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Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки  
UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE OF AMERICA



## Ukrainian Orthodoxy's 5th Year of Autocephaly



Five years ago, on 6 January, 2019, on one of the most important feasts in our church – the Holy Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople officially [recognized the autocephaly of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine](#) (OCU).

The decision to recognize Ukraine's desire for an autocephalous church will for centuries share the symbolic message of Theophany: the celebration of

the baptism of Jesus Christ in the River Jordan, a ritual act of blessing and regeneration, paired with the spiritual regeneration of the Ukrainian nation, historically baptized in the waters of the Dniπρο River over 1,000 years ago.



After centuries of struggle, [the historic act](#) of handing over the Tomos of Autocephaly manifested the goal many never thought would happen in their lifetime: a single, united [Orthodox Church of Ukraine](#), a true blessing for Ukrainians around the world. Indeed, since this historic event, over 1000 parishes have migrated into communion with the OCU amid a rising wave of public annoyance at clerics who pledged fealty to Moscow; since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine began alone, [nearly 600 religious institutions have transitioned](#) to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the largest representation of Americans of Ukrainian descent, expresses gratitude on behalf of the community it represents to the worldwide leader of the Orthodox community, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, for granting the Tomos of Autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, as well as to our [church leaders in the United States](#), both Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel, for their work in shepherding this truly historic achievement.

**Все сьогодні радістю наповнилося  
– Христос хрестився в Йордані**



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**It's the Giving Season!**



**Support UCCA With A Monthly Or 1-Time Donation**



UCCA would like to thank our members, volunteer activists and everyone who supported our efforts with financial contributions. At our heart, whether speaking with your elected leaders or advocating in the media, we remain a community organization, supported by the enthusiasm of our volunteers, and financial support from you.

This Holiday Season, UCCA asks you to continue your investment in our Ukrainian American community, by making a tax-deductible contribution to UCCA. Our work is funded almost entirely by generous donations, and your support and involvement are essential to our work – and to our community's future!


**Download UCCA's Appeal  
in English (PDF)**

**Щоб завантажити наш  
Заклик (PDF)**

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## **Candid.**

UCCA has earned a 2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest award from the charity rating organization Candid. Formerly known as Guidestar, Candid is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. Out of all non-profits registered in the United States, only roughly 6% receive the Platinum level of transparency.



Platinum  
Transparency  
2023

**Candid.**

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Your checks are also welcome!  
Mail to:

**UCCA**  
203 Second Avenue  
New York, NY 10003

*UCCA is a registered 501(c)(3) Not-for-Profit organization and all donations to UCCA are tax deductible.*



Please fill out the form below (in English), detach and enclose it with your donations.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes, I would like to support UCCA this year:


☐ \$1,000    ☐ \$ 500    ☐ \$ 150

Or write in your own amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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 ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.*

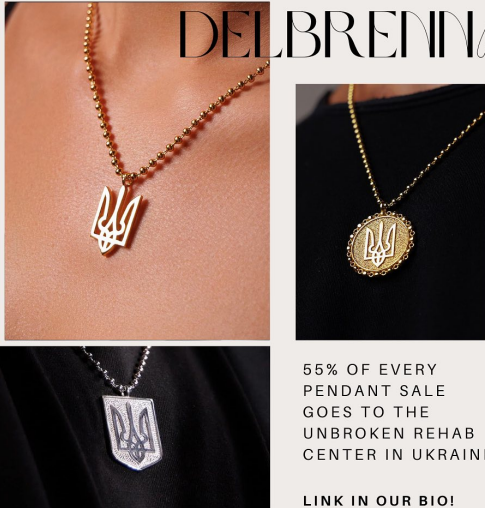
*makes checks payable to:*  
**UCCA**  
 203 Second Avenue  
 New York, NY 10003

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 Contribute online today:



[bit.ly/SupportUCCA](https://bit.ly/SupportUCCA)

**UCCA & DELBRENNA**



55% OF EVERY  
 PENDANT SALE  
 GOES TO THE  
 UNBROKEN REHAB  
 CENTER IN UKRAINE.

