Klymentiya Dymyd Mykhailo Dymyd

## THE STONES OF MAIDAN

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This text is destined to have a long and outstanding life.

And this is not necessarily because its author is a prominent, respectful and beloved priest, theologian, thinker, and civil activist, one of the founders of Lviv Theologian Academy (now Ukrainian Catholic University).

And it is so in particular because this text is about the Miracle that happened before our eyes, before the eyes of witnesses of the events described by Rev. Mykhailo.

This is not just a Miracle. It is the second Miracle. The Miracle granted to us – those whom the Lord gifted with grace to live, think, feel, and minister in late  $20^{th}$  – early  $21^{st}$  centuries.

As a witness and participant of the events of 1986-2014, I began to ponder the phenomenon of this Miracle for the first time in 2010. At that time some Kyiv residents (all Russian speakers, all far from the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church) asked me, a journalist, to (sic!) organize a meeting with His Eminence, Beatitude Lubomyr Husar. They wanted to meet with an almost completely blind man who could nonetheless see everyone and everything. They wanted to meet with an almost completely deaf man who could nonetheless hear everyone and everything.

The meeting with the Patriarch took place in the capital Cinema House. He was being attacked with questions for a couple of hours. The questions related everyone and everything. Finally, there came one with a taste of prank in it: you are, so to say, so wise and omniscient, you love everything and everyone, – have you ever seen a real Miracle?

On hearing that, the Patriarch, in a typical manner smoothing his immaculate patriarchal beard, said the following: "I have not seen a Miracle as such. Still, the collapse of the Soviet Union was a real Miracle". The people's reaction to these words of the Patriarch will stay in my memory till my last breath. Russian speaking people, focused, in their absolute majority, on material problems – and the number of those gathered without any announcement was about a couple of hundreds (which was in itself a little miracle as for the 2010 Kyiv) – got up from their seats and were proclaiming "Bravo!" all the time while His Beatitute was descending from the stage and leaving the hall.

In late 2013 – early 2014 the Lord revealed to us the second Miracle. For me, a historian by profession, it is obvious: both our contemporaries and the next generations will persistently discuss the phenomenon of the Revolution of Dignity. They will collect, summarize, analyze all that is known and what is unknown to us today.

They will fail to collect, summarize and analyze only one thing – our feelings, the feelings of the participants, the witnesses, the first historians of the Revolution of Dignity.

By God's will, yet against my own will, I happened to be the first, the second and the third at the same time. Therefore, I have the least possible right to speak of those events, to assess the text of my master and friend.

And that is because unlike our Patriarch Sviatosav, unlike our bishops, priests, monks and nuns, unlike our and "not our" believers, unlike many Kyiv residents, I spent all those weeks and months in safety, i.e. in a warm studio of Hromadske TV. With armed security guards. With hot coffee. With hot water. With warm bathroom. With all those things of which those, with and about whom I spoke in our studio, had deliberately deprived themselves.

And I spoke with those who, for the first time in my (and I guess in yours too) memory also WERE PAYING for the right to DIE a Ukrainian. For the right to die a FREE UKRAINIAN.

A UKRAINIAN OF ANY NATION AND ANY RELIGIOUS CONFESSION.

WERE PAYING AND PAID.

Someone – with life.

Someone – with money.

Someone – with hours and weeks of volunteer work.

Someone – with a prayer.

Everyone was charged a fee by the Lord in accordance to his/her capabilities – there and then. And the fee was worth Him.

For the example of Christ teaches each of us that a filled and fruitful Life is not possible without Sacrifice. It teaches that one's unrepeatable, unique life is not possible without one's unique, unrepeatable sacrifice. Its highest manifestation is to give out what one values most, that unique, unrepeatable...

The Revolution of Dignity of which Mykhailo Dymyd was also a participant, a witness, and a historian, is an outstanding and, perhaps, incomplete illustration of the above said. It is a vivid illustration, vivid evidence of the Christ's immortal testament: "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15: 13).

And the last thing. Saint Augustin once observed that the Lord sends many blessings unto us but our hands are full of hodge-podge junk, and that it why we are unable to receive His blessings.

Hundreds of thousands and millions of Ukrainians of various nationalities and various confessions, before our eyes, threw away the junk and started to Serve.

To serve their Motherland – Ukraine.

The people.

The families.

The colleagues.

The friends.

The blood brothers.

Themselves.

Their children.

They have served nicely and selflessly.

They have also served you who are reading today Rev. Mykhailo Dymyd's text, as well as those who will be reading it in 20, 50, 100 years.

This text, therefore, is destined to have a long and outstanding life.

And that is why we, participants, witnesses, and the first historians of the Revolution of Dignity pronounce with special feelings the words:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory to Ukraine!

Danylo Yanevs'ky

There is a time to cast away stones, and there is a time to gather stones together. The stones of Maidan mean a lot to those who were present on it physically or spiritually. The stones of Maidan, for many of us, became a symbol of protection against the forces of darkness, a symbol of striving for the rule of truth, a symbol of breaking the mendacious past. The stones of Maidan smashed the potency of banditry which after twenty years, due to our drowsiness and resignation, had already started to gain a state-level status. The stones of Maidan were thrown at the defenders of evil by those who were standing for the Christian values of Europe, forsaken by Europe itself. They were doing it with a hope to return and then, having gathered those stones, to lay them down as the cornerstone of a new Central European state.

Many were promising themselves to return once everything would come to an end and to gather their stones for constructing a new life, – a life illuminated with the Maidan experience. The evil forces, though, having lost on Maidan, unleashed war hoping that military perturbations would destroy the memory of Maidan, that the stones of Maidan would be removed, and that everything people were striving for would be forgotten, that the Maidan activists would perish on the front line and would not be able to gather the stones for constructing a new state.

Fortunately, this intention will not be implemented due to such books like this one.

Rev. Mykhailo Dymyd was prudently marking his stones. While working daily with the people of Maidan he was trying to preserve them – the stones of Christ's Spirit, invisible for those inexperienced in faith. Each day during liturgies with intention for the success and strength of the fighters, for the truth he was pronouncing the Word of Gospel, trying to discern the act of Christ and His Spirit in the history of the people that were striving for the truth and were ready to give up their lives for this. The priest was trying to mark both the place of casting and the stone itself which was cast by him into the hearts of good and evil ones hoping to break any constructions of evil and provide construction material for the spiritual foundations of a renewed Ukrainian, a member of the Christian European community of peoples.

I hope that for those many that were casting their stones on Maidan this book will become an encouragement to find time to address their Maidan experience and gather those stones in order to put them into the foundation of their new lives constructions.

Rev. Vasyl Rudeiko, PhD Vice rector for Scholarly Issues, Ukrainian Catholic University The fact that a Human Being creates Future is obvious; some, however, are not aware of this because their space of freedom is sometimes limited or even closed. They are looking but cannot see. What people experienced on Maidan is the Future living now within them! It is stronger than the past and the death; it is a touch of Eternity!

Everything presented in this album is just a timid look at the experienced things which united the participants of the Uprising of Spirit into one nation and elevated to their shared heights. Each personality is a conglomerate of positives and negatives which get manifested in weakness but when a person brings a selfless sacrifice for his/her neighbor – then we all touch the divine.

This is the gift which awaited all participants of Maidan – heart metamorphosis! Each of us received it consciously or unconsciously from his/her Creator! That ineffaceable and eternal seal! Gratitude for normality! The world saw the human being in its greatness of spirit!

Maidan of Dignity is already in the past! The Present and the Future is what we are able to experience again! Today we also can and should create through serving our neighbor at the place where the Lord put us to serve.

This is the purpose of this book: to let our memories of the past become an impetus and inception of the Future! This is what we wish everyone who will touch its pages with eyes or ears!

From now on the new Maidan is everyone's heart: let's share the received small gifts with people whom we meet, regardless of their position or nonchalance. Let's consolidate our dignity at the University of meeting and hearing the other.

One of the Maidan sacrifices was finding the time! Finding the time for doing good, time for the other, time for the light, for expectation, for experience, time for thinking, and time for patience!

Today we have to enrich and fill our time, let it again be a Kairos time – a moment of meeting which is transcending us, the Maidan of our hearts!

Let the word and the image of "The Stones of Maidan" be a tiny memory of this past and future miracle – noble, strong and peaceful!

Mykhailo Dymyd, Klymentiya Dymyd

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

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Klymentiya Dymyd

Very many people are arriving to Kyiv, they are eager to fight.

Jan 23 at 10:12

# Klymentiya Dymyd

If someone wants to communicate with fu...ing birdies or to stroll over a battle field – it's your finest hour, to be more precise, 7 hours. Make pictures with bus skeletons at the background, and grasp everything rolling on the ground thinking these are cases from live cartridges.

Jan 23 at 14:17

# Klymentiya Dymyd

Come here and you will be fed, plus a chance to see berkut-beasts, leaving alone a wonderful opportunity to show that you do care about Ukraine's destiny, bottoms off the armchairs and forward here!

Jan 23 at 17:08

## Klymentiya Dymyd

Every night more and more people are staying, it's wonderful!

Jan 25 at 03:14

#### Klymentiya Dymyd

Today the weather is wonderful; it's warm and nice to be outside. So, everybody who is idling, - forward to Maidan! There are not many people here...and someone has filched the golden WC; probably some cleaning lady could not stand the temptation of its charming glitter and became like yalynkovych.

Feb 1 at 20:51

#### Sermon 1

Maidan is Kyiv, it is the centre of Lviv, it is also a yard nearby our house or our place of work, yet it is not a kitchen, neither is it the news on TV.

Lviv, 23 November, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd

Apostle: 2 Corinthians 5, 1-10

Gospel: Luke 7, 1-10

#### MAIDANS BIG AND SMALL

Ten years ago a wise man John-Paul II, on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Holodomor, emphasized the significance of live memory about this crime not only for the Ukrainian people but for the entire humankind. He wrote: "Memory about the dramatic events of a nation is necessary in itself, besides, such memory "is useful for awaking in new generations a desire to become, regardless of the circumstances, watchful sentinels of respect for dignity of every human being".

Yesterday we commemorated and transmitted to our descendants the memory of Holodomor — a dreadful calamity brought to Ukrainian people by the Moscow-centered bolsheviks government. Today is high time to switch to the second phase of realization of Holodomor, namely "to become watchful sentinels of respect for dignity of every human being".

Therefore, we are calling personally each of you not to be silent but, wherever it's possible, to speak the truth about our people's past and, in this way, bring some light into its future. Bishops of all Ukrainian churches recognized that the future consists in deeper integration with the European Union because there one can find acting guarantees of "respect for dignity of every human being" which were so often missing in the tsar, soviet and post-soviet Ukraine. This is what, according to various statistics data, most of our people are striving for.

I am calling all of you to go to maidans, to discuss these issues, peacefully but with dignity and confidence express your thoughts, in search of answers to the question: how to find the road to future so that we all could build our own Ukrainian home. Maidan is Kyiv, it is the centre of Lviv, it is also a yard nearby our house or our place of work, yet it is not a kitchen, neither is it the news on TV. Maidan can mean a set of phone calls to encourage those who can go out to the

streets, as well as those who are weak and cannot do this, or, if cannot go alone, would go out in company with someone.

Maidan is also our temple, our church. I am calling you all to pray for a descent of the Holy Ghost onto each citizen of Ukraine: above all onto yourself – for you to be an angel of light and pass this light on to all you meet; onto others – for them to be open and accept the light so that indeed in Ukraine under all circumstances, once and forever each citizen would be "a watchful sentinel of respect for dignity of every human being".

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

I have just succeeded to open my eyes. The first thing that attracted my attention was the hands, BLACK HANDS! It took a couple more seconds to realize that these black hands are mine). A complete change of shifts, everybody from the night in Hrushevskoho are asleep, fresh forces have taken their positions. Somewhere between 8 and 9 there were two battle alarms, and right after them a sound off. Here they've got enough roll mats, fleece blankets and food. I am grateful for this to all who have contributed their efforts.

Jan 24 at 13:00

# Dymyd Mykhailo Barricades of Maidan!

Christ's miserable manger or the empty tomb have been inspiring many generations of people to rise from the evil, - because they belong to Christ. The same way, let the barricades of Maidan become a ground for new life of every Ukrainian and not only, for they also belong to Christ. They contain God's dignity and freedom, obtained by prayers, for every person in Ukraine. They became a symbol of transforming the whole society into Christ's Church, through a constant sacrifice which is literally taking place there. Let us pray that we live by Maidan laws but let it be a Maidan of our heart that cannot be ruined nowhere and by no one for it will always be a sewer of good!

# PHOTO [PAGE 13]:

Inscription on the electricity wire Aquapark ad:

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One has to enter the temple to become a temple himself. About freedom and human dignity.

Lviv, December 4, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: Hebrews 9, 1-7

Gospel: Luke 10, 38-42; 11, 27-28

#### ABOUT THE TEMPLE AND MAIDAN

We have come to the temple just as one day All-Holy Virgin was led to the temple by parents. To enter a temple is a very significant thing in one's life. We entered the temple for the first time in our mom's womb: when our mother was attending church we were entering the temple as well. And already then the Lord blessed us. Every time our mother was praying, confessing, taking communion, - we were again entering the temple. And when we were born into this world we were led to the church – for baptism, for confirmation, for our shared communion through the Eucharist with Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is our entry into the temple.

All-Holy Virgin was led into the temple so that she could herself become the Lord's Temple, - so that Our Lord could reside in her, be born in her, impact people through her, bless them. This is how All-Holy Virgin Mary became The Mother of God, gave birth to Our Lord Jesus Christ, Our Messiah, Our Savior. Then the All-Holy Mother of God was at all times accompanying her Son during His mundane life. We all remember the suffering of the Mother of God under the Cross on which her Son had been crucified.

We remember about Mother of God even today when we come to Her, asking of Her intercession for ourselves and for our relatives. In

"2014 SHALL BE FUN".

PHOTO [PAGE 14, middle one]: Inscriptions on barricade slogans: "NO TO VODKA AND DRUGS" "WE ARE UKRAINIANS – WE ARE SICK AND TIRED OF JUST BEING PROUD. WE STARTED DOING SOMETHING".

PHOTO [PAGE 15, left one]:

Inscriptions on an upside-down basket put over a respirator:

"ONLY VICTORY!"

"COME AND STAND WITH SOTNIAS"

"EVERYBODY - TO KYIV!"

"YANUKOVYCH MUST BE ARRESTED"

the same way, brothers and sisters, let me remind each of you, myself first of all, that we are all led into the temple and each of us \has, for the sake of God's glory and providence, equal opportunities to create the temple. To create the temple means to help others, to bless others, and to sanctify others. There is a prayer: "Joy and peace – amendment of life, the time of true penance, grace and consolation in the Holy Ghost and continuance in good deeds – may the Almighty God grant us. Amen".

This is the entry to the temple, this is the temple of Holy Ghost these days for us. We have to be warriors who are fighting for the good and spreading it. Some priests have a symbolic sword in their garments. For instance, I have got one. When I put on this sword I speak the following prayer: "Attach your sword to your thigh, be strong with your beauty and your kindness. Tighten the bow and attach, rule for the sake of truth, meekness and justice. And your hand will lead you to victory, always and at all times and forever. Amen".

I guess you understand very well what I mean: each of us has to create a maidan in our heart. For this our heart must be filled up with God's grace through entry into the temple, through participation in the holy sacraments of confession and Eucharist. If we do this, i.e. when we, according to God's commandment, celebrate God's day once a week, we become then the warriors who have tightened their bows and are attacking, and are ruling for the sake of truth, meekness and justice. Then we can really share blessings and grace residing in us with our neighbors, with remote relatives, with our society, with our Motherland.

Today our Motherland – Ukraine – goes through such a struggle, such purification. Thus let each of us make a test of consciousness: do I attend the temple, can I say each Sunday that I have entered the temple of God – not only that one made of stone but also that sacramental one? Am I in the state of God's grace, can I take the Communion, do I take it? If yes, then I become the temple. Then I am on the side of light, on the side of good, on the side of peace. But on the side of such peace, such good which is not still standing and hiding but which is attacking and advancing. Such good has the nature of sharing with others, encouraging others, helping others; it is ready to suffer for the sake of victory of God's truth. Today our Motherland Ukraine requires from us Christians on this one thing. If someone

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

With our water, with water cannons bought for our money they are fighting with us. Those whose task is to defend the people of Ukraine went against it. Death to them, the traitors! Jan 23 at 10:54

can do more, let him do it, it is encouraged. But not from everyone such heroism is required – yet from everyone it is required to purify one's soul so that God's grace could pour from us onto every person we meet with a thought, a glance or a touch of hand. Can you imagine how that weak child, that girl could become God's Temple, and how was and is, even today, the devil afraid of her, and how we have our hope in her, and how many weak nations she has been freeing all over the world. Cannot we be the same? The answer is obvious: can! The way we can do it I have just shared with you, so let us, brothers and sisters, tighten the bow, attack and advance, rule for the sake of truth, meekness and justice, and our hand will be leading us to victory today, always and forever. Amen.

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# **Dymyd Mykhailo**

November 30, 2013

NON-STOP PRAYER! From Dec 1 2013 and St and Olha Volodymyr Church (Symonenko Str,5, Lviv) will be open 24 hours for a non-stop prayer. The civil society and each of us need a strategy and action! The prayer will help to sanctify, illuminate and whet intentions and acts. Then the creation of the space of freedom and respect for human dignity in our hearts will gain a firm foundation! Come yourselves all and call the others! Especially at night, and also if you are in anger or despair! Do not curse the criminals!

Klymentiya Dymyd Constantly taking turns and praying. Jan 23 at 12:34

### Dymyd Mykhailo

December 11, 2013

In the church of St Clement the pope, the bells are clanging! The Liturgy is on! Ivanka went to church! Maidan is attacked by dark forces! The Good will win! Let us pray! Let us declare our civil position!

PHOTO [PAGE 18, bottom left one]: Inscriptions under an icon: "I SEE YOUR DEEDS, MAN"

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Let each of you think what useful deeds you can do to help the forces of good be illuminated.

Lviv, December 4, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: Hebrews 9, 1–7

Gospel: Luke 10, 38–42; 11, 27–28

## A CALL TO PRAYERFUL MAIDAN

A prayerful Maidan continues in our temple. For the fourth successive day we've been praying for our students, for those who are now in Kyiv, and for those in Lviv, and for those who are worried about the destiny of our Motherland – Ukraine. St Panteleimon Chaple beneath us is open 24 hours. Each of you who desires to take a prayer effort can register in the vestry for any particular hour: be it one at night, or five in the morning, or from three till four, or in the evening – at any time. I think, each of us should give at least one hour of his/her week time to make such a prayerful sacrifice and to beg God to provide us with the grace necessary for our people in Maidan.

The same way at 8 pm daily there is a Liturgy – an additional Liturgy in our temple for all those who are in Maidan. We want to join them, want to reach that light to share it with them. This is our mission. We have not got any other power apart from the Lord's. Let each of us think what useful things (s)he can do to let the forces of good be illuminated.

The program for our soul is conversion. If I have sinned and stand praying for Maidan - I

am not praying neither for Maidan, nor for myself, nor for anyone. First one has to cleanse onseelf of the sins. Therefore, let's not be scared of purifying from our sins. Let's not fear, let's get purified. If I am at odds with someone, if I get angry and this anger is torturing me – I shall go and ask forgiveness. That will do good.

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# Dymyd Mykhailo

November 30, 2013

I call you to collect videos and photos of the slaughter and promulgate pictures of separate law-violating policemen so that we could gradually identify them, so that they would start answering the questions asked by their wives, children, co-villagers, neighbors, relatives, parents, and when the time comes — the questions raised by the human just judgment!

Dymyd Mykhailo

December 2, 2013

APPEAL #2! TO ALL PRIESTS OF UKRAINE! CLANG THE BELLS EVERY TIME YOU HEAR THE PLAGUE IS COMING! AND THAT IS – EVERY TIME YOU HEAR AN INNOCENT PERSON HAS BEEN BEATEN! THIS IS EQUAL TO BEATING JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF.

# Klymentiya Dymyd

People here do not care that the prime-stinker resigned and the criminal laws have been partially cancelled. They saw what our criminal authority is capable of, and now they are demanding resignation of our chief state degenerate. To take power from the band, to let people decide how they should live. Jan 28 at 14:08

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Let us not fear to be the children of God. The Christian and the civil vocation consist in working a lot.

Kyiv, December 7, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 Corinthians 11, 1-6

Gospel: Luke *9*, *1*–*6* 

#### CHRISTIAN AND CIVIL VOCATION

We've gathered here to do what Christ asked us to: to preach peace, to remind ourselves and remember that everything is in Christ's hands. We have only to open our hearts, receive His gifts and use them — and walk bravely into life. We have gathered here as a civil society, and we have come here to speak about liberty that lives in our hearts, about God's dignity received by every human being with birth. This is our Christian calling — both Christian and civil.

We do not have to be afraid, we have to give testimony of the fact that we are the children of God and we do not fear. And let our testimony be the power which overcomes the evil existing in the world. Evil has concentrated in our Motherland to such an extent that we could not stay aloof and went out into the streets to combat it and its structures. It is extremely significant to understand that the evil acts primarily inside of us when we are divided inside, when we are occupied by an ill thought, or when we are hiding in the grey zone and doing neither good nor evil. Let us be those who bring light to others. Let us work at ourselves, let us work at our relationships with friends and enemies. And then let us work together to achieve, in our independent Motherland, an understanding how to live independently and what independence is in its essence. We have to learn a lot to achieve the wisdom to understand what it means to have power in our hands, what it means to be a minister.

By the way, the word "minister" is

translated from Latin as servant. Therefore, let us think what it means to have authority – to have authority at home, at work or in some state structures. What does this mean to us? How do we use our authority to enrich ourselves and those who surround us?

Thus, a lot to be done. Let us open our hearts, walk peacefully forward to Our Lord who is the source of wisdom and love.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

I've just read the news about the retreat from Hrushevskoho str. / freedom to those detained/. I was standing in front of a group of guys by the fire. They asked me, quote: "Who will raise our brothers from the dead? Who will return them to us?" They said nobody is going to leave the place.

Jan 24 at 1:01

Dymyd Mykhailo January 14, 2014 A paschal joy!

As I meditate over the cause of a constant noise of "trolls" in various forums, over the rattling and walking of "Herod's soldiers", over the demonstrative "Herodiade's dances" and over the fact how many resources are being used to "destroy" the prophet, I feel pity for all the people involved in this the same way as one ay feel pity for a brother of sister departing fro their home sacraments. I imagine what a common feast it would be if all these efforts were directed onto the search of the truth which would turn into the triumph of love! At the same time, though, I am taken by a groundless joy of resurrection, it is even stronger than sadness, and I can hear the words speaking in my heart: "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks" (1 Thessalonians. 5, 16–18). At those moments when "there was a darkness over all earth" (Luke. 23, 44) I am indeed taken by a feeling of paschal grace. I call all the people of good will, all those who love Ukraine - let us rejoice, for we are together and the Christ, born and transfigured, martyred and resurrected in human hearts, is with us!

Death can be different – one may be a living corpse. The strength and grandeur of every human being - to rise from the dead in

Kyiv, December 10, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 Thessalonians 1, 10-2, 2

personal and social dimensions!

Gospel: *Luke 12*, 42-48

#### ABOUT RESURRECTION TO LIFE

We have gathered to pray for resurrection. This is how this world is created, this is how a man is created in it – he has to pass from death to resurrection. Jesus Christ Himself, our Lord, willing to overcome the evil prevailing in mankind and the world, took flesh, came down to earth, let himself be crucified and died to trample death. He rose on the third day and this way made it possible for every human being to rise from the dead. Rise at all times. Every person, once born, is given divine dignity because Christ himself was incarnated and sanctified human body.

A baptized person receives God's grace. Via Chrismation (s)he receives the gift of the Holy Ghost. Holy Ghost Himself resides in a person to make him/her a warrior of the good, for the evil one is constantly alert. The evil one is Satan who wears different faces, who can take different appearances. He can turn into a person or a system. Evil is also a grey zone, a zone activated in every heart where there is neither good nor evil but something unclear, a place where we are hiding. Each of us is called to live constantly in God's Kingdom already here on the earth. To live in the Kingdom of God means to be a part of resurrection, to overcome death, to open one's heart to the Lord in order to commune with Him.

We understand this struggle very well when we face a tragic situation: a person we love

## Klymentiya Dymyd

The guys from the barricades are screaming about their vanished chums. I've been told that if we continue to stand peacefully they will gradually free those detained, one by one.

Jan 24 at 0:42

was alive and now is not with us anymore. We feel the abyss, the wound, the blow and ask: "Why does it happen?" In the human dimension we may experience a certain portion of anger. In the divine dimension, though, we understand that this is a moment of suffering through which one must go to comprehend more.

Today, when in our society we witness a great struggle between the good and the evil, let us remember that the sacrifice of each of us is a precious contribution into the victory of good. Quite often in our heart we are not patient, not good, not opening it to ourselves, to the society, to others. When we stand before people or a person who passed from the earthly life to eternity, we pray and this prayer is very-very necessary. When a person is alive (s)he can pray for him/herself, can cleanse him/herself, can be part of His Kingdom, can him/herself come to the Lord. When a person's life here has come to end, (s)he cannot plea for him/herself – only those who are alive can pray for him/her and plea to God for mercy. Therefore it is absolutely necessary to come and pray for the dead. Our Lord is merciful but the soul of a praying person must be fully open, must let the anger go and should not give way to certain unnecessary human weaknesses.

Thus, our prayer should be clean, and our heart – open to God but, sadly, for many it is a huge problem. For instance, one comes to church on Sunday and feels unworthy to take Communion. This means that there is a barrier between me and God. This is similar to a situation when one comes to dine with friends, sits in the corner and is not going to dine. Everybody is having the dinner, and I am not. Here something must be wrong. So, if I really want to rise from the dead, as well as to help my friends, relatives who passed away, I have to be in God's grace. Otherwise I am not helpful; otherwise I am not part of the good. This is something we have to bear in mind at all times.

Let everyone make a trial of conscience: am I part of the good? Is my heart open today, without a sin? Can I speak to God and pray for myself, for others? Or, perhaps, my heart lacks the necessary purity? Is my heart muddled? Do I feel worthy to take the Communion, i.e. do I have a living contact with God? If my prayer is a self-gratification, it is not anymore a prayer to God, it is crossed out by the barrier between Him and me, and then I go to confess my sins.

It is necessary to speak about this because today, as never before, we want to have different

relations in our society. Still, we have to start improving these relations from ourselves. Otherwise we shall witness chopping off the head of a multi-paw beast but his paws will continue to commit outrages and will eventually do everything to let the head sprout again. And this beast will continue to reside in our hearts, in our society, in our state. Let us remember: it is the society that organizes its state.

Let us purify our hearts and this way, make our tiny contribution into building up our society, our state — building it according to transparent God's laws, and not via machinations. We must build the Kingdom of God inside of us. It is the same here and there fro those live by God's laws. A dying person does not find him/herself in something different. No. The Kingdom of God must be here already, and death is just a passage to eternity. A person should reign equally both here and there. If (s)he learnt to reign here (s)he will do it there as well. If has not leant here (s)he, sadly, won't be able to do it there either.

Let us pray that we are able to take the right decisions and act accordingly. Let us pray with pure hearts for ourselves, for our society, for our Motherland, for the day of tomorrow as the day of resurrection for all of us — both those who are still here and those who have already passed away.

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Dymyd Mykhailo December 27, 2013 In the image of God!

A person needs to be constantly reminded that (s)he and every single person in the world is created in the image and likeness of God, created by God with dignity and uniqueness. Maidan restores and provides the feeling of inner freedom in a person and his/her sense of dignity. Such dignity is an integral part of humanness received with creation-birth, and no one can ever take it away.

# Klymentiya Dymyd

As for Mykola Pasichnyk, 72, who has been arrested and sentenced to 2 months for riots or something like that. So, stop reacting to this more urgently than to the same arrests of

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The Lord always provides us with hope but let us behave in such way that our striving for God-granted dignity would not be just a fugacious straw-fire.

Kyiv, December 10, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 Thessalonians 1, 10-2, 2

Gospel: Luke 12, 42-48

## PRAYER AND DIGNITY

Prayer is a strong weapon which helps us to open to God. People are created to become like God, to constantly improve, to become saints. To become a saint means to cleanse oneself of ill deeds, of sins in thoughts, words and actions.

When we pray, i.e. when we open our hearts to God, – we get purified, liberated, we restore the dignity given to us by our Creator. Nobody can ever grant us more dignity or more

people younger than his age. He also took part in the "forbidden actions" and in the same way was capable of making severe personal injuries or kill someone, just like other, younger than Mykola, people. Besides, I am sure he is proud of such a "term". To sit for freedom is not so bad. P.S.: I condemn all the arrests of Maidan activists, please do not take me accidentally for a traitor.

Jan 24 at 4:47

PHOTO [PAGE 32, bottom one]:

Inscription on an overturned and burnt minibus:

"FREEDOM OR DEATH!"

freedom. They are implanted in our flesh, our hearts and minds. Therefore, we have to look into the basics of our life and cleanse ourselves from the slime, dirt and slough that have stuck to our minds and souls during the last generations when we, as separate individuals and as a nation, had to go through horrible wanderings and hazardous distresses.

Time passed, and Ukrainians rediscovered themselves and stated they are a nation – not just a third-quality nation but the same as other world nations with its rights, its dignity and freedom to rule itself. We are striving to be a really independent state, i.e. to have our own government, our own president, our parliament, and our top officers who are going to serve their people, to serve us, so that we, Ukrainians, could make the long-awaited dreams of our ancestors come true; so that we could live in this world as a separate nation: to manage the country, to prepare a good future for our children and to help our neighbors; so that we could give something to them and get something in return and do all this to the glory of Our Lord.

Still, regeneration of nation is not an easy When Ukraine was proclaimed process. independent we were not fully prepared. We thought it was enough just to declare our decision, enough just to say "yes" and everything would be conducing to our wishes. Not at all. Liberty, dignity, independence are the gifts of the Lord. It is necessary that they get rooted inside each of us, that they become our second breathing – all this just to let us behave with dignity: toward ourselves, toward our families, toward our society.

The highest dignity before Our Lord is to say: "God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Holy God, I am sinful, I come to you and beg you: sanctify me, my relatives, sanctify my nation. Please sanctify the state I am co-creating with You, perhaps at times not properly. Help us to find the instruments for helping each other".

