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News from the frontlines of our Church



Dear <Informal Salutation>, *Christ is Risen!*

May you have a joyous Pascha despite all the suffering that is going on in the world. Thank you for opening my letter. I have so much to tell you about what beautiful things you have done!



These supplies were bought thanks to you!

ROCOR parishes under our Metropolitan Mark of Berlin & Germany are helping hundreds of refugees *daily*. They bring them food, water, clothes, medicine. They help with translations in hospitals – because very few refugees speak German. Some ROCOR parishes are housing evacuees, others deliver hot meals to Ukrainians housed in hotels and shelters.

Many of these things were possible thanks to your kindness!

Ukraine: How You Helped Refugees

First of all, I want to thank you for your sacrifice and for your pain. Thank you for your co-suffering and compassion. Thank you for your prayers for peace, thank you for your love for Christ, thank you for being gentle with those who disagree with you, and thank you for your profound mercy.

Thanks to you, we've collected over \$257,000 for our brothers and sisters suffering from the fighting in Ukraine. And donations are still coming in!



Oksana had dinner today thanks to you.





You are the reason that suffering people have help when they most need it!

Metropolitan Onuphry's fund helps about a thousand refugees every day. They feed them, clothe them, and help them relocate. And you have been instrumental in accomplishing this!

To quote Metropolitan Anthony of Borispol (Metropolitan Onuphry's direct assistant):

“The whole point of a sacrifice is the love with which this sacrifice is made. Even if you yourself think that your sacrifice is too small, it is extremely valuable in the eyes of the Lord.”

Thank you for your love and sacrifice for your suffering brothers and sisters! May God help you always in return for your kindness!



Thanks to donors like you, our Church has been able to take care of refugees in Germany!

P.O.Box 272, Glen Cove, NY 11542 917-817-2925 FundForAssistance.org



Mexico: The Church serves all Orthodox people

Our dear Archimandrite Nektariy in Mexico City is doing what he always does so well: he is praying for peace, and he is comforting the suffering. Glory to God, both Russians and Ukrainians have found a refuge in Fr. Nektariy's monastery.

And despite the monastery's own difficult financial situation, the fathers are raising funds to help refugees.



Please check out a wonderful interview Fr. Nektariy gave us recently on our website: FundForAssistance.org

I will leave you with Fr. Nektariy's beautiful words:

“WHEN WE SEE THIS BATTLEFIELD IN THE WORLD, WE MUST LOOK FOR INNER PEACE, WHICH CAN COME ONLY FROM GOD.

GOD WILL SUSTAIN YOU, HE WILL GIVE YOU THE COURAGE, ENDURANCE, AND WISDOM...”



Haiti: You Just Can't Stop Caring, can You?

Sadly, when there is great suffering in one country, the plight of another is often forgotten. But I know that you haven't forgotten our brothers and sisters in Haiti!

Here's what I heard from Matushka Rose Légouté:



Despite the continued unrest and appalling economic situation, our mission in Haiti continues its life. They continue praying and serving God, and they are educating their children.

They are trying to bring a sense of normalcy into the lives of these kids who have seen terrible sorrow already. These parishes and schools are functioning only thanks to the kindness of people like you.

Thank you for being their friend and supporter! And thank you for not giving up on them!



YOU ARE THE REASON THESE KIDS ARE GETTING AN EDUCATION AND AT LEAST ONE HOT MEAL A DAY. THANK YOU!

Thank you again for being a catalyst for change in our broken world. Thank you for your Christian love. Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you! Christ is Risen!

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