SAINT ANDREW THE FIRST CALLED APOSTLE
UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF BOSTON
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Sunday, October 25, 2026

Greatmartyr Pareskeva (3rd Century)

Saturday, October 24, 2026 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Demetrious Memorial Saturday – followed by a panahyda for the departed

Sunday, October 25, 2026 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Thank you to Yana Rubina for hosting Coffee Hour today in memory of the seven-year anniversary of her father's falling asleep in the Lord. May his memory be eternal.

Sunday, November 1, 2026 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
After the Liturgy:
Join us for our Annual Ukrainian Foodfest!

Sunday, November 8, 2026 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy –Please note the Liturgy will begin at 10:30 AM due to a running race in the area. Please consider volunteering for Coffee Hour today!

Save the date: St. Olha's Sisterhood looks forward to their Annual Foodfest! We are always grateful for those interested in helping. Please speak with Vera Geba or Val Dingle if you would like to volunteer!

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 | **7:00 PM**

St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church
24 Orchardhill Road
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served afterward.

Organized by:

UAEC - Boston

Ukrainian American Educational Center of Boston

Olga's List

Happy birthday greetings are extended to all those who have birthdays in OCTOBER: Andrew Lozynsky (October 4), Sandra Kondratiuk and Vasyl Stan (October 10), Valentina Filosova (October 11), George Wons (October 15), Sophie Stec (October 17) Angelina Rose Podolsky, Masha and Liza Malik (October 20) and Roman Tarnavsky (October 26). May God grant them many happy years!

If you would like us to honor you or a family member on your birthday, we would be happy to include that in our birthday greetings.

If you would like to sponsor a bulletin in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone's anniversary or birthday or just to offer good wishes, please send your information to Jane Yavarow and make a donation of your choosing to the church.

Downed tree on the Parish House driveway! October 5, 2026

On Monday (October 5) there were some strong gusts of wind in Jamaica Plain. One of the trees near the driveway of the parish house sheared off.

Many, many thanks to Mr. Andriy Baran for donating his time and talents by taking care of this matter!

VARENYKY FOR SALE! Buy some delicious frozen varenyky to take home. Just heat and serve!

St. Olha's Sisterhood wants you! Will you offer your talents to help the church? St. Olha's Sisterhood welcomes all new members!

Please keep Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Mrs. Angelina Grundhoff, Mrs. Marion Musial, Mr. Vasyl Stan, Mr. Ralph Annese, and Ms. Sasha Kondratiuk in your prayers.

O Physician of souls and bodies, O Christ our God, who didst bear our infirmities and carry our sorrows: visit and heal Thy servant, (name), granting him/her relief from pain and restoration of health. Raise him/her up from his bed of sickness, strengthen him/her with Thy grace, and grant patience and peace to those who care for him/her. For Thou art the Source of healing, and to Thee we offer glory, together with Thine Eternal Father and Thy Most-Holy, Good, and Life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen

CHURCH CHORES! CHURCH CHORE! CHURCH CHORES!

LEND A HELPING HAND!

This month the icon shelf behind the iconostas was repaired. The filters were changed out in the gas furnaces for the church and the hall. The piano was serviced and tuned. The grease traps were cleaned out in the kitchen. The kitchen floors were washed and the bathrooms were cleaned.

October 21, 2026 – The gas pipes were inspected by National Grid

There are many more jobs that need to be done this month to get the hall ready for our Ukrainian Foodfest. If you can help, please see Jane Yavarow. Your efforts would be most appreciated!

Since February of 2022, when Ukraine was invaded, St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church has engaged in raising funds for humanitarian aid for the victims of the war. Through our fundraisers, generous parishioners and generous friends from the greater Boston Community, we have raised well over $150,000. These funds have been distributed to many worthy causes. One of those is RAZOM, an organization dedicated to helping those directly in Ukraine with medical emergency response equipment and supplies as well as in other ways. On Friday, October 16, 2026, Jane Yavarow and Steven Prutzer represented St. Andrew's at a reception for RAZOM held on Beacon Hill in Boston. It was an informative evening focusing on how RAZOM will help those in need this winter in Ukraine. At that time, Jane Yavarow presented a check from the St. Andrew's Charity Fund to RAZOM. Accepting the check was RAZOM CEO Dora Chomiak (Left of Jane Yavarow) and Victoria Klymchuk-Dluhach, General Manager in Ukraine (Right of Jane Yavarow).

