

UCCA COMMEMORATES UKRAINE'S FAMINE GENOCIDE – HOLODOMOR OF 1932-33

On Saturday, November 27, 2021, UCCA held its annual National Commemoration and Requiem Service at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, Marking the 88th anniversary of Ukraine's Holodomor Famine-Genocide of 1932–1933, this year's commemoration took place coincided with the observance of Holodomor Remembrance Day in Ukraine. Returning to the cathedral since the lockdowns of 2020, a crowd of several hundred made the pilgrimage to the heart of Manhattan, even as it fell during the Thanksgiving



The Ukrainian Chorus “Dumka,” under the direction of maestro Vasyl Hrechynsky, provided the sung responses during the traditional Ukrainian Memorial Service – the Panakhyda – as well as the entrance hymn at the start of the commemoration, during which a Ukrainian American Veteran (UAV) Color Guard processed through the nave. The ecumenical service was co-led by the Most Reverend Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, their Eminences, Metropolitan Anthony and Archbishop Daniel of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, the Most Reverend Bishop Paul Chomnycky of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford.

Following the requiem service, UCCA's Andriy Dobriansky read out prepared remarks commemorating the millions of innocent victims of Stalin's genocide which had been issued to UCCA by President Joseph R. Biden, New York City Council Member Carlina Rivera, and Senator Charles “Chuck” Schumer.



The Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States, Ambassador Oksana Markarova, flew to New York City specifically to attend this service for the first time. Her remarks were followed by those of the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations, Ambassador Sergiy Kyslytsya. Also in seated amongst the speakers was Oleksiy Holubov the Consul General of Ukraine in

SENATOR SCHUMER SENDS SUPPORT

To the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, and all those who mourn the Holodomor today:

I am sorry that I cannot attend today's remembrance, as I do every year, but I still wanted to convey my greetings and sincere condolences to the Ukrainian-American community on this important day.

I am mourning the passing of my father, Abraham Schumer, who died on Wednesday at the age of 98 years old.

In the spirit of this season of Thanksgiving, I am so grateful to have enjoyed my father's love for many decades. The same cannot be said for so many in the audience today, whose ancestors – and subsequent generations of Ukrainians, unborn and untold – were cut down by the sharp scythe of hunger.

I believe it is our sacred duty to honor the victims of the Holodomor by pushing for more widespread recognition of the horrors they suffered. Their memory calls down to us through the decades for justice.

That's why I supported the construction of a Holodomor memorial in Washington, D.C. and co-sponsored a resolution in the U.S. Senate recognizing the Holodomor as a genocide, and supporting the continuing efforts of the Ukrainian people to control their own destiny in accordance with democratic principles.

Those values are more important than ever as Russia amasses its soldiers on the eastern border of Ukraine. The Senate will be watching carefully.

As we honor the millions of lives that were cut short by the Soviet Union's cruel and oppressive actions nearly a century ago, we take solace in remembering that Ukraine has outlasted authoritarian thugs in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

Stalin is gone; Soviet Russia is gone; and the Ukrainian people live on. Long may they live.

Sincerely,
Senator Charles E. Schumer

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINE'S NATIONAL REFERENDUM

December 1st marks the 30th anniversary of the All-Ukrainian Referendum, in which over 92% of her citizens supported the Act of Independence of Ukraine adopted by the Verkhovna Rada.

Voters were asked, "Do you support the Act of Declaration of Independence of Ukraine?" The text of the Declaration was included as the preamble to the question.

The citizens of Ukraine expressed overwhelming support for independence, including the majority of citizens in Crimea, Donetsk and Luhansk. Of the 31,891,742 registered voters (or 84.18% of the electorate) who took part, 28,804,071 (or 92.3%) voted "Yes" for independence.

From that day forward Ukraine was recognized globally as an independent state.

On the same day as the All-Ukrainian Referendum, voters also cast their ballot for president. Of the six candidates, all of whom campaigned for independence, Leonid Kravchuk, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada, was elected to serve as Ukraine's first modern day President.

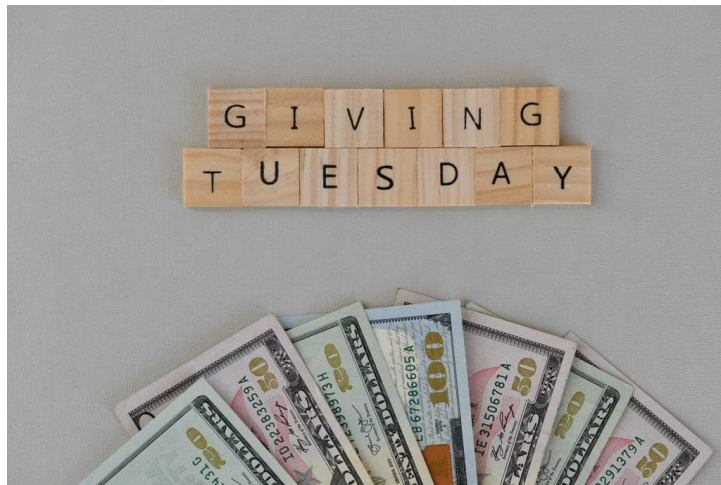
On this 30th anniversary of the All-Ukrainian Referendum, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), sends its warmest greetings to the people of Ukraine. December 1st has gone down in infamy as the turning point in the establishment of the modern Ukrainian state, when thirty years ago, the Ukrainian nation overwhelmingly voted for Ukraine's independence. Unfortunately, today, Ukrainians continue (for 7 years) to defend their hard-won freedom against the aggressions of its northern neighbor Russia. UCCA marks this historic December 1st Referendum with reverence and continues to salute Ukraine's freedom fighters who are defending Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty.



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UCCA EXTENDS #GIVING TUESDAY CAMPAIGN

UCCA asks you to continue your investment in our Ukrainian American community.



UCCA's work is funded almost entirely by your generous donations, and your support and involvement are essential to our work now – and for the future!

Thanks to all those that supported UCCA on Tuesday, November 30 - [#GivingTuesday](#)! If you missed this campaign, it is not too late! UCCA has extended its [#GivingTuesday](#) appeal until Tuesday, December 14th.

Thank you for your continued support!

UCCA CHRISTMAS GREETING



As the Holiday season approaches let us rejoice in the birth of Our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, and thank God for all the blessings bestowed upon us, our families, and on America, which has provided us with a safe haven in which we can maintain our unique Ukrainian culture and heritage.

During this Christmas Season let us also pray for the safe keeping of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine!

On behalf of UCCA's Executive Board, please accept our sincere wishes for a

Blessed and Merry Christmas and Health and
Happiness in the New Year!

Christ is Born! Glory to Christ!