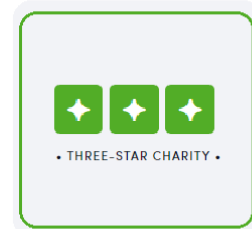
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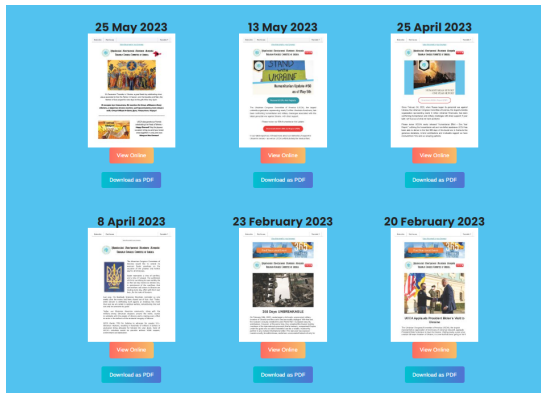
This Holiday Season, UCCA has [partnered with Rachael Ray](#) to raise funds for the [UNBROKEN National Rehabilitation Center](#) in Lviv. Through the purchase of custom necklaces by [DelBrenna Jewelry](#), moneys will be sent to this unique facility where adults and children affected by the war can receive comprehensive qualified medical care.

**Shop for your necklace at [www.rachaelray-delbrenna.com](http://www.rachaelray-delbrenna.com)**

### Charity Navigator

With more than 200,000 charities rated, Charity Navigator provides free access to data, tools, and resources to guide philanthropic decision-making. According to their comprehensive ratings program, the cost-effectiveness and overall health of a UCCA's programs merit a 3-Star Charity rating. By the measures of UCCA's stability, efficiency, and sustainability, UCCA ranks as a standout organization.





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**UCCA email?**

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updates at [UCCA.org](https://ucca.org)*

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**7 January -  
Philadelphia, PA**



**7 January - New York City**



**12 January - Philadelphia, PA**



**76**  
**Ukrainian Heritage Night**

**Philadelphia 76ers vs. Sacramento Kings**  
Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm  
Come out and watch Joel Embiid and the 76ers take on Alex Len and the Sacramento Kings!

- Early entrance to watch pregame shootaround at 5:30pm
- Traditional Ukrainian Dance Performances both On-Court Pregame and on the Concourse
- Jumbotron recognition
- First 200 Ticket Purchasers will receive a Ukrainian Heritage Night T-Shirt
- To purchase tickets please visit: <http://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Ukrainianheritagenight>

**13 January - Nashville, TN**



FUNDRAISING FOR  
**HELP HEROES OF UKRAINE**

**ЩЕДРИЙ ВЕЧІР**  
ДОБРИЙ ВЕЧІР

**TRIODA**

**JAN 13 4:30PM**  
**NASHVILLE**

**TICKET \$70 (IN DOOR)**

**ASPEN GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
274 MALLORY STATION ROAD FRANKLIN, TN 37067

**13 січня - Warren MI**



**СІЧЕНЬ СУБОТА 13 5:30PM**

**UKRAINIAN CULTURAL CENTER**  
26601 RYAN RD, WARREN, MI 48091

**БЛАГОДІЙНИЙ ВЕЧІР**  
З НАГОДИ ПРИЗНАЧЕННЯ ПОЧЕСНОГО КОНСУЛА УКРАЇНИ В ДЕТРОЙТІ  
**ВАСИЛЯ ПЕРЦЯ**

**У ПРОГРАМІ:**  
ЗУСТРІЧ З ПРЕДСТАВНИКАМИ УКРАЇНСЬКОГО І АМЕРИКАНСЬКОГО УРАДІВ ТА  
ПРОВІДНИМИ ГРОМАДСЬКИМИ ДІЯЧАМИ ДІАСПОРИ  
ХУДОЖНЯ ЧАСТИНА  
ВЕЧЕРЯ ТА ВІДКРИТИЙ БАР (OPEN BAR)

**ЦІНА КВИТКА \$100**  
КВИТКИ МОЖНА ПРИДБАТИ В УКРАЇНСЬКОМУ КУЛЬТУРНОМУ ЦЕНТРІ ДО 5-ГО СІЧНЯ  
ДОДАТКОВА ІНФОРМАЦІЯ ЗА ТЕЛ: 586.770.1175 (ЗОРЯНА) 586.757.8130 (ОСС)

**Всі зібрані кошти будуть спрямовані у фонд  
REVIVED SOLDIERS UKRAINE**

**13 January - Warren, MI**



**JANUARY 13 5:30PM**

**UKRAINIAN CULTURAL CENTER**  
26601 RYAN RD, WARREN, MI 48091

**CHARITY EVENT**  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF  
VASYL PERETS AS THE HONORARY CONSUL OF UKRAINE IN DETROIT

