

STATEMENT ON THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE RUSSIAN FULL-SCALE INVASION OF UKRAINE

February 23, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What can be said on the fourth anniversary of the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine, after 12 years of war, in a winter where the aggressor seeks to use Mother Nature as an accomplice in state-sponsored terrorism? This winter, the harshest in years, has been deliberately exploited to break the spirit of a nation—men and women, military and civilians, grandparents, parents, and children—standing for freedom, justice, democracy, and God-given human dignity. It is a war against the people. The genocidal intent is manifest.

Russia has systematically targeted Ukraine's social and spiritual infrastructure. At least 2,881 attacks on healthcare have been documented, affecting medical personnel, hospitals and clinics, ambulances, and medical warehouses across the country. 4,048 educational institutions have been damaged and 408 destroyed, affecting millions of children. More than 600 churches and places of worship, representing various denominations, have been damaged or leveled. Everywhere Russian occupation has taken hold, the Ukrainian Catholic Church has been banned, and all religious confessions except the Moscow Patriarchate are persecuted. Tens of thousands of children have been abducted and deported to Russia. Civilian prisoners, including clergy, are mercilessly tortured.

Despite countless deaths and millions of casualties, the people of God resist, trust, and pray. They stand and fight evil and tyranny to live and witness to the truth.

In a world that Pope Benedict described as living under the dictatorship of relativism, where seemingly everything is up for sale and relationships or principles are reduced to deals or transactions, Ukrainians assert: this is not the will of God! There is a difference between good and evil, between truth and lies. For this difference they are sacrificing their lives in behalf of all of humanity.

Despite it all, they live with gratitude. First, to God.

And to all people who help.

They thank Americans and all people of goodwill throughout the world for their prayers. Prayers move mountains. We may not know the name of the person whose life was saved because of our prayer, but people in Ukraine call out: "Thank you for praying."

They are grateful to all who stay informed, who counter disinformation, and who advocate for justice, a truly just peace.

Ukrainians also thank all who stand in partnership with them, because the help offered is not charity to the poor or a handout to the desperate. It is solidarity — true partnership with those who are paying the ultimate price for global freedom, for global human dignity, for global justice.

On behalf of Ukrainians in Ukraine and Ukrainian Catholics in the United States, we thank you for praying, for staying informed and advocating, and for your partnership.

In their name, we ask that you continue until God's truth prevails.

It will.

Our faith and our hope are in the Lord.

Praised be His holy name.

† Borys Gudziak

Archbishop of Philadelphia, Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States

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UNDER THE
PROTECTION OF
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ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

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Молитва св. Єфрема Сирина (+373)

Господи і Владико життя мого, духа
лінивства, недбалости, властолюб'я і
пустослов'я віджини від мене. (поклін)

Духа чистоти, покори, терпеливості і
любви дай мені слугі твоєму. (поклін)

Так, Господи царю, дай мені бачити
провини мої, і не осуджувати брата
мого ні сестри моєї, бо ти благословен
еси на віки вічні. Амінь! (поклін)



Prayer of St. Ephrem (+373)

O Lord and Master of my life, Take away
from me the will to be lazy and to be sad,
the desire to get ahead of other people,
to boast and brag. (Profound bow)

Give me instead, a pure and humble
spirit, the will to be patient with other
people and to love them. (Profound bow)

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keep me from judging the things other
people do. For you are blessed, now
and forever, Amen. (Profound bow)



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Церква Святого Миколая
(Під Опікою П.Д.М.)

ПОРЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

4:30 PM +Hanya Kurlak –
1st Anniversary (family)

STREAMING

1 березня: 1 н. Великого Посту
March 1: 1st Sunday of Great Lent

STREAMING

10:00 AM +Марія Федерчик (чоловік з родиною)

Monday, March 2 березня, понеділок

10:30 AM +Paul & Helen Nowadly (80th Wedding Anniv.)

