**Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine**

The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, Jesus, Lover of Humanity Province have reached out with their heart and hands to their Sisters and the people in Ukraine both financially and materially. Blessed by many benefactors who donated time, money, clothing, or necessary items, they were able to give this assistance. Also, the Roman Rite sisters in this and the surrounding area have contributed generously to the cause. Most welcomed are their words of encouragement and their prayer intentions.

At the core of this endeavor is prayer. Each day after Vespers we recite the Prayer for Ukraine and the national anthem of Ukraine, “Shche ne vmerla Ukraina” is sung-. Additionally, in the evening the Rosary is prayed begging the Mother of God to bring an end to this war. Some sisters have attended the Stations of the Cross for peace in Ukraine at our Cathedral.

Manor College, a ministry of the Sisters have announced that it will be conferring an honorary degree on Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at its upcoming May, 2022 Commencement ceremony. Honorary Consulate of Ukraine to Philadelphia Iryna Mazur, Esq. will accept the decree on behalf of President Zelenskyy.

The sisters have been attending the various events in the Archeparchy and Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Divine Liturgy for peace at Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, the Mass for peace at SS. Peter and Paul Roman Rite Cathedral and the prayer service offered by the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer, was attended by the Fox Chase Sisters. We were blessed to have our General Superior, Mother Marcela Runcan with us for ten days during which time she also attended these services.

Sister Teodora Kopyn, a member of Jesus, Lover of Humanity Province has volunteered her time to minister to the people and soldiers in Ukraine. She will leave for a ten-day trip on April 13, 2022.

We hold in our hearts our Sisters in Ukraine who are living in the midst of this war. The daily news from the sisters is shared as well as the Patriarchal and Archeparchial news.