**EVENT INCLUDES:**  
MEETING WITH UKRAINIAN AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENT  
REPRESENTATIVES AND LEADING PUBLIC FIGURES  
ENTERTAINMENT  
DINNER AND OPEN BAR

**TICKET PRICE \$100**  
TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE UKRAINIAN CULTURAL CENTER BY JANUARY 5TH, 2024  
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: UCC- 586.757.8130 (ENGLISH ONLY) ZORYANA- 586.770.1175 (CALL/TEXT)

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO  
REVIVED SOLDIERS UKRAINE CHARITY ORGANIZATION**



## 13 January - Yountville, CA

# NAPA VALLEY STANDS WITH UKRAINE

## 2ND ANNUAL

### CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR & SUPPORT UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH | 1PM - 4PM



## 20 січня - Elkins Park, PA

**Відзначення 105-ліття Акту Злуки-Соборності  
У ЧЕШЬ БОРЦІВ ЗА ВОЛЮ УКРАЇНИ**



„Однині Українська Народна Республіка стає самостійною, ні від кого незалежною, вільною, суверенною державою українського народу.“  
Акт Незалежності,  
22-ого січня 1918 р.

„Віднині зливаються в одно віками відділені одна від одної частини України ... в одну Велику Україну. Сповнилися відоічні мрії, для яких жили й за які вмирали найкращі сини України.“  
Акт Злуки, 22-ого січня 1919 р.

Амбасадор Лонгин Цегельський, її автор, оголошує Акт Злуки

**Програма Дня: субота, 20-ого січня 2024 р.**

Год. 11:00 рано. — Панахида й Поминальна Церемонія на українському католицькому цвинтарі св. Марії в Elkins Park, PA (близько УОКЦентру) **перед** пам'ятником полеглим борцям за волю Української Народної Республіки.


Опісля: привітання та слова поминання виголошуть її Екселенція Оксана Маркарова, Посол України у США, та інші почесні гості та сановники.



Шість днів до Бою під Крутами

## 20 January - Elkins Park, PA

**UKRAINE'S FREEDOM, SOVEREIGNTY AND UNITY  
A DAY OF DEDICATION AND COMMEMORATION**




“From this day forth, the Ukrainian National Republic becomes independent, subject to no one, a Free, Sovereign State of the Ukrainian People.”  
**Act of Independence,  
Jan. 22, 1918**

“The territory of Ukraine, divided over the centuries ... will now become a great united Ukraine. The Dreams, for which the best sons of Ukraine fought and died, have come true.”  
**Act of Unity, Jan. 22, 1919**

**PROGRAM OF THE DAY: Saturday, January 20, 2024**

**11:00 AM - “Panakhida” Requiem Service and Commemoration Ceremony**  
St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, Cedar Rd., Elkins Park/Jenkintown, PA

**Following the Service – Greetings and Words of Commemoration:**  
Her Excellency Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's Ambassador to the USA, & Other Guests and Dignitaries.



6 Days before Battle of Kruty

**20 January - Washington, D.C.**



**21 January - Whippany, NJ**



**21 January - Chicago, IL**

**Ukrainian Congress Committee of America - Illinois Division**  
**Invitation**  
**Ukraine's Unity Day Commemoration**

**January 21, 2024**



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
Ambassador Sergiy Kyslytsya



**SPECIAL GUEST**  
Brigadier General Mark Arnold

1:00  
Cocktails

2:00  
Dinner and Program

**\$75/person**

Please RSVP by January 15, 2024  
630.776.4651

Tickets can be purchased at the door  
or on Eventbrite at [www.uccaillinois.org](http://www.uccaillinois.org)



Unity Day marks the  
commencement of  
UCCA IL commemorating  
its Golden Jubilee

**Ukrainian Cultural Center**  
2247 W.Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, IL

*More Philadelphia Events in the UECC Newsletter*



[WHAT IS UCCA?](#)

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan community-based organization that has represented the interests of Ukrainians in the United States since 1940.

[ЩО ТАКЕ УККА?](#)

Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки (УККА) є неприбутковою, безпартійною громадською організацією, яка представляє інтереси українців у Сполучених Штатах Америки з 1940 року.

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