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**НЕДІЛЯ ЗАКХЕЯ**

**14ГО СІЧНЯ 2024**

**«ЧЕРЕЗ ВАС ХОЧУ ВИСЛОВИТИ МОЮ БЛИЗЬКІСТЬ  
ДО БАГАТОСТРАЖДАЛЬНОЇ УКРАЇНИ», — ПАПА  
ФРАНЦИСК У ЛИСТІ ДО ГЛАВИ УГКЦ**

У листі, надісланому на адресу Блаженнішого Святослава після масованих атак Російської Федерації на Україну 29 грудня 2023 року та 2 січня 2024 року, Папа Франциск назвав дії Росії «негідними та неприйнятними» і наголосив, що вони «не можуть бути оправдані жодним чином».



Зустріч Блаженнішого Святослава з Папою Франциском у Ватикані, 7 листопада 2022 року  
«Вкотре через Вашу особу бажаю висловити мою близькість до „багатостраждальної України“, оплакувати загиблих та повірити їх Божому милосердю, потішити поранених і обійняти всіх, що страждають у будь-який спосіб. Я близький до душпастирів, що намагаються дати надію людям

у „ситуації, котра здається все більше безнадійною“, — мовиться в листі-відповіді Папи Франциска на лист Блаженнішого Святослава від 29 грудня минулого року, у якому Глава УГКЦ повідомив Його Святість про трагічні наслідки найбільшої ракетної атаки Росії по Україні.

Папа висловив вдячність Главі УГКЦ за інформацію: «Разом із Вами поділяю ті самі почуття зневаги та болю, які Ви відчуваєте перед військовими операціями, котрі, завдавши удару по цивільному населенню та цивільній інфраструктурі всієї країни, є негідними та неприйнятними і не можуть бути оправдані жодним чином».

*(продовження на ст. 3)*

## SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS JANUARY 14TH, 2024

Понеділок – Mon. 15	8:00 A.M.	+Bohdan Czakowskyj (40 <sup>th</sup> day P) - family
Вівторок – Tues. 16	8:00 A.M.	Health of the ill
Середа – Wed. 17	8:00 A.M.	Evash & Denise Kocur – family Special Intention
	7:00 P.M.	+John Panko III (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv.) - family
Четвер – Thurs. 18	8:00 A.M.	Sanctification of clergy
П'ятниця – Fri. 19	8:00 A.M.	Peace in Ukraine
Субота – Sat. 20	9:00 A.M.	Health of the ill Sanctification of clergy Special Intention
Неділя – Sun. 21	8:00 A.M.	Sanctification of clergy
	9:45 A.M.	for our parishioners
	11:30 A.M.	Mothers in Prayer

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**ПРОСИМО МОЛИТИСЯ ЗА:** о. Андрія Чировського, о. Френка і Сузан Авант, о. Богдана, о. Михайла Кузьму, Миколу Гнатиска, Василя Наняка, Мирона і Лесю Куропась, Дебі Плішку, Мардж Матвіїв, Любу Чорну, Любу Лукомську, Євгенію Яхнів, Джекі Мишкієвич, Анну Назар, Келвина Макмена, Наталію Лісову, Левка Сенечка, Любу Кузьму, Джим МекМен, Мирона Добровольського, Марію Пцола, Малі Вайт, Джині Джуп, Кристин Гайардо, Лайен Радула, Марію Бравн і за всіх недужих.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Fr. Andriy Chirovsky, Fr. Frank & Susan Avant, Fr. Bohdan, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Mykola Hnatysko, Wasyl Naniak, Myron & Lesia Kuropas, Debbie Plishka, Marge Matviuw, Luba Chorney, Luba Lukomskyj, Betty Jachniw, Jackie Myshkiewicz, Anna Nazar, Calvin McMahon, Nataliya Lisova, Leo Senechko, Luba Kuzma, Jim McMahon, Myron Dobrowolsky, Maria Pszczola, Molly White, Ginny Jupp, Kristin Gajardo, Liane Radula, Mary Brown and all in need of our prayers.

### BOUNDLESS TRUST IN MY MERCY

**Meditation:** Let souls who are striving for perfection particularly adore My mercy, because the abundance of graces which I grant them flows from My mercy. I desire that these souls distinguish themselves by boundless trust in My mercy. I Myself will attend to the sanctification of such souls. I will provide them with everything they will need to attain sanctity (*Diary*, 1578).

**My Prayer Response:** Lord Jesus, I am striving for perfection, but I really need more of Your mercy. I am nothing without You. Teach me and all souls striving for sanctity how to adore Your mercy and to trust in You still more!

(продовження з ст. 1)

Папа Франциск вважає вкрай небезпечним, що «на тлі драматичних міжнародних подій є ризик, що війна в Україні може стати „забутою“ війною». Тому «нашим обов'язком є зробити все для того, щоб ця війна не була оповита тишею, не лише для того, щоби вжахатися перед трагічними фактами, але насамперед для того, щоби змусити всіх, хто відповідальний, та міжнародну спільноту до пошуку мирних рішень», — наголосив Святіший Отець.