PRIESTLY RETREAT – СВЯЩЕНИЧІ РЕКОЛЄКЦІЇ

Friday, March 6 березня, п'ятниця

12:00 PM Presanctified gifts – Преждеосв. Дари
Sorokousty - Сорокоусти

Saturday, March 7 березня, субота

9:00 AM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

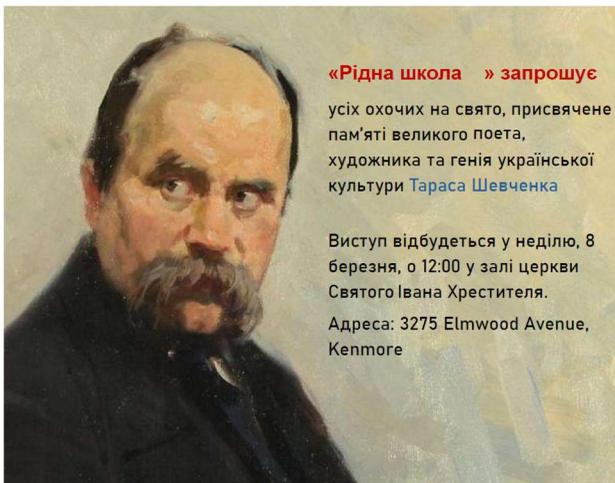
4:30 PM +Patricia Geleckyj –
(Geleckyj family)

STREAMING

8 березня: 2 н. Великого Посту
March 8: 2nd Sunday of Great Lent

STREAMING

10:00 AM +Іван Гарасимчук (дружина)



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Pray for victory and peace in Ukraine!
Помолімся за перемогу і мир в Україні!

PYSANKA WORKSHOP

Join us for a Pysanka Workshop on
Saturday March 7th, 2026
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On our Annual Parish Meeting there
were 25 of us. Thank you for attending.
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to be our Trustees for this year. God Bless!

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далі будуть диякон Давид Вік і Василь
Середюк. Хай Господь благословить!

Вічне світло горить за мир в Україні
Eternal Light burns for peace in Ukraine

Eternal Light Honoring Mother of God
burns for Special Intention (Maria Petryshyn)

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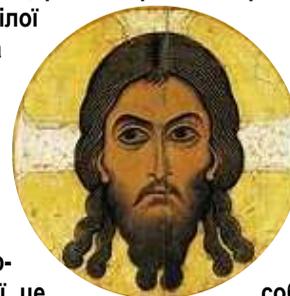
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1 НЕДІЛЯ ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ

Сьогодні Перша неділя Великого Посту, яка називається також Неділею Торжества Православ'я. Про яке православ'я тут йдеться? Слово «православ'я» (грецькою «ортодоксія») означає істинну віру і правдиве вшанування Господа Бога. Тож мова тут не про православ'я як протиположності Католицькій Церкві, а про православ'я, яке було спільним для цілої Христової Церкви аж до її розколу за правління патріарха Керуларія в XI столітті. Православ'я, яке вшановує нинішня неділя, це православ'я вселенсько-католицьке, визнане всією Христовою Церквою перших віків у боротьбі проти ересі іконоборства. Тому Неділя Православ'я – це торжество цілої Церкви: Східної і Західної, це радісне святкування остаточної перемоги над іконоборством та іншими ересями.



Неділю Торжества Православ'я встановив і наказав щорічно святкувати Собор у Константинополі 842 року. Мета цього свята – прилюдно й урочисто віддати честь і поклін святым іконам Ісуса Христа, Пречистої Діви Марії та святих. Оскільки перше торжество православ'я після осуду іконоборства відбулося у першу неділю посту 842 року, то ця неділя до сьогодні залишилася днем вшанування святих ікон, хоча саме торжество не має нічого спільного з Великим постом.

Вшанування святих ікон та поклоніння святым мощам – визначна риса Східних Церков. Христова Церква донині заохочує нас мати вдома святі ікони, носити нагрудні хрестиків чи медальйони. Така традиція прилюдного й приватного пошанування святих ікон у Східній Церкві тривала аж до панування візантійського цесаря Лева III Ісаврія (717-741). Під впливом двох єпископів з Малої Азії він засудив почитання святих ікон, назвавши це ідолопоклонством. Свою боротьбу Лев III розпочав з наказу прибрати ікону Ісуса Христа з брами його палати, а відтак, у 730 році, видав цесарський декрет, яким заборонив почитання святих ікон у цілій державі. Цей документ став початком довгої, завзятої, болісної та кровопролитної боротьби проти святих ікон, названої іконоборством. Декрет наказував усіляко знищувати святі ікони, а їхніх оборонців ув'язнювати, відправляти на заслання і піддавати мукам. Патріарх Герман I (713-730) не хотів підписувати згаданий цесарський декрет, за що був усунутий з посади, а його місце посів маріонетковий Анастасій (730-754). Римські папи (Григорій II (715-731), а потім Григорій III (731-741) пишуть до цесаря про-

тестні листи і на римських синодах осуджують боротьбу проти ікон.

