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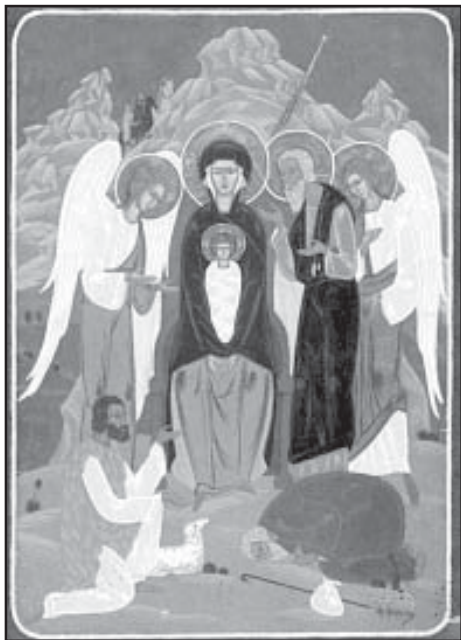
## Emergency in Ukraine!

**Reflections on the Future of the Ukrainian State considering the Presidential Election Results**

*By Patriarch Lubomyr Husar, head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church*

From the very start of the election campaign and for the duration thereof, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, together with other churches, called for prayers for a fair and just election. And prayer was indeed raised in churches and monasteries, echoed in people's hearts, and went up from

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*This illustration represents the Nativity of Christ. It's a popular Romanian illustration that shows the faith of this nation.*

## It's time to Renew!

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## Message of the Director

Dear friends and benefactors,

On the left column, you can read the most important and grave message of our Patriarch Lubomyr, of the Ukrainian Church. Read this message carefully and transmit it to your friends. It can be found at: <http://www.ugcc.org.ua/eng/press-releases/article;1143/> Lets all act in the name of your Christian identity. Give generously.

The cold and humid winter days are here, as the Nativity of our Lord will be in a few days. Can we think one second that our Lord would leave people in the cold? The poor are facing critical problems: Gas, heating, telephone, pharmaceutical drugs, and food prices go up so fast that they cannot pay everything. They have to choose between food or heat, heat or medical supplies... It's terrible, especially for the elderly people.

**WINTER WILL KILL TOO MANY!**

Let's help them!

Please give generously. To give is to receive joy.

The English version of the book "God, this unknown" by Radu Roscanu is ready to be printed. Please help us help all those who are in need.

We still also need urgently your financial and spiritual help for our mission AMC inc. in Romania as we started to transform into a Monastery and a Chapel a gift of a house with land.

We also have a new child in need project. The poverty of the people in Romania and Hungary is so bad that they cannot buy the necessary merchandises to live. This is a

## Urgent needs !

Your strong support is now particularly requested for Irak and the Middle-East where we have to push further on in order to find ways to help all those in need, the mothers, the poor, the children.

goal having a great importance and the fulfillment of our projects in the past was very benefic and comforted many poor and martyred people, or starving people whose lives were ravaged by the persecution and war. By helping our mission in the past, you have contributed to the accomplishments of the projects as showed at the end of this letter. You encouraged us faithfully and that's why we express to you our sentiment of mercy. A new project in Cluj need our attention. The Association for the protection and the help to the neuro-pshycho handicaped. This project is strongly recommended to your generosity.

The lack of an equitable welfare in Romania and other former communist countries place people in a very difficult situation if they don't receive some help. May you continue help us. It would be of a great aid if you could send us an urgent monetary aid. We will send you the income tax receipts for your donation. Your gifts can be very useful; \$ 100 enable us to give a catechism to 50 children. \$ 1,000 is enough for the meat eaten by 100 families for a year. We count on you and we ask for prayers too. For our Romanian priests you can send mass intentions, it is an important way to offer them a strong aid. Your help is needed for the support of a seminarist who prepares to be ordained. His studies cost \$10,000 a year and he needs this help for 2 years. Thank you in the name of the Child Jesus who will soon be born again for us, God Bless You!

*The Director of the Mission*

*Rev. Radu Roscanu*  
V. Rev. Radu Roscanu, Pastor  
Episcopal Vicar for Romanians

## Christmas is coming!

Remember those who are suffering, those who are starving, those who are sick. Give them through our Mission the joy to wait for our Savior's birth. Please give before it's too late. Thank you in the name of God.