У листі Папа Франциск нагадав, що використовує кожну нагоду, щоби війна в Україні не стала «забутою». «У сьогоднішній загальній аудієнції [3 січня 2024 року. — Ред.] я закликав не забувати народи, де є війна, пригадуючи, що „війна є божевіллям, війна завжди є програшом. Помолімося. Помолімося за людей в Палестині, Ізраїлі, Україні та багатьох інших місцях, де триває війна“. Я те саме повторив 1 січня у Всесвітній день миру і продовжуватиму це робити, голосно закликаючи допоки не стихне гуркіт зброї в Україні і не розпочнеться шлях до справедливого миру».

*Секретаріат Глави УГКЦ у Рим*

## **ОГОЛОШЕННЯ**

1. Хто бажає благословення дому Йорданською водою прошу виповнити листки які знаходяться на столики при виході із храму.
2. 28 січня святкуємо 25ліття священослужіння о. Андрія Кузняка. Просимо усіх на св. Літургію котру відправить о. Андрій о год. 11:30 а відтак на святковий обід в нашій цековній залі. Просимо закупити білети на обід в парафіяльній канцелярії після св. Літургії.
3. Молимося що тижня за духовенство нашої Епархії. В особливий спосіб молимся цього тижня за отця Давида Андерсон.
4. Запрошуємо усіх на каву і солодке після Святої Літургії.
5. Концерт "Колядуймо Разом" відбудеться в неділю 14го січно в нашій Катедрі св. о. Миколая, починаючи о 2ій годині по обіді.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

1. If you would like your home blessed by our priests with the blessed Jordan waters please fill out the forms which you can find on the table to the left as you exit our church.
2. On Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priestly ordination of Fr. Andrii Kuzniak. Please join us for the Divine Liturgy that Fr. Andrii will celebrate at 11:30 followed by a celebratory luncheon in our church hall. Please buy tickets for the luncheon in our parish office after the Divine Liturgy
3. We pray weekly for the priests of our Eparchy. This week let us pray in a special way for Fr. David Anderson.
4. Please join us for coffee and cake after the Divine Liturgy in our church hall.
5. The annual "Carolling Together" Christmas concert will take place on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at our Cathedral. Freewill offerings are designated for aid to Ukrainian soldiers.

"In a world where the name of God is sometimes associated with vengeance or even a duty of hatred and violence...I wish in my first Encyclical (Deus Caritas Est) to speak of the love which God lavishes upon us, and which we in turn must share with others."

***Pope Benedict XVI***

## **COMMUNIQUE REGARDING THE RECEPTION IN THE UGCC OF THE DECLARATION OF THE DICASTERY FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH FIDUCIA SUPPLICANS ON THE PASTORAL SIGNIFICANCE OF BLESSINGS**

In response to numerous requests from bishops, clergy, monastics, church movements and individual laypersons of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church regarding the Declaration of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith "Fiducia Supplicans" (December 18, 2023) on the pastoral sense of blessings, after consultations with relevant experts and competent institutions, I would like to bring to your attention the following:

1. The afore-mentioned Declaration interprets the pastoral meaning of blessings in the Latin Church, and not in the Eastern Catholic Churches. It does not address questions of Catholic faith or morals, does not provide any precepts according to the Code of Canons for the Eastern Churches, and does not mention Eastern Christians. Therefore, on the basis of canon. 1492 of the CCEO, this Declaration applies solely to the Latin Church and has no legal force for the faithful of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church.
2. The Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church is one of the Eastern Catholic Churches, therefore it has its own liturgical, theological, canonical and spiritual heritage, which all the faithful are obliged to observe and which they are called to foster (CCEO, canons 39-41). The meaning of the concept of "blessing" in the UGCC is different from that of the Latin Church.
3. According to the liturgical practice of our Church, the blessing of a priest or bishop is a liturgical gesture that cannot be separated from the rest of the content of liturgical rites and reduced only to the circumstances and needs of private piety (Catechism of the UGCC Christ – our Pascha, paragraphs 505-509).
4. According to the traditions of the Byzantine rite, the concept of "blessing" means approval, permission or even instruction regarding certain types of actions, ascetical practices, in particular, certain types of fasting and prayer. It is obvious that a blessing from a priest always has an evangelistic and catechetical dimension, therefore it cannot in any way contradict the teaching of the Catholic Church about the family as a faithful, indissoluble, and fruitful union of love between a man and a woman, which our Lord Jesus Christ raised to the dignity of Holy Mystery (Sacrament) of Marriage. Pastoral prudence prompts us to avoid ambiguous gestures, statements and concepts that would contort or distort the word of God and the teachings of the Church.

The blessing of the Lord be upon you!

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## **POPE FRANCIS: 'PRAYING WITH OUR LADY IS BEAUTIFUL'**



Pope Francis emphasizes the experience of praying with the Blessed Virgin Mary as helping God make even small gestures bear fruit, as he meets with a delegation of the "Sentinels of the Holy Family" Marian prayer network.

"Praying with Our Lady is beautiful," said Pope Francis during an audience on Thursday with the Marian prayer Network called the "Sentinels of the Holy Family."