This is the direction our behavior should take not only today, not only at the time of our people's uprising but every day. If we have not been doing this before it's not a problem: the Lord is kind; the Lord is always giving us hope. But let us behave this way to the end of our age, and let our striving for Lord-granted dignity not turn into a fugacious straw-fire but let it rule in our families, schools, hospitals, market places, our roads and everywhere we walk: our forests, our fields, in our air.

It's a great mission! In God's language, or, in the language of church it is called "to reign". We were called to this earth to be kings, to be good managers. So, let us move forward!

It is no coincidence that Saint archangel Michael is the patron of Kyiv, it is no coincidence either that these rebellions are stirring up exactly at this time. Michael was a plain angel who asked: "Who is like God?" This became his name, his dignity, his victory. For God was with Him.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

A berkut man has just taken the side of people!!! Took off his weapon, his helmet and joined us. I did not see this, that's why cannot guarantee any credibility.

Jan 24 at 19:49

# Klymentiya Dymyd

There is an attack on the RSA (regional state administration) in Odessa at this moment. The building is stuffed with titushkos. There was a set of provocations, and one of them finished with a titushko becoming a snowman )) And in Donetsk titushkos got mixed up between the meetings and scuffled with the protesters supporting Yanyk.

Jan 26 at 18:13

## Klymentiya Dymyd

RSA in Vinnytsia and Chernihiv have been occupied; mass protest actions in Sumy; Volyn police joined the people's side. I come across a huge amount of announcements about people gathering in the most eastern parts of Ukraine. Those who have not risen from their knees are now in the process.

Jan 25 at 13:45

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One righteous man can defeat a legion of the unrighteous people! The good is combating the bad above all via a prayer!

Lviv, December 11, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 Thessalonians 2, 1–12

Gospel: Luke 12, 48-59

#### PURIFYING ONESELF FROM EVIL

We have come here to Our Lord, to the temple because only here can we reach the roots of our existence; reach our liberty and the dignity of God's children.

Today's reading from the Gospel clearly indicates the fact that we are in the middle of a struggle of the evil against the good and everyone has to realize it distinctly. Having realized it, we must combat the evil. Our Motherland is currently facing a big fortune or misfortune, it experiences a big purification. Purification is a struggle. On the one side, we can clearly see the lie, the fraud, the deceit, the beating, the blood, and the unfairly arrested; on the other side we can see the great hope, the prayer, the smile, the sagacity, the love. And each of us has to decide on which side (s)he is. Each of us has to ask him/herself: am I part of the good or of the evil? Obviously, for you it's a rhetoric question for I know and I am convinced that each of you is deeply involved in these events, and each of you is confessing and taking the communion to be fully on the side of the good.

If we, Christians, are praying in God's grace, then it is enough even for one of us to stand with raised arms saying: "God, please help. Lord, bless my people", and let there be a legion of enemies around us – the victory will be ours. Not because of our strength, wisdom, solidarity but because we are opening our hearts to the Lord, because God is with us.

Therefore, let us continue to carry out our

main duty – to pray and rely on God. And the Lord will be purifying our people, cleanse us, our society, and then we shall be able to build our common future on the basis of good, i.e. on the basis of that vocation which is destined for our Ukrainian nation, like for any other nation in the world.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

Maidan. Wonderful weather, lots of people. Frost, snow, bright sun. On Sat/Sun a huge amount of caring Kyiv residents are coming here. They register as volunteers, bring clothes, shoes, necessary things for the stubborn revolutionaries who have screwed themselves into the granite of the Independence Square and are not going to leave anywhere and a scar, now I am ready for anything because my hands are not freezing anymore.

Jan 25 at 15:46

# Klymentiya Dymyd

Before you start pouring mutual accusations and punish "the guilty" you should know: we did not take off the giant commercial on Khreshchatyk) it was done by the advertisement people, the guys with wire ropes. The last picture — a view of the commercial 'before'. Also, there is information that 10 tons of humanitarian aid are on the way to us from Poland (camp-beds, sleeping bags, bandages, etc.), and this truck has been blocked at the customs. Currently it's in one of the warehouses near Kyiv.

Feb 4 at 13:59

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Everyone should do good deeds – otherwise (s)he will perish! This refers to each individual and the whole nations.

Lviv, December 12, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 Thessalonians 2, 13-3,5

Gospel: Luke 13, 1-9

# DIGGING ABOUT THE FIG TREE

Today we read in the Apostle: "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth". Let us, thus, be aware of this dignity and let us pray "to be delivered from the unreasonable and wicked men". Because "the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from the evil".

The Gospel is calling us to do good deeds, to bear fruits. "If we repent", the Gospel says, we shall bear fruit. If we do not – we shall perish. Whether we belong to the good ones or not – we have to bear fruits. For that we have to cultivate our soil, dig about our fig tree.

Let us, thus, ponder over our lives and let us do concrete good things daily for our neighbor, for God. Let us scarify the soil around the fig tree so that it could bear fruit, that we would not perish but flourish as individuals, as families, as a society and as a nation in our free and independent state.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

Hail of hand grenades, I wonder where have they got so many?!! The boys, protecting themselves with the shields, are throwing tires into the fire, trying to maintain the line of the smoke curtain. Some are already rolling on the ground and crying, fed with more gas ( No one contused, people are being more 9

We have to combat the evil actively. To love and reason with those who are mistaken. If they are not listening to you they are not worth your attention. Kyiv is a new Jerusalem!

Kyiv, December 13, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 Thessalonians 3, 6-18

Gospel: *Luke 13, 31-35* 

careful and observant now. Apart from grenades I see huge stones flying in the air, the helmets can perfectly protect from a stone but it clanks in the ears.

Jan 25 at 0:04

Klymentiya Dymyd People are very agitated, something has to be done.

Jan 24 at 0:35

# APART FROM THREATS LET US SPREAD THE GOOD!

We have just been listening to the Apostle and the Gospel passages. Today is St Andrew's Day. We have come here to receive peace from Our Lord Jesus Christ. What does God's peace mean? The Apostle is telling us today: the first thing we need to achieve in order to obtain peace is to work and live from that work; second: he who does not work may he also not eat; three: if someone does not work, if someone idles and does not strive for knowing the truth, biases the truth, then mark him indelibly, do not consider him your enemy but reason with him as with your brother; four: if he does not listen to you, then withdraw from him. This is what apostle Paul says. In other words, we have to love our neighbor but avoid the evil. These are the two truths of life. Yes, they are difficult to follow but possible if you look at each person in God's dimension – just like Jesus Christ looks at me. For I also have own sins and I am also leading a double life but God somehow can love me and can prompt me how to get out of my idleness.

Luke's Gospel is telling us that we need not fear. What does the evil do, what does Herod do? He is intimidating us. We are told: "Get out of here, because you shall be killed". The Pharisees were telling Jesus: "Get out of here because Herod will kill you". Still Jesus does not fear. He carries on with His mission despite being tormented, persecuted and intimidated. He has an aim, He does the good, He makes miracles – He opens His heart and begs for mercy from His Father. It does not work instantly, though. Jesus Christ is screaming: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that didst kill the prophets and stone those who are sent unto thee!" He cares about His Jerusalem.

Our Jerusalem is Kyiv. Therefore, we are praying today: "Kyiv, Kyiv, why are you killing your children today? Why aren't you walking the path of good?" And we, via the Lord, just like Jesus Christ did, have to gather all the good people, all who still remain, so that one day (we may not witness this day) our Jerusalem, our Kyiv would become a city of light, a people of light, a real genuine Ukraine. And then we would rejoice and help our neighbors and the whole world.

Such is the Gospel reading for today, such a combating Gospel. We win with the good. The good is in action. Conscious and fearless action.

Let us appeal to St Andrew, who was the first to bring this good news here, that he may help us, that we may be inspired by this Gospel, experience it, receive the grace and share it with others, share and share and share it endlessly.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

They have caught a journalist from the Russian TV channel who was jabbering away a lot using the barricades as a background. People are shouting "Infamy!" and "A dog deserves a dog's death" and shaming him.

Jan 23 at 15:09

# Klymentiya Dymyd

I've been just told how titushkos were trying to join our rows and present themselves as our guys in the Zhovtnevy Palace. It all ended with the scene when they were persecuted with shame and shooed out from the dwelling of honest Maidan defenders. Fear and hatred in their eyes and the mugs in the brilliant green – this is how they looked after the expulsion ) The informer says that these are very miserable people – unwashed, horrible sourzhyk, severely spoiled teeth (For a while I even felt pity for these wicked jades.

Jan 23 at 19:23

#### 10

He who stirs up people does not confess Christ. I mean here Ukraine too, it's being shaken by the devil...

Kyiv, December 14, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: Galatians 1, 3-10 Gospel: Luke 9, 37–43

#### WHO IS OUR SCREWTAPE?

Nice to see you at the prayer, at God's feast. Liturgy is the meal to which the Lord is inviting us. During His meal He's always speaking his Word to us. Today we have heard the Epistle to Galatians from Paul. He is surprised at the state of his people, Galatians, because they have switched into another gospel. They are listening to various disturbers, accept those gossips, this unclear teaching and then turn it into a law for their lives. This is exactly what the apostle calls a different gospel. In other words, those listening to another gospel are lost for him. We need to tell them about this but if they are not willing to return to the truth, them anathema to them, i.e. damnation. This is what apostle Paul says to his faithful in Galatia. The same way we can say that St Paul's Epistle is addressing Ukrainians.

And the evangelist Luke is telling us today about the evil spirit which seized a young man. In our case the evil one seized Ukraine, our Motherland. What does the evil spirit do? He is twisting a person, shaking him/her, he is foaming. As you see, the Gospel is always relevant. Demon seized Ukraine and it has been severely jolted.

Still, Jesus Christ is Our God. He created each of us so that we could be happy and rise from the dead. Jesus heals that son. The same way we believe that by prayers to God we shall obtain a better destiny for our Ukraine; we believe that by prayers to God we shall obtain a better destiny not just for now but also for other generations, to avoid such devil's jolts in our Motherland, to see it free together with its sons and daughters today and forever.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

They have just caught a provocator who was shouting that he's got two children, and he is standing for us but hates everyone...Whaaaat!?))

Jan 24 at 17:42

# Klymentiya Dymyd

Since the three leaders turned out to be not effective, and the people do not want to rely on them anymore, there is an idea to expand the circle of people who will be able to rule something, to take some decisions on maidan. There may be new names added (the three remain but some new may be added): Parubiy, Lutsenko, Baloha, Hrytsenko + someone from the ultra rightist specter.

Jan 24 at 13:27

# 11

Let everyone ask him/herself: "To what extent am I ready to raise my own dignity to restore it to the same level as I received it with birth?"

Kyiv, December 15, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Ephesians 4, 1-6* Gospel: *Luke 10, 25-37* 

#### BE WORTHY AND LOVE EVERYONE

Our prayer – Liturgy – consists of two parts. The first one is the Liturgy of Word. The Lord is providing us with the word so that it would grow in our heart and bear fruit. The second part is the meal, when we prepare the holy Eucharist, the holy Communion.

In the first part – the Liturgy of Word – the Lord is always talking to us indirectly, through His servants. Today these servants are apostles Paul and Luke. In everyone's life anyone can serve as a voice of God – mother, daughter, son, father, spiritual adviser... Everyone can have an authoritative person who, when talking to us, produces an impression that his/her words are coming from the Lord. And even if a person resists following the advice, these words are working in his/her heart, and gradually that person becomes better and rises to his/her Creator.

Apostle Paul says today: "Behave according to your vocation". Let us ask ourselves: "And why are we standing here? Why have we come here?" To answer this question, let us listen to our heart and feel: we want to be worthy. Human dignity was given to us by our Lord in His image and His likeness. In other words, our liberty and our dignity are not values given by the law, by constitution. They were given to us by God once we were born. Let us, thus, behave with dignity, according to our vocation, and let us pray about this because this is exactly what the Church has been preaching for millennia.

These are not just words — it's a daily work over oneself, it is humility, meekness and longsuffering. If we are purifying out heart, if every day we are thinking: "What good deed am I going to do for my neighbor?", if we are working over our dignity, then the society around us is changing, it is being transfigured. Let us remember that this is the kind of dignity apostle Paul is calling us to.

Evangelist Luke in the Gospel is telling us about a Pharisee who came to Jesus to tease Him asking: "And what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Although this is a Pharisee, a Provocator, Jesus is treating him seriously with love, just the way we are supposed to treat our neighbor. And our neighbor is not only a dad, a mum, a brother, a sister, these are also people who think different form us, our enemies, "moskals". The neighbor is every person I meet, and there can be no "but" here. Interestingly, the Pharisee is wondering about eternal life, i.e. about happiness. We all are striving for happiness.

What does "eternal life", "happiness" mean? Obviously they may mean the eternal life in heaven after death. In this case something different is meant. We are called to be happy here on earth. Eternal life means raising the quality of our life here and now. To achieve this one has to work hard, - apostle Paul was telling about this, - without hard work we shall not be happy, shall not feel happy inside, even though we may possess a house, a land, numerous cars, money on a bank account, a wife. Material things as such do not hamper us from being happy but this is true only if we have a spiritual stem. If this stem is missing then we are torn in different directions.

In the same way, to be worthy, to achieve the eternal, we need to know God. We do not need to know a lot about God – we need to know God Himself. It makes a huge difference: to know about God, about religion and to pray personally, to talk to God, to know Him closer personally. Thus, this is also the reason for our coming here, for our search. Today's Gospel contains such examples. The first one is positive – this young provoking Pharisee with whom Jesus behaved politely and told him everything he requested. The other one is negative: the priests. They knew a lot about God, about alms and mercy but they did not want to be "uncleaned": it was a belief of the Jewish people that a person who touches a dead body must be cleaned. They thought that he was dead and did not even find it necessary to bend down, to ask, to touch. This is the difference between "knowing about God" and "knowing God".

Thus, love for the neighbor demands time and sacrifice from us. Please keep in your mind that if I am looking for God, I have to go through the love for my neighbor, and this is not theory – I am giving away my time, I am sacrificing myself for this. And this is what you are doing!

May everyone ask him/herself: "To what

extent am I ready to raise my dignity to restore it to the same level as I received it with birth?" May this question disturb me, may it live in my heart but I have to answer it today or tomorrow, or on my way home.

So let us pray heartily to let the Lord transform our hearts, to let us live with His dignity and His freedom.

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## Klymentiya Dymyd

Hrushevskoho is boiling. The security forces are calling Yavorivskyi, they want to tell him something, people are angry.

Jan 25 at 16:56

Klymentiya Dymyd

Yavorivskyi went. Negotiations tete-a-tete.

Jan 25 at 17:01

# Klymentiya Dymyd

Yavorivskyi is back. He was going after an act of friendship - to sing our anthem together with the birdies and IT's – we've got only one anthem anyway. Konoplianyk did not mind, without general-lieutenant refused the reservations, he was shouting inadequately and demanding to switch off the lights, to take the people away and to get out from Hrushevskoho completely. Another info: at 20:20 they will be singing the anthem, we may join them. People are asking how things are, and what is the mood within berkut? "There are various people, both radicals and adequate peaceful guys. But please understand the first make clear majority. They live there like cattle, sleep somewhere in the cabmin corridors, stand with pampers, use the latter also for bandaging their soldiers. Kluyev is talking Yanyk into introducing ML, there is information about a terrible document which Yanyk and Putin may sign at any moment. About Russia's aid for Ukraine in case of menace...what a horror.

Jan 25 at 17:31

# PHOTO [PAGES 54-55]:

Inscriptions on the huts at the back, from left to

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In our today's struggle, when we call the evil people by their names, this would sound like: invite a "regional" for a dinner, talk to him, illuminate him.

Kyiv, December 16, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *1 Timothy 1, 1-7* Gospel: *Luke 14, 12-15* 

# INVITE A "REGIONAL" TO A CUP OF COFFEE!

We have gathered here today on the day of holy angels because Monday is the day devoted to angels. Under the guidance of St Archangel Michael we are fighting for the good against the evil. We are trying to call the evil by its name, and this is highly significant now.

Apostle Paul is telling us today that we have to understand what we are talking about lest we tell fables, lest we deceive ourselves and others. For quite often we find ourselves in such a life situation when we do not lie but we do not say the truth either. This is a serious inner blockade. Let us remember, thus, that our words must always be firm, our thought must be clear, and we should not pay attention to any gossips or fables provoking a quarrel, not serving the fulfillment of God's law, and bearing doubts in us.

Evangelist Luke is calling us to organize feasts, i.e. dinners, meetings to let us be on our common trip together. And he is encouraging us to do this not with the people of the same thought, he is telling us to call the wretched, the crippled, the lame, the blind. In our today's struggle, when we call the evil people by their names, this would sound like this: invite a "regional" for a dinner, talk to him, and illuminate him. Or, maybe, you know someone from the opposite side – call him, share your joy with him: let him know that you are rejoicing; that you are sure of your victory not over him but over the evil which is among us.

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"VOLYN"

"VOLUNTEERS"

"THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE ARE AGAINST ZAKHARCHENKO"

Those who think different, those who are ill informed, those who are too self-assured, those who easily yield to idle talk – these are the ones we are to appeal to, to them we should smile, for them we should pray, them we should invite, to them we should talk. This is today's lesson; this is the Evangelist's appeal to us.

This is the way we can help the archangel Michael and all the angels to create good, to combat the evil. But let me remind: first in your hearts, and only then around you.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

This smell of petrol, it will persecute me eternally. The situation in the battle field did not change, on Maidan they give eloquent talks and here they are exchanging "compliments" with the dogs of "law".

Jan 22 at 20:29

# Klymentiya Dymyd

While our fighters are having a rest, in Frankivsk our people have taken control over the RSA!! And in Lutsk! And in Chernivtsi! Glory to courageous avengers!!

Jan 24 at 15:12

# Klymentiya Dymyd

Berkut is pouring water trying to put out the hellish fire started by our boys. The latter, meanwhile, are trying to add more tires and firewood. The rows of men armored from head to heels are standing ready for fight; the others are throwing cocktails, cobble stones and fireworks. The dogs are replying with shooting and grenades.

Jan 22 at 18:56

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Law has to be applied not so much in accordance with its letter but rather in accordance with its spirit. This spirit should overcome the evil ones! To be a worthy person one needs to have clear thoughts.

Kyiv, December 17, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 Timothy 1, 8-14 Gospel: Luke 14, 25-35

#### THE SPIRIT OF LAW EXISTS

Every Tuesday we remember John the Baptist. He is the one who was preparing God's paths, he was the prophet, i.e. he was preceding and announcing the coming of Messiah.

Similarly, way we are trying to prepare the way for ourselves, or, rather, for our descendants – to make it possible for all of us to live in a transparent society, in accordance with God's laws.

Today's apostle reading is telling us that one needs to know how to use the law. That means the law is not just the letter – there is also the spirit of law which is more significant than the letter. And it is this spirit we should use to combat the evil ones because they are smarter than we are. They are overcoming us with the letter, and we are stronger in spirit. And if the law is applied the way it is meant to be applied, for the good in our relations, then it works and can be applied for taming all sorts of bandits mentioned in today's apostle reading, where are mentioned by name.

The Gospel is telling us that in order to achieve a success in our current spiritual life and in our society, to really obtain this spirit ruling the letter one needs to have above all a pure intention. Then one has to act according to this intention. And this does not mean the way will be easy. One

has to be able to sacrifice, to suffer. We see the example of John the Baptist, we see the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we see the example of numerous saints. Saints are heroes, they are revolutionists; in their time they said: "There is something wrong happening to me, there is something wrong with my life. I have to change; I have to convert myself to be able to help others around me». And they suffered a lot for this. Thus, pure intention, pure acts, plus suffering and perseverance. Our faith is not a thing we obtained and can keep like a treasure in a bank. No. Our faith needs to be renewed daily by opening our heart to God, by our pure thought. If we act this way we can succeed in everything. There must be, though, certain control. Control is our conscience; we need to test our conscience. You need a spiritual father or just a confessor who could be able to prompt you a more righteous thought, or, even to oppose you. Confessor is the voice of the Church which we do not necessarily like but which we must consider to make sure our plans coincide with God's plans. If sometimes our plans are not in accord with God's ones and we have noticed this we don't need to fear changing our intentions.

Today's Gospel is giving us a full program how to fight against the evil and how to call it. For if we want to combat the evil we have to identify it, give it the name, and then we have to plan, take advice, act, sacrifice, suffer. If the result is not sufficient we have to correct the plan but to continue moving forward with dignity and God's help. To be a worthy person one needs to have clear thoughts. This is the salt, the salt which has not lost its savor; everyone striving for dignity is the salt that gives taste and is beneficial for the society.

Let the Lord help us all. Let's ask in our prayers that despite our weaknesses, our egotism we would still be the children of light, God's helpers who are going forward to victory themselves and pulling others too.

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Klymentiya Dymyd

The berkut guys have broken the blockade in Vasylkiv!! 9 buses [of berkut guys] are coming to Kyiv; beaten people.

Jan 26 at 23:14

Klymentiya Dymyd In Sumy the police, having broken he RSA blockade, seized around 60 protesters who 14

Since we are chosen people the devil is working against us, and we have to realize it very well.

Kyiv, December 18, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 Timothy 1, 18-20; 2, 8-15

Gospel: Luke 15, 1-10

LOOKING FOR THE LOST ONES

were inside. In Charkasy automaidan has been smashed; the dogs went wandering around a huge territory seeking after automaidan participants.

Jan 27 at 11:21

We are listening to God's word which has to enter our heart and bear fruit. For this reason we are also trying to explain it so that it could really help us.

Today apostle Paul is speaking about the following things: to be successful, to become a part of good, and not to be a part of evil, we need above all to have faith and a good conscience. As for the faith, I guess, many of you have it. A good conscience is a more difficult case; one has to work over it. Faith is a gift we received with baptism. To have our faith on a required level, though, we have to struggle by a good struggle. For that one has to be constantly alert and often speculate and ask oneself where I am headed for, what I do, whether I am not mistaken, whether I am going the right way. And here we shall surely lack resources because we are weak. On the other hand, since we are chosen people the devil is working against us, and we have to realize it very well. Thus, to make sure our efforts are fruitful we have to pray and ask for God's help. The apostle says: speak less. And if we follow this instruction it can help us to bear fruit. There is one more condition, though: to follow Christ fully, i.e. with no anger and wrangle.

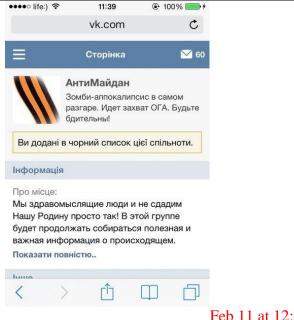
Yes, we are having hard time on Maidan. There are people who think different; there are people who act against their nation, and there is nothing to hide here. But we must have such a nobility of spirit as to help them, love them and convince them at the same time. But since we are weak where should we seek our strength? In God, in prayer. This is what apostle Paul says.

Evangelist Luke is also providing us with a significant lesson: to look for the lost sheep, the lost silver coin. For us, for our people, for the society these are above all the people who reject God, and only then those who for the sake of their own enrichment or, due to their own blindness, do not understand the suffering of our people. This relates not only to the current uprising. This wave has been accompanying us for centuries. We have had our martyrs, our heroes who have been struggling for sovereignty, for freedom of the Ukrainian nation, and we today are the continuation of their deeds. On the other hand, we can see a lot of people who are with us but who are lost sheep. Our mission is to seek them. This means we must abandon our comfort and the people who we enjoy talking with, and go to speak to those who are lost. It is very significant – to switch on the light. The woman who is seeking her coin will switch on the light. In our situation it

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

I am dangerous. Many of them moved onto the side of light before the admins had realized where the menace is coming from  $\Theta$ 



Feb 11 at 12:41

On the screen-shot:

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[Anti-maidan

Zombi-Apocalypsis is in its peak. They are conquering RSA. Beware!

You are black-listed by this community.

Information

## About the place:

We, sober people, will not forsake our Motherland that easily! Within this group we shall continue gathering useful and significant information.]

Full screen...

means information, a smile. If we are smiling we are already producing light. That other person immediately understands that we did not come to force him/her to something and that we have come with good intention, with love. Whether we shall or shall not succeed in convincing him/her – this is not even our aim. Our aim is to give light because the owner of the field is somebody else – the Lord.

Also, in order to find the silver coin one has to sweep the house. And this is already our business: if I see a speck in the eye of my neighbor then it means that I have to sweep my own house constantly. And the third thing: seek diligently, do not say that in our society there are no problems anymore, that everything is fine, that I have settled all my business, agreed with that and that clerk and have nothing to worry about. Oh no, that means you are not seeking diligently, you are not noticing the needs of your neighbor, the one who is not able to protect himself, the one who is sitting in the corner with a curse on this tongue. So, let us seek with diligence.

I did not select those gospels. These are the texts for today. I must say I have been looking at these gospel texts allotted for this or another day, thinking how God is speaking to us with the words that are exactly the ones we need most to hear. Let us live, thus, with this immense joy of God's parenthood on us. Let us develop this relationship with God. Let us share this joy to build God's kingdom on this earth and then in heaven. Do not hurry to jump over our life and go directly to heaven, we do not need this. We need to have joy and His Kingdom both here and in heaven. They consist in our presence and our prayers.

Thank you and let us ask God that each of us may find that single lost sheep, that single lost coin. And then I will tell you: "at that moment we fulfilled our vocation".

Klymentiya Dymyd

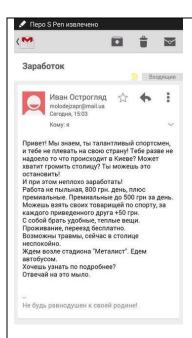
Anybody willing to earn some extra money? Only today is the sale "bring your friend and get 50 UAH extra".

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If our heart is lacking the main thing then the exterior façade will be only a soon-fading show. In the world created by God there are certain game rules, and these rules are written in the heart of each person, therefore the world is good.

Kyiv, December 20, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 Timothy 4, 4-8. 16 Gospel: Luke 16, 15-18; 17, 1-4



Jan 26 at 13:17

# On the screenshot: [Easy income

Ivan Ostrogliad molodejzapr@mail.ua
Tonight 15:03
To whom: me

Hello! We know you are a talented sportsman and you do care about your country! Aren't you sick and tired of what is happening in Kyiv? Maybe we've had enough of destroying the capital? You can stop this! And get a considerable compensation! The work is not hard, 800 UAH per day, plus a bonus. The bonus is up to 500 UAH a day. You can take with you your sports mates and get 50 UAH for each brought friend. Please take warm and comfortable clothes with you. Accommodation and transport is paid for you. Possible traumas, it's quite restless in the capital now.

We expect to see you near the stadium "Metalist". Delivery by bus. More details? Reply to this soap.

## Do not be indifferent to you motherland!]

#### Klymentiya Dymyd

We have just seen an attempt of a serious provocation in Maidan itself. Unidentified guys tried to set on fire the wooden huts opposite the stage. They poured with petrol one of the walls but did not have enough time to set the fire – people noticed this and ran

## FORGIVING AT ALL TIMES

Apostle Paul is writing to Timothy that every creature is good, i.e. everything that God created is good. It is highly significant that we understand this. We should beware any vision that is different from God's one because God's vision of the things is true, while the rest are deceptive. It is very much like an engineer who designed a certain machine, house or a bridge and knows everything about that construction – he will have the only right vision about his thing; at the same time, he who did not construct a certain thing will not know how it is made. It is very important, thus, that we have the right measure, and God's laws can help us in this.

The Lord is telling us through apostle Paul that physical exercising is good but it is valid only for our earthly life, whereas piety, i.e. exercising in our soul, is better because it is valid also for the future. This way the apostle is calling each of us to follow God's teaching, to look at things with God's eyes and thus achieve salvation. If we care about our own salvation those who are around us will be able to get saved too.

And evangelist Luke says that we must be clean in our hearts, and not before people. We may, of course, be clean both in our hearts and before the people but the decisive thing is what is happening in our heart. Therefore today, as we are praying for Maidan, as we are creating our Maidan, let us remember that the most significant Maidan is what we have in our hearts but not what we are talking or showing on the outside. The exterior is good but not the main. If our heart is lacking the main thing then the exterior façade will be only a soon-fading show. In the world created by God there are certain game rules, and these rules are written in the heart of each person, therefore the world is good. Similarly, there are certain game rules in the life of each Christian; they are more subtle, and we all have to follow them in our hearts. If we follow them we shall achieve salvation and those around us will get saved too.

The fact that God created us good and that all His creation is good is one thing. There is another thing, though, to be remembered: satan, the evil spirit is active everywhere. He is constantly sending temptations to everyone who wants to look at the world with God's eyes and who wants to walk on earth with God's breathing. The temptations as such are not that alarming.

after them but the degenerates escaped. It was announced from the stage that people in and by the tents must be cautious and make raids around their territory from time to time making sure no suspicious people are loitering around. It was also said that it would be nice to introduce a system of checking everyone entering the maidan. I am not sure it is possible but we could give it a try. The titushkos are everywhere anyway.

Jan 28 at 0:37

The real trouble is when we accept the temptations and become ourselves the ones who tempt – this is already a very alarming thing. Evangelist Luke says: "Woe unto the tempters. Woe unto those who suggest the evil, who do evil deeds, who create mist for the evil to exist". Such a calamity has struck our country: many maidans of evil, squares of evil. When we come there with God-given laws in our hearts we feel bad and often fall prey to a temptation because these places require a different behavior. Thus, let us beware getting tempted lest we become tempters ourselves, lest we create such squares of evil.

To abandon this unblessed situation we have to forgive each other. But when we see weak people, such people whom we even consider traitors we are ready to forgive once; to forgive for the second time is already hard, and then we desire to separate ourselves from them. Today's gospel is teaching us to always forgive those who repent. We should be forgiving them as many times as they ask for forgiveness. Such is the Lord who created us. It was He who inserted into our hearts such a big strength and such a big love that enable us to do this. So let us not fear to forgive, let us not fear to do good to those who do evil to us, let us not fear to spread those God's laws, let us speak about them, let us convince others. All this is the seed that will bear fruit at the right time. Let us pray that God blesses us and provides us with strength to struggle, bravely, like Chrisitians should, for freedom and dignity in our hearts and around us so that each of us could achieve his/her aim due to our efforts.

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## Klymentiya Dymyd

We've got enough medics; at least this is what I have just heard from the medics themselves. The wounded are being constantly carried in on stretchers but all of them/damn, this is a bit too cruel but let it be/, all of them can MOVE, actively move, so things are not that critical(

Jan 22 at 19:17

## Klymentiya Dymyd

People are disposed to act decisively; they created three lines of defense along Hrushevskoho street; they are using barrows to drag concrete blocs and other already out-of-use barrows which are also to become a part of barricades later!! The hip of wheels on the

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All nations are blessed but all have to work on their ennoblement. It is necessary that in our society everyone should do his/her work diligently. This way we shall be developing as a nation. Let us start from ourselves!