Після смерті Лева III його син, цесар Костянтин V Копронім (741-775), продовжує справу батька, і закликає Церкву урядово засудити почитання святих ікон. У 754 році у Константинополі він скликав єпископський собор, який під його тиском видає таку заборону.

Війна із іконоборством тривала, із невеликими перервами, майже сотню літ. І, врешті, дозвіл на почитання святих ікон приходиться за часу правління цесаревої Ірини, яка у 784 році усунула з уряду іконоборця-патріарха Павла, а на його місце наказала призначити Тарасія (784-806). Саме він, разом із цесаревою Іриною й Апостольською Столицею у 787 р. скликав собор у Нікеї. Цей собор відомий у Церкві як Сьомий Вселенський Собор, який за основу до свого догматичного рішення щодо святих ікон опирається на вчення святого Йоана Дамаскина (к. 675-749), великого богослова Східної Церкви. Собор виразно підкреслює різницю між почитанням (адорацією, з грецькою «латрія»), яке стосується тільки одного Господа Бога, і між пошаною (грецькою «дулія»), яку віддаємо Богородиці, ангелам і святым. Собор навчає, що святі ікони – це тільки видимі символи невидимих осіб, яким віддаємо почить. Почитаючи святі ікони, ми не почитаємо паперу, полотно чи дерева, з яких вони зроблені, а лише віддаємо зображенням на них особам. Почитання святих ікон Собор ставить нарівні із почитанням Святого Євангелія, хреста і мощей святих.

На початку IX сторіття, за цесаря Лева V Вірменина (813-820), розпочинається чергове переслідування святих ікон, яке триває аж до 842 року. Тоді цесарева Теодора дозволяє почитати святі ікони й усуває іконоборчого патріарха Йоана VII, а на його місце призначає Методія I (842-846). Патріарх Методій I, що зазнав гонін і мук за святі ікони, відразу скликає до Константинополя синод, який уже остаточно повертає почитання святих ікон. Цю кінцеву перемогу, знану як «тріумф православ'я», наша Церква щорічно згадує у Неділю Православ'я.

До великих оборонців святих ікон належать патріарх Герман I, святий Йоан Дамаскин, святий Андрій Критський († 767), святий Теодор Студит (759-826) і патріарх Методій I.

Дух богослуження Неділі Православ'я – це дух радості, перемоги, торжества та пошани до святих ікон.

(За книгою о. Юліяна Катрія «Пізнай свій обряд»)

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

The last two Spiritual Works of Mercy are to Comfort the Afflicted and to Pray for the Living and the Dead.

By comforting the afflicted we show compassion to those who are going through some type of hardship. Saint Paul in his 2nd Epistle to the Corinthians writes, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction." (2nd Corinthians 1:3-4) My understanding of that verse is that by using our own past experiences we can try to bring comfort to those who may be going through a similar difficulty. Before doing that, I think it is important for us to understand that every person is different, and everyone deals with their own problems in their own ways. We need to remember that the Lord is also very much present with those who are suffering, it is he who will ultimately bring the help and healing needed. Jesus Christ has called those who mourn blessed and says that they will be comforted. (Matthew 5:4) Simply being present is probably more important than trying to offer advice or provide a solution to whatever the problem may be. If you are asked how you made it through a similar difficulty let the person know what worked for you and if you felt the Lord guiding you it might be helpful to explain how you relied on His presence. Prayer is also something we can do to help comfort the afflicted even if the suffering person is not a believer. We have no idea how the Lord will work in that person's life, but our faith tells us that he will not abandon anyone in need.