The network was founded ten years ago in Belgium but has since spread internationally, with the aim of prayerfully presenting the intentions of the Church and the world to Mary.

The Holy Father began his address by welcoming the delegation and thanking them for working to cultivate an ever more fervent prayer in communion with the Blessed Mother.

### ***Humility and simplicity***

The Pope said he appreciated the simplicity and humility of their movement, which arose spontaneously as a result of prayer together.

"The commitment required of one who wants to become a 'sentinel' is simple," he said. "It might even seem laughable: recite a decade of the Rosary every day. Very simple."

"It is little in the eyes of men, but," he reassured, "great in the eyes of God, if it is done faithfully over time, with faith and in a spirit of communion among you."

"God," Pope Francis reassured, "loves what is small and makes it bear fruit."

*"God loves what is small and makes it bear fruit."*

The Holy Father observed that the network is composed only of women, and said this highlights their vocation in the Church to follow in the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### ***Conforming to Mary as model***

The Pope praised their prayer to Our Lady for her intercession, but especially their wish to conform themselves "to her and her motherhood," and to unite themselves "to her prayer of intercession as a mother for all the children of the Church and for the world."

"Whatever your state in life may be, with Mary, you are all mothers," the Pope said. "Your prayer and your commitment as 'sentinels' are oriented according to Mary's model, with certain characteristics."

The Pope recognized the gaze and care they cast on others and on the realities of the world, with all its tragedies and challenges. He expressed his hopes that their gaze may always be

"like that of the Virgin Mary, a mother's gaze, patient, understanding, and compassionate."

"Mary, seeing the Child Jesus suffer poverty, does not become discouraged, does not complain," he said, but rather "remains silent; she keeps her heart and meditates."

"This," Pope Francis observed, "is what mothers do: they know how to overcome obstacles and conflicts; they know how to instill peace. This is how they manage to transform adversity



into opportunities for rebirth and growth."

The Holy Father encouraged the delegation to continue helping people discover the meaning of their lives and to always keep hope and faith in the future.

The Pope went on to emphasize the need for tenderness, lamenting how "harsh" the world is today, calling it "implacable, deaf, and indifferent" to the suffering and needs of our neighbours. "Mary," on the other hand, he recalled, "was tenderness for Jesus; and she is tenderness for the Church and the world."

Living this example of tenderness, he said, "is certainly also the vocation of a 'sentinel': to incarnate in some way Mary's tenderness for the Church and the world."

The Holy Father concluded by thanking the delegation for their visit and dedication and urging them to persevere with courage, simplicity and heart.

**OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE, QUEEN OF PEACE**  
*"Medjugorje is the spiritual center of the world"*



January 12, 2024

Dear Family of Mary!

In today's gospel reading (i.e. in the Roman Catholic Church), Jesus is in Capernaum, in His home. Everyone finds out, and they fill the house and the area around the house, hoping to see and hear Him. Then four men carry a paralytic to the house, and finding they cannot get in, they go to the roof and break it open and let the man down by ropes. Wow! That is a big effort, a desperate effort of love for their friend.

Then it says, **"When Jesus saw their faith, he said to him, 'Child, your sins are forgiven.'"** Jesus saw the faith of the four men who lowered the paralytic down before Him. And that faith was what opened the way for the healing that followed.

Faith is essential for us! Faith opens the way for hope and love! Faith guides our actions by helping us choose God's ways and not our own. If the men who carried the paralytic had not had deep faith in Jesus' power to heal, they would never have done such a desperate deed!!

Our Lady wants us to have that kind of faith:

**August 25, 2002**

**"Dear children!**

**Also today I am with you in prayer  
so that God gives you an even stronger faith.**

**Little children, your faith is small  
and you are not even aware of how much, despite this,  
you are not ready to seek the gift of faith from God.**

**That is why I am with you, little children,  
to help you comprehend my messages  
and put them into life.**

**Pray, pray, pray  
and only in faith  
and through prayer  
your soul will find peace  
and the world will find joy  
to be with God.**

**Thank you for having responded to my call."**

We need to seek the gift of Faith from God!!! We need to ask for a deeper Faith every morning when we get up. Ask for it, and God will pour it out upon you!! Faith is necessary!! Seek it!!

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph!  
Cathy Nolan  
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## **ПРИГАДУЄМО УСІМ ПАРАФІЯНАМ**

Щоб гідно приймати Святі Тайни парафіянин повинен жити за правилами віри та серйозно підготувитися. Добрі (віддані) парафіяни є ті котрі:

- 1** В неділі й свята беруть участь в Святій Літургії
- 2** Жертвують час, таланти і матеріально підтримують парафію
- 3** Записані до парафії
- 4** Знають загальні правди й молитви нашої віри

## **A REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS**

Reception of the Sacraments requires the committed practice of the faith and serious preparation. Committed parishioners are those who:

- 1.** Attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday's and Feast Days
- 2.** Give of their time, talents and financial resources
- 3.** Have enrolled in the parish
- 4.** Know and understand the basic prayer and tenets of our faith