



WINNIPEG ORTHODOX CLERGY ASSOCIATION

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St. Bucolus, Bp. of Smyrna

Your Eminences and Graces,

The Winnipeg Orthodox Clergy Association, comprised of clergy from the various Orthodox Parishes established in Winnipeg, Manitoba, comes together regularly in a spirit of fraternal love and desire to celebrate our Holy Orthodox Faith.

Our common support for each other and desire to share with one another brings to life the words of the Apostle Peter, "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tender-hearted, be courteous," (1 Peter 3:8)

It is with this compassionate concern for our fellow Orthodox Christians and all people in the country of Ukraine, that we express our distress over the tragic and volatile situation currently manifesting itself in Kyiv and now throughout the country.

It is with one heart that we raise our unworthy prayers and appeal to our Merciful and Loving Heavenly Father that His voice be heard above the din of discord and that all people involved be spared further hurt and that all disagreement may find a peaceful and lasting resolution.

It is with one heart that we further pray that the hearts and minds of all involved may be open to the Holy Spirit and that the dove of peace may settle in their hearts so that fruitful dialogue, grace-filled reason and calm may prevail at this time of divisive tribulation in Ukraine.

We offer as our prayer that our Lord grant peaceful times, so that the Ukrainian people, "may lead a calm and peaceful life in all godliness and sanctity".

This we pray in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

In Humble Service to our Lord,

Fr. Gregory Scratch,
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