

THE HEAD OF OUR CHURCH MAKES A SPECIAL APPEAL

Dear Faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Ukrainian Catholic Parishes throughout Ukraine continue to serve as sources of our Lord's Sacramental grace and places of spiritual consolation for the Faithful who continue to gather for prayer in churches and parish facilities. They have also become the go-to places for basic humanitarian aid, including food, water and even medical care.

The Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, His Beatitude SVIATOSLAV, except when for when he travels abroad to seek aid for his people or to encourage them to stay united, chooses to stay in Ukraine among his People. He just issued an appeal for aid to keep the parishes functioning throughout the harshness of winter and the tragedy of the Russian invasion. This way the people will continue to have their churches to encounter the living Christ and to give them hope and consolation and they will have a place to which they can turn for humanitarian aid.

In the next couple of weeks, when your Parish Priest calls for a special collection or fundraising opportunity, please consider giving generously - as you have since the beginning of the war.

May the Lord bless you!

May the Lord bless and multiply our humble efforts!

May the Lord grant an end to the war!

+Michael

Bishop, Eparchy of New Westminster

For more information please use this link:

<https://ugcc.ua/en/data/the-head-of-the-ukrainian-greek-catholic-church-in-week-239-of-the-war-surviving-this-winter-means-preparing-for-it-together-2447/>

The Special Collection for Parishes in Ukraine will be held at St. Mary's on Sunday, October 18, 2026. Special envelopes will be made available at the entrance to the church for this collection.

If you would like a tax receipt, please write your name and address on the envelope marked "*Special Appeal - Спеціальний Збір*".

Please make cheques payable to "St. Mary's Parish" and indicate in the memo portion that it is for "*Special Appeal*". All donations collected will be forwarded to the Eparchy of New Westminster.