Praying for the Living and the Dead leads us to the last Spiritual Work. When we pray for others, we are practicing intercessory prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches "Prayer of intercession consists in asking on behalf of another. It knows no boundaries and extends to one's enemies." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2647)

Privately, we can bring the needs of those who have asked us to pray for them or those for whom we should pray before the Lord. I mentioned in the last paragraph that prayer is something we can do even if we are not asked to do so. We can always pray in our hearts for the afflicted throughout the world, even for people we don't know.

One thing to keep in mind is that if we do tell someone we will pray for them, we need to make sure we don't forget to do that. It can be easy to think that one person's prayers won't matter, but the reality is one simple prayer can greatly help the person we are praying for, often in ways we don't know.

Another way to pray for the living and the dead is to offer Liturgies for the Health and Salvation of those who are living and in need. For those who have died, we offer Liturgies asking the Lord to show His mercy by granting them a place in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Prayer is a way of allowing our Lord to be active in our lives. Our Lord knows what our needs are before we ever ask Him, but He still wants us to ask. Praying for the living and the dead is something we can also try to incorporate into our daily prayer rule. It helps us to put the needs of others before our own. By doing that, we also come closer to Christ. (Deacon David)

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1st Sunday of Lent



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Просимо закликати якщо ви у
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FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

How do each of us respond to the call of Christ?

In today's Gospel reading, St. John is telling us about the "call of the disciple" Nathaniel. When Phillip told him of Christ, he simply replied, "Can there be anything of good that comes out of Nazareth?" I ask your heart today, is Nathaniel's response much like our own at times? Do we discount people because of such external difficulties? Nazareth was not a desirable place, but does the Lord not invite each of us to His Kingdom... from our own humble beginnings on earth? Nathaniel had no idea of whom he was speaking about, and he even inquires how Jesus would know of him. But to Nathaniel's credit, it requires him very little time to realize who Jesus represents. His exclamation is brief but reveals the true acceptance of his heart and faith, when he calls Christ, "rabbi," meaning "great teacher". There are many awesome discoveries to be made, when we are willing to exercise a complete surrender of our faith. Nathaniel did not realize the journey that he was about to begin. He did not know he would see Jesus preach great messages, heal the sick, and raise the dead. And after meeting Christ, Nathaniel probably wondered how he could witness and even be a part of something as extraordinary as Christ's earthly ministry. Today, we too, should wonder how a great and mighty God could make use of us. How can each of us become a benefit to His service? Perhaps we may feel unworthy of God's blessings and benefits, but surely we must never doubt what God will do for us.

Every time we read this Gospel's lesson, one phrase in particular should keep calling to us, as it focuses on our Lord's invitation... not only to a group of men some two-thousand years ago, but also God's invitation to you and me. "Come and see"... a phrase of great joy and enthusiasm, an invitation Phillip first reveals to Nathaniel, "Come and see!" Such simple words, but what do they mean for you and me this afternoon? The Lord has called and invited each of us to. "Come and see." Perhaps you have come by listening today, or by sharing with others in Sunday Liturgy. Perhaps you have come because some need flows through you. But you have come... and now, what do you see? What has Christ revealed to you about your own life? What have your struggles with illness, relationships, or faith revealed to you? What joys and triumphs of faith and life have you known? Where has the Lord led you, and have you been willing to follow Him? I have no doubt that Christ's own disciples experienced such questions and were faced with such misunderstanding by others. But they persevered no less, and even when the disciples went to SEE, what the Lord

revealed to them... they had COME to accept a journey, that would require the rest of their lives! Their looking took them all the way to the death of Christ and beyond. Their looking took them through suffering they could barely handle, and through great joys they hoped would never end. Their looking did not let them escape this life... but rather immersed them among a deeper understanding and faith. Each of us has COME, by how we choose to serve the Lord. But what are we led to SEE? Jesus showed His disciples that He was affected by the lives of those around Him. He showed them tears and laughter. He even grieved at the death of friends. Jesus experienced our hurt and suffering, and perhaps He wished that life could be different... but He revealed on our behalf, tears that spoke of a greater JOY to come. The knowledge that we will one day be with Him and touch the Face of God. What do you see through Christ? God, who was born and lived. God, who was willing to die for us and be resurrected. None of us is perfect! We were born to stumble and fall, we make mistakes throughout our lives, and we may even become sick and struggle with illness. But let us never fail to hear the calling of Christ within our own lives... let us never fail to "Come and See"!

