

An Important Message from His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios



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To the Reverend Clergy, the Ladies Philoptochos Societies and all the faithful of the Metropolis of Atlanta:

My beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

I greet you with love in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we prepare to greet the beginning of the Springtime Fast, I am mindful of the terrible conflict that has befallen the citizens of Ukraine, Orthodox and non-Orthodox, because of the Russian invasion.

Even as we enter a period of repentance, and shall pray more fervently for peace and goodwill to be restored, I am proud to write to you that our Archdiocese has established **the GOARCH Ukraine Relief Fund**. This Fund (which shall receive beneficial advice from International Orthodox Christian Charities) "*...aims to raise \$1 million for both immediate and long-term support of the Ukrainian people*". I am also pleased to announce that yesterday afternoon His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America donated \$100,000 to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, on behalf of our Archdiocese, to support the efforts of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

This easy to use page (available by clicking here, or visiting www.goarch.org/donate/ukraine) allows for an individual to select their donation amount, and then to specify their Metropolis and their home parish. In this way we all--individual persons, families & parish communities--can do our part to uplift the Ukrainian nation through prayer and monetary assistance.

To quote His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros' coming encyclical, "*We join our spirit to the spirit of His All-Holiness and exhort all our Faithful: offer prayers and tangible support for all the Ukrainian People, those of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and those of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church under the Moscow Patriarchate, those of the Ukrainian Catholic and Jewish communities, and all who find themselves in the dire circumstances of war.*"

Standing with the people of Ukraine, and praying for a quick and peaceful resolution, I remain,

Paternally yours with love and blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexios', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

+ ALEXIOS

Metropolitan of Atlanta

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