They were overjoyed with our donation. Please consider making a donation to our charity fund for Ukraine, so we can continue to do our small part for our brothers and sisters in our ancestral homeland.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

"He who sings prays twice!"

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CHOIR!

Please speak with our Choir Director Tanya Portyankina or Fr. Roman if you are interested in singing in the choir. We welcome new voices!

Beloved clergy, brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomed children into His embrace, declaring: "Let the little children come to Me." In that sacred invitation, we hear our own responsibility: to love children, defend their dignity, protect their lives, and help them grow in peace.

With this Gospel calling before us, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA offers its full and prayerful support for the Ukrainian National Women's League of America's **"Children Praying for Children" initiative and its accompanying "Hope for Ukraine's Children" campaign.** We encourage our parish communities to join this effort through prayer, generosity, education, and compassionate action, culminating in **World Children's Day on November 20, 2026**.

The suffering of Ukraine's children demands our sustained attention. As of September 2026, Ukraine had officially verified **20,651 cases of children deported or forcibly transferred by Russia**. The true number may be significantly higher because each case requires individual verification, and Russia has withheld comprehensive information. As of September 28, 2026, **2,650 children had been returned through Ukraine's Bring Kids Back UA initiative**. These figures represent a profound wound and the precious hope of homecoming.

Behind every number is a child: a face, a name, a voice, a life beloved by God. Behind every absence is someone waiting - a mother who longs to hear her child's footsteps, a father holding on to a photograph, a grandmother whispering a prayer beside an empty bed.

We must ask ourselves: *What does our faith require of us when a child is taken from home? What does it mean to call one another brothers and sisters in Christ if we allow distance to diminish our compassion?*

The Church's response begins in prayer and takes shape through love. When our children pray for children they have never met, they learn that Christian concern reaches beyond familiar faces and national borders. When a parish gives sacrificially, its offering becomes an expression of the Gospel. When we speak truthfully about these children's suffering, we help resist the silence that allows them to be forgotten.

UNWLA's "Children Praying for Children" initiative runs from October 17 through November 20, with a suggested gathering weekend of October 24–25. Its companion fundraising campaign seeks to raise $100,000 by November 20 to support children's return and the rehabilitation and care they need afterward. UNWLA provides an organizing toolkit and opportunities to establish community fundraising pages.

We therefore invite every parish to undertake a meaningful observance through one or more of the following activities:

- **Gather in prayer.** Offer a Moleben or parish prayer service for Ukraine's children, their safe return, their healing, and the reunification of families. Include intercessions during worship on November 20 or the nearest Sunday.
- **Invite children to pray for children.** Encourage church school students and youth groups to participate in a prayer gathering, write prayers, or create a display expressing hope, compassion, and solidarity.
- **Make a sacrificial offering.** Organize a special collection, charitable meal, bake sale, or youth fundraising project in support of UNWLA's campaign. Establish a parish fundraising page through its official campaign resources.
- **Teach with compassion.** Arrange an age-appropriate church school lesson or parish discussion about the children affected by Russia's war, the sacred dignity of every human person, and our Christian responsibility to protect the vulnerable.
- **Work with your local UNWLA branch.** Plan a shared community gathering, use the initiative's toolkit, and inform UNWLA of your event so that your parish's participation can be included in its nationwide effort.
- **Raise awareness and advocate.** Share verified information through parish bulletins and community gatherings, and encourage respectful appeals to elected representatives for sustained efforts to return Ukrainian children and support their recovery.

Campaign information, donation opportunities, and the organizing toolkit are available through UNWLA's official campaign page. Parish communities may also contact **office@unwla.org** for guidance.

Beloved faithful, a child's return home is the beginning of healing. Children who have endured separation, fear, and coercion need patient care, trustworthy relationships, and the opportunity to rediscover safety. Let our commitment continue beyond a single observance, accompanying them and their families with prayer and generosity.