Lviv, December 21, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Galatians 3*, 8-12 Gospel: *Luke 9*, 57-62

## PERFORM YOUR TASK ACCURATELY

The Lord blesses all nations. All, though, have to work on their ennoblement, their holiness, their dignity. This purpose requires rules: customs in the society, laws in the state, canon laws in the

photo will be set on fire in case of retreat to keep warm our frozen berkut birdies. By the way the lads said that the owner of the overturned car does not mind))

Jan 22 at 21:25

# Klymentiya Dymyd

People cannot wait to hear the speeches of leaders at 7 pm; they are fed up with obscurity and the leaders' silence as if the latter are concealing something. Everywhere I hear talks that such development of events is inappropriate anymore. Beware, the leaders, people are unhappy and a threat is hanging in the air

Jan 23 at 17:55

Church. We have to follow them fully, not just for the sake of pure letter but also for the sake of our conscience, for the sake of our moral calling. Then they become valuable, then they fulfill their mission, i.e. normalize life, — the life of every person in particular and of the whole society in general.

Evangelist Luke says: let everyone do his/her work properly. Let everyone be at his/her place and serve with responsibility at the right time. Do not do the work which another person can perform better and easier than you but, rather, think in which area you are irreplaceable, in which area you are a specialist, what your talent is and do this work. Establish the priorities: what is significant to do at this particular moment and what can wait. And do not fear, be free, be the child of God. Jesus says: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God". Only by going forward, like Jesus Christ, with hope in the Father, can one pass through death to resurrection.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

A new telephone conversation. This time a 24-25-year guy, with full ammunition and a devoted look (as always I repent but still retell): "find yourself another person to go shopping. Who am I for you, a girl-friend? To be honest, I am on a sotnia list now and I am not going to come back. It's you who is! Ok, we shall see. You come here first and you will understand everything. Here things are different from what you have in the city [pronounced with Russified prosodics], here people are doing something different. I feel I am requested, I feel I am changing the country, and you are talking about a damn T-shirt...do not even think that the news will transfer to you the feeling I am experiencing at this moment. And you too should be here, you are needed here. Everyone is needed here. Both me and Ukraine need you, got it? Ok, bye...that is "Glory to Ukraine".

Feb 7 at 17:13

# Klymentiya Dymyd

In such nasty weather there is no desire to get out from under the blanket but still people are **17** 

Transparency, purification, good deeds, solidarity, gratitude – these are the ingredients of a recipe to become a positive hero of a Maidan in one's own heart and of all Maidans of Ukraine!

Lviv, December 22, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Galatians 4, 22-31* Gospel: *Luke 8, 16-21* 

#### MY HUT IS NOT AT THE END

Dear brothers and sisters! We have gathered here around the Lord Jesus Christ, and He, just as always, is teaching us how to live. For it is not enough for us to learn one time to behave properly to the end of life.

We, as people, are weak. Therefore we need to think constantly about our way: where are we going, is our way right or has it to be changed a bit and adjusted to the right direction? Apostle Paul says: "May all our relationships be transparent". May all our words be: 'yes' – 'yes' and 'no' – 'no'.

On the other hand, to achieve transparency in our relationships we need to avoid hiding our ill deeds. We may be mistaken sometimes, and then we tend to hide, we are hiding our mistake. here and they are not going to give up. We feel an immense support from the side of Kyiv residents: the cars are constantly beeping in accord with slogans, happy faces suddenly appear in the windows of elite foreign cars shouting: "we are with you!", "together and to the end!"; they expose yellow-and-blue flags). We have just passed a railway bridge. A locomotive was moving on it and the driver was shouting "Glory to Ukraine!" until his voice went hoarse)
Feb 13 at 10:52

Instead we have to get rid of our mistake, i.e. to confess it before the Lord. Then it will be burnt by God's love. This is how we have to get rid of our mistakes: not to hide them but to confess them before God. This is the mystery of our life. If we understand it we get wiser, we become more Godlike. We can act not only with our own strength but also with God's strength, then we can easily avoid gloomy things but shall deal with nice and good things, i.e. will be sharing our soul with others. We can be positive heroes.

Our spirit becomes uplifted when we think about the people going to Maidan. Why? Because they are positive heroes for us. The same way apostle Paul suggests that we, at every moment of our life, endeavor to be the same positive warriors of Jesus Christ.

Saint evangelist Luke in the Gospel is speculating over the question of where our pivot is, where our guarantee is, what the insurance of our life consist in. Each of you have probably asked yourself this question, haven't you? How shall I know that I am happy and that I have achieved something in my life? What is happiness all about? The man in the gospel believes that his achievement happiness, his consists dismantling the old barns, building the new ones and filling them up with property. But this is an illusion of happiness; this is not any happiness at all.

What does it mean to be happy? Who is our father? What is the end of affair? Is it ownership, accumulation or, maybe, it is gratitude to God? Ask yourself: "What am I accumulating in my life? What is the program of my life?" Each person will give a different answer. This may be property, fame, power or a dream coming true. But this may also be meeting God. And meeting God is possible only via your neighbor. Out of gratitude to Him I may experience happiness by way of helping others, by sharing with others. Today, when we are making one Maidan of freedom we feel this sharing with other people, we feel that we want to be one nation and we are saying: "My hut is not at the end; I can and want to help". This is the positive. This is what thinks he who realizes what the real treasure is, he who realizes that the real treasure can be only in God.

Let us seek true treasures – transparency, purification, good deeds, solidarity, and gratitude. And here you ca always find a prayer to God, a constant communication with Him. This guarantees the future in God and with God. Let us ask the Lord that He directs us unto Him and

makes us happy, for He created us for Himself.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

Inscription on a poster: "Warriors, you are defending murderers, therefore we must stand here".

Jan 25 at 2:25

# Klymentiya Dymyd

By the way, here is the report on the round. There were a few thousands of people trying to get into the governmental area but everything is blocked with trucks and canon flesh bearing their proud name IT. As you see, an empty maidan and a massive marching column of people, with no end.

Feb 06 at 14:18

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"Widows" can be various people that found themselves on the other side of our Maidan. A person will not reach the Kingdom of God by a sere fulfillment of the law.

Lviv, December 23, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 Timothy 5, 1-10 Gospel: Luke 17, 20-15

# ACCEPTING THOSE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BARRICADE

Apostle Paul is giving useful pieces of advice for a spiritual uprising which the Ukrainian people have been experiencing for three weeks already. I find especially useful the instruction which widows must be assisted and which must be married. "Widows" can be various people that found themselves on the other side of the barricade. There are lots of supporters but there are also quite a few antagonists or indifferent people, and not all of them are guilty of this. Each of them requires to be treated gently, not rudely. Paul says: "Intreat the old ones as a father and a mother, the younger ones - as a brother or a sister". And a special attention should be paid to widows. In other words, I would say, to those who came over to us from the other side of the barricade. Those who lead a good life but cannot cope with it due to a huge family or social burden. Such must be assisted. But as for accepting them inside, i.e. marrying them, that's a different pair of shoes. It's possible but they must be double checked; they must be experienced, faithful to one idea, known for good deeds and general community service. These are the pieces of advice from our apostle, and they are apt today and tomorrow, when different people are satisfied that the uprising known as Maidan is good and want to join it.

Evangelist Luke points at the spirit and letter of the law. At the time when the laws of the state do not work equally for all and often those "having the power" apply them against their own people, he says that a person will achieve the Kingdom of God not via sere fulfillment of the law. The Kingdom of God is an inner state of a person who feels good at his/her place allotted to

him/her by God. That person is happy in his/her earthly life pilgrimage due to the surmounted way, due to the overcome difficulties and also due to the perspective which is slowly emerging and getting outlined. The same spirit which is leading us during our earthly trip will fill up the Kingdom in eternity. The wisdom consists in awareness of the fact that the kingdom is inside of us, among us and many of its manifestations we can feel already now. Precisely now – on the Maidans all over Ukraine.

So let us not seek for signs, let us act. Let us act and continue to pray – and then our dignity, our freedom will become the heritage of our organized society.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

There are very many people here, with fury in their eyes. I think today's morning tin fomented them no joke; no more retreats. Sometimes they bring tea and sandwiches, sometimes hand out masks, don't get what for, save perhaps for hiding our mugs when we shall be bumping the fouls off) The problem is that WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF CAR TIRES!!!!! If you do not understand, this means that THE FIRE WILL GO DOWN! THERE WILL BE NO SMOG! PROJECTOR WILL BLIND US AND WE SHALL GO BLIND LIKE KITTENS INTO THE HANDS OF BITCHES!! So, I do not care how you do it but each of you must fetch tires to Hrushevskoho. I think your neighbor must forgive you a defiled Lexus in the mane of revolution ©

Jan 22 at 20:43

Klymentiya Dymyd Rhythm beating against the shields and slogans. Otherwise all is quiet.

Jan 24 at 4:24

## 19

Let us define for ourselves our daily spiritual aim — "let us not loiter around"! There are examples in history when people were "buying, planting, building", and the timing was wrong for all this — and they perished together with their offspring. What is our aim for today!?

Lviv, December 13, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 Timothy 5, 11-21 Gospel: Luke 17, 26-37

### **ECONOMICS CAN WAIT**

Today he is telling us that we should use the moment, with both our brain and heart, do to something particular. This does not have to be a public act – one can ask for forgiveness or forgive someone, to call, to resume some relations. He that can do more - let him do more: on the level of a city, a state, the world. But let us not be inactive, let us do something particular for others, whoever we are, whatever our position or our state is (apostle Paul, for instance, is talking about widows, about presbyters). Let everyone in his vocation put certain aims and achieve them daily. Do not loiter about – this is what the apostle says. And I follow up what he says: create transparent relations, so that in our acitivity - be it civil, social, ecclesiastic or state activity - we could preserve everything impartially, without doing anything for our own benefit.

Evangelist Luke says that in the Old Testament history and the history of nations, in modern history, there always come moments when we have to pause and realize with what wrestling we are wrestling. It is very significant, otherwise not only you can perish but your

offspring too. For example, people were dealing with economics: eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building, and Noah entered his ark before the flood. And Lot left Sodom, having escaped from fire and brimstone falling from the sky. One has to be always alert, look at the situation as a whole and analyze it: what is there in my heart, in my soul, in my head, what is happening around me. But this is only one of the components which can wait.

Just like Luke, I am calling unto you and myself: "Let us think over our today's situation, over our struggle, lest we are mistaken and perish". Yes, God, help us. And we are praying for this today.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

Here are two big bosses, talking to people, begging not to give them away.

Jan 24 at 2:40

# Klymentiya Dymyd

It's cold at the front, and nobody is let here for some reason. Some people cannot stay in one place – the activists' death leaves them in a state of unrest. Many have changed their views and priorities in the course of the revolution, and now a banal change of government is not enough for them – people want those guilty of atrocities to be punished, cruelly punished.

Jan 26 at 22:32

## **PHOTO [PAGES 80-81]:**

Inscriptions on the Christmas-tree carcass, among the names of various cities and towns of Ukraine, the central inscription on a white poster, addressed to law enforcement bodies, runs:

"OFFICERS UKRAINIANS WHOM ARE YOU DEFENDING? KHANUKOVYCH? KHAZAROV"

#### 20

Let us fill our heart and mind with the light from heaven and overcome darkness with it. Let us be like the Baby who is born and brings hope to all people of good will.

Lviv, December 25, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 Timothy 5, 22 – 6, 11 Gospel: Luke 18, 15–17. 26–30

#### **DEVOTION IS DETERMINANT**

Today apostle Paul is advising to be soberminded, to stick to the golden mean, to be aware: both good deeds and our sins — all will be revealed. Therefore, let us fear the sin, even if we think that no one will ever know about it. For this does not work in both personal and social life. In the same way, let us not feel restrained to do a lot of good deeds, secretly, trying to avoid laudation. Such actions will inevitably have impact on the future.

Devotion is determinant in knowing one's own place in society and family. Devotion means search of God, one's Creator, and a constant dialogue with Him. Then the balance comes between my living and my properties. The first one is eternal, the other one – perishable. And this is becoming, especially today, a key to our victory in the Maidan of each person's heart.

In the gospel Jesus Christ says: "He who does not receive God's Kingdom like a child shall not enter it". So, let us restore in us, through a prayer, our child-like feelings of righteousness, piety, faith, love, meekness, let us feel our heart and mind with the light from heaven that will lead us to our new dignity and freedom of God's children.

These feeling are especially relevant now, as a big part of the world is celebrating Christmas, and the other one is preparing for this. The coming of the Baby into this world which brought peace to all people of good will is full of great hopes. May those hopes become reality in our daily routine.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

Is this victory? This way, at the cost of human lives, part of the opposition came to power? And does it mean Klychko and Yatseniuk will be dancing to Yanyk's pipe!??? A doubtful joy. Waiting for the decision.

Jan 25 at 21:02

# Klymentiya Dymyd

I don't like the situation. This seemingly generous jest from Svynukovych is driving me wild, the prime-minister and the vice-presik won't do anything without a signature of presik himself. And the latter has enough sycophant councilors who, be sure, won't counsel him anything non-lucrative for his own hulk. That's it.

Jan 25 at 21:21

#### 21

Participants of the dialogue must be straightforward in all situations. God created the world in such way that those who risk their lives for truth will win.

Lviv, December 26, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 Timothy 6, 17–21 Gospel: Luke 18, 31-34

# "THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND ANYTHING"

Today's Word from God is calling us to a dialogue. Dialogue can be different: with oneself, with a friend, with a foe, with society, with God. To have a fruitful dialogue, the interlocutors must be straightforward, i.e. their views cannot change like water in the sun. If you say one thing and think a different one, then an intrigue begins and contradictions prevail.

What is happening today in Ukraine, when the president and the government are both deaf to the people's appeals, – this is already not the hope in God and search of His truth which is always only one, – it is just a vain talk, scattering of ill thoughts and rooting hope in flimsy riches. It's impossible to do good this way, to enrich oneself with good deeds, to be generous, to share gladly. Obsession with lies and deceit blocks any creativity and personal development. The latter leads to darkness, to death.

The gospel from Luke says that those did not understand anything. This word was closed for them, and they did not know what He was talking about. He means here Jesus Christ who said he would be suffering for the truth, would be given away to the gentiles, mocked, despised, spitted on, beaten and killed. The same we have today: those who are in Maidan are ready to lay their lives for truth and therefore victory belongs to them, to them belongs resurrection and the new birth. They have a guaranteed future of which the liars, who got lost in their distorted vision of

reality, are deprived. He who is indeed wise let him listen to these words of God: only through a holy and true life, transparent and clear, can one achieve a victory. This victory is not a victory over liars and satraps but over evil, over the darkness haunting all of us.

Let us pray that all the participants of the dialogue among our people be of the same spirit. But if things take a different turn – do not worry because "God created the world in such way" that "blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" and theirs is the ultimate victory. Since we are with Christ we are doomed to win.

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Dymyd Mykhailo Feb 24, 2014

We hear 'TO ORDER" "YOU MUST DO IT".

Our answer to it should be: No!

We are ascertaining: The situation is constantly

changing!

We're asking: Can God rule the situation?

The answer is: He does!

Conclusion: Let everyone do his/her duty and

the rest leave up to God!

He says indeed: LEAVE IT UP TO ME! IAM YOUR GOD! EVERYTHING WILL BE OK!

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The price of our understanding of law and our spiritual fruitfulness is our dialogue with God.

Lviv, December 27, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 *Timothy 1, 1–2. 8–18* 

Gospel: Luke 19, 12-28

#### HE ORDERED ME TO SERVE

Conscience, law, justice – all these come from God, so that each of us would be working on him/herself and on transparent relations with his/her neighbor. One cannot deal it without God. Without Him no one in the world is capable of applying the law according to the law, i.e. properly. For this apostle Paul is expressing gratitude to Jesus Christ, for the fact that he'd been chosen and ordered to serve.

In the same way, we have been chosen by the Lord so that by opening our heart and mind to Him we could be filled with His blessing and wisdom. The price of our understanding of law and our spiritual fruitfulness is our dialogue with God, a prayer, and not just any prayer but the one which is consistent with His commandments. The central norm here is "to celebrate the holy day", which means not only to avoid working on Sunday and holidays but to visit Him, open oneself to the Lord, accept from Him the gifts of holy sacraments, that is to share the supper with him. Then we shall be able to use for ourselves and multiply for others the talents He has gifted us with. Then we shall become a civil society with no strange children, strange problems for there are so many people living below the level of poverty.

Let us pray right now lest we are a wicked servant, lest our lips judge against us; let us pray to make sure that our good intention can always turn into a good deed.

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#### Klymentiya Dymyd

A drunk guy started putting a Molotov on fire. Was hardly stopped on time. They are shouting from the stage "guys who have weapon walk forward, all girls, if there are any here, walk behind line 4" but I am a guy, ain't I) but frankly...Damn...No fun.

Jan 24 at 1:33

# Klymentiya Dymyd

People want blood...They have been wearied too much and if they don't like the results of the negotiations... The walls of tires have been constructed again and they differ from the previous ones by height (3.5 m) and density, the smoke curtain is going to be much more spectacular, if that's possible to imagine, for the previous time it was wooonderful; people are actively carrying sacks with snow and fortifying the defensive structures; there are around 4000 people here now and the number is increasing.

Jan 23 at 22:12

PHOTO [PAGE 86]: Inscription on the Ukrainian flag: "YALTA"

PHOTO [PAGE 87, the bottom right one]: Inscription on the small Ukrainian-flag slogan: "I BREATHE FREELY"

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Before you want to teach someone first watch out lest you yourself fall into his/her ignorance.

Kyiv, December 28, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Galatians 5*, 22-6,2 Gospel: *Luke 10*, 19-21

#### LIVING BY THE SPIRIT IS POSSIBLE

Apostle Paul is raising high and praising his people when he says that they are above the law because there is love, peace, longsuffering, meekness, and kindness among them. The apostle, though, is reminding them that in order to stay on such a high level, four things are required: first – to tame the passions of the body; second – to be discreet about one's victories; third – before teaching someone to watch out lest you yourself fall into his/her ignorance; four – to help each other.

Evangelist Luke repeats the same but in different words. He says: "Rejoice not in your common success, in ability to overall the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you". In such moments it is very significant to understand that all this is being done not with your own but God's power; that all this is possible only through the power of prayer, through a sincere opening of one's heart and mind to God. Achieving success is not a one-time act. The condition for a lasting victory is the deepening of our relationship with God to such an extent that our names become written in heaven.

Too smart and too wise people forget about this – they are not listening to their minor brother in whom Jesus is also present and alive. This fortune is experienced rather by the plain people who, like a baby, have their last hope in father-mother – their God. For there is no other way – only angelic simplicity will provide each of us with kindness, faithfulness, calmness and discretion.

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Klymentiya Dymyd

We're preparing lots of new things for our

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"Renewed in complete knowledge" – this is although not articulated to the end but still

dogs, the folks want to fight. They are irritated by Ruslana's smiling mug, Klychko's poker face and Yatseniuk's glasses; they want changes.

Jan 24 at 3:34

# Klymentiya Dymyd

It is difficult to write about this, this is forbidden information but that's what for I am here. They have just found a hanged man inside the yolka. The territory is blocked, nobody is let in. People do not know anything, a prayer has just ended on Maidan; they were singing our anthem. I managed to photograph everything. Maximum repost please. I know: this is not a suicide.

Jan 27 at 12:54

PHOTO [PAGE 88, the bottom one]: Inscription at the bottom of the Christmas-tree carcass:

"CHRISTMAS TREE ON BLOOD"

well experienced understanding of the new sense of existence. "The great supper" is a serious conversation of free and worthy people.

Kyiv, December 29, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: Colossians 3, 4-11 Gospel: Luke 14, 16-24

#### LEARNING THROUGH STANDING

Today is Sunday. We are praying again with the Lord. We have come to His house to share with Him a supper.

Apostle Paul is speaking to Colossians that certain timing, a kairos, is required for the people to mature for changes. Not only to mature but also to grow up. In other words, he means the timing when everyone can signal that (s)he's got a fire glowing in his/her soul. Then spiritual powers developing in each person's soul are merging into one force in a way known only to God Himself.

Such is the dynamics, such is the action of the living Christ in each person, explained by the words of saint Paul: "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in glory". When the Lord places a certain person at a certain position or into a certain unexpected situation, He gives him/her strength and inspiration to behave accordingly. That person matures. In a way, it is a new Pentecost – descent of the Holy Ghost onto the apostles, when plain fishermen became and become people's leaders, their souls' pastors. Each of us feels that after going through Maidan, we put off the old man with his deeds i.e. got rid of a certain blunder, falseness, hypocrisy. Yet, this is just a beginning, not the end of our fight, this is just one finished battle, this is just awareness of the lifted God's gift which has to be vet accepted and appropriated. To accept the challenge, a helping hand, to rise to the suggested level of dignity. For that, it is necessary to cast away wrath, malice, anger, blasphemy, and filthy communication. And, what is the key issue, not to tell lies to each other. This is what will be putting on a new man, this is what will be restoration to the full knowing, this will be, although not vet articulated but already well realized sense of standing in Maidan. Understanding of one's mission for oneself, and through Jesus Christ, for others both our scattered neighbors and our society. And since each of us is trying to equal the image of his/her Creator such position and behavior will have a strong God's basis for creating a society

where God's love and laws prevail.

In his gospel words Luke speaks about a big supper, i.e. about a serious conversation of free people; each of them corresponds the human criteria of dignity. I mean here honesty among people and before God. For illustration I shall give the following eample: a Samaritan who helped a traveler was honest while the priest and the Leviticus who had mixed up religion and theory of God's teaching – were not.

They, as well as the first invited guests in our today's Gospel who had bought a field, oxen, had got married, had a biased scale of values. They became gods for themselves instead of accepting God as God. They did not hear the voice of people, the voice of God, for they were blinded with themselves, with their own interests. In the light of today's Gospel Maidan of the forsaken turns into a new big supper where the wretched, the crippled, the blind, and the lame become worthy ones because their hearts were beating in accord with God's will, they did not have exterior formalities and falsified laws at the first place, but rather their spiritual state, holiness, and clarity of intention. Although they might at times act awkwardly but they always define their future in God, under His guidance, at His great supper.

Let us pray that we may perceive the great blessing which we received today and that we may live with it and grow for ourselves and for our neighbors. Amen.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

They are singing the anthem, shouting "RELEASE!" The situation is calm, around 2500 people. The guards are saying the provocation and attack may start at any moment.

Jan 24 at 18:20

#### Klymentiya Dymyd

We are ready to meet he berkut guys if they show up. But we are angry now, beware, stupid birdies.

Jan 26 at 3:44

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Scale of values; 1. Honor; 2. Sanctification; 3. Benefit. Not asking stupid questions. Being just to the evil ones. Not keeping silence but appealing strongly!

Kyiv, December 30, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 *Timothy 2, 20-26* Gospel: *Luke 19, 37-44* 

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GOD

We are again listening together to what Paul is saying to us. He provides us with three recommendations.

The first one – to be a good vessel for God's gifts which we receive for our honor, sanctification and benefit. An interesting scale of values isn't it. Pay attention to the order: first –

honor, second – sanctification, third – benefit.

The second recommendation from apostle Paul: do not ask stupid, provocative questions for they are of not help. They humiliate the dignity of those who ask such questions, and then lead to a no peace but a quarrel.

The third recommendation: be just to the evil ones. This does not mean to be silent or to slander them but rather to teach patiently, to rebuke gently – and to leave it up to God the softening of their hearts, the release from the devil's snare.

And evangelist Luke gives an example of crisis among the Israelites when some of them were glorifying Jesus as God, while the others were impudently demanding that He forbids His disciples to glorify God. Jesus replied to them with very strog words: "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out". He was crying over the city, i.e. over the ruling regime, over that caste for they did not understand what could bear peace, — He knew that this would turn into a tragedy for them and their children.

We are not prophets, we cannot tell the future but we have heart and brain to reason, and we use them. And still, let us ask Jesus Christ to send Holy Ghost onto each Ukrainian; so that we would avoid such cleavage in our nation and that we all could live happily in this God-given land like in the Kingdom of God that was promised to those who have God's peace in their hearts already now.

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#### Klymentiya Dymyd

Those who want to use active measures and resist the possible break up of our Lviv-based EUROMAIDAN!!! Stay in the city centre, take spray cans (ANY) and cigarette lighters with you – this is not illegal!! In case if something – put the mugs on fire – they are wearing helmets but this will ruin their combative state for a time just enough to knock them down onto earth! GLORY TO UKRAINE! REPOST!

### Klymentiya Dymyd

A new art project is being placed by the stage. Anyone can join the creation of these canvases; here one may leave gratitude, wishes and greetings.

March 4 at 15:50

Nov 30, 2013

#### **26**

To be creative means to amont to our Creator. The creative actions of Jesus Christ were not without a risk.

Kyiv, December 31, 2013 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 *Timothy 3, 16-4,4* Gospel: *Luke 19, 45-48* 

### **BEING CREATIVE AT ALL TIMES**

Apostle Paul encourages the society to be creative at all times. It means to amount to our Creator via a creative realization of His teaching. Here we are talking primarily about the freedom of will which also has certain rules: to be positively critical, not just anyhow but with all possible patience and instruction. If there is such a basis then one can and should do all possible.

Apostle Paul gives us five points: preach

the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove; rebuke; exhort. The apostle is warning us against gathering around oneself the teachers that would be pleasing to our ears. Evangelist Luke illustrates a particular example of Christ's creative action for equalizing word with action. He drives the sellers out of the temple. Let us think in a similar way about the rowdies in our temple, in our soul, family, society, country, and let us drive them out with God's help. At the same time be aware that such behavior will have consequences. If our teacher Jesus Christ was threatened with murder, so shall we be too.

Our advantage, though, is that we are fighting for an eternal imperishable idea, for freedom and dignity of every God-created human being, for his/her salvation; and such a struggle, according to our credo, for sure leads to resurrection, to victory. Of this we have bright examples in the history of the world's nations where thousands of saint heroes are the stars indicating the way for us and the coming generations. God, help us on our way! Amen.

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## Klymentiya Dymyd

There was an attempt to occupy the RSA in Dnipropetrovsk. Unfortunately this noble action failed (titushkos and cops broke through the encirclement and pushed the people away from the building; there are injured victims, mostly with bruises and skin wounds.

Jan 26 at 19:54

#### Klymentiya Dymyd

24 hours on the feet. Maidan has been barricaded from all sides, nobody is pushing so far, firewood and anythingthatisathand is burning everywhere in the casks, people try to get warm and sleep in turns.

Dec 2 2013

# The people of good will always achieve peace.

Kyiv, January 1, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 Timothy 4, 9-22 Gospel: Luke 20, 1-8

# TO MY FRIENDS IN UKRAINE AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD!

Jesus Christ came to us as a helpless unprotected child. In a similar way our society is experiencing today both a great hope and a great helplessness. In the same way as Jesus Christ, together with Joseph and Mary, was escaping persecution of Herod who because of Him killed thousands of innocent babies, we are now witnessing a similar situation in our motherland Ukraine. And we are worried.

I see the helplessness, the glory and the victory of Jesus Christ – all at the same time. His victory is the victory of good over evil. He is not coming, though, without victims, persecutions, and sometimes even escaping the persecutions.

These speculations are inspired by the present Christmas. I think this year verteps will include titushkos, Yanukovych and Azarov. This will testify of the fact that people associate Christmas which took place for the first time two thousand years ago with the current situation in

Ukraine.

During these festive days we have to realize and to feel that Ukraine is part of the whole world, and the world is experiencing even bigger crises than the one we currently have in our motherland. Big tragedies. Our experience should help us feel the presence of the new born Jesus Christ in Lebanon, in Palestine, in Syria, in Russia, other places of the world, especially Africa.

Christmas is an experience of great joy, joy of an emerging light and big hope. Christ has come. He sanctified every person that ever lived, lives or is yet unborn. So all people are good at the base. And this is very significant. Whenever problems arise – social, ecclesiastic, national or world scale – people have to get united and overcome them.

At the time of Christmas season I wish you all that we live by the hope brought to us by Jesus Christ; this life in the hope shall transform us into God's people. I wish for our contemporary herod to become a lamb for our Ukrainian people.

I am also praying with a special intention for the Ukrainians to become more creative. And may their creativity be implemented into real changes. And may the needy nations and churches of the world make use of those changes to help common people all over the world!

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

They have just seized a Molotov from a guy's hands and extinguished it in the last moment. Damn it! Just a snatch and a real hell might have begun.

Jan 24 at 3:46

### Klymentiya Dymyd

The medics have just taken one person, a man of 40-50. With skin burns.

Jan 25 at 3:43

### Klymentiya Dymyd

They have poured us with water already( reporters are asking them to leave the building peacefully, and then we shall let them join their peers but without weapon. The lads gave them 15 minutes for leaving.

Jan 26 at 0:02

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It is necessary to foster the inner fire to endure the struggle especially if one is face to face with evil.

Kyiv, January 1, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 Timothy 4, 9-22 Gospel: Luke 20, 1-8

#### TO BE A FREE WARRIOR

Even today apostle Paul points to practical issues of our turbulent life and provides us with good advise:

- 1. If your neighbor is in danger try to "come shortly unto him".
- 2. It is basely to leave a weaker person from your community tét-a-tét with the "pagans", to forsake and not to defend him.
- 3. The Lord is sending his solitary heroes to show His power. He strengthens them, and they are spreading the truth

and, thus, creating a new society – "for the Heavenly Kingdom".

These are practical positive moments of solidarity with people in danger, with a society in crisis, with a state that is oppressing its citizens, and all this is especially relevant today in case of Ukraine. We must especially take care lest anybody is left unprotected, lest we try to avenge instead of leaving up to God the justice towards those who do shameless and inhuman acts. The activists of the struggle for truth are often such solitary warriors like apostle Paul; if they lacked the inner fire they would not be able to stay on the heights of their freedom which helps them to act.

In the Gospel we read that Jesus Christ did not explain to the "chief priests and the scribes…by what authority He does those things" – He just fought well and freely for the truth. This is what evangelist Luke is advising us, as well as any person in this world, to do. The Lord Jesus Christ got incarnated into a human, and thus every human person is called to His dignity and freedom – to be His interlocutors and His partners in the liberation of the world and all who are in it from the captivity of evil and slavery.

Let us pray that everyone would be a free warrior of Christ and would support in God the fire of freedom received from Him to help the neighbor and spread the truth!