Perhaps you have a story of how everything changed for you in a moment, of a time when you clearly saw God's intent in your life. Why are you and I here today? We are here because someone once said to us, what Philip spoke to Nathaniel, "Come and See." Perhaps when you were only a tiny infant, your parents brought you to the baptismal font and in that way acted out the meaning of those words. Perhaps you became a member of our faith, because a friend or neighbor invited you to "come and see". This invitation is a life-long process. God is still working miracles in our lives everyday. God is still answering prayer and using us in wonderful ways... ways that even we may never know! I am reminded of a woman walking down the street, who came upon an urchin child dressed in rags. The poor girl was frail and covered with dirt, but her eyes were the brightest and most beautiful this woman had ever seen. As the woman passed around the corner, the little girl gave her the most beautiful smile. This touched the woman deeply. So deeply that she looked up to Heaven and said, "God, how could you allow this to happen? Why don't you come down here and do something to help?" To which a voice from Heaven replied. "I already have, my child. I made YOU!" God made each of us for a very special purpose. We may not see clearly or follow perfectly, but trust the Lord is always inviting us to "COME and SEE"! ("G.S." Ukr. R. Pr.)

In Меморіам! Вічна Пам'ять!

Упокоївся в Господі Св. Пам.

+Роман Ковалик

(3. XII. 1949 – 25. II. 2026)



+Roman "Ray" Kowalyk

(December 3, 1949 - February 25, 2026)

On the morning of February 25, 2026, Roman "Ray" Kowalyk, age 76, of Cheektowaga, New York, departed this world, leaving behind a lifetime of memories, devotion, and exemplary service.

Ray was the beloved husband of 52 years to Christine "Cooper" Kowalyk; cherished father of Adam (Carrie) Kowalyk and Ashley (Stefan) Mychajliw; and immensely proud Dido (grandfather) to Maksym, Emeryk, and Victoria Mychajliw; dear brother of Andrew (Linda) Kowalyk and the late Walter Kowalyk. He was the proud American Father to Andy Kokhanovsky, and is survived by many loving nieces, nephews & friends alike.

Of 100% Ukrainian descent, Ray was born in 1949 in a labor camp in Neu-Ulm, Germany. In 1950, he immigrated to the United States aboard a military ship with his family, where he later became a proud American citizen.

In his youth, Ray was an active member of the CYM Ukrainian-American Youth Association in Buffalo, where he danced and played both the trumpet and violin. He remained a lifelong member of CYM Buffalo, devout catholic at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, and the Dnipro Ukrainian Cultural Center. He was also a devoted member of the Organization for the Defense of Four Freedoms for Ukraine (ODFFU), OUN, and the Ukrainian-American Sportsman Club.

Professionally, Ray built a respected career in the horticulture field, serving in leadership roles before founding his own company, Trident Landscapes & Consulting. Known to many as "The Plant Dr.," Ray was the trusted expert for any vegetation concern or advice and took great pride in designing beautiful landscapes for countless homes and families.

In 2014, during the Euromaidan Revolution in Ukraine, Ray felt called to fulfill a promise he had made to his parents — for Ukraine to never fall into the hands of a communist regime. With passion and conviction, he led efforts to directly support Ukrainian soldiers on the front lines and women's and children's hospitals, coordinating the delivery of medical supplies, clothing, and essential materials. Working alongside dedicated professionals across the East Coast and supported by generous donors who shared his love & efforts for Ukraine, Ray selflessly served for 13 years, living out his promise to his parents through action, faith, sacrifice and love. For his successful efforts, he received many proclamations and medals for the highest civilian honor from Україна.