As November 20 approaches, let every parish become a place where Ukraine's children are remembered before God. Let every church school teach compassion through action. Let every family make room in its prayers for a family still waiting.

We call upon the clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA to unite in prayer:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who welcomed children and blessed them with Your loving hands, look with mercy upon the children of Ukraine and all children suffering from war. Protect those held far from home; guide those laboring for their return; comfort parents and families who wait in anguish. Heal the wounds of fear and separation, preserve these children in their dignity, and surround them with faithful love. Grant them safe homecoming, peace, and the freedom to grow in hope. Awaken our hearts to serve them with courage and compassion, and receive our prayers and offerings as acts of love in Your holy name. Through the prayers of Your Most Pure Mother and all Your saints. Amen.

With prayers and archpastoral love,

Metropolitan Antony
Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

Archbishop Daniel
President of the Consistory
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA - УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS - В ЖОВТНІ СВЯТКУЄМО

1 **THE PROTECTION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY**
ПОКРОВ ПРЕСВЯТОЇ ВЛАДИЧИЦІ НАШОЇ БОГОРОДИЦІ І ВСЕДІВИ МАРІЇ

6 **Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas**
Апостола Фоми

9 **Holy Apostle James, son of Alphaeus**
Ап. Якова Алфеєва

18 **Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke**
Апостола і євангеліста Луки

23 **Holy Apostle James the Brother of the Lord**
Апостола Якова, брата Господня по плоті

24 **Demetrious memorial Saturday**
Димитрівська поминальна субота

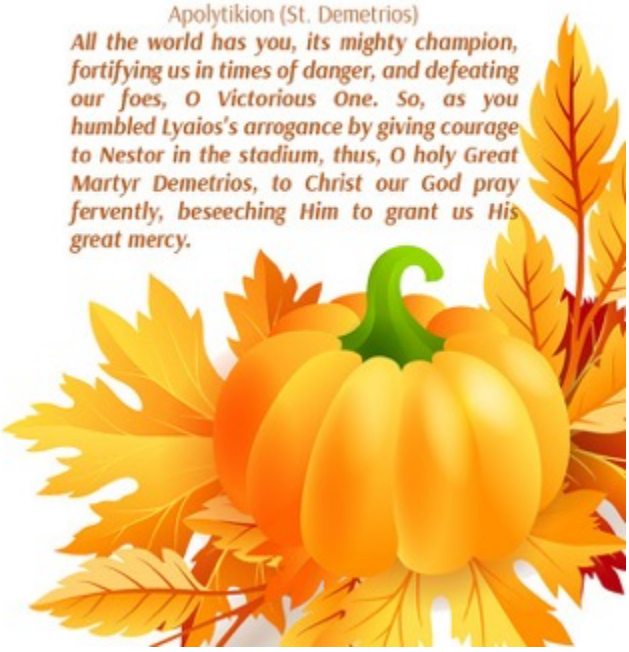
26 **Holy and Glorious Great-martyr Demetrius the Myrrhgusher of Thessalonica**
Вмч. Димитрія Солунського

27 **St. Nestor the Chronicler of the Kyiv Caves**
Прп. Нестора Літописця, Печерського

28 **Great-martyr Parasceva of Iconium**
Вмц. Параскеви

Most holy Mother of God,
today we Orthodox joyfully celebrate
thy coming among us.
As we gaze at thy icon we cry with compunction:
Shelter us under thy protection,
deliver us from evil,
and pray thy Son Christ our God to save our souls.
(Troparion of the Feast)

Apolytikion (St. Demetrios)
All the world has you, its mighty champion, fortifying us in times of danger, and defeating our foes, O Victorious One. So, as you humbled Lyaios's arrogance by giving courage to Nestor in the stadium, thus, O holy Great Martyr Demetrios, to Christ our God pray fervently, beseeching Him to grant us His great mercy.