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

Minjust. Here Senchenko is not saying anything concrete. The guards are saying they are not letting anyone in. The people say they will let Yanukovych in. © Coordinator: "no comment". According to the words of their chief, there is no one inside, they are protecting the building.

Jan 26 at 16:27

#### Klymentiya Dymyd

They are standing for the sake of order, to avoid provocations. They say the building from now on belongs to the people, not the Lukash who "looks down on the Ukrainian people with hatred and disgust".

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Settle your matters fully – your mind, soul, domestic economy... He who works in the vineyard is just a servant, the master is somebody different.

Lviv, January 2, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Titus 1, 5 – 2,1* Gospel: *Luke 20, 9-18* 

#### THE MASTER OF OUR VINEYARD

We are in the New Year already! The main slogan of Maidan – the 2013 uprising of Ukrainians which continues today – purification, matrix rebooting. Everywhere: in hearts, in thoughts, in deeds – personal, communal, social. Apostle Paul is suggesting the same. He says: "Thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting". Thus, the purification must be spiritual,

Jan 27 at 16:38

# Klymentiya Dymyd

Oh, yes, sure, still blue-and-white Soukhy is now with us but here is what I have been informed about: "Soukhy is my fellow countryman, unfortunately. And he will never be with us. If he declared in written form of leaving the PR it means that either he knows some secret information or he has a plot. He will never be on the side of people", so I guess we must watch closely this cunning birdy. That's that.

Jan 24 at 20:31

intellectual, material — it must take place everywhere. The apostle says that there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of the circumcision. And who are they of the circumcision? Today they are we, the activists of Maidan, i.e. the chosen ones, the best ones, the patriots. So let us start our deeds! Let everyone cleanse his/her contaminated brain and conscience and speak the things of sane teaching.

In today's Gospel Luke retells us the parable about thieves who work in the vineyard. In today's time of Maidan the vineyard workers are the state officials who are using their positions for designing corrupt schemes aimed at their own enrichment. They forgot that they are just stewards in the house of our mother Ukraine and in our own household. We have come to them for the things that belong to us, and they are sending us back with empty hands, beating and humiliating us, wounding us severely and driving away. What shall the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and sweep them away, and the vineyard shall be given to others. This is what Luke says. This is what is happening in a peaceful time in Maidan. Let us think positively about future and especially let us ask the Lord to help us prepare those who will take over the authority of ruling our people at the moment when He provides for this. May this be not for the sake of stealing away and banishing our people but for the people to use a part of the vineyard fruits for nourishing their spirit, souls and bodies. Let us also pray that we all, in our small deeds, do not smear the paws if the wicked vineyard workers with pittance, smiles, silence and bribery or presents; instead, let us get united for the sake of demanding simple, clear and honest work of each official who is allotted to serve in our vineyard -Ukraine.

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

I was asking a guy from Kharkiv what people think about everything happening. I learnt a rather sad piece of information. For them, all this is just contrivances of crazy radical Bandera men. By the way, the Bandera men, according to them, are all who speak Ukrainian. When another day the police beat people in their city it turned out, according to them, that some Bandera men came from Lviv and where provoking the dogs until the latter lost their temper and started beating the locals. People over 50 rarely use internet, and the

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The task for everyone – to have an honest intention. For that one has to combat evil inside of us, as well as the tempers-provokers we meet. To succeed in this, let the law of God be highly respected by us.

Lviv, January 3, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Titus 1, 15 – 2, 10* Gospel: *Luke 20, 19-26* 

#### AM I PURE OR DEFILED?

Amongst all layers of the population there

young ones are simply not interested in the sheer fact that sometimes you do not have to blindly believe everything you see on "inter", and "the fifth" is tooo boring for them. And so it is, that the older generation, having no access to Internet, are saying rubbish in which they believed due to the lying TV representing the events with partiality, i.e. saying rubbish to the youth that does not think things may be different, the older know better for they, after all, have life experience. The guy is chocked. Now he adores the Bandera men. The guy came here for a sport competition and stayed in Maidan. He is calling his parents and friends to come over too. He is protecting the barricades. He is ashamed of his last week worldview and is trying to speak the "bandera language". That's the shot.

Jan 27 at 23:30

are pure and defiled people. What is meant here is not so much the exterior but, rather, the interior world, the intention which is leading a person to an action. Purity and dirt, though, is not a brand, for some still may get converted from dishonor and become honest while others, unfortunately, are tempted by a sweet deception of evil; they fall into the dirt and live in it!

Apostle Paul is explaining to us that the pure ones are those who "speak the things which become sound doctrine". Others, i.e. the defiled ones, should mature, change and direct themselves to purity!

This task refers to everyone – the aged men and women, young men, plain workers, slaves and lords of our today's social and political circumstances. Pay attention that the first to be given the task are the aged men and women!

But even this is not easy! Because, as the evangelist writes, there are "sent spies who present themselves as the righteous". They do this to "catch Christ by His word and give Him away to their bosses and authorities". The same is being done today against the Ukrainians who arose and are pointing at the power abuse!

should How one act under such circumstances? Such provocations must be peacefully but confidently replied. Jesus Christ is teaching us: "Give the ceasar's to the ceasar, and what is God's give it to God". It means to do everything which does not contradict our conscience, what is meant for the common good; and where lie, deception and falsehood prevail – all things must be done bravely and with wisdom granted by God. This can be something which is not consistent with unjust laws or decrees!

Let us pray that the law of God stays always in the first place in our lives. Let us pray for staying pure in our hearts, for such people inherit the Kingdom of God. The Gospel blessings are telling us: "for they shall see God"! This is true because the Lord gave us our hearts and He is the only one who can provide us with a long-term happiness! He does give it! It begins already here, on our land, in our motherland, not tomorrow but today, in our daily life, in small and, later on, in big things!

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**Dymyd Mychajlo** 

February 09, 2014

Може когось із журналістів цікавить –

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Maidan is indeed a God's phenomenon made for reassessment of the present situation of the Ukrainian people! Each of us is called to this!

добра новина! Maybe some journalists will get interested – I've got good news! Tomorrow around 10 am in the central temple of Ukraine – a tent chapel in Maidan, I will baptize an aged man (around 60) who met God in Maidan! Today he came up to me disquieted, with wife, I am sending him back. I am telling him: go, choose a temple for yourself...And he replies: No! I want here! – Why? – Because I have spent three weeks on Maidan and here I felt a call from God. His wife is baptized; she's been coaxing him for many years to get baptized - no result, until he experienced Maidan! So, ladies, you should know! In case you fail to convince your husband of something significant, send him over for some weeks to Maidan! God will settle everything.

PHOTO [PAGE 102]: Inscription on the wall: "CRIMEA IS UKRAINE. SLAVES ARE NOT LET TO PARADISE" Lviv, January 4, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: Galatians 3, 8-12 Gospel: Luke 13, 18-29

#### LET US BUILD ETERNITY TODAY

We all need to know that God created every person in His image and likeness so that (s)he may be happy! The same is with particular nations — all of them are blessed by God! Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky wrote a prayer for the Ukrainian people: "Jesus Christ, You love all the humankind with all Your heart, and with Your fathomless providence you take care of every people in particular"! God is indeed working over a better destiny for the Ukrainian people!

This, however, is only the first half of reality. The second half, says apostle Paul, consists in living with faith and fulfilling the laws in this spirit! Not so much to be present, not so much to follow the law, not so much to listen to the authorities, not so much to attend to your work but, rather, to live by love, by the spirit if law, by our service and solidarity!

As for the Maidan, this phenomenon is indeed a God's gift for reassessment of the present situation of the Ukrainian people, for new resolutions. The most significant thing is not the presence in Maidan, not the elapsing slogans but the spirit that must turn us into new creatures, a new nation! We shall achieve this starting from our heart, our sub consciousness.

Evangelist Luke develops the topic of people. He is talking about the Kingdom of God. He is comparing it to a grain of mustard seed. How strange, it is so tiny! But no, it gives life to a huge tree "and fowls of he air lodge in the branches of it"! This is how we should build our civil society, our Motherland, starting from us. The statements are not enough, even citizenship is not enough. One has to live those values! Let us do something tiny but of good quality for our neighbor, now, today. The neighbor is anyone we meet, with no exception! Let us surprise others, plant a good thought, say a good word, and pass over a smile! A wider circle of positive life shall grow from all these acts! That will be a small tree – our tree. If such trees become numerous – then our big nation, all its people, shall "lodge" in its branches. That will be a longed-for happiness, even though an out-of-earth one. Since it will in

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

It's warm and not quiet here. Around 4000 people, many defense lines, some are made of tires only – that will make a fire...People are inclined to act, at the front they are shouting: "Glory to the Nation!" Those on the next lines reply to them: "Death to the enemies!" The medics in big numbers are on duty, people start beating a rhythm. One can hear in it "re-volution, re-vo-lution".

Jan 24 at 0:54

### Klymentiya Dymyd

Grenades are exploding, the sky is wrapped in smoke, screams and beats against casks everywhere, restless sotnyks are wandering between the barricades giving the commands, women behind the Fourth (barricade) are warming themselves near the casks and, while taking anxious looks in the direction of the front, are talking about possible variants of the day's end; medics are running back and forth, calling everyone to apply for medical help at the first need; a menace is hanging in the air...The men at the front, during the breaks between throwing Molotovs, are trying on each other, with a child's excitement, a shocker set for the most moderate performance © Very many people, could be even 5 thousand, tourists not included.

Jan 24 at 23:26

harmony combine our heart, conscience, and body with our families, society and environment it will bear a taste of eternity for which we all are created! Let us build our future already now – we are all called for it!

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A great faith of our ancestors is helping us today to show courage. It is not easy to share at once the same perception of big scale events — we need wisdom and unity of efforts.

Lviv, January 5, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd. Apostle: *Hebrews 11*, 9-10; 17-23; 32-40

Gospel: Matthew 1, 1-25

#### BY FAITH ESCAPING THE SWORD EDGE

Today we hear about the generations of ancestors who lived before the birth of Christ. What do these forefathers have to do with the present days? They, as we read in today's apostle message, had a tremendous faith and they lived by that faith.

Abraham was put to test, apostle Paul says. About the rest of the fathers he says that they "through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong". This is the kind of connection these fathers have with us. We also must live today by this faith that our ancestors had. When we think, pray and fight for the restoration of freedom and dignity of God's children in our motherland we do not start this struggle but continue it. It was started by our ancestors, our grandfathers. And they had been living by that faith for quite a long time. We are just following it - in a new way, with inspiration from the Holy Ghost who is always providing us with new ideas. This is a permanent wave that was conceived at the creation of the world.

Abraham was the father of human race. This means that he is our father too. We can read in the genealogy of Jesus Christ that he is the first forefather, the grandpa. Thus, the whole history of the human race was prepared before the coming of Jesus Christ. And each of us as a part of human family has his/her participation in this birth of Jesus Christ. And today the Church is willing to remind us that we are a part of this cosmic event, this large-scale event. But already in the Gospel apostle Matthew is telling us of a doubt conceived by Joseph in regard to Mary. In each large-scale

event things are not becoming clear at once, and very soon we may reach a major misunderstanding. And what shall Joseph do? He is praying, he is spending a whole night with those thoughts just to get up in the morning with refreshed and clear mind and the right decisions.

We are also currently facing various largescale events, different people are behaving differently. And we have to be careful lest we judge prematurely; we have to be careful to accept a different thinking. Other thoughts are not necessarily bad, even though we may not like them at once. Thoughts of others make it possible for us to have a better vision of situation, a bigger-scale one. Thoughts of others often help us to realize what the main is and what secondary is in our struggle. It is very important for us to continue achieving the goal. And we all are so different. Therefore, it is only normal for us to have doubts; the main thing is - do not judge before time. Let us take time to think well, let us wait, let us talk to a person regarding whom we have doubts.

What happens in the story of Joseph and Mary? He remembers that the master, the host is God. And this is giving him the ultimate faith, the ultimate hope. We are preparing for Christmas, we are singing: "God is with us, understand this and repent, for God is with us. You make plans but they will fail. You give commands but they will not be implemented". This also refers to the current events, to those moments which can be alarming and produce various feelings in us.

I hear many different things from people. Some say they are praying, others say they are insults. still others sav that overwhelmed with apathy, and still others say they got more courage for fighting. Thus, you see, we react differently; but we must bear in mind that "God is with us" and the "powerful must repent for God is with us". With such thoughts let us receive the Child Jesus. He is being born among us, He is coming as a human, He is being born in the same flesh as ours. And this way He is sanctifying us, our body, our spirit, our soul. Let us remember about this, and may the good be born inside of us together with the Nativity of Jesus Christ!

with a man of 36, MS in boxing: "I've got money, a flat, a car...everything, and I am here. Why am I here? I am here because of manslaughter. If people were not killed I would sh..t on all this. Now I don't care...I've been for 15 days here, ain't going to return home, I am on wanted list now and it's dangerous. A friend of mine told me I am on the list and he cannot strike me out from it whatever connections he had. I will stay here until we win...We were without weapon, now, I agree, we are not with bare hands but this is absolutely necessary – when they started applying guns we were like on a palm, like children, helpless, and this is what it ended with: our boys will never see the sun anymore. I want to see those b...tches punished, I am not afraid of anything now and I am ready to lay my life for Ukraine. I cannot sit at home, go to work, sleep and eat, I will not tolerate this. That's why I came out and I will stay here to the end". K.

Feb 6 at 3:56

people – come to Maidan and say: "Let us come to Kyiv and look at that event that God has revealed to us"!

Lviv, January 6, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Hebrews 1, 1-12* Gospel: *Luke 2, 1-20* 

### MAIDAN IS THE PRESENT KYIV MANGER!

In many different ways was God speaking to our ancestors and is speaking to us today. It is very significant to understand that we are always relevant for the Lord and He wants to talk to us. He gave us the Word, and we are giving ourselves to Him – this is a real dialogue. When we are aware of this we are thinking about Him and talking about our thoughts, dreams and anxieties.

The main dialogue of God with a human is taking place via our human body! Jesus Christ became a human, got incarnated, put on our body – this way He "made us heirs of everything". Christ died in the body, with His death he overcame evil in our body, made it possible for the good to regenerate. Paul is writing to us today: "Heavens shall perish; they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed"!

In a wonderful, plain and invisible way is God acting in this earth, as well as in our bodies. Evangelist Luke says: «Mary brought her firstborn son, and laid him in a manger because there was not room for them in the inn". In the same way, there is no room in the Ukrainian state for a free expression of citizens' will - that's why they are on Maidan on this Christmas night. Maidan is the contemporary Kyiv manger! The Ukrainian people gave birth to their dream, found civil solidarity – this is discussed by messengers from all over the world. And the powerful high ranks, although heard, but still did not understand that it is the Ukrainian people who are speaking to them, it is the Ukrainian people to who belongs the power in this country! They own the keys from the state structures; they are called to be servants of all citizens with no exception. There was no room in Bethlehem for Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Such situations of misunderstanding, blocking and impasse happen also in our private and social life. In such moments one has to listen to an angel's voice who was speaking to the shepherds: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people". The shepherds then went bravely to meet the newborn Savior Lord Christ! We should act the same way in our life. This is the secret of Christmas! This is why we love and feel Christmas so much, because it is the time when Christ becomes a man and therefore we can become humans on the level with God at all times!

Today in Ukraine we are witnessing how the Ukrainian shepherds – students and common people – come to Maidan and say: "Let us now go to Kyiv, and see this thing which is come to pass"! A great hope is hidden in these words! Even greater is the joy from the seen and the experienced. This elation is so deep because it is genuinely spiritual and reaches the depths of human nature, and there resides God!

In many different ways is God speaking to us! Today we are saying our gratitude for Christmas – the incarnation of Jesus. Today we are grateful to Him for Maidan – the incarnation of the Ukrainians' new life! Let us share this gratitude with all since today we feel and we are, as never before, united in Jesus Christ.

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

In Kharkiv there is a meeting near Shevchenko monument, I saw three "marshroutkas" with the police around that place. Watch out. Parallel to this on Svoboda square, near Lenin monument, anti-Maidan activists are having their meeting. The audience consists of inadequate people from 55 and elder, constantly shouting about Stalin-liberator and "brother nations"...My attempts to convince at least a few of them of the fact that I am not a Bandera girl or a fascist did not bring any fruit – their looks are empty and their voices are loud and boisterous, USSR got rooted deep(

March 3 at 20:09

### Klymentiya Dymyd

The Ukrainian House. The boys are having fun with salutes, poetry reciting; there are presentations and performances by numerous singing personalities) quite often one can hear Belarusian or Polish spoken, they are with us!! Many are talking about the ultimatum. Well, we shall see what's after 00:00.

Feb 4 at 22:45

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There are human laws, there are God's laws! Only such understanding will put an end to lawlessness in the law. Let us sing praises to this understanding of ours, to our liberty, calling to "Boh Predvichny".

Lviv, January 7, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Galatians 4, 4-7* Gospel: *Luke 2, 1-12* 

### LET US SING PRAISES TO OUR LIBERTY

There are God's laws through which the Lord rules the world. Among His creatures people are on the first place. God takes a special care of us because He has put us as the kings – the masters of this world. We have gathered into a Church, into peoples, created states and established various laws to live in harmony with each other. This, however, does not always work because those laws which most often contain the right letter sometimes may have a bad spirit; then they turn into shackles for us, a temptation; they limit the spirit given to each of us by God at the moment of conception.

For this reason God sent His Son down to earth, His human incarnation – the Nativity of

### PHOTO [PAGE 112]:

Inscription on the poster stuck to a wall: "THEY ORDERED THE MURDERS:

R. AKHMETOV

V. YANUKOVYCH

V. MEDVEDCHUK"

PHOTO [PAGE 113, the bottom left one]: Inscription on the Ukrainian-flag poster: "THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF MAIDAN"

Christ – took place so that we could be restored and returned back to the initial source of pure water, pure spirit, and full value freedom with the inheritance of God's sons and daughters.

During the times of atheist communist party state the manifestation of this sonship could be found in carol singing. The latter was considered a proclamation of our Christian faith and presentation of civil position; and it was done despite all kinds of prohibitions and persecutions. Today a particular consequence of Christ's Nativity is the finding of God's liberty and dignity in our nature - soul and body of Ukrainians. The experience of such wonderful reality is clearly manifested in maidans all over Ukraine. All this is happening in the joy, certainty, love - despite sundry misleading information campaigns, moral and physical baiting from the side of those who live in the shackles of the old law. We, as those who have already accepted our sonship, let us be the worthy children of God, the optimists who are calling everywhere "Abba, Father"! This will help us to boot out the remnants of still existing slavery, as well as to become a pattern for imitation to those who are still under the law.

In the Gospel Matthew transmits to us the main tidings - Christ is born, of what we know already. Also we find out that everybody wanted to know the information about the location of the newborn Jesus! Nevertheless, some are using the for further solidarity, personal data consolidation of the society, while others - for protection of their power and positions, for a surreptitious attack. The first are acting by the call of their heart allowing them to "open their treasures and bring the gifts", while the others are creating lawlessness in the law by murdering children whom they are called to protect according to their state positions!

Let us think how we are using the information which we get? Are we transforming it in the right way? Are we not manipulating it for our narrow interests? Let us be the children of God, let us comprehend this chief message, let us rejoice, let us sing praise to our liberty, calling "Abba, Father" – "Boh Predvichny", and let us not fear to be in accord with our identity everywhere, wherever we go!

There are no wounded, just a friendly exchange of compliments, no sufferers. If not to take into account minor traumas, rather out of negligence. Everything is ok.

Jan 25 at 3:21

### Klymentiya Dymyd

Перемістили вогнища, які забезпечують димову завісу, трохи ближче до нашої сторони, оскільки вода все-таки робить свою справу( Безперервне гримання бочок і дзвін арматур, надіюсь, виводять силовиків із себе.

They have moved the fires which provide the smoke curtain, a bit closer to our side, since the water is anyway having effect (Non-stop beating against the casks and the tang of armature, I hope, will exasperate our lawenforcers.

Jan 22 at 19:59

God's way! Sometimes we have to look into our heart to defend ourselves from the interior and exterior enemies!

Lviv, January 8, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Hebrews 2, 11-18* Gospel: *Matthew 2, 13-23* 

# EVERYTHING GOOD IS FROM THE LORD!

A person's intention, his/her inner disposition, is always very important. Apostle Paul writes: "For both he that sanctifies and they who are sanctified are all of one". From these words we understand that in order to make a community we do not need to demand from others one hundred per cent innocence; it is good, instead, that each of us would want to give out one hundred of what (s)he can and, thus, feel a participant of a good deed. This is an important rule in both Christian and social life!

Christ is creating his Church of various people, and they are not always with good reputation but they do cling to Him at least. The development of community and of each person in particular is based on the experience of those who have been tested already, and the first one of them is Christ! During the time of Maidan and not only during this time we have heard provocations against certain activists, say, they have various vices in their biography: did wrong things, speak the wrong language at home, said wrong things, confess a wrong religion, have a wrong origin, wrong blood...

One priest once shared with me his story: "I believed in God when I was 13. My conversion was favored by our parish priest who was known as a person having problems with alcohol. He was an excellent priest. He loved people very much. Although he was sinful. And everybody loved him. Due to him I felt God's presence in our weaknesses, in our life".

Let us perceive people and look at them in God's way and then we shall overcome the enemies with His strength. For none of us can boast with "whole blood" and innocence to win the battle on their basis. But if we all remain the children of God, we shall all "become the participants of body and blood", i.e. one body, one victorious community!

The Gospel according to Matthew adds that for the ultimate victory we must listen attentively to the voice of our conscience. At times it is necessary to walk aside and stay in solitude to defend oneself from the exterior and interior enemies. The exterior ones are slanders and jealousy; the interior ones are pride and arrogance. And then we must return back to the place where God is calling us, and it does not necessarily have to be the previous place.

Considering our mission from the wider God's perspective, certainty in the Lord – this is the today's message for our personal and social victory. Let us pray for the comprehension and acceptance of these truths of our life!

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

The dogs of regime have completely relaxed...Where is the formation, where is the order!? We produce honest news, and they – just some Russian drinking music.

Feb 4 at 13:37

# Klymentiya Dymyd

There is sun and Tiahnybok on Maidan at this moment.

Jan 23 at 15:15

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At that time they were also "stirring up the people", "setting up false witnesses" who would be saying that the freedom-loving acted "against the Law". But God watches everyone; therefore the people will receive the fruit of their work for they are true masters in their native home.

Lviv, January 9, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd. Apostle: *Acts* 6, 8-15; 7, 1-5. 47-60

Gospel: *Matthew 21, 33-42* 

#### WERE THE APOSTLES IN MAIDAN?

Today the Church is presenting to us the testimony of St Stephen's life. He was a free person. For the sake of good contact with God he had courage to do good. Anything good is already a sermon! These simple daily deeds of his were turning into "great wonders and miracles among the people". A certain part of nomenclature and their followers did not like it, and they "stirred up the people" against him, "set up false witnesses" who would say he was acting "against the law". Already then it was like it is today. In the same way the people of apparatus "successfully" condemned the guilty of freedom demonstratively executed their bloody sentence.

It is significant to see the behavior of the ultimate winner Stephen at the moment of confrontation. When he was arrested and given a chance to speak, he said two things. First, God is always thinking about His people, providing them with land but this care of His is not necessarily implemented into "handmade" structures, "possessions", i.e. into unchangeable structures, even though state ones, – God is commanding His people directly and leading them through the act of the Holy Ghost, through the call of heart,

command of conscience, teachings of the Church. Second, only he is indeed listening to God who keeps His law received from the angels, i.e. the law which is scribed in each person's heart. Through a simple daily activity a person is blessing others, with his/her life preaching God in his/her family, society, structures.

Each citizen of each state in the world should bear in mind this teaching. The strength of people is in leading such life that would bear many righteous men, in cherishing them and following them. Such people shall "see the heavens opened" and will be able to live with dignity and defend their freedom regardless of the conjuncture; besides they will know how to treat ill-wishers like Stephen did saying: "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge"!

The Gospel parable about "a householder who planted a vineyard" is reminding us that we have to be good vine-growers in the vineyard, good citizens in the community. Vineyard for us, Ukrainians, is our motherland. Generations of Ukrainians-householders have been planting it for centuries and have become a nation, and today they have become a civil society. The vine-growers are servants hired to take care of the vineyard and grow fruits from it for the owner. In other words, the governmental officials of the state are serving their people to help them flourish according to their religious and moral values, to let those people enrich themselves with culture and welfare.

It happens so in history that the vinegrowers in different vineyards turn out to be not worthy of their task because they think that they have become the owners of the vineyard. They make a plot in order to grow the fruits their way and also to avoid giving the harvest to the owner. To hide their crimes they are using sundry methods "seizure, inhuman beating, manslaughter". But God is above us all. And when the impudence of the criminals is becoming so intolerable that they are ready "to seize the inheritance", i.e. the future, then God is providing people with strength and inspiration to stop the evil committed in the vineyard and to demand the changes, according to God's laws, spirit and people's morals.

Nowadays the Ukrainian people, like Stephen, are standing on Maidan; they give testimony of the fact that the vine-growers have seized the vineyard and its fruits. The Lord of these people if the newborn King of the world, Jesus Christ! The people know that their suffering

will lead only to their consolidation; thus they will "miserably destroy those wicked men", i.e. oust the evil and create the structures of good among themselves, with the methods known to God alone.

Let us pray that in our society indeed "the stone which the builders rejected would become the corner stone" and that our native household would always be the Lord's household.

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

A strange day it is today...The director of a municipal enterprise "Meest" who belonged to the Party of Regions hung himself; some military equipment is nesting in Obukhiv, in Dnipropetrovsk the cops are defending the RSA from god-knows-whom; special law enforcement units are resigning, they are not willing to obey the criminal authorities, but here is what is the most significant: that crackdown in Zaporizhzhia! Around 200 people have been arrested there! They are all severely beaten up! They have been persecuted like hares, kidnapped, beaten, imprisoned! Where are they now? Who is with them!??

Jan 28 at 22:45

### Klymentiya Dymyd

People remain ready, every night expecting surprises from the feathery and those who are commanding them.

Jan 29 at 17:07

### Klymentiya Dymyd

Why aren't we told anything? Why nobody is coming here to inform the people! They are on the edge of losing their temper.

Jan 24 at 1:20

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The good comes from God. Suffering is helping the good. Satan hampers us from doing good by his dark deeds. Let us create well!

Lviv, January 10, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Hebrews 7, 18-25* Gospel: *Luke 21, 37 –22, 8* 

### **SATAN, LAW AND BRIBES!**

Christ proclaimed a new time, founded a new law, and introduced a new spirit. He was enabled to do this because he was blessed with God-Father as a priest forever! Since that time on every human being is blessed exactly because of the fact that Jesus Christ Himself became a man. Everybody can do good. The good comes from God and is built-in in the human heart. It exists and is implemented both within the framework of law and beyond it. Awareness of this rule is very important for us, freedom-loving Ukrainians, especially at the time when we have a new emerging hope. We have to know that at all times we can do good! And we can do it bravely!

If the laws obstruct us from doing this because they are bad, we do not need to act against our conscience but, rather, change the laws, according to our social morals for a law is not the goal but a means of achieving good goals. All people have a right to initiate such changes but the faithful should be especially capable of this since they are anointed by Baptism, they are a living part of the Church and, therefore, better prepared for discerning the right moment.

Everybody must know that only Jesus is the guarantee of a new order in the state and the world. Only he can lead a person to a true success in both personal and family life, as well as in the social life. For this reason Christ sacrificed Himself not only in the past, He is doing this today as well. He allows for our sufferings and sacrifices to be implemented in His Liturgy, in the doing well. Then heaven starts already on the

earth. This way our society is getting more and more improved, albeit the ultimate perfection will be achieved by a person only in the coming world.

All this is, though, not that simple, and evangelist Luke is reminding us of this when he says that Satan is working and trailing! Devil did not leave Jesus for a long while after the three tremendous temptations in the desert (see Luke 4, 13). He later on returned to Him and tempted Judas Iscariot. He acts similarly indirectly in our lives. An unfair attitude to a person from the side of state structures is experienced indirectly by every citizen of Ukraine! It is enough just to go and visit our prisons, hospitals, orphanages, camps for refugees – there one can especially well measure the level of humanness in our society. Leaving alone an inappropriate place for our native language in Ukraine, the bribery that is corrupting all the strategic economic and political units of our motherland. Many of the vices in the upper state structures infect the population.

Therefore, Christians must consciously bear their cross, their responsibility and take part in the combat against Satan in all his transformative modifications. It is very important to realize: for the battle to be successful the priesthood of Jesus must be tightly connected with the priesthood and church identity of the people. For that reason Jesus gives out his spiritual sacrifice — the Eucharist which becomes the food; those who take it become sensitive to evil and gain power to overcome every temptation.

Let us all be of one spirit lest we fall off like Judas; let us beware of anything happening in darkness "without notifying the people" because such tactics was used against Jesus – Satan continues to use it, through his servants. Let us do good wherever we can! Let us not fear the spiritual sacrifice, let us take part in it because this is a real contact of Christians with their God and a method to be sensitive in our constant struggle against the evil – inside and outside of us! Only on this basis shall we be prepared for real, smaller and bigger, changes in our lives! And this is that victory to which we are looking forward so much!

Mykhailo Dymyd
February 24, 2014
Friends! Help! First, I am surprised that so
many of you react to my expressions! Second,
I am surprised why God is so merciful to us –

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There is an active and passive struggle against the evil. For an effective victory one requires specific personal features and strategy. Only the rich endure to the end. to our people! Yet, I am not satisfied! Tell me when we, among our people – heroes and titushkos – shall achieve the critical mass of KINDNESS so that we would accept all as OURS and the CALAMITY which stroke even the tiniest of our nation would be felt by everyone? It should be similar to the case when we feel pain in our body: when a finger is hurt, then even a wise head is suffering!

Lviv, January 11, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *1 Timothy 6, 11-16* Gospel: *Matthew 12, 15-21* 

#### RICHNESS IS NOT LOVE FOR MONEY!

Apostle Paul is calling us to "fight the good fight". Every competition has a tactics prompting when to attack and when to defend. An active manifestation of this constant effort is "following after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness"; a defensive action in accumulating good attributes is "fleeing from the love of money" (1 Timothy 6, 10-11) for an overwhelming desire to acquire wealth paralyzes any virtue!

This fight of every person for accomplishing his/her dignity must be perpetual and all-life-lasting. To be successful in it a person must base him/herself on Christ for He is not only the Son of God but also the one who endured to the end.

