

**UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA**  
**OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**  
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*Christ is Baptized in the Jordan River!*

**Appeal**  
**to the Faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada**  
**Regarding Material Assistance to Ukraine**

Your Graces,  
Reverend Clergy,

Only recently on the glorious Feast Day of the Holy Theophany, we witnessed the outbreak of violence and the tragic loss of life in our ancestral homeland of Ukraine. The Episcopate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada has expressed deep concern and distress at the most recent tragic events.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Yurij, we appeal to each parish and congregation of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada to support the call by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress for material assistance to those who are defending the unity of the Ukrainian people and positive changes in building the Ukrainian state by collecting an offering during an appropriate Sunday Divine Liturgy in the near future. It is requested that these funds for humanitarian aid be collected and sent to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (**c/o Head Office, 203 – 952 Main Street, Winnipeg, MB R2W 3P4**). We also kindly request that, at the same time, your parish send to the Consistory information about the amount of your donation.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Yurij, we also wish to bring to your attention that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress has created a sub-committee called Euro-Maidan Canada. This committee is circulating a petition to be passed on to parliamentarians to be further discussed in the House of Commons in Ottawa regarding sanctions. To participate in this petition, it is available by contacting the National Office of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress. (**UCC-National Office, 130 Albert Street, Suite 806, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5G4; Tel: (613) 232-8822**).