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people's mouths to the Lord. Many today ask the question: «Has God listened to our prayers?» We answer with full certainty: «Yes!» Perhaps not everything happened the way we imagined or articulated in our prayers, because quite possibly in raising our prayer we forgot to add the words of Jesus': «...yet not as I will, but as you will.» (Mt 26:39) But we believe God has helped us. In the heat of the recent days it has become obvious that our people have indeed ripened and grown to create a legal state, where all are equal before the law, where every person has the right to express their thoughts without fear or punishment, and to be sure that their thoughts will be heard. Therefore, let us be certain that God's solution for Ukraine is much more long-term and far-reaching, that it is pregnant with a great and glorious future.

However, God's plans are usually carried out by the hands of people who were given free will from God. And, as history shows, this will can be used both for good and bad. Considering the numerous accounts of mass violations of the election law and falsifications of the election outcome, we regretfully state that, in the second round as

well, the Ukrainian people were deprived of their lawful right to a free and fair election. The responsibility for this before God and the people rests above all on the state structures empowered by the Constitution of Ukraine to guarantee appropriate conditions for the free expression of the people's will.

Today's political crisis is deepened by the fact that the irreconcilable position of the leaders of the current government, who are protecting their personal interests, encourages it to rely on the armed forces of the state rather than the people's support. This behavior can be explained by the habits learned in Soviet times when these leaders were formed. This model of behavior recreates in our eyes the phantom of the 1930s and 1940s, which causes great anxiety. In these conditions, the danger of the government using violence against

peaceful citizens, and even spilling blood, grows.

In times of totalitarianism, the people also were raised in Bolshevik ideology and practice, which could not accept the profound truth that the human being is created in the image of God (Gen 1, 27), that the human being is a person who does not dissolve into a mass. This flawed societal vision annihilated the God-given dignity of the person and his or her freedom. However, the creators of this vision, and those who implemented it, failed to completely destroy God's image in the person. It was always alive, and when the time of freedom came, it flourished again. This process was followed by a rediscovery not only of personal dignity, but of a feeling of community and solidarity. In the years of independence, the people experienced freedom for the first time, felt their fundamental dignity and rights. Today, they will not allow anyone to deprive them of this. They are rising to a conscious and responsible civic life. Before our very eyes, a united Ukrainian nation is being affirmed, going through a beautiful and inspired process of the transfiguration of its true nature. We think it would be a great loss if we did not use this chance for the development of our people and drowned it in narrow group interests and a stubborn unyielding position instead.

The process of the people's awakening to truth is not always momentary; sometimes it is difficult and long-lasting. Under today's political stress, a simple and clear choice has crystallized between two world-views, solidified in two personalities. However, it is not political personalities that are the key to a solution, but the human ability to realize where the truth is and why it should be protected. Not everyone can come to the

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## Brotherly Help of the Churches

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Is published twelve times a year. Serving the persecuted Church, The Aid to the Martyr Churches mission works in over 50 countries.

Our main purposes are:

- To inform the world about atrocities committed against christians and about the courage and faith of the persecuted.
- To give relief to the persecuted christian communities, to the families and to the individuals who suffered communist and atheist oppression.
- To undertake projects of encouragement, to help eastern christians to rebuild their lives and witness in countries that have suffered communist oppression.

(Contributions are tax-deductible in Canada.)

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## Ukraine: Urgent Fund Raising!

Please remember that the situation in Eastern countries is still difficult and that the people of Ukraine that has so much suffered needs all your compassion, comprehension and help. We have a duty towards those people who cannot rebuild their lives in faith without our friendly assistance.

We strongly encourage you to continue to bring help as our Patriarch recommends because we are one of

the hardest mission with the aim to bring help to the numerous Christian families of Eastern Europe. Thank you in the name of Jesus Christ.

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correct moral decision at once. Many need more time to mature spiritually, and we must understand this without condemning, but rather helping these people. For a person becomes sure of a moral decision only when it grows from his or her own conscience in complete freedom and full readiness to accept the consequences. Only God knows the heart of the person, and judgment belongs only to Him.

At this historical moment, we are called to look at the events from the perspective of God's plan for humanity, as far as we, human beings, can see it.

The happiness of the people is achieved not by a light march, but through a heavy cross. The Ukrainian nation, throughout its history and especially in the twentieth century, established itself through great sacrifices. Those who today stand outside in freezing temperature and are ready for bigger trials and even suffering, are worthy descendants of their brave ancestors and understand that great things are achieved through great efforts. It is important for us not to stop only at today's enthusiasm, which can burn out quickly, or lose its way. We must understand that other challenges await us in the future, perhaps not as dramatic as today, but ones that will demand

enthusiasm, persistence, resolution, endurance, consistency and responsibility. These values we are trying to achieve, and the values that inspire us, truth and justice, also oblige us. We can only implement them through meticulous work.