Apart from Jesus Christ we also have our heroes who sacrificed everything for a noble deed; also each of us has his/her saint, a patron we admire in all aspects – let us follow him/her in our struggle for the good! It will be a real treasure for both the society and the heaven we are headed for!

We should again remember that the struggle against the evil which God offers to us is a specific one and not everyone is mature enough to conduct it. Christ's power is peaceful but He acts powerfully. A significant element of this strategy is our spiritual sonship over which I advise each of you to think. Let us ponder over the question: what is my spiritual sonship all about? Is it true or fake? By whose laws is it being implemented: by God's laws or by mine?

On having realized his true sonship a person can get truth and share it with others. (S)he will be able to proclaim truth with God's sword: as long as it is required and in a way demanded by the circumstances; in this sonship resides the truth in which a person grows and his/her enemy becomes more clear-cut. While receiving resources from the Holy Ghost a person "shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he has set judgment in the earth" (Isaiah 42, 4).

This is the way how the anointed people of God stand in maidans all over Ukraine till the victorious ending, stand for a guaranteed access of each Ukrainian to the truth. These maidans are everywhere where in patience and love we are standing for the search of truth – at home, in the centre of Kyiv, in the exile! The activists of those maidans are rich people!

Let us be worthy truth seekers whatever it may cost us, and let us stand to the moment of maturing truth which will indicate for us the dimension of our future!

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Mykhailo Dymyd December 30, 2013

We are becoming better. There are positives! In Maidan we are witnessing the realization of the parable about a merciful Samaritan left to us by Jesus Christ. It became especially vivid in the Mykhailivsky golden-domed monastery where in the middle of dark night emerged the light of love for all the persecuted – an asylum, a cave, the Lord's shrine, despite the possible consequences of the next day (shall the police enter the monastery, shall they shut it down?..) We can witness the appearance of many other manifestations of solidarity with all those miserable people. There is a special sensitivity to all the weak people in the country and in the world, regardless of their political or religious views. A real love, an ability to offer a shoulder with pure intention, to love indeed (not just from a pulpit or a tribune), to help under difficult circumstances. Such mercy in regard to a neighbor is addressed to everyone who needs it exactly at the moment he needs it, i.e. everywhere and at all times! This is a communion of hearts, acting ecumenism accompanied by prayers all over the planet of which signaled the church bells in Ukraine!

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Any person can open his/her heart to God. A criminal on the cross did it. The Maidan of our heart cannot be spoiled by anyone because it will always be a sewer of good.

Lviv, January 12, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Hebrews 2, 11-19* Gospel: *Matthew 2, 13-23* 

#### JESUS IN THE TRENCHES OF MAIDAN

Every person in this world, a good or a bad one according to his/her deeds, can hear the voice of conscience. Even the most radically bad or stupid! Apostle Paul was the most-most. He was an extremist preacher who did not neglect any methods of combating ideological opponents, and everybody knew about his "heroic deeds". But he realized that beside mind and strategy there is "mother's womb", i.e. there is God's calling for every person. For a full consolidation of oneself every person in this world must understand this element of his/hers, for only it contains the divine essence.

Every person can open his/her heart to God; everybody can decide one morning to walk a righteous path. And if you see a clear-cut line between the evil and the good in the muddle of your own existence you do not have to consult anyone – just join the side of the good! The good means simplicity, compliance, optimism, trust, service, smile, a clear look... These are small little gestures which anyone can perform. One has to exercise in the good in order to get the necessary experience of good. The good is not delegated – it is an individual radiation of every single person. Only after a couple of years of such constant training can one search for a piece of advice and accord with the general social benefaction. The folk wisdom is teaching us that he who is conscientious and honest in small things shall conduct the big ones well too. But we have to start from small ones and not leave them neglected for it is also said that the devil is hiding in trifles.

Conscience, premonition, vision, dream — all these are very significant elements of our individuality! The postmodern world, meanwhile, is trusting only the ratio and competence, information and planning; it is casting aside the unique contribution of the spirit of each of us into the social life. Through the ability to listen to his heart's voice Joseph managed to escape Herod's persecutions and thus save Jesus Christ — the most holy he was entrusted with by God.

The same way we have to act today. We live under very difficult circumstances when for the made-up, not proved tiny illegal actions the guards of the order are threatening us and persecuting hundreds of good and conscientious citizens; meanwhile the big famous criminals are organizing their bloody dances with our people. A huge part of our state machine is working not for the people but against them!

The very fact that this nation still exists and flourishes and that a new generation of clear hearts is growing is a direct evidence of the fact that God is working in every person and society with His methods. No evil power, however well-organized, by whatever rational councilors supported, cannot overcome the servants of the Lord who are trying to hear the inner voice and follow it!

Christ's miserable manger or His empty tomb is an inspiration for separation from the evil for numerous people for many generations just because they belonged to Christ. Similarly, let the trenches of Maidan become the reason for new life of every Ukrainian and not only, for they also belong to Christ. They contain the obtained by prayer dignity and freedom of every person in Ukraine. They have become a symbol of turning our society into the Christ's Church through a constant sacrifice which is literally taking place there.

Let us pray that we could live with Maidan and that Maidan would be in our heart, that it shall not be ruined by anyone because it shall always be a sewer of good!

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

Remember those steel big boards with the ads of VIY and me, FRANKENSTEIN? So, there are not here anymore – have been used for

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In the same way as God has exchanged the Old Testament for the New one because it was incapable anymore, people need not fear to change the old incapable social systems. barricades. The only thing you can enjoy, if you have come to Kyiv especially for an excursion, is their wonderful fretted armature base.

Jan 22 at 20:06

Lviv, January 13, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Hebrews 8, 7-13* Gospel: *Matthew 8, 11-21* 

#### A NEW SOCIETY!

Every state system exists exceptionally for providing wide opportunities for law enforcement to the benefit of individuals and the whole society. In a bad system there is an embryo of law violation, and in this case the responsibility for a misdeed from the side of a citizen lies on the system.

This happened in the Old Testament: people performed the exterior ritual instructions but in their heart they were far away from God. The Old Testament became for people a kind of reserve in which they could not be free anymore because inside they felt like slaves.

This ended in the exchange of the Old Testament for the New one! God-Father did not hesitate to send His son to earth – and then came Nativity of the Messiah who, via His incarnation, sanctified the human flesh. This way God inserted into the heart of every person a moral duty which does not require any exterior laws for committing the good and getting organized into a community.

The consequences of exchanging the Testament, i.e. introducing the new system, are in the fact that a new person already knows how to behave in the society. For that (s)he needs only to listen to the voice of his/her heart – there God's commandments are inscribed. And all the rest – constitutions, laws, norms – are only additions. If to listen to one's inner voice of the heart these additions will become a successful supplement; if to take them for a basis they will lead to collapse.

Such is the teaching for the present times in Ukraine; it is very instructive. If one social agreement did not work since it has been constantly violated it must to be recognized as outdated. It has to be just exchanged for a new one, with God's spirit inside: the less control – the more trust, the less force – the more solidarity.

It is necessary, however, that all layers of the society could see the calamity wandering around the villages and cities of Ukraine and hear the cordial scream of the millions of citizens who cannot live anymore according to the old concepts. It is not an obvious matter, and it is necessary that everyone should start from him/herself and see the beam in his/her eye, and only then start helping the neighbor to cast out the mote from his/her eye (see Matthew 7, 1-5; Luke 6, 41-42).

Christ's apostles, for instance, for a long time were blind and deaf though they were wandering with Jesus for three years, seeing His miracles, listening to His parables. If Jesus failed to convert His apostles to the inner vision of life, how much more are we remaining blind and deaf to the signs of time, to Kairos proclaimed to us by God.

The matter is that we, like the apostles, are probably too much thinking of the material food, of economics. This hampers us from receiving spiritual food and understanding that He is the main life-giving food for our growth as a society and a nation.

Thus, Christ is calling us unto the following preliminary actions: 1) to calm down; 2) to think; 3) to feel with our heart; 4) to see; 5) to hear; 6) to remember the past experience.

Only through such efforts of the community, joined with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, shall we all as one body and every member of the community start acting in a concrete way, according to the God's laws in his/her heart. We shall live by certainty and shall understand that we are doomed to win because we have joined the side of the happy end, of the good.

Let us ask God to grant us this wisdom and farsightedness which even His apostles were lacking for some time! Similarly as they found it through the descent of the Holy Ghost, may we also have our time of renovation leading us bravely to a new social agreement, a new testament amongst our civil society.

#### 136

### Klymentiya Dymyd

They are shouting: "TRUCE!" We were visited by fire-fighters, the barricades have been put out. People do not know what to think...Some are sitting in silence, some are running around and having fun, a certain loony is shouting: "Yanukovych resigned!"

Jan 25 at 21:11

### Klymentiya Dymyd

Dear friends, those who were traveling to see the big boards but were offered to look at their fretted remnants, it was very rude from my side, I acknowledge this and repent(joking. I have not even started to announce the bad news. Are you ready? The guys decided that

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Everybody in this life should pass from "circumcision" to "baptism". For that a person needs to act on three levels; divine, personal and social.

Lviv, January 14, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Colossians* 2, 8-12 Gospel: *Luke* 2, 20–21, 40–52

### ON TO SPECIFIC ACTS

It is significant to hear the words of apostle Paul saying that "in Christ dwelth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and you are complete in him". This the miracle of the Christ's Nativity: that every person in this world can shed his/her

the steel carcasses of huge ads do not make the city attractive neither from the tourist nor from the esthetic perspective. So, they used them for making barricades. Those who are already on their way to a tour around the ad carcasses, you've got no choice, I am afraid, but to get to the final destination, despite the enormous pain and disappointment fretting you from inside, and indulge yourselves on our enemies. Good luck and have a merry trip!

Jan 23 at 0:48

### PHOTO [PAGE 137, the top one]:

Two headlines of a leftist newspaper "Society":

"IN LUHANSK THE CPU OVERCAME THE REGIONALS"

"OUR YOUTH IS ACTIVELY "TURNING LEFT"

### PHOTO [PAGE 138]:

Inscription on the electricity wire, a fitness club ad:

"SUBSCRIPTION TO POWER IS THE BEST PRESENT"

#### PHOTO [PAGES 140-141]:

Inscription on the central poster of the Christmas-tree carcass, with Yulia Tymoshenko:

"FREEDOM TO UKRAINE!"

"NO TO POLITICAL REPRESSIONS!"

yoke of evil which has entangled him/her and be reborn in the holiness of Christ, in His divinity!

All this, however, is happening simultaneously in three levels: divine, personal, and social. The Lord has been acting directly at all times of history; He continues to do so, especially through the birth of a human being into this world. This is a miracle of divine and human co-creation. Also. every conversion purification of a human being in adult age is just a reply to God's call. When a person is paying heed to the voice of his/her heart in which God is speaking, (s)he is trying to die for sin and rise from the dead for grace. But this can be done only within a community, a church, though a constant circumcision, i.e. through renunciation of all one's bad habits and through entering the unity of Christ's Body – the community of salvation.

If such three elements are gathered in one reality they form a person in the image of God. (S)he is working on him/herself, with the help of others and by helping others; (s)he is socially active because in this (s)he finds the essence of his/her calling — love for the neighbor through which the Lord recognizes all of his faithful followers.

All this is happening many times is our life when we are dying because of the sin and then again we are hearing the voice of conscience and again coming to the temple and declaring our conversion. Let us be aware that this is just the first stage of our salvation and it is imperfect – another one is needed for completion.

Our spiritual sonship which could give us true delight and bring the fruits of love to our neighbors must pass over from circumcision to baptism. In other words, from declaration to action, from a promise to fulfillment, from a decision to performance. The peaceful uprising of he Ukrainian people – the Maidan – can be compared o circumcision. And now the wise people should think how to rule the nation in such way that the people would direct their positive energy into a constant action and would live by those God's gifts for many years. That will be already a new baptism, a consolidation with inner strength – with grace, holy courage to do good and igneous sword.

In such a mature spiritual state each of us will be able to say the way Jesus replied to Mary and Joseph that He "was dealing with the matters of His Father". This we lack today most of all in order to be able to deal selflessly with the matters of our Motherland and to defend its sacraments, to

be able to define the relevant sacred priorities and live by them always! Such conscience, such tenacity has been typical of our saints both in the ecclesiastic and cultural spheres! They are expressed in Vasyl Symonenko's words: "Let Americas and Russias be silent when I am talking to you!"

And let us pray that the Lord grants us a strong decision-circumcision that would be leading us to a perpetual light struggle for the sake of strengthening our roots – holy sacraments which we are going to bring up in our community-church!

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

This is how the box for donations looks like. The donations will be used for helping the victims of Hrushevskoho and Maidan. It is only 12:10 and it is already being filled with money (it is emptied every evening and the money is transferred to a specially created for this purpose account). Usually it is filled by the people who are not actively participating in the events but with all their heart and soul are with us and want to help, they are not willing, though, to face the bullets and, probably, have their good reasons for that) it's not our business, we are grateful to them for their help...

The wall behind me is completely stuck up by announcements about people who disappeared during the recent events. When I see their photos my heart is bleeding at the thought that, perhaps, Verbytskyi is not the last such horrible case, and any minute the next body can be found. This state must regenerate; being that kind of state where such cases occur and are permitted it has no right for existence. Jan 25 at 13:22

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For the Lord to accept our offering we need to have a broken and contrite heart! It is not the quantity, neither the expenses that are pleasing to God but meekness. Let us work on ourselves!

Kyiv, January 15, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Hebrews 10, 1–18* Gospel: *Mark 8, 30–34* 

#### UNPLEASING OFFERING

Apostle Paul is teaching the basics of self-perfection to the Jews so that they would become people of full value, so to say, could feel good in their own skin. First of all, they needed to realize that to have something does not mean to be somebody. These are two different life platforms – to have and to be, and they do not necessarily coincide! To have material treasures, to own them, is important but not necessary because such a state elapses: the matter always has its expiry date.

Paul is writing that for cleansing oneself from sins it is not the quantity and expensiveness of the sacrificed exterior gifts that has a decisive meaning. It is not what is pleasing to God. Instead, God is interested in our "body fulfilling His will". The same way as Jesus Christ by His Nativity changes the Old covenant into the New one, raises the level of divinity in the human, passes from circumcision to baptism, through the "offering of the body once for all", He "taketh away the first" offering "that He may establish the second". The Eucharist altar creates a personality whose sins are forgiven and who can freely reach heavens already here on the earth! The burnt

offering, the highest sacrifice, is useless and fruitless if it is not in accord with Christ's offering through contrition and broken heart, through a personal work on oneself, through building a civil society, through a cosmic understanding of love for the neighbor!

Thus, let us be wise. The Maidan of our heart is either in contact with Christ's offering or it is dead. You can understand this very clearly from the icon of Calvary. There were three victims there. One of Christ: He is our God and here everything is clear. With us, the bandits, things are a bit more complicated. The one, who made his offering to God through a meek dialogue with Jesus, got saved while the other one, who said rude words and got closed in his pride, suffered in vain and died forever!

Let us pray that our personal sacrifice and the distress of our people is always completed in the Eucharist offering, so that we may be destined for success, for the resurrection!

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

Roman Senyk died in one of Kyiv hospitals. On January 22 he was wounded by combatants, a severe lung wound, the doctors have been trying all these days to save him; since he had lost 3,5 litres of blood, doctors spread a request about donating blood for our hero. In a couple of hours over 200 people reacted, mostly Kyiv residents. Unfortunately, neither the donated blood nor the amputation of his hand could help. He passed away. Glory to the hero! Memory eternal!

Jan 25 at 13:35

#### Klymentiya Dymyd

Trustworthy information. People are overwhelmed with fury. A tortured activist's body was found in Obolon in Kyiv. The frozen body of a Euromaidan participant, who had been kidnapped by unknown people, was found in the Obolon district of Kyiv. The body was found frozen with traces of tortures and hands tied.

Jan 26 at 11:40

PHOTO [PAGE 145]: Inscription on the shield: "POLICE"

#### 43

To achieve happiness one has to believe! Faith is the evidence if things not seen. All this must go through resurrection. What our death and resurrection are like?

Lviv, January 16, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Hebrews 10*, 35 – 11, 7

Gospel: *Mark* 9, 10–16

#### **HOW MUCH MORE TO WAIT?**

Any struggle for high goals cannot be brief. How much is it there to wait till maturity nobody knows; trust and patience are required.

The highest aim for a human being is the achievement of eternal life in heaven. "Faith is he substance of things hoped for", it helps us to live by the expected future, to receive already now the fullness of existence. "Faith is the evidence of things not seen".

Apostle Paul is a realist, and he knows that by satisfying our material needs, by settling down our economic order in the world and experiencing all kinds of failures in different spheres – through all these negatives we face every day one can become easily disappointed, and we tend to forget that we are "made of things which are not seen". But since God created us for Himself, "things which are not seen" are our goal, and we've got

nowhere to "draw back unto perdition". For the sake of receiving aid we need to offer God a sacrifice, not the one Cain offered but similar to the one offered by Abel. The apostle adds that "without faith it is impossible to please God". We, Christians, should always keep this in mind and stay "in touch"! To perform this properly we have a lot of examples from the lives of saints, not only biblical but also from our life, let us take even the illuminated members of our families!

Evangelist Mark is suggesting us to question ourselves daily "what the rising from the dead should mean". And he reminds us that for that purpose one inevitably "must suffer many things and be set at nought". Does this occur in our life that we experience some sort of a real change, a metamorphose?

Let us question ourselves today which our suffering is, which our illnesses is and on which stage of the struggle we are: are we "drawing back unto perdition" or are we "believing to the saving of the soul"? It is not so important for future under which circumstances we are now: the first, the second or somewhere in the middle – it is significant where we are headed for! For heaven or for hell. Let us pray that we do not run out of our faith and patience but are, instead, enriched by them in our hearts and minds through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

146 Klymentiya Dymyd Description of a moment.

A funeral procession; they are carrying a young boy. People's faces are distorted with grief. Right behind the coffin are walking the boy's parents, hand in hand, with their heads hanged down: a sturdy, as if cut from stone, father, and, next to him, a small mother, now, due to the new burden on her shoulders, she looks even smaller than usual. There are no tears in their eyes – they both ran out of them. Pale absent-minded faces, with reflection of their souls in the eyes. There you can see grief, fury, love and patriotism. The father is raising his eyes and screaming with a voice overstraining from emotions: "GLORY TO UKRAINE!" A multi-thousand crowd with tears in their eyes is roaring in reply: "TO ITS HEROES - GLORY!"

Feb 22 at 14:00

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Every person's baptism is leading to his/her death. Such is the existential truth. It is not scary, though, because Christ showed and lived his way from death to resurrection. Such is our hope in our personal and social life.

Lviv, January 17, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Hebrews 6, 3–11* Gospel: *Mark 1, 9–15* 

### THROUGH DEATH TO RESURRECTION

I am fascinated by the God's providence that established baptism. Baptism with water, baptism with the Holy Ghost, baptism with blood. And the very fact that my baptism has a direct connection with my death is the most interesting, the most mysterious and the most provocative thing. Such reality is possible because my baptism and my death are related to Our Lord Jesus Christ. He Himself received baptism and underwent death to achieve resurrection.

Such pedagogy of salvation is absolutely acceptable for me since, as I notice, I am dying every day in some part of my "ego" – every day I experience something and suffer. If I accept the sacrifice and bless it, just like Christ did on the cross, then I inevitably rise from the dead!

Such is the Christian dynamics, and if a person learns to stay in it for a long time it fills him/her with an amazing strength, a supernatural one. Then a person transfigured this way into Lord's servant can experience and even say: "death has no rule over me anymore".

Death, suffering, persecution and even meek acknowledgement of one's sin, instability of one's temper, - if those are truly realized – can only increase one's nobility. And here we are talking not only about our personal life.

It is a great chance for a society to go through the experience of meek acknowledgement of its flaws in the face of increasing injustice and criminality within the state organization which is supposed to serve its people. It is especially relevant for those who find themselves in the wheels of our police system connected with dishonest judges and inhuman penitentiary system.

In such time of a serious struggle against the evil which is not afraid anymore to manifest itself openly, we should be able to submit ourselves to God, to die for our own sin, to ask forgiveness from our friends and not to take into account our narrower interests – and all this is not for the sake of doing nothing but, on the contrary, for having full control of our lives. It is possible to live fully only after the new baptism, i.e. at the moment when every hope perished. Then, since there is nothing to lose, with the help of faith, with clear heart and holy courage can one go through the desert, through the ravaged dignity of his/her people. Then one can name the evils by their true names with the help of igneous sword - both word and deed; can manifest vivacity in burning those evils out, and initiative and perseverance in doing well. Such is the meaning of apostle Paul's words: "Consider yourselves dead for the sin but alive for God, in Jesus Christ"!

Filled with Holy Ghost, let us also restore the covenant of Baptism so that could feel the chosen ones, the ones anointed by God for crossing the desert of ordeals; may this experience only harden us for the struggle for the Kingdom of God which begins already here, in our land of promise – Ukraine!

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

Also the boys have winded some kind of burning rags on sticks and were throwing them too, the Berkut birdies were not happy about it and had their pants scared off.

Jan 23 at 10:26

### Klymentiya Dymyd

In short, these "Torches" are just ar...hole( one guy managed to beat it back!!!!! After that the rumbling of the dogs' shields quieted down for a while.

Jan 22 at 19:36

### Klymentiya Dymyd

According to preliminary information, heaps of Berkut guys are on their way here. Well, we are ready; the combatants from the previous shift are waking up right now with readiness to stand as long as required, a whole night, many nights. There is such a combative spirit here that the air is thick...although nay, probably that's all just soot © but you know, when in the barricades a saxophone player played our anthem...amidst the smoke, fire and shouts...a man next to me had tears in his eyes. You would say: soot? No, not that)

Jan 24 at 18:59

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Christ is calling us not only to purification and repentance. Combating the evil is an important part of a good deed! Can I identify the evil? If yes, then it is easier for me to fight with it.

Kryvorivnia, January 17, 2014 / Mykhailo

Dymyd.

Apostle: *Timothy 3, 14 – 4, 5* Gospel: *Matthew 3, 1-11* 

### LET'S TRUST GOD! LET'S GO TO TITUSHKOS!

Apostle Paul is presenting to us a critical situation – very much like ours, he is speaking of the people deceived by hypocrite liars, with a spoiled conscience. We have to ponder over this phenomenon and take our decision. The remedy from the impact of such bad social tendencies is a big mystery of piety. One has to really believe and trust Jesus Christ who appeared to us in flesh in Nativity. On Epiphany He reveals Himself in the Spirit, and on Easter He rises from the dead and ascends in glory. It is very important, thus, especially today, not only to believe in God but also to trust Him, to testify persistently that every God's creation is good. This way we can spread good news among our acquaintances, good heroes, as well as among the others - titushkos, by calling good what is good and evil what is evil. It is absolutely necessary for identifying the bearers of good and the bearers of evil because these are two opposite value systems.

If we trust God we establish transparent relations with Him, and this transparency expands to our relations with people. Too often we witness the existence of grey zone between the good and the evil. We know, though, that it is evil because it serves for a mist deceiving people and leading them in faded consciousness to evil or, making them tools of evil. This may even turn into a narcotic illusion of good remaining evil in its essence. Impartial assessment of this or another situation enables us to take the right position. If we not only believe but also trust God's providence then we shall step onto that narrow path which is the only right one and which leads to the victory over evil lurking within each of us and our society in general.

Deciding which side to join conclusively is what we call "preparing the way of the Lord, making His paths straight". All this is fine but it is only the beginning. We are talking today about a grand purification, about our new conscience. For that reason we have times of peaceful evolution, a revolution for we are really working on the change of the Ukrainian society matrix. What John the Baptist and later Jesus Christ did, was also a change of one Testament with another, in both personal and public aspects. What the Pharisees and the Sadducees were doing, however, was running from responsibility, from the forthcoming wrath. This is unacceptable and those who do this are called "generation of vipers".

Evangelist Matthew is offering us today a weapon. He says that peace is acquired with fire. Peace must be not passive but dynamic. It has to be an axe approaching the root. It has to be a sword; it has to be a fire. Let us think seriously what kind of evil is lurking in our private life because it is slowly affecting the society: our neighbors, our village, our cities, our country. What kind of bad habits am I spreading around myself, in my society? What is my attitude and our shared attitude to such evil? What do we do to combat it? Do we hear God's voice, the voice of conscience, the voice of people, and the voice of one crying in the wilderness? Are we reacting to this voice every day, every hour? Are we bearing fruit worth our repentance?

Maidan, conversion, repentance of so many hearts in our country is also a gift of the Holy Ghost. Shall we be able to value this gift properly, to multiply our talents, to transport them in time and space beyond the geographic Maidan? Such speculations are offered today by the Church so that we could learn to define the evil and clean ourselves from it, could live by faith and in trust. Let us pray and ask God to teach us how to accept and to value His gifts, to sew with the baptism of Spirit and fire of love.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

Of course, I did not have any serious consequences in comparison with others but maybe there is someone interested to know how the place on my paw looks on the 2-nd day after being hit by this tiny rubber fellow. I enjoyed gas much more, and as for the grenades, one cannot help loving them...And now on to serious things. People are falling like sheaves after explosions of a simple stun grenade within a radius of 3 meters from them, contused and with ruptures of soft tissues. Now

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A strong person is not the one who can throw with sight alone but the one who can raise someone from the knees by a smile.

Kryvorivnia, January 19, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Titus*, 11–14; 3, 4–7 Gospel: *Matthew* 3, 13–17

#### **JORDAN IN OUR VEINS**

The feast of Epiphany is also called

they are using chiefly "torches" consisting of SIX flash elements flying is all directions. A Question: what will happen to a person who fails to escape such a torch? And this is what they call methods of crackdown?

Jan 23 at 19:01

Illumination. We are all blessed by the grace, i.e. God's light, coming down on us from heaven. The connection with water and all nature is significant multi-dimensional.

To meet God, it is necessary that the Creator would want this meeting to happen. Indeed, apostle Paul writes that "the grace of God appeared to all men". To all! To all in all directions of family and social divisions. In all directions of human barricades people are committing sins, and all of them are offered amnesty granted by the Holy Ghost, the source of God's energy since "He saved us not by work of righteousness".

Just the same as the nature is different but everything in it works for the glory of God; just like waters which run from springs through rivers to the sea, from the sea to the clouds, and from there to earth and again start from a spring – so is Illumination indicating to us that only due to the fact that we are all different can we become united into one family, community and through the unity with other people achieve happiness. This happiness is the meeting with Jesus Christ through the dialogue with a person.

Just in the same way like Jesus came to John in the Jordan river, we should always experience a new Epiphany when meeting new people. Fear, apathy, shame are not the best advisors here. John did not want to baptize Jesus. And what does the Lord tell him? "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness". John, who was already a known and respected social activist, just listened to Him!

Where are we standing today?!

Are we choosing the image of Christ who, inspired by the Spirit, is going to see His Father through a good deed, help, and prayer together with others? Can we walk out to everyone who needs help, regardless of their religious or political convictions? Can we draw everyone to doing good deeds and not to discourage, not to drive out, not to isolate them by not accepting their freethinking?

Or are we closer to John: accepting good proposals from other people, gathering under the guidance of others, belonging to the community and actively performing our task, albeit not fully accepting or understanding it? Are we listening at once to the voice of our heart when it is prompting us to stretch a helping hand to someone, to ask forgiveness, to praise someone? Or maybe we are not refusing to do this but postponing the action itself? And the occasion

passes and there will be no more chance for doing this absolutely necessary for the society act.

A strong person is not the one who can throw with sight alone but the one who can raise someone from the knees by a smile. Only while walking with our legs, while stretching our hands to each other, while watching into each other's eyes, while exchanging smiles, while offering not a foot for someone to fall over but a shoulder to support someone, shall we hear a voice from heaven: "this is my beloved child". And these words we shall hear not about ourselves but about the other one – about a nice child of God.

But the miracle of Epiphany consists in the fact that the other person will hear the same voice about us.

This way the Holy Ghost is constantly providing new opportunities for a deep clear joy streaming in our souls and bodies like the holy waters of Jordan, waters of the Epiphany of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. Amen. Halleluiah!

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

The boys are gradually losing control; they are shouting about their dead friends, with strength and fury throwing the cobble stones into the smoke behind which the birdies are based. From there they get a reply with stun grenades and, most probably, someone there attended to the production of Molotovs because a few of them have already darted above my head

Jan 24 at 23:40

Mykhailo Dymyd December 28, 2013

Maidan is a unified image of the Holy Trinity! Maidan's slogan "one for all and all for one" is deeply revealing the nature of relations between the divine persons of the Holy Trinity. Here life contacts of various people are taking place; each with his/her talents, duties — all this is on the basis of love which is, by the way, being manifested through the laws of high morality!

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I need such a faith that I would not "be afraid of the king's commandment"! Such faith means to be not afraid of losing material goods for the sake of truth, to be not afraid of losing one's career for the sake of one's conscience, to be not afraid of going to jail for the sake of performing the commandments of one's conscience!

Lviv, January 20, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Hebrews 11, 17-23. 27-31* Gospel: *Mark 9, 42 – 10,1* 

#### WEATHERED SOCIAL RELATIONS

It's amazing that the Word of God is capable of bringing to a person the necessary light at the right moment. Apostle Paul is showing us the examples of certain people and the whole nations who received good future because of their faith in the Lord! For us, Ukrainians, the most relevant example is that one of Moses "who did not fear the wrath of the king", as well as the fact that "by faith the walls of Jericho fell down".

Our faith in the Lord and His almightiness is a very important thing because it really contributes to our participation in God! If I believe in God I am God's one. If we do believe

in Him, then we act within His area, we become a part of His world! And then we shall be able to polish our conscience, our heart, through repentance and through bearing our destiny, our cross. We can be searching His will, obtaining His trust and walking through the hardships of this world armed with hope and confidence in finding the truth and the dignity.

When today we are trying to find and disclose the reasons for chaos in Ukraine we above all have to ponder over the quality of our faith: is it really a faith in God, is it drawing us closer to Him and bringing fruits for our neighbors – the people for whom we bear responsibility, on whom we depend, whom we meet? Or maybe it is faith in oneself, in another person, in a business, in tradition, in strength – without entrance into God's mentality? Maybe this is not any faith in God but, rather, complying God with our needs!

The more intensive is our faith in God, the more effective will be our potency to establish the good in our environment – in the heart, in the family, at work, in the yard, in the village. Any lack of trust is hampering us from doing well for our neighbor. Believing in the victory of good over evil is not enough; to overcome the evil and establish the good one requires a faith in God who can bless for the victory of the good!

