, faithful, and passionately aflame with love.

In these uncertain times, as we witness moral and cultural decay around us, it becomes ever more essential to guard our Christian values and Orthodox way of life. We are called to uphold the sanctity of life, to honor our loved ones and to live in obedience to our Lord's two Great Commandments – to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and body and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, all of us created in the image of God. Our journey through this season of fasting and prayer is an opportunity to renew our commitment to the holy virtues that illuminate the path to Christ, the "Sun of Righteousness."

As we prepare for the Nativity of our Lord, let us also deepen our acts of charity, love, and compassion. In the spirit of giving, let us remember that beyond material gifts, we all are called to become gifts of love in the very secularized world. By serving others, by reaching out to the lonely, the suffering, and the poor, we embody Christ's love. This is our truest offering, the gift that reflects His life and mission. In this fast, let us not only give gifts of love but also strive to *become* gifts of love.

Let us allow God to shape us into vessels of His love, peace and compassion. As we prepare our hearts to encounter the Christ Child, may we become more like Him, bearing the light of hope, faith, and love in a world that desperately needs it. We ask our Lord to bless you all with a spiritually rewarding season of St. Philip's Fast. May it be a time of profound preparation and holy expectation, leading us to the joyous celebration of Christ's Nativity, when light and life entered the world.

With heartfelt prayers and blessings,

+Antony, Metropolitan

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

+Jeremiah, Archbishop

Ukrainian Orthodox Eparchy of South America

+Daniel, Archbishop

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA



Embracing a Spirit of Gratitude: A Thanksgiving Message from the Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA



Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we mark the annual observance of Thanksgiving Day in the United States, we invite each of you to join us in a deep, spiritual reflection on gratitude - a gift from God that is central to our Holy Orthodox Christian faith. Thanksgiving is not merely a moment on the calendar but an essential part of the life in Christ, a time for giving thanks.

The very word "Eucharist" in the Orthodox Church means "Thanksgiving." Each Divine Liturgy is a moment when we, as the faithful, unite in thanksgiving, offering ourselves and all of creation back to the Lord, who has blessed us with life, love, and freedom. Thanksgiving is, therefore, not only a holiday but a holy way of life - a life that calls us to see every blessing as a gift from God and to respond with love, reverence, and gratitude.

As Orthodox Christians in America, we are blessed to live in a nation that treasures freedom: freedom of speech, expression, and religion. These freedoms enable us to worship God openly, to bear witness to His truth, and to serve one another in Christ's love. On this

Thanksgiving Day, let us be mindful of these privileges. Many throughout history and across the world have suffered greatly to secure these liberties, and many are deprived of them today. Our freedom is both a blessing and a responsibility, calling us to use these gifts for the glory of God and the betterment of our society.

We also give thanks for our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, which, since its founding in 1918 and even before, has been a steadfast beacon of the Gospel, a spiritual home for our faithful, and a guardian of the rich traditions of our Orthodox Christian faith. Throughout the decades, our Church has grown, strengthened by the sacrifices and faithfulness of those who came before us. We honor the memory of these spiritual forebears, and we take inspiration from their example as we continue their holy work of ministering the Word of God, caring for our communities, and supporting the beloved homeland of Ukraine.

This Thanksgiving, let us come together as families, friends, and communities to share our gratitude with one another. The Apostle Paul reminds us to “give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:18), an instruction that speaks to the heart of the Orthodox way of life. Let us express our thankfulness to God, and let us also show our gratitude to those around us — our families, our parish communities, and our neighbors. Let us be grateful for the kindness and love of those who support us, as well as for the opportunity to serve others.

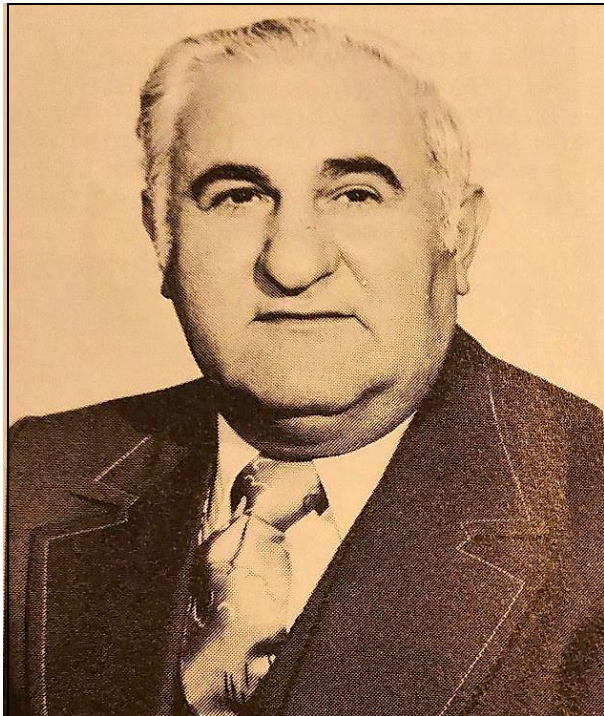
As we gather around our tables this Thanksgiving Day, let us take a moment to remember those who are less fortunate. Let us offer prayers and share what we have with those in need, particularly the suffering, the lonely, and those affected by the tragic events in Ukraine. May our hearts be filled with compassion and our lives with generosity, as we honor Christ’s command to love one another.

Together, let us offer a heartfelt prayer of thanksgiving: **"O Lord Almighty, Giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank You for the abundance of blessings You have poured out upon us. Grant us grateful hearts, that we may always recognize Your providence in our lives. Strengthen our love for one another, inspire us to serve those in need, and guide us in the ways of peace. We thank You for our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, our country, and for the freedom to worship You. May we live in constant remembrance of Your goodness, as we strive to become true bearers of Your love in this world. To You be all glory, honor, and worship, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen."**

As your hierarchs, we extend our prayers and blessings to each of you, beloved faithful. May this Thanksgiving season be a time of renewed faith, heartfelt gratitude, and joyous fellowship, reflecting the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We remain united in thanksgiving and prayer, as one holy family in the Lord.

With love and gratitude in Christ,
+Antony, Metropolitan
+Daniel, Archbishop





IN MEMORY OF

THEODORE "TED" SENEDIK

ON THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY
OF HIS PASSING AWAY

**"MAY GOD REST HIS SOUL
IN HIS HEAVENLY
KINGDOM"**



*He is remembered for his loving &
dedicated service to our Church.
Former President for fourteen years,
Treasurer, Trustee, Auditor &
Charter Member of the Sr UOL.*

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MARY ANN SENEDIK