In the course of the recent election, we were most shocked by the deception, injustice, abuse of power and mockery of the people. What does the Lord call us to in this situation? «Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious ... keep on doing... Then the God of peace will be with you.» (Phil 4, 9) Note that with these words God is calling us to action, to work, on ourselves personally and on the humanization of civic life. These are not abstract matters but what we all want today: respect for the law, the transparency of governmental action, truthfulness and freedom of speech, respect for the person and his or her pain.

This serious and far-reaching program can only be implemented by common effort. Though much has been said recently about a split in the nation and about supposedly irreconcilable regional differences, these days we all have discovered for ourselves the fundamental unity of the people and their great solidarity. People give clothes to those who are cold, feed the hungry: nobody is a stranger to anybody. The concern for our nation's good awoke a great spiritual generosity in people and destroyed fences between them, opening them to the needs of their neighbor. This is how a nation affirms itself, a nation that had been forcefully and consciously separated for

centuries, but not destroyed, and is today united around a great goal.

On November 26, the Christian communities of Ukraine called their faithful, as well as members of other religious communities, to raise a common prayer at 6 p.m. for the peaceful and just resolution to today's crisis. With this prayer, we entrust ourselves, our people and our country, to God's care, which never fails, especially when our prayer is truly common, for the Lord has promised: «Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them!» (Mt 18, 20) We are living through exceptional days, and in future, whether many or few, wherever we are, let us continue this prayer and be bold in it.

The blessing of the Lord be upon you and all those who today seek peace, love and justice!

*Patriarch Lubomyr Husar*

**Very important notice**

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**THE LAST WILL AND THE TESTAMENT**

**When we'll leave this world, we'll have to leave behind us all that we achieved in this life.**

**Nevertheless, our goods can be used in continuity for God's work.**

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**SPONSORSHIP PROJECT**

Once again we insist close to you, to help the needy caned abandoned children from Romania. It's absolutely necessary to continue with the founds raising. This project offers to 500 abandoned children the possibility to live a decent life. To Valenii-de-Munte, a priest had created a protection system for the helpless kids, abandoned by their own mothers who gave up the idea of abortion, but who lake the possibility to raise their children. Like this, the life of 40 orphan children is assured in 6 existing houses in Valea Ploplui. Other houses have to be established for other 60 children. We want to help the families who accepted 4,5 even 6 children.

Would you accept to sponsorship one or more children-depending on your possibilities?

The proposed monthly rate is of 30\$ for one child, which you have to sent to: Aid of the Martyr Churches—14, Avenue du Crochet, Laval, H7N-3Z2, with the specification; for the sponsorship project of Romanian children. Entrust us with your donation, it's urgent.

For those who want to ârticipate to the of new houses in the village where children will be sheltered, we propose you 1000 dollars donation for one built shelter. The regular donations on a monthly base will be very welcome. In the name of the kids which you will help, thank you in the name of our Lord.

**Help for the Ukrainian Church**

17 millions persons died! That is the sad legacy that the Staline era left to the Ukrainian people. This nation, proud of it's martyrs, needs our help. His Beatitude Patriarch Lubomyr asks all of us to pray and bring help so that a better Christian civil society can take it's place in Ukraine. Ukraine is now in the midst of a crisis that is shaking it's foundations and is putting it's future at risk. Please give generously in the name of our Triune God.

**Kindergarden in Romania**

The children are the future of our Church in this country who suffered for the past two generations of a perfidious atheist persecution. Let's give them the joy to support them with our prayers, with our fast and with our offertory, the accomplishment of this urgent project of 40000 dollars

**Help for teachers**

We are looking for the necessary help to support three religious teachers in a small town of Transylvania. This project will cost us about 2000 dollars a year. Let yourself be carried by the joy of 700 children which can have a good religious teaching, with your generous help given to them.

**Help for Irak**

We are looking for the necessary help to support the persecuted and the poor in the devastated Irak country. Thousands and thousands of Christians are in need. Our missionaries will help with your donations.

*The Management of Aid to the Martyr Churches and the Editions of the Transfiguration wishes to all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*We thank you for your prayers and your charity.*

**Tropar of the Nativity**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, dawned upon the world as the light of knowledge, for in it, those who worshipped the stars, from a star learned to adore thee, the Sun of righteousness, and to recognize thee, the Orient from on high. Glory to thee, O Lord.

**Condac of the Nativity**

The Virgin today gives birth to him who is above nature, and earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable. The angels and the shepherds glorify, and the Magi travel with the star: for unto us is born a child, God who is before all ages.

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