Above all, Ray loved his family, his friends and being Ukrainian. He found joy in gardening, listening to Ukrainian music, (especially with Pops), cheering on the Buffalo Sabres and Buffalo Bills, and spending restful, yet exciting days fishing. His most enjoyable fishing outings were spent with Myron and Roman Prystajko.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, February 27, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, with Eulogy given by Adam Kowalyk & Panachyda Service by Fr. Marijan beginning @ 7:00 PM, at New Comer Funeral Home, 5090 Transit Road, Depew, NY 14043. A Mass/Church Service will take place at 10:00 AM at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 308 Fillmore Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14206. The funeral will be livestreamed on the church's YouTube page for all who loved Ray across America and Ukraine to view.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church for their roof fund.

Вічна пам'ять — Everlasting Memory — Roman.

Слава Україні! (Glory to Ukraine!)

Героям слава! (To the heroes-glory!)

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of late Roman! May he rest with the Lord in peace!

Родині і друзям покійного Романа Складаємо наші ширі співчуття! Хай йому буде Вічна Пам'ять!



ОРГАНІЗАЦІЯ УКРАЇНСЬКИХ
НАЦІОНАЛІСТІВ

Тереновий Провід Америки

Грамота заслуг

Роман Ковалик — відданий член української громади та активний учасник діяльності СУМ Баффало, USSA та Організації Українських Націоналістів. Він також є гордим членом Дніпровського українського культурного центру, де він багато років щедро присвячував свій час служінню громаді. Його давня відданість гуманітарним та культурним зусиллям мала значний вплив на Україну та її народ, зокрема на поранених українських солдатів та цивільних осіб, постраждалих від війни.

Роман почав підтримувати українську армію під час Майдану 2014 року в Києві, після вторгнення Росії в Україну, і продовжує цю життєво важливу роботу донині. Працюючи разом з доктором Михайлом Самотовкою, Петром Петришиним та покійним Юрієм Грецишиним, Роман допомагав координувати збір пожертвувань медичних матеріалів з клініки Клівленда в Огайо. Ці матеріали були перевезені до Буффало, де їх ретельно організували та упаковали перед відправкою до України за допомогою Юрія Дармогря.

Завдяки цим колективним зусиллям Роман допоміг доставити критично важливу медичну допомогу до Києва, міста Дніпро та навколишніх регіонів. Петро також їздив до України, щоб особисто контролювати постачання та координувати дії з місцевими кур'єрами, забезпечуючи доставку товарів до лікарень та прифронтових районів, де вони були найбільш терміново потрібні. Робота Романа відображає глибоке почуття відповідальності перед своєю спадщиною та громадою. Його відданість, співчуття та невпинне волонтерство є прикладом сили української діаспори та потужності гуманітарної діяльності на місцях.

З огляду на те, що друг Ковалик довго служив і продовжує служити справі свободи України, тереновий провід США, за порадою та рекомендаціями обласного проводу Баффало, нагородити його **Грамотою заслуг**

Від імені теренового проводу США

Нестор

Слава Україні - Її Героям Вічна Слава



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Certificate of Merit

Roman Kowalyk is a dedicated member of the Ukrainian community and an active participant in CYM Buffalo, USSA, and the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists. He is also a proud member of the Dnipro Ukrainian Cultural Center, where he spent many years generously volunteering his time in service to the community. His longstanding commitment to humanitarian and cultural efforts has made a meaningful impact on Ukraine and its people, particularly wounded Ukrainian soldiers and civilians affected by war.

Roman began supporting the Ukrainian army during the 2014 Maidan in Kyiv, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and he has continued this vital work to the present day. Working alongside Dr. Michael Samotowka, Peter Petryshyn, and the late Yuri Hreshchyshyn, Roman helped coordinate the collection of donated medical supplies from the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. These supplies were transported to Buffalo, where they were carefully organized and packed before being shipped to Ukraine with the assistance of Yuri Darmograi.

Through these collective efforts, Roman has helped deliver critical medical aid to Kyiv, the city of Dnipro, and surrounding regions. Peter also traveled to Ukraine to personally follow up on shipments and coordinate with local couriers, ensuring that supplies reached hospitals and frontline areas where they were most urgently needed.

Roman's work reflects a deep sense of responsibility to his heritage and community. His dedication, compassion, and tireless volunteerism exemplify the strength of the Ukrainian diaspora and the power of grassroots humanitarian action.

Glory to Ukraine – Eternal Glory to the Heroes!