Artist Sergii Galai

Host a Coffee Hour! All families, men and women, young and old - are welcome to volunteer for Coffee Hour once (or more!) during this year. Sign up with friends and relatives, if you like. With your help, we can hold a Coffee Hour every Sunday and raise much needed funds for the church. It's simple to do. Sign up for a particular date in the kitchen. On your given Sunday, bring some baked goods and/or pastries to church. They can be store bought or homemade. It's your choice. Also bring a ½ gallon of milk. The coffee will be made for you. After church, serve the coffee and pastries. After the Coffee Hour is over, attend to the clean-up. It's as simple as that! If you have questions, please call Val Dingle, 603-969-7990, or speak to someone at church. This is one small thing everyone can do to get involved and help out at St. Andrew's.

WE WELCOME ANY AND ALL DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH, LARGE OR SMALL. We are most grateful for your kindness. Your donation is essential to the church. From your contribution, we pay the priest's salary and health insurance, as well as pay the utilities for the church including water, heat, electricity, lawn care, general maintenance, special projects and winter related necessities including snow plowing.

Checks should be made out to: St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Boston
Please offer your donations during the church collection or send your dues and donations to:
Mr. Leonid Kondratiuk, Treasurer
53 Vernon Road
Belmont, MA 02478

Petrykivka Art by Nataliia Statyva-Zharko

The Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra (also known as the Kyiv Monastery of the Caves), is an historic Eastern Orthodox monastery complex situated on the grassy hills overlooking the Dnieper River in Kyiv, Ukraine. Established in 1051 by the monks Anthony and Theodosius during the reign of Yaroslav the Wise, it began as a collection of subterranean caves where hermit monks lived, prayed, and were eventually buried. Over the centuries, it grew into the preeminent spiritual and cultural center of Eastern Slavic Orthodoxy. The monastery was sacked multiple times, most severely during the Mongol invasion of 1240. It was rebuilt each time, reaching its architectural golden age during the 17th and 18th centuries under Cossack Hetman Ivan Mazepa, when many of its buildings were redesigned in the magnificent Ukrainian Baroque style.

PRAY FOR UKRAINE

МОЛИТВА ЗА ВОЇНІВ І ТИХ ХТО ПОТЕРПАЄ ВІД ВІЙНИ

Боже Великий, Боже Всесильний! Ми, грішні діти Твої, у покорі сердець наших приходимо до Тебе і схиляємо голови наші.

Отче! Прости провини наші та провини батьків, дідів і прадідів наших.

Прийми нині, благаємо Тебе, щиру молитву нашу і подяку нашу за безмежне милосердя Твоє до нас.

Вислухай наші молитви і прийми благання сердець наших.

Благослови нашу Батьківщину Україну, перемогу над ворогом, долю, мир та щастя їй дай.

Премилосердний Господи, усім, хто вдається до Тебе з благанням, милість Твою подай.

Благаємо Тебе, Боже, за Воїнів і Захисників, за братів і сестер наших, за вдовиць, за сиріт, за калік і немічних, за тих, хто в окупації і полоні, за тих, хто в скрутних життєвих обставинах, за біженців і за всіх тих, хто Твого милосердя та допомоги Твоєї потребують.

З'єднай нас усіх в єдину велику Христову сім'ю, щоб усі люди України нашої єдністю й перемогами славили величне Ім'я Твоє завжди, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні.

Амінь!

УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США

*** PRAYER FOR SOLDIERS *** AND THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM WAR

O Great God, Almighty God! We, Your sinful children, come to You in the humility of our hearts and bow our heads.

Father! Forgive our sins and the sins of our fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers.

Accept now, we beseech You, our sincere prayer and our gratitude for Your boundless mercy toward us.

Hear our prayers and accept the supplications of our hearts.

Bless our homeland Ukraine, granting prosperity, happiness, peace, and victory over her enemies.

Most merciful Lord, grant Your mercy to all who come to You in supplication.

We beseech You, O God, for the soldiers and defenders, for our brothers and sisters, for widows, orphans, the crippled and the infirm, for those who are under occupation and in captivity, for those in difficult life circumstances, for refugees, and for all those who need Your mercy and help.

Unite us all in one great family of Christ, so that through our unity and victory, all the people of Ukraine may glorify Your majestic Name, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Amen!

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