

## St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Boston

Last Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2022, St. Andrew's held a very successful fundraiser for Ukraine in the church hall after the Divine Liturgy. We hosted a take-out sale for varenyky and soups. Special thanks go to Valentina Dingle, Vera Geba and Halia Banadyga who spent their Saturday packing 700 varenyky for the sale, and Val, Halia and George Wons who donated their delicious homemade borscht, mushroom barley and split pea soups for the sale.





We thank all of you who made monetary contributions, both in church, through the mail, and at the Coffee Hour. There was so much money to count, that our treasurer Len Kondratiuk stayed home from work on Monday to be able to make a deposit. Our Parish Board will be meeting to designate where these donations will be distributed. (Len on the right)



We also took in an incredible number of medical supplies. When we opened our doors at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning, a steady stream of new found friends, only wanting to help in some way, dropped off bag after bag of life-saving items that we will now need to box and ship to Ukraine. We are overwhelmed by everyone's generosity.

Special thanks go to Ilyana Sawka, the church's Corresponding Secretary, who initiated the Medical Supplies Drive.





We also acknowledge Zina Kondratiuk and Jane Yavarow who spent this past Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the church receiving donations and greeting passersby who dropped off checks. They also did an initial sort of the mass of items delivered to the stage.

At this time, we are now only accepting monetary donations as we are out of space. We will be sending out a notice to recruit volunteers to help with packing and shipping very soon.

After the fundraiser was over, a photographer from WBZ TV showed up and recorded some footage that was broadcast later that evening.

News story below featuring St. Andrew's

<https://news.yahoo.com/local-communities-gather-medical-supplies-041600252.html>

Finally, we especially want to say thank you to Fr. Roman who has been a wonderful spokesperson on behalf of the church. Despite the fact that he is so worried for his family in Ukraine and all who are suffering, he has given interviews on radio, read the prayer for Ukraine at the opening of the Boston City Council meeting, and attended and spoken at rallies. He could be answering phone calls, emails and texts 24/7 from people who want to help. We are grateful for his efforts.