I need such a faith that I would not "be afraid of the king's commandment"! Such faith means to be not afraid of losing material goods for the sake of truth, to be not afraid of losing one's career for the sake of one's conscience, to be not afraid of going to jail for the sake of performing the commandments of one's conscience!

Beside the appropriate quality our faith needs to be perseverant in time: "The walls of Jericho fell down after they were compassed about seven days". How long can we endure in faith and communion with God, in confidence that he is especially blessing us during the moments of test, and in assurance that it is exactly those moments when an extraordinary faith in Him is required, as well as keeping His commandments of love, in order to be able to stand hand-in-hand with Him and defeat the walls of evil.

Evangelist Mark follows up the topic about the necessity of faith for achieving a success. He explains that the quality of faith and its perseverance require sometimes a surgical interference into our body – "cutting off a hand or a leg". It's high time for our people to throw away everything that is rotten in its organism! On the one hand, it is an extraordinary situation, even an alarming one, but it is also full of hope for success. This is what we are creating our maidans for – to experience conversion, to cleanse our social relations so that every word would originate from the Word – Christ Himself, and every holiday – from Holy Day. Both word and holiday must become in us the moments of lifting the human spirit up, of consolidation in our faith in God.

Such state of our soul and of our culture is the "salt we shall have in ourselves, and have thus peace one with another"! To make our salt of social relations reflected in the distorted state system again salty we need sacrifice and fire: "For everyone shall be salted with fire and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt".

Let us pray to stay open to God, to let Him consolidate our faith and remain our only God! And may we be able soon to glorify Him forever with "one heart and mouth"!

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

A few Molotovs from both sides have been already thrown. No assault so far, no victims either.

Jan 24 at 4:19

### Klymentiya Dymyd

On Hrushevskoho there are grenades, fireworks and molotovs but the situation is calm. I think the assault will be not from this side, if it will be at all. And even if from this side it'll be just a means of delusion to draw all our boys there. These are just thought articulated aloud.

Jan 24 at 22:57

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Joy is based on the truth that for one shared victory it is required from each of use to take efforts. This is exactly what is cleansing us of certain wickedness, making us holy, i.e. open to God's grace.

Lviv, January 21, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd. Apostle: *Hebrews 12, 25–26; 13, 22–25* 

Gospel: Mark 10, 2–12

### LET US STOP COMMITTING ADULTERY!

One does not need to wait for an ideal moment – one has to act here and now. For a success it is necessary to establish a perpetual contact with God, and we have to keep in our mind that He is the operator, not us.

A very important and necessary thing in every serious situation – to be aware of things, to be informed! For that we need to learn the art of seeing and hearing. Apostle Paul says: "See that you refuse not him that speaketh".

In every situation we can find a kernel of truth and a kernel of positive – this truth is significant for our understanding because this is how this world of God is built. We tend to wait for an ideal moment to take the right decision of

to perform the necessary act but this moment is not coming. The world of God is our world with all its positives and negatives, and it is this world where we must get sanctified. It is this world where we must act here and now! "If not me who then? If not now when then?" Ivan Svitlychny wrote.

Apostle Paul is showing us the realities of human existence on earth at all times: the arrested are released, we are all overjoyed with this and congratulate each other because one shared good action among the people is already a victory and a success. Joy is based on the truth that for one shared victory it is required from each of use to take efforts. This is exactly what is cleansing us of certain wickedness, making us holy, i.e. open to God's grace. Joy comes after an appropriate sacrifice! This is what, after all, Jesus did on the Cross. He continues to act in accepting and sanctifying our offerings, making them pleasing to God and useful for us and our society!

The most important thing and the biggest victory are not against someone but inside of our heart: so that me, you, we would become constantly open to our Creator, the Lord. For it is this communicative joint that hides the source of our success, "because it is the victory of all victories, – in the manger of my heart God was born today! (B.-I. Antonych). It is what evangelist Mark means when he writes that "Moses suffered write a bill of divorcement...for the heart". (hardness) foolhardiness of their Obviously, in this case a married couple is mentioned but the same refers to bigger communities, a whole nation.

And what about us, the light people and Christian people, the people of Maidan? Are we diving into the whirlpool of life, into a peaceful or armed revolution with a heart open to God, or, maybe, our "heart is foolhardy"? We cannot answer this question by ourselves — we have to verify our own answer with God. We live in the times of high technology and we know that having a good wish to make a call from a cell phone is not enough, is it not enough to select an operator either — one has to fulfill all the requirements established by him: to insert a simcard into the telephone, to switch it on, to transfer money to its account etc. Our operator is God!

Let us remember that the answer to this question by each of us is very significant and it impacts not only the destiny of our people but also the destiny of the whole God's world! God

created a human being in such way that (s)he would communicate with Him on the principle of equality! Am I doing this? Is that communication becoming the basis of my concrete acting in the world?

Let us perceive the Word of God in our own way for it is perpetually speaking to us. Today it sounds like this: "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder". So, let us stop committing adultery, accusing each other of all calamities, blaming oneself and the environment. Let us instead take notice of the positive features of each other, and let us use those positives as pivots for constructing future connections within a strong society and nation. Let us work on ourselves, let us multiply good features to make our heart sensitive and capable of seeing the light even in the darkness of fight, attacks of the evil, temptations - not because of our genius or our smartness but because of God's providence which we do not only experience in the heart but also see in action!

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

There are around 3000 people in Maidan, all taken aback by the news about that Crimean moron calling to introduce martial law. It's cold outside. Luckily it is not difficult to get any warm clothes, starting from socks and finishing with heating pads and warm coats.

Jan 24 at 17:39

### Klymentiya Dymyd

They are shooting here from pumping guns and throwing lots of grenades. Every 10 minutes we get someone wounded to a lying position.

Jan 23 at 10:34

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Since we are all different we are going our different ways but we are united by prayers about God's help and purity of our intention. For if we "ask in faith, nothing wavering", if we persevere in our intentions we shall become united for the sake pf God's blessing. He is the God of Truth, Love and Life!

Lviv, January 22, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *James 1, 1-18* Gospel: *Mark 10, 11-16* 

#### THE LUST CONCEIVES!

Apostle James describes turbulent times both as the time of insight and the time of feast. He who takes part in the rebellion of his/her people for the freedom of will expression and for God's truth among the Ukrainian society, experiences anxiety, on the one hand, and joy – on the other.

At such moments of truth our "endurance in faith" and action is put on test. If our fire is burning and we are adding fuel into it with our positive actions then we are getting "improved". The Lord "giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not". There is a good method of making one's heart more noble: the wider we open our hearts in telling God sincerely about our intentions the more gifts from God shall we

receive.

We are all walking our ways but we are united by prayers about God's help and purity of our intention. For if we "ask with faith, nothing wavering", if we persevere in our intentions we shall become united for the sake pf God's blessing. He is the God of Truth, Love and Life!

If we lack such a firm decision our fight shall et out of control, "like a wave of the sea driven away and tossed". For instable "double minded" people – and we are all like that at times – there will be no blessing from God. Perseverance and consistency in struggling requires different efforts, depending on a person. "Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he s exalted: But the rich in that, he is made low". Such examination is not senseless; it is like a fire purifying the gold. It is given for the people to become monolithic, to destroy the inner barriers of divisions, to avoid unnecessary temptations.

Apostle James is teaching that lust is a great temptation in the struggle; it is deceiving people by shifting emphasis from the shared social fight and welfare onto individual egoistic profit, reward, glory... In other words we can call this temptation pride, meanness, arrogance, cupidity – all these are variations of lust.

Let us not lead to a condition when our "lust conceives and bringeth forth sin" for the sin brings forth death, i.e. the defeat not so much personal as the defeat of the whole community. Let us exchange thoughts, let us polish our positions even if they are opposite but then let us act as one body, with God's blessing.

For "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning". Let us pray in this intention, that we do not seek easy ways out and easy victories but that we meekly, like the last servant, go to a struggle against the evil and constantly verify our actions by God and the community to which we belong.

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

A grenade has just gone off 5-7 meters from me, right at the feet of a young man. Nose, mouth and ears are bleeding, an absent look, right after that – a complete switch off, he fell down...

Jan 22 at 18:35

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Oh, Lord, when will you have mercy on your martyrs? Or, are you waiting till their soul ignites with hatred and they start replying with eye for eye – something which you do not wish for?

Lviv, January 23, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

## Klymentiya Dymyd

We are being watered from a hose and bombarded with grenades, they were the first to start, let me remind that again. After they had let the water out our guys flew into rage. They were throwing cobble stones into broken windows. The sliding door which was too stubborn to open was hooked with a rope and pulled out. Those idiots inside have made a real sea there...they're standing in water which they poured themselves. I am worried that there are so few people in Hrushevskoho, therefore I passed my message to Zhovtnevy to send some additional scores here. I saw them walking along Khreshchatyk. Everything is Ok)

Jan 26 at 2:11

Apostle: *James 1, 19*–27 Gospel: *Mark 10, 17*–27

## TRIAL WITH FIRE

We are currently on such a history round which reminds of gold refined with fire. It's a rather unpleasant procedure but later this clean gold becomes a big treasure and help to those who own it. Similarly our society is fighting these days for its liberty, and this is something that requires a lot of efforts. It requires resistance which with time may turn into wrath. And today apostle Paul is telling us that "let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath". And he adds: "For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God". We must, thus, resist the evil but love a bad person. If one recognizes in every person his/her neighbor that will be a fight for a perfect law of liberty. By this law I will see in everyone the image of our Lord and will know for sure that in the same way as certain strength to seek truth and fight for it resides in me, it resides also in another person, on the other side of the barricade. We have to lift our praying to the Lord and ask for the Word of God to be in the first place in me and the other person, for it to turn into consistent deeds. But this word will not be able to turn into something good; it will not be able to purify me and my society if there is no renunciation in all of us, if we do not shoo egotism from our hearts. That tiny little egotism, the domestic one that determines our behavior at work and elsewhere. Let us not be afraid to throw aside everything which is unnecessary in our characters, in order to be cleansed.

Evangelist Mark is telling us today a story about a rich man that can be interpreted as a story of the righteous in our struggle. In other words, each of us has his/her own opinion regarding something and says: "Aha, those are our guys, and those - are not". The matter is that the "our guys" still have to improve themselves, they must understand that if they do not get rid of the alien gifts, i.e. of their ambitions, their pride, any sort of a vice kit, they will not inherit the heavenly treasure. The apostles, on having heard that story about a young man who was very good, fulfilled everything but did not want to share his possessions with others, became very sad, "astonished out of measure". We also are quite often overwhelmed with sadness; it captivates our soul and our heart. And then we are thinking: "What's the right thing to do? God, help me!" For

what is impossible for a man, is possible for the Creator.

Let us pray that each of us could constantly be converted and thus would help our people to become a free nation among the great nations of Europe!

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Klymentiya Dymyd

If this is truth – death be to you, nits.

THE INFORMATION IS NOT VERIFIED BUT Folks! Right now Berkut is transporting and burning the bodies of EuroMaidan activists at the address: Baikova Str., 16. They use "Patriot" jeeps and grey "hearses". This is the cemetery. People are being thrown right into the furnaces!!! This way the authorities are trying to hide the traces of their ferocious deeds! A crematorium worker called, Bulatov's body is there!!! Urgent repost! I saw the breathless bodies of people with my own eyes! They are being thrown into furnaces, there are pictures of that! Automaidan, drive there without delay!

Jan 24 at 22:31

Klymentiya Dymyd

A conversation..

- Do you want to go home?
- Yeah, probably I would go for a day. My mom needs to cry on my shoulder, and my dad needs to enjoy the very sight of me.
- Then you should tell someone from your guys, let them pass the message that you are OK.
- There's no one to tell. All my guys are dead. There were five of us, from the same village. Now I am alone. Do not know anything about my sotnyk. He vanished.

Jan 21 at 11:32

PHOTO [PAGE 169, the bottom right one]: Inscription on the small poster: "I BREATHE FREELY!"

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We are announcing a major inner "chemical cleaning". But it refers to each of you individually, not your neighbor, son-in-law or daughter-in-law. Such effort favors general peace and transparency in society. This is also a serious participation in Maidan!

Lviv, January 24, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *James 2, 1-13* Gospel: *Mark 10, 23-32* 

#### JUDGED BY THE LAW OF LIBERTY

When we are creating a community we are accepting everyone wishing to enter it. Jesus tells us not to judge by poverty or riches. For the one who owns earthly riches will not necessarily help more than the poor one. And that is because the power of our kindness depends not on our material opportunities but on the openness of our heart to God.

Let us remember the parable about a poor widow who gave two mites – everything she had. Christ says that for creating a community, for creating a nation we need to love our neighbors like we love ourselves. This is the basic law. In order to do this properly we need to direct our steps to righteousness, i.e. to work on our character. And here comes an important thing: one cannot be righteous in everything but to make an exception for one single sin and to "indulge" in it. All sins are equal before God. One cannot, for instance, hate someone and pray at the same time, or to steal something tiny saying that (s)he respects the law. One cannot deceive someone and believe that (s)he respects that person. Let us, thus, be careful with our deeds to make sure we are righteous in everything - to be purified in everything and thus favor the common weal. We announcing a major inner "chemical cleaning". But it refers to each of you individually, not your neighbor, son-in-law or daughter-in-law. Such effort favors general peace and transparency in society. This is also a serious participation in Maidan!

Now we are undergoing the time when the

system of power in Ukraine is being judged by the law of liberty. Let us remember that each of us shall be judged in the same way. And the judgment is with mercy to those who show mercy. "For mercy rejoiceth against judgment".

Apostle James and evangelist Mark are speaking today about material wealth. It is important to understand its role in our life and that basically it is good. On the other hand, though, it present certain danger for a person. Why? Because too often it becomes the aim of our existence, it stands for God, stands for a person in society. The material wealth can be hidden in family, in relatives, in human infatuations, in a house. All these things are good per se but sometimes you've got to leave them and walk forward. He who manages to do so "shall receive hundredfold", shall be rewarded already at the time of persecution, and even more at the peaceful time. In other words, he who dares to establish a correct scale of values in his/her life shall experience happiness already here but in heaven shall be even happier.

When our sons and daughters travel to Maidan, we are, obviously, worrying, but we also know that they are fulfilling God's commandment: they abandon everything to go and serve God, vis serving their neighbor.

So, let us pray for them, that they would have holy courage and be clean in their hearts, so that their struggle would be victorious. In the same way, let us pray and fast that we may be cleansed, have no sin and this way favor our children's victory and our own one too. This victory is directed not against someone but for the Love of God to rule in our Motherland.

## 170 Mykhailo Dymyd January 6, 2014

Maidan as a phenomenon was not planned, its budget was not designed, and nobody counted on it being financed. Therefore, what drew people to Maidan can hardly be called other but a call of their hearts and, thus, an act of the Holy Ghost. Those who felt it by heart could not help coming here! In Maidan you can see the Church in its splendor – it reaches beyond its visible boundaries, where the Holy Ghost is active, – not only in the clergymen but also in representatives of intelligence, non-church people! Where else could they meet in such a deep dialogue!? Hourly singing of the Ukrainian anthem united with a prayer

## **52**

The inner riches decorate with nobility even sotnyk Mykhailo who was forced to take off his clothes, who had his forelock cut and of whom they intended to make a laughing stock but instead only showed him as a knight of Spirit. There is such an oriental wise saying: if an egg is broken by force from outside life in it stops; if that egg gets cracked by the inside force – life just begins. All great things start from the inside.

Lviv, January 25, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Ethesians 6, 10–17* Gospel: *Matthew 4, 1–11* 

indicates awareness of the necessity to pray for our future, to "cherish" it like a child in a cradle. Maidan is the embodiment of a new life of Ukrainians! Let us continue "cherishing" this new life of ours, in an open dialogue with all other people of good will, so that it would obtain features of maturity to which we as people are called in this earth!

# THE INNER WEAPON IS THE SOURCE OF LIFE!

The weapon we are supposed to forge is not directed against the human enemy – a Ukrainian, a non-trustworthy Ukrainian, a treacherous Ukrainian. The weapon we are supposed to have is directed against the satanic powers, i.e. the powers which resist heaven.

A Christian has a corresponding weapon for overcoming fatalistic moods spread among slaves. It means (s)he has freedom, (s)he is independent of anybody's control.

Darkness is the lack of hope, sadness in which the world lives occupied by the evil powers.

To arm oneself with new weapon means to put on genuine faith and the Word of God which is the manifestation of such faith.

Today the Church is telling us in its readings about struggle. This is very relevant for Ukrainians these days as we are witnessing a serious confrontation between the civil society and the state authoritarianism. Apostle Paul and evangelist Matthew suggest a recipe for our victory—"the whole armor of God"!

What does the wholeness of armor consist in? It consists of the following elements: 1) truth; 2) justice; 3) readiness for peace; 4) faith; 5) the Word of God. Let us take a close look at them. Truth is never one-sided; it is measured with God's judgment and human wisdom, not mind. Justice is not tooth for tooth but crucifixion for the sake of our salvation; it is love. Readiness for peace can be called a good intention. Faith is confidence in the fact that only God is our Lord; it is also a strict fulfillment of all His commandments under any circumstances.

If such conditions are arranged by the fighters for truth, liberty, human dignity, it creates a strong protection against "the fiery darts of the wicked". What kind of danger is it? It has two components: interior and exterior. The darts of the wicked in my heart mean everything that corrupts my positive intentions and decelerates my decision-making, weathers my previous decisions...The exterior attacks of the evil one are easier to fight than the interior ones — these are assaults from the bad people, an obvious temptation, a provocation by titushkos...

Of great significance is what is there inside of us. The void inside of titushkos, Berkut guys and some policemen makes them commit crimes that calls to heaven for avenge. The inner riches decorate with nobility even sotnyk Mykhailo who was forced to take off his clothes, who had his forelock cut and of whom they intended to make a laughing stock but instead only showed him as a knight of Spirit. There is such an oriental wise saying: if an egg is broken by force from outside life in it stops; if that egg gets cracked by the inside force — life just begins. All great things start from the inside.

The pinnacle of the military uniform of every God's warrior is the Word of God. It is so effective that it is simultaneously performing both the defensive and the assault functions. It serves for both the helmet and the sword. This is why I am preaching the Word of God on Maidan every day!

Evangelist Matthew is telling us about temptations which are hampering us from fight, about these inner "darts of the wicked". There are three of them: 1) bread (too much care about daily bread); 2) self-reliance; 3) idolatry. Bread stands for career moments which do not make it possible to realize one's dream about liberty, shut up the voice of one's conscience, devaluate the spiritual essence of law for the sake of attempts to raise pension fees, impose ideological fidelity in exchange for promised privileges... Self-reliance means one-time unnatural inhuman acts for the sake of preserving power, it's a betrayal of word, a compromise with faith for the sake of a state position, tempting God... Idolatry means to speak lie for the sake of profit, it means to rely on the power of certain clan in achieving one's individual goal, and it means to serve not the society in general but its certain part...

Let us introduce into our daily habits the recipes for a good warrior in the struggle against the evil, so that our struggle would be not in vain, so that at a certain finishing stage we would not be exhausted with our inner weakness. Let us pray to our only God, let us worship only Him and let us serve Him alone in order to win!

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## Klymentiya Dymyd

They say the negotiations with Yanyk have been postponed for two hours. I wonder what will be the result of procrastinating the inevitable) Meanwhile the berkut birdies are enjoying their life and feeling safe and sound( Jan 23 at 18:33

Klymentiya Dymyd An Amsterdam newspaper 53

Death will not defeat us because the knowledge of God brings resurrection to every member of that dead people.

Lviv, January 26, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Ethesians 6, 10–17* Gospel: *Matthew 4, 12-17* 

A "LOST" PEOPLE



Jan 30 at 17:01

PHOTO [PAGE 175, the bottom one]: Inscription on the wall: "THESE PEOPLE ARE INVINCIBLE!"

When Jesus found out that John had been imprisoned he returned to Galilee and began his preaching. We have heard that our parisher Maryan Havryliv was arrested and put into prison, and we are coming to God, our Lord not only to pray but also to express our love and sympathy for Maryan, to support him. Today's reading from the Apostle is very significant for understanding our struggle: we have to wear "the whole armor of God", not against a human enemy, not against a non-trustworthy Ukrainian or a betraying Ukrainian but against satanic powers which oppose heaven. It is very important for us to understand this.

A Christian is supposed to have proper arms for fighting various fatalistic moods spread among the slaves. If a Christian opens his/her heart to God and acts, (s)he will gain a new liberty, (s)he will be independent of every dark power. The darkness of which the apostle speaks is sadness, it is apathy. In this darkness lives the whole world enchained by the evil powers. And to be armed with a new weapon means to wear a true faith, the Word of God which is the expression of that faith. The apostle calls this both a sword and a helmet, i.e. a weapon with is for defense and for a positive influence on those brothers of ours who are occupied by the powers of the evil.

Today's Gospel is not combative: the Apostle is combative, and the Gospel is political. It tells us about slavery and darkness of the people brought to them by aliens, pagan attackers and cultural agitators who pay flying visits to Israel from the sea coast. They brought treason, idolatry, immorality, bribery among the holy people.

Now, after the baptism of Jesus Christ in the river of Jordan, after the Epiphany, a great Light is coming to this poor people. This people see that the darkness disappears. And not only unto this gloomy region did the Light descend. Since this lucidity is the Light from a capital letter, the Life from a capital letter, it has shed light on everyone, the whole world. Death will not defeat us because the knowledge of God brings resurrection to every member of that dead people.

Such Light is present among us; because of this we are sometimes called extremists. It is given to us by the Son of God who, with the help of the Holy Ghost, through baptism in the river of Jordan, starts his deed calling all the people to a life of full value. This Light starts acting since the

very moment when Jesus came to Israel and, on having been baptized, started to preach, to speak the truth out loud, to do good, to drive out evil spirits. "Repent you: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". That was the cry!

So let us also in these turbulent and yet light times feel and realize that this is the moment of God's Kingdom coming to our land, out cities and towns, our homes, and our hearts. Let us be open to the acts of the Spirit so that we could ask and receive the Wisdom and the reason by applying our repentance to our own salvation and salvation of our people.

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## Klymentiya Dymyd

We are continuously poured with water, they want to get to us, probably they realized that we shall not run out of tires as long as there are cars in Kyiv and that we can throw them into the fire with a speed of light)

## Klymentiya Dymyd

The river is becoming bigger, gradually hollowing out the ice and dividing it into layers on both sides. A spectacular view. Soon we will have an idea how to use it; maybe we shall build a small electric power station to be independent of the city electricity network?

Jan 23 at 23:23

#### **54**

To declare your faith in God and people is not enough. The devil is doing that all the time. Particular acts of mercy are required, as well as their recognition by the neighbors. One can always use the powers of the good and even receive security guarantees in future on condition if fidelity to the good. This was experienced by the harlot Rahab, the same was testified by the blind beggar.

Lviv, January 27, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *James 2, 14-26* Gospel: *Mark 10, 46-52* 

#### **DEVIL ALSO BELIEVES IN GOD**

Today apostle James advises us how to live among brothers and sisters: it is not enough to believe — one has to prove his/her faith with deeds. And proving the faith means helping one's brother or sister. It is no good to send away your brother who is in need telling him that everything is fine, say, go and work, make your both ends meet in your social system. And this is not consistent with God's standards.

James points to the example of Abraham who was righteous not only by faith but also proved his faith with deeds when the Lord asked him to sacrifice to Him his only begotten son. Many of the people today are sacrificing today their sons and daughters to prove that their faith is alive – their faith n God, their faith in the fact that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. The aim of our existence is to discern this image in every person and work on it. The very thing that Abraham trusted God and gave his Son was imputed unto him as righteousness.

I am sure that in the same way people trust God and send their children to the Maidans all

over Ukraine, although it is dangerous. But this will imputed unto our people as righteousness. For those who have their minds twisted and are standing today on the other side of the barricade, on the side of the evil though being bad people per se, the apostle is giving the example of harlot Rahab who received in her house in Jericho two messengers from Joshua: when the local "security services" found out about the probable place of their staying she hid them. For reward she asked to save her offspring. The messengers promised her that if she keeps her word and does not betray them then neither her nor her offspring suffers when Jericho will be destroyed. And so it happened. So may those who have joined the evil side in today's country reality not fear to get converted and save others just to see the good triumphing in its splendor everywhere, in all parts of our Motherland – in all hearts of our citizens.

Evangelist Mark is showing us another example how to get saved, how to get out of trouble. The blind beggar, on having heard of Jesus approaching, instead of sitting quietly in his corner, started shouting, shouting the truth: that he wants light and cannot live in darkness anymore! He wants worthy conditions! And albeit everyone was reproaching him and saying he should sit silent the inner voice of that man was saying: "No! It's not the time to be silent! It is time to speak aloud, time to scream, and time to beat the drums!" And the Lord heard him and commanded him to be called. And they passed these words to the blind man he, casting away his garment, rose and came to Jesus promptly.

Similarly, let us pray that the voice of God would sound all over our Motherland, reach each of us who are all too often blind. That we, on hearing that Jesus is close to us, would shout: "Jesus, help us, save our Motherland!" And to His signal may we all stand up from our places, cast away our unnecessary burdens and beg Him: "Oh, Lord! Give us clear hearts, give us hope in You, and teach us to live by faith and deed so that we, as well as our children and grandchildren, may become righteous. May we really reply to Your call to be a great and holy people!" Let this be our prayer, so that we could see and worship the Lord through love for each neighbor!

180 Klymentiya Dymyd Hrushevskoho at this moment: the guys continue to throw tires into the fire; there are

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Let us be attentive to look positive at everything and speak well of everyone and, at the same time, destroy radically the evil currently around 2000 people near the newly created barricades; in case of necessity they can be supported by around 5-6 thousand active combatants who are now having rest after a sleepless night of guarding positions. A fire engine emerged from that side, or, at least, something with a stronger sheet of water; extinguishing is possible in the nearest time(

Jan 23 at 10:20

## Klymentiya Dymyd

The guy in the front are talking and shouting that someone should go to the leaders and get from same at least some kind in info.

Jan 24 at 1:42

## Klymentiya Dymyd

Our guys have barricaded the Ukrainian House since it nests, with an unclear aim, around 200 IT's

Jan 25 at 22:33

residing in our temples. Society and state are also temples. They sometimes require a positive violence. We should bear in mind that such actions are almost never left without a treacherous revenge! But this should not bother us: since our fight is honest it will be victorious, and that victory shall be achieved not so much with our efforts but with God's strength.

Lviv, January 28, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *James 3, 1–10* Gospel: *Mark 11, 11–23* 

#### THE TAMED TONGUE

Apostle James is telling us today to tame our tongues. He is reminding us that we all sin quite a bit. And because of that we cannot see our neighbor objectively. We have to see him/her with God's eyes before we can start saying something about him/her. Apostle James is saying that our tongue is a very dangerous enemy. We can tame every kind of beasts, serpents, things in the sea but we are not capable of taming our tongue, i.e. a person can do a good deed and then destroy it all from the inside by criticizing it. Thus, on the one hand, our tongue can be a huge blessing for worshiping the Lord and praising God's providence in every person, and on the other hand, it can become a tool of cursing, execrating people, offending God and, as the result, destroying the good deed which we managed to perform with God's help.

Evangelist Mark is reminding us that we have to fight the evil courageously. For instance, Jesus ordered to the fruitless fig tree to perish, i.e. He terminates an earthly matter which bears nothing but sucks the saps from the earth or people. These can be certain institutions, some deeds of ours. In such case we must be radical, such things must be liquidated.

Then Jesus casts out all kinds of wicked things from our temples. A temple is our soul, our home, church, society, and a circle of our acquaintances. Thus we have to ponder over, to have a close look and see which things are not transparent and bring darkness and immorality into our life. All these have to be cast out and quite often this must be done by force, so to say, by means of a surgery. Once we get rid of these things, the evil stops attacking us. Satan is paying special attention to those who are working inside,

finding the evil within themselves and eradicating it. He likes to attack such people but not directly, with unfair methods, by means of manipulations, by unexpected assaults. Evangelist Mark, though, provides us with a great hope and says we should not fear to consolidate our faith because our faith shall remove our calamity just in the same way as it can move mountains.

My dears who gathered here for a prayer, let us ask the Lord to be able to turn ourselves about in the same way as the ships in the sea are turned about with a very small helm even in stormy weather. And may our pure soul, pure language be that helm.

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#### Klymentiya Dymyd

Bi..ches...We offered them to leave, opened the door for them, and they turned on the gas!

Jan 25 at 23:45

## Klymentiya Dymyd

The spirit is not fading. On Hrushev people are rotating, not letting anyone to the front to prevent any possible provocations.

Feb 7 at 11:51

PHOTO [PAGE 182, the upper one]: Inscription on the helmet with trident: "SELF-DEFENSE OF MAIDAN!"

#### **56**

There are two wisdoms – Godly and devilish! The righteous struggle must be solicited! The effective way of soliciting it is in the prayer "Our Father".

Lviv, January 29, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *James 3, 11 – 4, 6* Gospel: *Mark 11, 23–26* 

#### YOU NEED TO BE GOOD AT ASKING

We have heard apostle James who is calling us to be more stable in our character, to produce, just like the streetlights, only stable positive signals, lest we become a spring which produces sometimes sweet and sometimes bitter water. To avoid this, to make sure we have some kind of stability, we have to be wise. The apostle is asking: "Who is wise?" A wise person is someone who is trying to walk forward humbly, seeking the truth. A wise man is not seeking the truth with untruthful ways. Too often we face a temptation to say something untruthful in the name of some bigger good. The apostle says that it is impossible to obtain a big good via evil, be it the tiniest evil; and he pays attention to two wisdoms: the one which comes from above, Godly wisdom that can be comprehended with an open heart and the other one that is devilish or beastly. The first wisdom leads to humbleness, to expectation, to a positive vision, to peace; the other one can lead only to passions which are not helpful but rather do harm and cause bad consequences.

We have to act according to God's rules. If we ask God not according to His command we commit sacrilege and then will lose opportunity to comprehend God's wisdom. So let us be humble and God shall grant us His grace.

And evangelist Mark says that one has to ask in order to get but the act of asking must be powerful and with faith.

And the last evangelic recommendation as for today. If we want peace, we need to forgive. If we forgive we shall be forgiven by people and by God. If not we shall not be forgiven. All these rules we have been talking about today, are expressed in the prayer "Our Father". That is why every time you lack peace, pray "Our Father" to obtain the Kingdom of God already here and now among us: in our hearts, families, in our society, in our country and all over the world; and may we, consequently, obtain our eternal award in heaven.

