



**UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**The UGCC declares a church-wide Day of fasting, prayer and almsgiving**

A day of fasting, prayer and almsgiving will be held in all Eparchies and Exarchates of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church throughout the world on February 24, 2023. Such an initiative was announced by His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Father and Head of the UGCC, on behalf of the Synod of Bishops.

On February 24, a year will pass since the beginning of the full-scale war that Russia unleashed against Ukraine. According to the decision of the Bishops of the UGCC, the whole Church will spend this day in fasting, prayer and doing works of mercy.

On this day at 12:00 pm Kyiv time, a 12-hour prayer marathon will begin on "Live TV" (Zhyve Telebachennia), which will unite in prayer all the faithful on all continents. There are no separate prescriptions for fasting - it is about restrictions and self-discipline according to the capabilities of each believer.

"May this day be an opportunity for us to do good to someone: *comfort the sad, clothe the naked, warm the frozen, feed the hungry (check this part in English Catechism Christ our Pascha-corporal deeds of mercy, at the end of the book, I don't have the one at home, or I can do it when I will be at the chancery)*," explained His Beatitude Sviatoslav, speaking about the need not only to fast and pray, but also to do charity.

"On this day, let us sacrifice our spiritual efforts and our prayers for the victory of the Ukrainian people in this unequal battle, as well as for our army," urged the Head of the UGCC.

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