

To: His Eminence Daniel, Archbishop of Chicago and the
Widwest

Your Eminence!

Brotherhood of The Holy Dormition Svyatogorskaya Lavra and the sisters of Saint John Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco skete, founded on the sight of his parent's original home, send their cordial thanks to you personally, clergy of your diocese as well as parishioners of SS. Peter and Paul Parish of Phoenix AZ of the Orthodox Church in America for the brotherly prayerful support and financial help in the time of ordeal, send down upon our homeland.

Financial means, provided as charitable assistance to the Svyatogorskaya Lavra which suffered from military actions and has become needy at this difficult time, have been used to purchase eight tons of diesel to supply power generators which provide light for the brotherhood of the Lavra, skete nuns as well as hundreds of refugees who have presently found shelter here. For us this is not just electric light, so necessary for the functioning of the monastery, but it is the light of Christian love originated in the not indifferent hearts of the Orthodox Christians of America.

We wish you, Your Eminence, and your flock peace and prosperity. We ask in our prayer that for all the beneficence granted to Her holy habitation, our Most Holy Lady Theotokos will continue to be a quick Intercessor and Helper in all of your good deeds.

With love in the Lord,

Metropolitan of Svyatogorsk, Vicar of Donetsk Diocese, Deputy abbot of The Holy Dormition Sviatogorsk Lavra.



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Dear brothers and sisters of SS. Peter and Paul Church!

I sincerely thank you all for your constant remembrance of the numerous flock of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and that you do not stay indifferent to such difficult present situation for the Ukrainian people.

Since the first days of war in Ukraine our church of Saint Theodosios of Chernigov has received over a hundred needing who with your help were provided with shelter, food and spiritual care in this critical situation.

Charitable assistance and social aid of our parish were versatile. It included assistance for the nuns of Holy Protection Monastery of Kiev, monetary support for clergy of Chernigov Diocese whose homes were completely destroyed or severely damaged during the bombing. At your help two surgeries were sponsored, one for a monk of Kiev-Cave Lavra and an orthopedic one for a woman from Buchia. Besides the above financial help was given out to the needy parishioners of our church.

With God's Mercy since the regaining of the city of Slaviansk in September of 2022 with your assistance we could provide help directly to the monks of The Holy Dormition Sviatogorskaya Lavra and to the nuns of St. John of Shanghai skete in the village of Adamovka, the birth place of St. John (Maximovich), whose relics now rest in San Fracisco, as well as for the refuges who found shelter at the Lavra.



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Overall God willed to provide support to five hundred faithful. This support included forming of first medical care and personal hygiene products kits as well as food products. The total of eight tons of diesel were purchased to supply the power generators.

The city of Kherson since its regaining in November of 2022 up until this day lacks electric power and water supply. With the blessing of His Beatitude Onuphry, Metropolitan of Kiev and all Ukraine, Synodal Charity Department of UOC using your support provided the city with over a ton of food supply and warm clothing.

We express our appreciation and sincere thankfulness for all of your good deeds and care for a neighbor. We say this not to arouse vainglory, but to testify your good deeds through which The Name of Christ is glorified. Every virtue we do glorifies our Lord. Who Himself Has said: *“May your light so shines before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Who is in Heaven.”*

May the All - good Lord send down to you good health, blessed peace at heart, spiritual joy and all necessary for caring out the graceful labors for the glory of God!

With the blessing and love in Jesus Christ,

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