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## Klymentiya Dymyd

A new catapult or, if you want, slingshot in an unexpected place is ready) It looks a bit like a guillotine but it does not hamper it from shooting in 50 and more meters.

Jan 23 at 22:33

## Klymentiya Dymyd

The guys are already walking in rounds and kicking the sacks to let the aggression out.

Jan 24 at 2:04

## Klymentiya Dymyd

It's stable in Hrushevskoho. The usual exchange with insults sometimes one can hear wits directed to cudgel-bearers) We are burning fires not for the sake of the smoke curtain – we are just trying to get warm! Our hands are just freezing off. Well, and the curtain is like a pleasant bonus, taken the wind is, as always, on our side, and is blowing the soot into the dogs' visors. We are expecting a public council in Maidan.

Jan 24 at 21:01

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Our life depends on our Creator. Let us remember about this in all our decisions. Let us rather fear God than people. He who stands the suffering is saved!

Lviv, January 30, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *James 4*, 7 – 5, 9 Gospel: *Mark 11*, 27–33

## PLANS WILL NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED!

Today both the Apostle and the Gospel readings are telling us that we have to fight constantly, to achieve something, to cast away the evil and to do good. However, we must do all this with God. We have to bear in our minds at all times that we do not rule the world but the Lord does. Plus the apostle is advising us not to laugh exceedingly and not to be sad too much – one has to find the medium way. One has to love everyone, and for that it is necessary to respect the inner law of our heart which was input there by the Lord; it is necessary to cherish the Godly spirit because he is our inner law. And all other laws will be useful if we look at them from the spiritual Godly perspective. Otherwise it will turn out that we are not following the laws but are trying to be their masters. And this means that we are trying to take the place of God. The apostle is reminding us that we are like vapor; that we exist today and then we are no more. Let us thus count on God's will.

It also may be that in our activity we are not doing any well! We have to make it clear here that in such case we are committing evil for there can be no middle way, say, I shall do neither evil nor good. This is how "lukewarm" people act.

But each person has God's spirit in his/her heart to do good. This is the appropriate direction of human activity: to do good means to gather treasures, enduring treasures. Not the treasures which can be gathered here on earth or which are obtained by means of stealing or using other people or situations. If we respect the spirit of laws, if we do good, let us also learn to wait, to suffer because he who knows how to wait for the accomplishment of God's will shall be saved. He who stands the suffering is saved.

Today Mark, in his Gospel is telling us about various provocateurs who can be in our society. They came up to Jesus and asked Him: "By what authority doest thou these things? Who gave you power to do this?" Today we can also hear of great specialists in the parliament, in various mass media who are provoking their people who are asking the people by what authority they are doing this or that? They say that people's behavior is illegal, etc. But all evil things have their ending.

Those who were provoking Jesus, stopped their dark deeds not because of their fear before God but because of their fear before the people. So it is today that people stop doing their defiled deeds, stop using other individuals because of their fear before the people. But such a change of behavior will not lead to a common weal. To stop doing criminal things indeed one has to fear God. This refers in particular to Christians.

Christians should be trying to abandon the evil schemes into which they have been involved. They have to pray that their relatives would come to verity, would find that truth which resides deep inside their hearts. For each of us is a beloved child of God and the voice of God can sound in the heart of each of us.

So let us pray that God may be present in all our plans and that we may have that patience which is necessary for obtaining a durable weal, that we may learn to wait for the maturity of the fruit of our thought, our soul and our love and be happy, and shine, and help others to achieve the same state.

## 188

Klymentiya Dymyd

We've had a drilling, the people are angry because they have not heard of anything concrete. Very many newcomers; they are

#### **58**

We are called to manifest solidarity before each other just because we are people. The ones cast away today shall become the builders of a new society with a new, stronger basis. gathering with respect around those who have been staying here quite for a while and absorbing each word coming from them. This is actively used by those who arrived just onetwo days ago, the latter are scaring the newcomers with made-up horrors laughing quietly behind their backs)

Jan 24 at 22:14

## Klymentiya Dymyd

– [IN UKRAINIAN] Excuse me please, when is the main meeting by the monument tonight?

- [IN RUSSIAN] Listen to me, I do not understand the doggy language and speak the language I want.

An elderly lady from aside:

– [IN RUSSIAN] What a nit you are, what are you saying!? Back off! – she is lifting her hand against him and threatening him with her fist. – And you, sweetie, indeed speak the language you are most comfortable with, good for you.

March 3 at 16:35

# Only God's blessing can give sense to building any constructions.

Lviv, January 31, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd. Apostle: *I Peter 1, 1–2. 10–12; 2, 6–10* 

Gospel: *Mark 12, 1–12* 

#### **BABYLON IS NOT EVERLASTING**

The Church is telling us today about solidarity among Christians and among people in general. Peter, the apostle of Jesus Christ, is greetings sending from Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. Similarly, all of us here, Ukrainian Christians, are receiving greetings from all over the world and telling us to stay optimistic and faithful to God. For if a person is faithful to God (s)he is free. Every people looking for the truth shall be blessed. We also have this certainty because we are looking for answers to the questions which are in our hearts and minds.

Those who were seeking the truth have been always cast away, persecuted at all times because they were a stone of stumbling. This, however, did not do any harm to them but, instead, even was to their benefit. There were passions which turned into a big deed. It is easier to build something on a new basis; if a building is already built it is difficult to introduce changes; if the stones are already demolished and scattered it is necessary to build something new and better -anew society on the basis of a deep basement. And we, Ukrainian people, are seeking the truth, becoming a live creative component, "in time past not a people but now the people of God". We are called to get from the darkness into the light of God.

The Gospel is pointing at the fact that the estates made of stone and money, or any other estates, do not make any sense if they are not filled with blessings. "What's the use of a home if we are not making love in it?".. (John-Paul II). The Tower of Babel, Soviet Union, and Roman Empire are the famous examples of this from history! God's blessing — this is what gives meaning to the life of a person and whole nations; only it can fill the earthly buildings, earthly structures and institutions with God's spirit.

We all should bear in mind who is the master of the house. Who created a person, who is the Lord of the world? To some the answer is clear, to others it is not. For us it is the Lord who passed to his people the ability to be heirs by

devise.

God called the nations to fill this earth. He ordered them to increase their property for the sake of everybody's general weal, for this property to become the Lord's blessing on us. Let us pray that our hearts become a blessing, as well as our homes and our Motherland.

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## Klymentiya Dymyd

"National Guards" were launched in Lviv; anybody owning a legal weapon can register there. We shall additional support) If the disgusting birdies get the permission for aimed fire we shall be ready to pay the debt.

Jan 27 at 12:01

## Klymentiya Dymyd

Let us remind ourselves why we are standing here. Let us remember the events which brought wrath and disobedience. And let us continue standing!

(February, 10-11)

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Let everyone perform with joy that little deed for which (s)he feels vocation. Here you have precise instructions for combating evil. For instance, checking everything and keeping all that is good while driving away the rest. It is important not to be drawn into evil personally!

Lviv, February 1, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: I Thessalonians 5, 14–23

Gospel: *Luke 17, 3–10* 

#### TAKE YOUR PLACE!

I cannot help expressing my gratitude to God from the depth of my soul for all His benefactions. I am truly convinced that the social process currently taking place in Ukraine under the title Maidan is God's blessing for the newly created Ukrainian people. For in the same way as God is the God of every person, He is also the God of every people. I feel big gratitude for the today's liturgical readings. They are precise instructions how to behave and act in fighting the evil.

The main thing is that everyone should take his/her place and start doing that little thing which is prompted by heart and processed by mind. The list of things suggested by apostle Paul to Thessalonians is the following: comfort the feebleminded, be patient toward all men, do not render evil for evil unto any man, ever follow that which is good, rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, in every thing give thanks, quench not the spirit, prove all things, hold fast that which is good, abstain from all appearance of evil.

Are not these wonderful instructions for introducing God's liberty in Ukraine? I personally find that the brightest piece of advice is "to prove all things, hold fast that which is good". This is the Godly and human perspective for our turbulent times.

Evangelist Luke completes this instruction for the fighters for the human dignity in Ukraine

today and for all people in the world at all times: take heed to yourselves, you must surely forgive those who sincerely repent. But since this is not possible according to the human logic, you must believe! One does not need a big faith for this, a tiny one is enough, very tiny. Just as a grain of mustard seed – then go ahead and fulfill your duty before God and Motherland.

If this is to be, if you think and act positively then the victory is yours. Do not pity yourselves and do not expect a reward, be like the unprofitable servants and do that which is your duty to do. Do everything for God. Take time to pray that such a positive spirit of service and giving yourselves to God and your neighbor would radiate through the steppes and mountains of Ukraine and would lead to a complete sanctification of us all with God's peace. May all our essence – spirit, soul and body – be preserved spotless for the shared joyful future!

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## Klymentiya Dymyd

From night conversations in Hrusha... A man of 37 from a village near Zaporizhzhia: "You know why I am not going home? Because I do not have home. I had a house but it was in independent and free Ukraine. Now I am depressed by what is happening, all this is pressing me with immense strength... Won't go, I do not lack anything, and I feel perfect here... Nah, I miss them [the family] but this is not important now. If we do not stand they shall live like slaves and me too. You think I am just throwing loud words? If we do not change anything I am done because I won't be able to live like this, when such stuff is ruling me and my country! Am I not originally from a glorious family of Cossacks? I shall not tolerate them spitting into my porridge. That's it, hush, be quite, I need to think...Wolfy, can you fetch the wood? If no ok, I would not go either...that's good we still have some. Let's send later some of the newcomers, let them know that it's not a fairy tale here)...Here, take – this is what my relatives passed me (hands out patties with plum jam filling)...You know I would share with those guys too (points to the grey guys) but will they take? So, let them stand like idols" ©

Feb 6 at 3:56

#### 60

Struggle is part of our life. The intensity of struggling must always be high. Let us thank God for an opportunity to fight. For those who are short in height the first stage of struggling is climbing a tower!

Lviv, February 2, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 Timothy 4, 9–15 Gospel: Luke 19, 1–10

### **CLIMB A TOWER!**

Everybody knows that the Ukrainian people are struggling but at this moment they are struggling with a special struggle. This struggle is perceived by people in different ways depending on the level of their awareness and openness to the truth. It is necessary, however, to know that struggling is a part of our life in this planet. He who fights he lives! Since all are created to be different everyone's struggle is also different.

The increasing intensiveness of our struggle which we are currently witnessing is caused by the fact we have become bigger altruists, we realized that the struggle must take place simultaneously in different frontlines. The inner liberty granted to each of us by God must bear fruits for everyone: for me, for my neighbor, for our society.

This is "a faithful saying" of which Saint Paul is writing to Timothy. Struggle against the

evil must be continuous and on huge scales – just as it is now – but only in one point. It should be all encompassing, "worthy of all acceptation". Such universality of fight must be pivoting on the fact that its root and its source is God.

The intensiveness of today's struggle is a gift that cannot be ignored of hampered. It has to be rightly distributed. We must discern the gifts granted by God to each of us, "meditate upon these things, and give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all".

Let us ask about constant combating the evil which, in its tiniest manifestations, wants to get into our heart, our environment. Then comes the peace of God, Heaven on the earth, happiness, civil society in which all feel good. But even then the inner struggle continues for it is the only thing that signifies of the righteousness of our way.

Evangelist Luke writes about the specifics of our personal struggle. For instance, for those who are short by stature, like Zacchaeus, the struggle consists in "climbing the tree", meeting Jesus Christ with eyes and hosting Him in one's house

I guess the most important task for many Ukrainians now is to get as much as possible information from various sources about the phenomenon of uprising of people against the deception organized and propagandized by those who are supposed to favor the people. Everybody needs to CLIMB THE TOWER – be it an internet tower, a TV tower, a cable TV tower – just to find out the "clear" truth. Coming to know the truth in this case means to meet God with eyes. The result of such meeting is not yet clear. Only if I listen to God's Word, if I let Christ enter my home, receive Him joyfully despite the murmuring of the "seers", only then will I know the truth and the truth will save me and my people.

Let our struggle be like this – today, at all times and for ever! Amen!

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## Klymentiya Dymyd

We've had a minor assault from Berkut; it was immediately stopped after the b..tches had been bombarded with cobble stones and fireworks.

Jan 23 at 10:23

#### Klymentiya Dymyd

No changes in Hrushevskoho; however, in the regions more and more policemen resign from their positions. They do not wish to serve the

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Everyone must bring his/her offering, according to his/her vocation. God requires a sacrifice that would be pleasing to Him. In this context it is important to understand Serhiy Nigoyan's transparency picture: "God speaks through the voice of people".

Lviv, February 3, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 Peter 2, 21 – 3, 9 Gospel: Mark 12, 13–17 maniac criminals. By the way, the Lviv-based Berkut laid down arms and joined the side of people.

Jan 24 at 14:07

### PHOTO [PAGE 196]:

Inscription on a poster at the barricaded border of Maidan, addressed to the berkut men: "WHILE YOU ARE HOLDING ON TO YOUR SHIELD YOUR PEOPLE ARE IMPLEMENTING YOU R DREAMS" Inscription on the left target simulator: "PRESS"

#### PEOPLE AGAINST CEASAR!

Human sacrifice, even a bloody one, offered in the name of good, has sense in our life, and its fruits are lasting. Moreover it is so if this sacrifice is offered in the same way as in the case of Jesus Christ of whom it is said: "when he was reviled, reviled not again, when he suffered he threatened not".

Before my eyes I see the image of our new martyr Serhiy Nigoyan who is holding his transparency picture with inscription: "God speaks through the voice of people"! This was probably his prayer and his way of fighting – "giving the appropriate esteem [to all people] as to the heirs together of the grace of life". Let us all learn to offer sacrifice in such spirit!

Saint Peter teaches the conscious part of the society to treat others in the following way: "live unto righteousness". This is the price for "your prayers being not hindered", i.e. not running out of the inspiration to do good and fight the evil, always having readiness to come again and again to the Maidan of one's conversion and social activity.

And to those who are weak and cannot stand for themselves, cannot come out, the apostle is giving another significant recommendation: just "to do well and to be not afraid with any amazement". They must be honest from head to toe.

All members of such a new society must be "all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, and be courteous"!

The matter is that Maidan in its basis is not taking the position against "the ceasar" but is an interior metamorphosis of a human being and part of the civil society in Ukraine. In the language of theology it is called "metanoia" - a change of one's worldview through the feeling of one's heart which impacts our particular relations with other people. Once Jesus was approached by the representatives of the ruling parties and asked: "Is it lawful to give tribute to Ceasar, or not?" He replied them to this: "Render to Ceasar the things that are Ceasar's, and to God the things that are God's"! This is a very well-known expression but we do not always interpret it correctly. It should be understood, when processed, just like this inscription on the poster drawn by Serhiy Higoyan: "God speaks through the voice of people".

The Roman Christians during the times of

Nero's persecutions understood or, perhaps, they could only feel that the dictators would elapse and the ceasar's system of power did not contain the critical mass of goodness, because of this that system had to pay the necessary price, i.e. to feed. Similarly, the people of good will in today's Ukraine also understand this and say: let us have patience because the evil steps back only in the face of the good - all the rest shall be added because God shall accept our sacrifice.

Such a change is coming regardless of the fact whether we stand up against the corrupt power or not! Such a statement gives hope, for we are sure that lie, deceit and all their consequences, even if they are raised onto a state level, shall fall soon because they are nothing but wax figures melting at the high temperature of the good. We, who act honestly and have peaceful intentions, lets us fight only for the truth, regardless of our particular "ceasar" under which we are currently living! Let us give tribute only to the one whom it fits in this case – only to God!

Such an act from our side is the care, the whole interest in making sure that every heart contains confidence that the Kingdom of God, i.e. simple human dignity of God's creatures, is our main goal and we shall achieve it with our acts and words!

All other aims, although very significant, are secondary. This is, for instance, throwing down the idols in our society and the menacing and funny "ceasar"!

Therefore, let us not fear any sacrifice but may this sacrifice be pleasing to God, offered according to His commandments of love for the neighbor! As for what, when and how must be done in particular He will show us at the right time!

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## Mykhailo Dymyd

February 19

...I was rushing through the crowd of people, and then decided to turn right - it was Hrushevskoho. There one more angel was needed for many people. Saved a "titushko" from the "Maidan guys". Saved 10 wounded from the fury of titushkos; the latter wanted to finish them off, already in the lying position. Saved 40 "Maidan people" who got trapped in a building while running away from the Berkut guys. This last operation lasted 3-4 hours and engaged a couple of MP's. I am grateful to God for all this!...

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We are all bearing light in our hearts! Let everyone do a tiny good deed starting from our neighbors. The today's intensity of committing the good things must last in time and be distributed. It is the most difficult thing to fight when you are tét-a-tét with the evil. We must show everything that is good in out society and to illuminate the evil!

Lviv, 14.02.03. Mykhailo Dymyd

#### ADDRESS TO PEOPLE AFTER THE

## Klymentiya Dymyd

Here they are standing, according to an 80% trustworthy source, in pampers, and there among the trees there is another heap.

Jan 24 at 3:03

#### **COURT SESSION**

I am delighted to see you all come here with the lit candles. A lit candle is hope and joy which are in our eyes! Each of you who has at least one positive thought regarding your neighbor or the society, who looks with hope even unto those who do evil because (s)he sees in them an icon of our Lord Jesus Christ, does well. By doing well, even the tiniest good deeds, we cast away the evil. And this is exactly why we have gathered here, because there is too much evil and darkness in our social relations. Let us, thus, continue to be the warriors of good, let us continue to search what we can do today for our neighbor, for our courtyard, for our city or village; with what particular kind word, what smile, what particular good little deed can we change our life and the life of our neighbors.

You have come here. Why did you come? To do good, to support, to lend your shoulder. Good things are being done in our society very intensively these days. And it is very good. I want to ask everyone: let it not be a straw-fire, a quickly elapsing thing. Such intensity of social awareness is required all the time: we are just approaching a normal level. And we must direct our efforts, our thoughts onto a very concrete goal. These structures and systems of evil must be changed, they must be thrown down, and something new must be created instead of them. All our strength must be distributed in such way that it would be spreading in all activity directions of our society: starting from a kinder garden and finishing with a funeral. It is necessary to build such a social order that I, let's say, would have right to select a certain service in my state according to the system which I had selected. And since I am a citizen I must be provided with that service and even thanked for coming and giving opportunity to provide me with that service. This is the kind of struggle we must continue.

Still, there are difficult cases when we face a personal protest: here you find yourself face to face with the evil. Of course, it is manifested via a particular person. Then we must take strength from the inside to say: no! I am sorry, I respect you but in this case you are doing evil, wait, I have to call someone, I must fetch a camera, I shall record on a dictaphone. I urge you all to do that. The intensity of our uprising must be lasting – till the end of our lives.

I am asked: "Father, tell us about the result is?" The result is positive for not everything has

rotten yet in our state. There are many good things. We have to pay attention to this and speak about this. In the today's court session judge Koziurenko took into account the fact that there are too many obscurities in the documents resented to him. He said we need to call (to our request) the SAI men who, as we suppose, are giving false evidence. Thus they shall be called to court and testify of what they had written. In the same way we shall call the witnesses who were in one car with me and those who were talking to me at the moment when, as the RPS representatives stated, I was 20 km away from that place. So, it's a positive thing!

We have to acknowledge that this is a positive thing. And we have to put underline these positive things: here, look, a well done thing! Let us build things on such basements and let us support those people who are behaving this way. Let us not fear to expose the evil. Clearly and vividly. For the evil fears the light, and we as conscious citizens must speak about this. This is our task. For we are the Children of God. And we must testify of this light. Let us bring this light, cleanse ourselves, and then may each of us, on coming back home, embrace his/her brother or sister, smile to him/her and say: God is with us! The victory is ours because we bear light in our hearts!

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## Klymentiya Dymyd

Folks. Listen to me. Yeah, the video about Bulatov and the following comments from various moronic groups is a crime, this is a deed worth of a just wrath and punishment. I want you to understand that people who are doing this are professionals specially hired for good money. Their task is to redirect the fury and the avenging moods in your hearts into the required channel.

Watch the full video.

Jan 31 at 2:05

## Klymentiya Dymyd

People have lit hundreds of lanterns paying this way their tribute to the perished activists. Glory to Heroes! And eternal memory to them!

Jan 24 at 20:25

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Suffering for justice is happiness! If you are convinced of this then a temptation to pay with evil for evil disappears. A noble behavior contributes to the repentance of Satan's assistants!

Lviv, February 4, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 Peter 3, 10–22 Gospel: Mark 12, 18–27

## **CAPABILITY TO FLUSH FROM SHAME!**

The conscious struggle of a certain part of the Ukrainian people for the liberty of the children of God sometimes may turn into martyrdom, or testimony of faith. These are indeed tremendous efforts for achieving the noble goal, efforts offered by hundreds of thousands and even millions of people!

Such a noble attempt to change oneself and to help the society to switch into transparent and honest interpersonal relations is facing an aggressive power of wolves in sheep skins who are foully trying to frighten and discourage people from their good intentions. They are applying all available dark methods to make sure that a heavy mist and dope cover the deeds of Satan whom they are assisting.

Apostle Paul is reminding everyone that persecution is a tough thing but it should not frighten us for in fact it is a sign of God's blessing, it indicates that the struggle against the evil is successful. His word is the following: "And if you suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are you: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled!"

It is important to understand that the reason and the hope which give strength to endure the trial must come from inside, not the outside. Everyone should feel the deep essence of his/her existence and the heredity of God's children which we bear inside with our hope in the Kingdom of God. For Christians it must be a conscious presence of Christ Himself inside of us, — He sanctified every person through his incarnation at the time of Nativity.

The example we all are supposed to follow is Jesus Christ Himself who proved to be patient at the time of persecution and martyrdom. Such endurance is available to everyone – a Christian or not – through one's own purification. We must constantly "ask God for a clear conscience"; for everything is subdued to Him and He will be able to strengthen us with His presence. If to act in such spirit then the peace of God which shall reside in our hearts and bodies shall incite us to a corresponding benavior and enable us to fulfill without effort the main commandment – "eschew evil, and do good; seek peace and ensue it".

The consequence of such optimism and inner peace in the struggle, of this perfect behavior of ours will consist in shaming our persecutors. It is difficult, maybe, to believe in such development of events, i.e. that they can be capable of flushing from shame for their shameful acts, but this is where God is hiding His intrigue in the world, in time and space! And then we shall be able to find the keys to our victory or defeat.

For God has created a human being in such way that He inserted into this creature a leaven of divinity and capability to feel its taste and be converted. He who believes in this believes in God. The fact that one has to struggle in peace and love is the key to God's assistance in opening the hearts of our compatriots. Our peace entrusted to God's hands shall become their

peace, their conversion. This will be also our contribution but above all it shall be God's will and His act: what we wanted so much and what could not be even conceived by us has now come! This is a creation of the godly united Ukrainian civil society in which everyone acts to the benefit of others – to the social weal, in which the dignity of God's children is not so much protected as magnified and reinforced!

Communion with the loving God, the Giver of Life, has always been the aspiration and the completion of every person on Earth. This is the need and the command as for today. Let us remember that God is not God of the dead but of the living, thus we must meet Him through every person we see in our struggle! In such faith and with such convictions we should not fear any sacrifice because life in God always finishes with resurrection!

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## Klymentiya Dymyd

Zakharchenko called the opposition leaders to "take from Independence Square and the captured buildings all those who are not violating the law". "Then it shall be clear that only the radical powers stayed, those who are planning a force scenario and are already partially armed with fire arms", he said in his statement.

Jan 26 at 3:41

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The new era put an end to a certain conformism in our social relations. Everybody has a change "to get converted". Sometimes it is easier for a pagan to step onto the God's path than for a lukewarm Christian! Let everyone analyse his/her actions and language!

Lviv, February 5, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 Peter 4, 1–11 Gospel: Mark 12, 28–37

## THE END OF ALL THINGS IS AT HAND!

One of the positive dimensions of "bodily suffering" that we are experiencing in the Maidans all over Ukraine is the taming of our body for the sake of liberating more freedom of spirit! At the time of quite spot – long before the new era of the Ukrainian history – our daily temptations, passions, desires were not favoring our idealism, and we were easily ending up with conformism. But this is the end of that time. Apostle Paul writes about this: "He that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God".

This is not all that the Holy Scripture says about our struggle for liberty marked with the offering of our lives. The apostle adds a completely up-to-date analysis of the situation. Just listen: "They think it strange that you run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking

evil of you". Speaking evil means fraud, mutilations, terror acts, persecutions, fact distortion, disinformation, oppression and other dark methods. Such acts can destabilize and undermine even the strongest warriors of the good because just in the same way as good news have their noble impact on us, the constant lie and hypocrisy can also find a slot to enter our sub consciousness and ruin our sacred confidence of the victory of the good.

God is merciful and kind to all His children; He is again offering modern and non-standard decisions to which we must heed for He is the God! He will take care of the evil ones continuing to "preach the gospel to the dead". Those people are as if "dead" for us because they share a "different worldview". And if they indeed do evil things consciously they are "dead" for God too. But never mind! Everybody has got a chance. Sometimes it is easier for a pagan to step onto the God's path than for a lukewarm Christian!

"The end of all things is at hand", but to be able to comprehend of all this one must act accordingly — "to be sober and watch unto prayer"! It is necessary that everyone does his/her job, according to the granted talent.

And the most important and many times unfairly ignored today – "to speak as the oracles of God" and "to minister as of the ability which God giveth". The human word that takes strength from the Word of God directs the good and gives it a particular circumstantial meaning.

Then it will be the fulfillment of the commandment which the Creator inserted into all our hearts. After meeting Christ the scribe Nicodemus, i.e. a state clerk, formulated it as follows: "To love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, and to love thy neighbor as thyself – that is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices".

Such is the wise conclusion from the challenges, sanctified by the present battles between the white and the black, between the good and the evil. Such topics must be enthroned as the subject of our daily conversations with the Creator. With His assistance, under the Light of His grace we are compelled to take our daily decisions so that our "whole burnt and sacrifices" could merge with the only effective offering of cosmic scale – the Eucharist sacrifice of Jesus Christ which was offered two thousand years ago and will be offered daily tll the end of times.

Amen!

## 212

## Klymentiya Dymyd

Zakharchenko is indirectly hinting on a forced crackdown of Hrushevskoho. The main ground for it is supposed to be a certain amount of victims from the side of sylovyk structures. There is a piece of news circulating around about a killed berkut guy, maybe true, maybe not, maybe he is planned to be killed to frame the Right sector and all the fighters for liberty together with it. By the way, here is an interesting piece of information: [IN RUSSIAN] "Guys, calm down. You will come across the bodies of fake cops more and more often. Let me explain:

- 1. Remember that zeks were embarked into avtozaks leaving for Kyiv?
- 2. They require a strong provocation for introducing an emergency state, say, cops are being killed and so on...
- 3. Whose corpse do you think they found in the uniform?"

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The sufferings can be different, even though with the same wounds, depending on the intention and the way of fighting! The sacrifices offered to the treasury of liberty can be different too, depending on the capability of the donator. Christ said that the widow had brought more than the rich man because she gave out all she had.

Lviv, February 6, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 Peter 4, 12 – 5, 5 Gospel: Mark 12, 38–44

#### **SUFFERINGS CAN BE DIFFERENT!**

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He who struggles for a good goal blessed by God and his/her own conscience and who does it with an open visor must understand that (s)he "is partaker of Christ's sufferings". Apostle Paul calls this "the fiery trial" and says that "it is to try you" so that soon you would "rejoice". This inner fire is not a destroying power but an inspiration to bless oneself, one's relatives and for creating a new community of God's servants around an unpeeled nucleus. Therefore such people are called "heroes" who underwent with dignity their trials and can continue to live and work in peace.

A completely different suffering and further trial is allotted to "murderers or thieves", i.e. in our case to those who act under somebody's cover, under the shield of night, or who are closed in the lie of disinformation, doped with alcohol and drugs — regardless of the position and responsibility of a particular person: be it a titushko or an official, a hired combatant or a Berkut guy, a mayor or a minister, a president or a bishop, a doctor or a judge. These people shall suffer mush more because they "obey not the gospel of God". On top of their physical suffering they shall experience pricks of conscience, psychological disorders which are more horrible than the wounds from fire weapon or the dreadful

slaughters of faithful Christians.

The matter is not about judging, pointing with finger at someone but about teaching: recover your wits — both you and you! If the God's judgment is going to be stern for those who act in the light what shall happen then to those who are" busybodies in other men's matters", who "devour widow's houses"?

Everybody personally should stand in prayer before the Creator, speculate and do everything (s)he can at the present moment. Everybody should be asking him/herself: and what would Jesus do in my place? The answer is the following: to act in such way that the light of God would illuminate all members of our society, that among us there would be no division into the chosen and the convicted, that everyone would "be clothed with humility towards each other" remembering that "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble".

Let us try to make sure that our prayer is pleasing to God and that each of us is blessed with the completeness of his/her offering!

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## Mykhailo Dymyd February 13

If we are the salt of our land we have to be salty to be capable of brining!

If we are the light of our world we have to bear light inside to be capable of passing the light to others!

If we are the leaders of our people we have to gain authority to be capable of ruling righteously!

If we are the citizens we must know the community to be capable of dialogue between ourselves!

If we are a society we must create a community to be capable of acting together! If we are people of honor our word must have one tongue, and it must be "yes – yes", "no – no"!

If we are the children of God, then our heart must be filled with love which Christ manifests daily to each of us.

## Klymentiya Dymyd

There is a lot of the Right Sector; these are

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The borderline between struggling for the rule of the kingdom of good and raising "nation against nation" is very thin, and he who crosses it shall not be a good warrior.

Lviv, February 7, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 *Peter 1, 1–10* Gospel: *Mark 13, 1–8* 

#### NATIONAL APOCALYPSE

In everything knowledge is required! This rule is especially relevant in any fight. We also need to understand that we are talking about the initial fight which takes place not in the squares but in our hearts. This logic refers also Maidan! It started in the pure hearts of students from Kyiv and Lviv who suddenly experienced a total eclipse of the sun! Human heart is the place where at all life stages significant decisions are taken about good or evil deeds. For a normal move forward among people it always requires more sun than darkness.

A young fighter learns from his teacher above all to endure and to observe, and only then he masters the fighting skills! In the same way

determined people who know what they want. There are about 3500 of us in Hrushevskoho right now; the birdies are trying to extinguish the tire rubber with water) how naïve...They re not friends with chemistry at all. Wheels are made of oil) I am near one cask with Ruslana; she is as always a bit too positive.

It's pretty warm here, enough of everything, sometimes they bring sandwiches, sometimes tea, and yesterday they served even warm milk! The boys are conscientiously adding the tires, there is a big heap of them here (of both the tires and the boys).

Jan 25 at 2:16

we, who are trying to follow our God, have to get the "knowledge" from prayer and word so that "God's divine power would give us all things that pertain unto life and godliness". "Knowledge" is a matter of good mirrors, clean glass, god quality lenses, sunny weather, i.e. the virtues, good skills... God is the initiator of such "knowledge" but it is we who have to decide whether we exercise ourselves to be able to accept and use His great power. Consent to practice such spiritual exercising is a form of "coming to know" God which opens the door to the next stages of self-perfection. If this is not there – there will be no gifts from God!

After virtues comes knowledge. And then one can and must receive patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity! Our struggle has just begun! We have to work a lot personally upon ourselves to be capable indeed of creating a civil society with the traits of brotherly love and charity! These two characteristics are not just empty words, a convention, form and content which we usually defined in our social pact; they are long-term gifts of God to His children. And we must consciously accept them.

Let us come again and again to our Lord Jesus Christ, let us "not forget that we were purged from our old sins", "let's make our calling and election sure" lest we become "blind and unable of seeing afar off" in our striving for liberty.

Let us remember: the path of a righteous man is not simple. If we want our struggle for the good to be active, let us verify ourselves more often by prayer and knowledge. It is not so much about us but rather about the evil that can twist our mind, dope us from the inside of our heart; envy, cupidity and other sins can creep into it.

So we have to "take heed lest any man deceives us" as evangelist Mark writes. Here he talks about the leaders of uprising; the lower layers must control lest "nation fight against nation". This is the matter of everyone's honor and wisdom: to understand that the essence of fighting is the establishing of the kingdom of good, casting away the evil, making honest and transparent relations between people and honoring mutual interests. The borderline between such fighting and the national apocalypse, i.e. destruction of everything, is very thin, and he who crosses it shall not be a good warrior.

Let us be vigilant lest we turn from benefactors into criminals: it is better to stop some action than to do somebody harm! Let our word be simple and our path straight, and may all our deeds be done out of love for our neighbor!

In other words, today the Lord is reminding us about our personal responsibility in collective actions! Our strength is great – let us remember this! The strength of the good which is always and in everything a gift from God! This is the only way to victory! This is the only reason for our struggle! Let us ask for the wisdom of knowledge for all partakers of this confrontation!

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Klymentiya Dymyd

[IN UKRAINIAN] A small portion of unreliable info so that you do not relax your buttocks.

[IN RUSSIAN] A new piece of information has just appeared, of course not 100% trustworthy but very much like. I told you that Soukhyi had not left his party silently without a reason. In the morning they started to introduce sanctions, new lists of ReG's having certain capital abroad were promulgated. Among the listed are Boguslayev, Soukhyi, Rudknovskyi and many others. As soon as they smelled the trouble coming they decided to care for their own safe and leave the PR since they've got things to lose. In other words, there will be a lot of ReGional businessmen who shall be running like rats from a ship for one simple reason – to protect their stolen capitals. No pity for the people, no transformations of conscience, no reinterpretation of reality! -Just a cold profit. We must bear it in our minds. Our leaders must keep it in their minds. In future, when we win, we must not forget those rats and reward them according to their deeds!!! Take care!!!

[IN UKRAINIAN] How do you like it?

Jan 24 at 22:54

PHOTO [PAGE 220, the top one]: Inscription on the poster on a tent: "DONETSK REGION" Inscription on the lower sheet: "OFFICE FOR PUBLIC VISITS TO BRYCHENKO I.V., A UKRAINIAN MP"

PHOTO [PAGE 221]: Inscription above the stage: "MERRY CHRISTMAS" 67

An example of special actions against concrete officials who are not performing their duties. Luke is telling us about the relations between widow and judge. So let us act like the widow – creatively, confidently and consistently.

Kyiv, February 8, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 *Timothy* 2, 11–19

Gospel: *Luke 18*, 2–8

#### RADICAL PARTICULARS

Luke presents to us a strange Gospel, even somewhat not merciful but it seems such only at the first sight. He writes to us all, who have come to the Maidans of Ukraine, and says: if our men of power, bureaucrats, judges, prosecutors, "law enforcers" do not fulfill their duties then we have to apply to them a special methodology. We have to annoy them so much as they would like to get rid of us and because of this would do everything they should according to the human and God's laws. Then they shall do it fast and well but not for God's sake or the sake of the benefit of people but just in order to get rid of the people. Evangelist Luke explains that their conscience does not function normally, they never flush, they eschew the truth; pricks of conscience or shame before people do not work with them anymore; it is very unlikely that the unjust and powerful people have such feeling as serving others or social obligation.

Obviously one should not generalize. Luke is telling about relations between a particular judge and widow. He describes him with very sharp characteristics. This story, however, is given to us as a prototype so that each of us could imagine a particular situation which is bothering us and act according the instructions from the Gospel in his/her village, city or capital!

Listen to the fairy story about the dark

Inscription at the back of the stage: "FOR A EUROPEAN UKRAINE!"

kingdom where people do not have strength to react to the evil anymore because they are themselves occupied with evil. In this story every character puts out a just riot of doctors, teachers, professors, smearing every time their hands with presents – bribes. And he does it as if out of good intentions – for the service, but in such way that nobody sees it or guesses about it! And be it not for such human "gratitude" would the doctors and teachers endure for a long time, would not they rather rush to the relevant ministries and demand loudly proper financing of medicine and education in this kingdom? Would not it become easier and simpler for that fairy people to communicate with each other? I am not talking about any particular country. Let it be a fairy-tale for speculation.

The specificity of God's behavior is such that He is kind, merciful and just. One can forsake Him, belie Him according to one's wishes but this does not change the matter and the real state of affairs because God always remains God. Apostle Paul writes: "If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself". Let us bear in mind that in the matters of faith good deeds are of high value because otherwise our faith is dead. God wants us to "depart from iniquity", everyone "who confesses His name". There is no place here for "profane and vain babblings" and they must be "shunned because they will increase unto more ungodliness". When the disputants do not stop, their disputes spread, create even more evil for "their word will eat as doth a canker".

We must switch on to radical particulars! It is necessary that we demand already now from those who are doing bad in our land "to show themselves approved unto God as workmen that need not to be ashamed", otherwise we have to annoy them in the same way as the widow from the gospel annoyed her judge!

On the experience of Maidan the specific actions against particular officials who distort the content of their duty proved to be evangelically successful. And let us continue, as the children of Light, to act in a vivid and creative way, with the strength of good and humor but also with a great holy perseverance in achieving those things which belong to us according to human and God's laws!

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Klymentiya Dymyd

The monument "glory to the heroes of Maidan" is made of improvised materials, installed near the fourth barricade

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Each of us is probably aware of the fact that the bar put by Maidan – for our spiritual transformation today and now, as well as in future, is very-very high Jan 26 at 20:54

## Klymentiya Dymyd

Specified information. There are two people injured by the explosion.

Roman Dzivinsky, 20 years, has the left wrist torn off, the right one injured and a number of other traumas.

Nazar Derzhylo, 15 years, thermal burns of eyes and head injury.

Keep the situation under control. We are providing the guys with attorneys for legal defense. We are getting in touch with their relatives.

Feb 6 at 18:53

PHOTO [PAGE 222, the top one]: Inscriptions on the wall: "YANUKOVYCH SHALL DIE!!!" "AWAY WITH THE ZEK" "ZHABYNTSI"

#### PHOTO [PAGE 223]:

Inscription on the lower, smaller poster: "ZAKHARCHENKO, REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO KRAVCHENKO! YANUKOVYCH, REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO CAUSESKU!"

Kyiv, February 9, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 Timothy 3, 10–15 Gospel: Luke 18, 10–14

## THE BAR IS VERY HIGH!

Each of us standing here in Maidan is leading personal and common struggle against the evil! There are two very important things in this statement.

First, Maidan has its centre in the heart of every Ukrainian seeking the truth about his/her vocation, asking him/herself questions about the sense of life and finding the right answers. So Maidan can appear in every site of Ukraine, as well as beyond it in the wide world!

Second, Maidan means combating the evil wherever it is!

Yes, we began our confrontation after our soul had been burnt with lies, the fraud committed by Mr Yanukovych as the president of Ukraine, in Vilnus, when he had not signed the agreement on associative EU membership, violating this way the promise given to his people.

For the wise people who we are in God, this is a premise for trying our conscience against all kinds of deceit, fraud which we committed in our personal and social life.

Each of us is probably aware of the fact that the bar put by Maidan – for our spiritual transformation today and now, as well as in future, is very-very high.

Saint Paul is advising us at the time of such lasting struggle to look at those who have a similar way already behind and to follow them. Then we shall experience relief because we shall hold the reins in our hands when we face darkness in this struggle. The apostle emphasizes, in particular, that in the persecutions and sufferings we need fighters with such qualities as faith, long-suffering, love and constancy!

All this is not a path covered with roses; it is a thorny path! I guess each of you experienced for a couple of times a situation when you did something good and according to the rules of faith but were ridiculed, and then you stepped off from your intentions and gave in to the evil. And although we did what the others wanted us to do we suffered later and regretted and felt that we not only let ourselves be deceived but also deceived others – those whom we listened to!

If we had manifested our long-suffering, constancy and perseverance in our good intention

we would have fulfilled the task of our heart, albeit accompanied with sneers; and then we would have been awarded by God's blessing which is given by God to its righteous men in the form of inner peace!

So let us "continue in the things we have learned and have been assured of", through faith and a good word received from our parents, grandparents and the history of humankind salvation. Let each os us personally take from the treasury of Holy Scripture which "via faith in Jesus Christ is able to make [us all] wise unto salvation".

## 224 <u>Klymentiya</u> Dymyd

Bulatov has been found! Bulatov is alive!!! Beaten severely...They found him in village Vyshenky near Kyiv; so far it is known that he has been CRUCIFIED, he's got nail-pierced hands and one EAR CUT OFF. In half an hour there will be more details on Hromadske. The kidnappers have Russian accent. Death to you, beasts! We shall find you!

Jan 30 at 23:40

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Both in case of apathy and when it comes to favoring evil, everybody has to bear responsibility for his/her deeds instead of saying "I did not know". Although it is true that "false teachers" merchandise with "feigned words" it is also true that we all possess the power of the Holy Ghost to rise from slavery which is on our heart, to use God's liberty.

Kyiv, February 10, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 Peter 1, 20 – 2, 9 Gospel: Mark 13, 9–13

# EVERYBODY WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY!

When a struggle is long and does not bring us to a quick result a group of upholders may be stirred by a thought which shall soon lead the majority in another direction. Such a cleavage may come when there is no big tension or when it seems that the main tasks are fulfilled and a lot of energy remains unused and has to be directed into something. If at such moment there is no adequate awareness of one's own place in the group and no sound creativity appears for directing the remaining strength into a healthy stream then one can be seriously mistaken regarding the goals of the struggle.

A good direction of acting does not ripen all of the sudden; the way of salvation for the society is never decided as a result of a conflict but is based on many centuries of people's striving for a common denominator. The manifestations of such shared spirituality are in everyday life, language, veneration of God, statehood, dreams, as well as suffering, defeats,

oppression, martyrdom etc.

He who introduces other indicators of nation-building, according to apostle Paul, "is denying the Lord" who provides father and mother not only in the private life but also in the social reality – in the form of Motherland. Such a negative struggle apostle Paul is calling "damnable heresies" that "will bring swift destruction".

While standing in Maidan let us speculate over these words, so that we could complement each other's efforts, build history on a strong basement of our grandparents' and ancestors' teachings, and not by any other means. This must refer to interior and exterior present and future challenges of our society.

Many people, unfortunately, are following alternative voices. The problem is not about creating something new, the trouble lies in an insufficient understanding of deep wishes of one's heart and the lack of comparing them with the conscience of our ancestors. Such behavior is the result of slavery mentality present in many of us, and not only in the East and North of Ukraine as is often emphasized. Beside this despondency overwhelming many of us there is another vice cooperation with the evil, when a person forgets that nothing good can be achieved with evil methods. In both cases everyone must be responsible for his/her deeds instead of saying "I did not know". Although it is true that "false teachers" merchandise with "feigned words" it is also true that we all possess the power of the Holy Ghost to rise from slavery which is on our heart.

As one can see on Maidan already now, many things depend on a personal behavior of a certain individual. These isolated attempts create a huge power of the good. It was so in various epochal moments of the world history when "judgment of a long time lingered not and the damnation slumbered not". Apostle Paul mentions the white shining angels who became dark, the Noah's contemporaries, the citizens of Sodom, and we can look at the 20<sup>th</sup> century and point to the huge defeats of the Russian tsar regime, regime of the Nazi's, the communist system.

Persecutions, assaults, martyrdom, suffering are unwelcome in our daily life; when applied out of hatred they may lead to an opposite result, – opposite to the one Cain expected when raising his hand against Abel. Promulgation, news in mass media about idealism, about high thoughts, about the light in the eyes, about the gold on the lips – this is the seed the Lord is going

to fecundate, to make fruitful so that "the Gospel may be preached to all peoples". In our interpretation this can have the following wording: that the good news may be forwarded to Ukrainians and their neighbors.

So "when they shall lead us, and deliver us up, let us take no thought beforehand" for such is our way to the Lord and "those that shall endure unto the end He shall lead to salvation"; and since we are born in a particular people this people, which is also a father and a mother for us, shall be saved too.

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Mykhailo Dymyd January 30 AMNESTY? AND WHERE IS A HUMAN BEING?

Dear friends! Do you understand that today they are bargaining in Ukraine? They want to set people free from "slavery" in exchange for the emptied buildings? I, however, reject such logic for I feel that things must be the other way round – first set people free, and then we shall leave the buildings!

What kind of a scale of values do we have? What is the place of a person in our society? Who has the priority? A human being or the state power in its buildings? I think our common reply to this question is the key to the future of our country! I have no doubts that together we shall give the right answer! Thanks.

## PHOTO [PAGE 229, the bottom one]:

Inscription on one of the entries to Maidan, in small letters:

"According to the statute of the International Tribunal, the official position of those under the trial, as well as the fact that the defendants were acting by the instruction of certain government or a boss, DOES NOT FREE THEM FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY WHEN IT COMES TO CRIMES AGAINST THE HUMANITY WHICH HAVE NO EXPIRY DATE.

We are demanding to create an independent investigative commission with the involvement of international organizations for recovering and punishing the organizers and executors of the bloody crimes committed in Maidan on November 11, 2013, in Bankova Street on

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What is the way out of such a dead end – "abomination of desolation" – in which our Ukrainian society found itself these days? Only via absurd is it possible to lead the evil people to "feel rebuked for their iniquity". They need to hear "the dumb ass speaking with man's voice", and only after that shall they repent and come to conversion.

Kyiv, February 11, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 Peter 2, 9–22 Gospel: Mark 13, 14-23

## ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

According to God's plan for all people the Truth must triumph. He inserted the truth into the human heart and, eventually, everyone who lives according to the Truth shall receive liberty and dignity. Truth can be only one – the one which is verified by God! You will say that theory sounds very nice while, unfortunately, reality is different! But your rightness will be true only concerning those particular groups of people who have been marked with the evil so much that they are as if leprous and seem to be even not created by God.

But let it be known to you once and forever that every person contains God's Spirit, and even the most evil person in the world still has God's conception. The people who are aware of their God's origin and their purpose for Eternity have to pivot in their thoughts, decisions and actions around this point.

The situation is not simple because among us there are God's creatures who are "presumptuous and self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities"! This is what apostle Peter says and he adds that they "speak evil of the things that they understand not"; they are "cursed children"!

December 1, 2013, and in Hrushevskoho Street on January 19-20, 2013."

What is the way out of such a dead end – "abomination of desolation" – in which our Ukrainian society found itself these days? Saint Peter says that only via absurd is it possible to lead the evil people to "feel rebuked for their iniquity". They need to hear "the dumb ass speaking with man's voice" – and such miracle which can be only made by God shall bring back to them the light which faded in them long ago.

The danger is there for both them and us who can give way to their temptations because they promise us "freedom, luxury, pleasure, adultery, covetousness, wages of unrighteousness; the danger is that we may know about God's call, even be walking His way, and then, like "the sow that was washed turn to her wallowing in the mire", that is to return to our old bad habits, connections which are "wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest"! The lesson is that we, who have escaped the pollutions of the world", should beware of again "entangled becoming therein and overcome" because the latter situation is even worse that not being converted to the Truth at all.

For that we need to pray and fast a lot, just as much as we can, so that we become "like angels which bring not railing accusation against the evil ones", and to deliver God's mercy amongst the evil ones by concrete daily deeds, according to our efforts, each at his/her own place: to cut off the evil and do good on the personal and social levels.

What is these days happening on Maidans of Ukraine is just a good start. This is not yet a conversion of the whole Ukrainian nation to God, to the neighbor. For I do not feel yet the victorious power of the good and the positive intervention in all spheres of the society including the tiniest citizen. Very many people, motivated by their slavery fees, reject their convictions and help the system of evil to continue humiliating them. They also favor persecuting those who are trying to restart the system in order to secure respect for dignity of each, even the poorest, citizen. These people (maybe we are also among them), with their apathy and servility, are preventing those on the barricades from obtaining our shared future. They do not understand that it is better to be on the barricades, although people here are not simply unpaid, but also sacrifice their own time, health, security and, thus, turn the negative experience into a positive one which is a contribution to peace, blessed by God, for the sake of real changes in the society.

The apostle is teaching be to uncompromising with the evil, to love and convince those who are entangled into the system, to act confidently like the small mice of God, to have a firm faith in the fact that although we are head over heels in that evil, still with God's help we shall do miracles. Indeed, only the Lord can "shorten those days", otherwise "no flesh should be saved", and He will do this "for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he shall shorten those days". Let us strive to be those righteous people for whose sake God will shorten the days of our partially rebelled slavery!

Though some of us are already tired, let us not stop! Let us finish off the viper sitting inside of us! Let us take all the available measures, especially in those places where we are now, to paralyze the evil forces. If we kill the evil then we shall be able to live freely and with dignity as the children of God.

So let us be aware of the fact and share it with others that the Christian calling at this moment is this: to apply all your creativity in cutting off oxygen supply to the system of evil so that it ceases to exist. The methods are classical: conversion, confession, Eucharist, love, fasting, as well as more attention paid to principal behavior everywhere, standing for all rights, selforganizing – all this according to the law and legal duties which God provided for our dignity and liberty. May the Lord help every person in all this on the blessed by Him Ukrainian land!

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#### Klymentiya Dymyd

I have been just for half an hour proving to Yuriy Hrytsay that I am not a titushko and that I am not going to photograph everything inside the Svoboda palace...And this is taken that my Lviv [Ukrainian language] is ideal, I have been living in Lviv since birth and in Zhovtnevy Palace I have been living since January 21...A very conflicting person who is not listening to the answers to his own questions and is suffering from a "guard complex". If you happen to chat with him be careful and address him with a reassuring voice, looking straight into his eyes, as if you are taming a beast. I am very disappointed because due to him people lost many relevant pieces of news. And most of all I am worried that after the revolution he may be thrown to a significant position for "special services" and then we're in deep

### **71**

Seek those grandmas and grandpas who lived their life age honestly and can easily pass over to us the depth of Christian optimism in Ukrainian souls and the faith in the future of our people.

Kyiv, February 12, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Hebrews 13, 7–16* Gospel: *Matthew 5, 4–19* 

#### AN ELDER WANTED!

In our society, in particular here today on Maidan, there are too few elders who would have walked their life combating the evil inside of themselves and would have overcome that evil. There are too few people who would have a positive world outlook and would be sharing their experience with younger generations. There are

trouble).

Feb 12 at 14:53

## Klymentiya Dymyd

We have just finished the negotiations. The cops came over to us and we talked to them. There is a gossip flying in the air that Klychko will be a vice-president.

Jan 25 at 20:53

too few prophets who would calmly and modestly point at the fact how God blesses His Ukrainian people today and in future.

Apostle Paul characterizes those whom we need to let our struggle achieve a comprehensive scale: "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation".

Let us seek those grandmas and grandpas who lived their age honestly and can easily pass over to us the depth of Christian optimism in a Ukrainian soul and the faith in the future of our people.

The second piece of advice from apostle Paul to Hebrews is necessary for us, Ukrainians, too: to seek the cause of our troubles not outside but in our own vices and sins. A free person in yoke shall remain free, while a slave shall remain lackey even having freedom at his disposal. Saint Paul says: "For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace" because this is the key to our personal and social prosperity.

All kinds of advice coming from outside, various examinations — all this alone will not help us. Everything shall enter the flow of a blessed life which God prepared for all nations of the world only if we manage, like Jesus, "to sanctify people with our own blood, suffering without the camp", i.e. if we are ready to sacrifice our individual benefit for the sake of our common goal, if it becomes a part of our nature to give away our time, money for the social purposes. All this, however, will have sense when it is done "without the camp", i.e. is not ascribed to each of us but, rather, is a simple modest ministry without advertisement.

Let us thus begin today: let us praise God with our lips and the fruit of our lips — with good deeds and mutual help, "for with such sacrifices God is well pleased". Such behavior of each citizen should not depend on his/her confession for here we are talking about mere humanity. If the word "brotherhood" makes a real sense to us — mutual help — then we are the ones who must fill the law with the corresponding spirit. Christ is telling us constantly to start from ourselves in order to make changes around us.

If we are the salt of our land we have to be salty to be capable of brining!

If we are the light of our world we have to bear light inside to be capable of passing the light to others!

If we are the leaders of our people we have

to gain authority to be capable of ruling righteously!

If we are the citizens we must know the community to be capable of dialogue between ourselves!

If we are a society we must create a community to be capable of acting together!

If we are people of honor our word must have one tongue, and it must be "yes – yes", "no – no"!

If we are the children of God, then our heart must be filled with love which Christ manifests daily to each of us.

## 232

## Klymentiya Dymyd

They have just caught in the act a robber. Just imagine, he was poking about among the sleeping guys who, after standing almost the whole night, were having rest! The guards could hardly snatch him from their hands, quite beaten up already. According to one of the lads, he had arrived and settled here yesterday in the evening.

Jan 28 at 12:52

PHOTO [PAGE 232, the upper one]: Inscription: "KYIV SUBWAY STATION KHRESHCHATYK"

PHOTO [PAGE 232, the lower one]: "THE RIGHT SECTOR"
"THE STATION IS CLOSED"

## **72**

To avoid treason one has to confess his/her sin. To recognize and confess one's sin is not just word equilibristic, it's above all the word leading to action. When you hear the voice of conscience or the voice of heart saying: help that person, do this and say that – you have to use this fire of life and in such way pray to God.

Kyiv, February 13, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 John 1, 8 – 2, 6 Gospel: Mark 13, 31 – 14, 2

#### **BE CAREFUL! DO NOT BETRAY!**

Every person experiences a lot of temptations during his/her life. Temptations are proposals to do something "left". Temptation is not a sin yet because a person may still agree or not agree. When I already agreed inside to do something dark I have already sinned, regardless of the fact whether the action did happen or something hampered it from happening.

For this reason each of us has to examine his/her conscience, in order to understand what we are eventually defending, where we are standing: on the firm ground of righteousness or a slippery surface of deceit. Everything begins from small compromises with one's conscience and then finishes with great treasons.

We have come out to Maidan today exactly because of such a great treason. As I am saying these words we all tend to think right away about Yanukovych. This is true, yet only partially. This treason was being prepared by all the citizens of Ukraine who gave in to dark affairs with laws for the sake of sundry "sacred" goals – protection of health or family, construction of a temple... – all

those who had at their disposal the limited capabilities to cut down this "small evil" they faced.

So if we want to carry out a righteous struggle leading to victory we have to work a lot on ourselves. Apostle John writes the following: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us". It is a very significant rule for us to keep in mind lest we get lost and confused in our life situation. Quite often we do not understand what is indeed going on around us – this is also true about Maidan. There is both euphoria and disappointment felt here. Maybe it happens at those moments when we make God a sinner. And "we make Him a liar" when we do not acknowledge our weaknesses.

To recognize and confess one's sin is not just word equilibristic, it's above all the word leading to action. And the specifics is such that He does not recognize the prayer to Him as such – God heeds to our appeal when we add to it a couple of good deeds for the benefit of our neighbor – and not for the one we want but for the one God has sent us!

This is our mission in all Maidans of Ukraine – to watch out, to make sure that each citizen carries out his/her particular mission received from the Lord in regard to his/her neighbors. All this must be done at once, without delay. When you hear the voice of conscience or the voice of heart saying: help that person, do this, say that – you have to use this fire of life and in such way pray to God. "Whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected".

Let us not be afraid to confess our sins, let us be assured that God shall forgive them all but only if "we know Him", i.e. we receive His forgiveness. This will come only as a result of conviction that the sins of others God shall also forgive, and that both we and they will come to a perfect "knowledge of Him" through our shared respect for His commandment — to love oneself and the enemy, to hate one's sin and the enemy's sin.

If we behave like Jesus did, we shall surely win. For just like Love is one from God, in the same way the evil is one; and we shall either truly love and combat the evil and live well here and in eternity, or shall lose here an die for dreams and life

Let us try to experience praying and may we all learn to pray not for perishing but for salvation!

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Mykhailo Dymyd February 26

I SUGGEST THAT ALL STUDENTS OF UKRAINE SHOULD COME TO KYIV TO HONOR THE "HEAVENLY HUNDRED"! ALL PATRIOTIC RECTORS MUST CONTRIBUTE TO THIS CIVIC ACT! This will be a piece of knowledge that one can barely obtain by a whole semester of studies!

Mykhailo Dymyd February 26

ARTISTS OF THE WORLD! THINK! ACT! IN THE PLACE OF EACH PERISHED ACTIVIST A SIGNPOST FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS MUST BE INSTALLED! THERE, WHERE CURRENTLY ONE CAN SEE A LOT OF FLOWERS, LET US INSTALL A MARBLE SIGNPOST OR SOMETHING SIMILAR!

**73** 

We are talking here about the light which clarifies the perspective in every hopeless situation. Such positive dynamics of ours equals "an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious" which we pour onto the head of our society.

Kyiv, February 14, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 John 2, 7–17 Gospel: Mark 14, 3–9

#### LIGHT FANCIERS

During the difficult times of stagnation apostle John suggests to wait actively until the "darkness is past", "because the true light now shineth". It is an important instruction because the situations can be different – both in the personal lives of people and in the destinies of whole nations. Usually those are conflict situations, and he who wants to get out of them victoriously must stand; even if he cannot do anything about them, let him stand and shine with the desire for accord and harmony. To stand, to wait actively means to love the one who is in darkness. In other words, even in the situation of conflict one can stay in light. It is hard to comprehend but let us try to. For instance, a married couple where mutual forgiveness is present can stand even after a severe betrayal, while another one may collapse because of small mutual sins. The same situations can be perceived by us differently depending on our emotional state or place of location.

Now we are talking about the light which clarifies the perspective in every hopeless situation. The main indicator here is the state of our soul. The fact how much our heart is open to God's grace determines the amount of light inside of us. It is also important to understand how much we love ourselves and by what kind of love w are ruled. It is clear, thus, that everything must be happening not from our perspective but from the perspective of the One who created love, who is Love Himself.

Such is the key to a victorious uprising against the evil, regardless of strength of the evil and duration of the darkness. The guide in this long struggle is the following: "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light and there is none occasion of stumbling in him".

All this is, however, possible for those who, with their word and deed, glorify Love – God. We love God when we are sincerely overjoyed with

life granted to us by Him; when we openly accept the gifts – spiritual, intellectual, physical, material – from Him and share them with those whom God sends to us as our neighbors.

In such way we become the masters of situation who did not get tempted by the transient values, avarice for victory or power which leads to hatred; we become masters since we "did the will of God", lived by those dreams that come true not only in the fairy-tales but also in our real life. Such positive dynamics of ours equals "an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious" which we pour onto the head of our society.

And whatever they say, when we have a choice how to behave we shall choose a good deed, the only right one at the current moment, and this is already "aforehand anointing the body" of our Motherland for the great future blessed by God.

Let us be brave and joyful, like our Lord Jesus Christ! We, Christians, are His disciples. S let us believe and do this! Hallelujah!

# 238 Mykhailo Dymyd February 25

...God promises the Kingdom of Heaven to all who suffer for the Truth but I think that to those who are suffering for the Truth in Maidan God's Kingdom is also promised on earth. The martyrs of Maidan, losing their lives, saving hundreds of thousands or, perhaps even millions of souls from the fiery Gehenna, are challenging us: if we want to do good for God, we've got a unique chance to do it for our neighbor...Was is promised to Maidan that things would turn out easy or does God say that he shall overcome our enemies without our help. No! On the contrary, he is warning us that "I was persecuted and you shall be persecuted".

But is it that important if we know that a big reward awaits us ahead?

# 74 Our life consists of meetings [with other people]. They are all blessed by God!

Hoshiv, February 15, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd. Apostle: *Hebrews 7, 7–17* 

# Gospel: *Luke* 2, 22–40

#### THERE IS NO MY AND YOUR TRUTH!

Our life consists of meeting other people. They are all blessed by God and that is why we live. To live in flesh is already a big deal. Yes, indeed we can live in other ways too because our life has different dimensions.

The feast of Purification is a reminder that we have to treat all meetings in our life very carefully and work on making it so that they enrich us not only physically and intellectually but also spiritually.

Therefore "without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better". The Latin saying runs: "Nemo dat quod non habet" – one cannot give something that he does not have. In other words, it is necessary to look for such a company from which you can learn something because they say: "Tell me who is your friend, and I will tell you who you are"!

Besides, we must speculate over the content

and quality of meeting. Saint Paul is teaching that we have to be attentive even in spiritual meetings. He adds that Jesus Christ came to the Earth exactly for this purpose – to restart priesthood.

The spiritual kernel has its roots in God, "not after the law of carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life". So let us enter the temple and wait for a sacrificial meeting with the Father who is in heaven, according to the commandment of Love of the New Testament.

It is especially significant in our turbulent times to find God's love and God's peace through Jesus Christ. There is no limitation here: God's blessing is valid for all people – kind and unkind, only good will is required to activate it.

Every meeting of ours we have to perceive as something "for our upraising", not "for our fall". We must learn to understand this and be attentive when we hear things seemingly simple and obvious. We need not fear the spiritual sword which "reveals the thoughts of many" and does not let feel rested.

Such state of affairs is very dangerous for the proud, self-assured, all-knowing people who are not ready to receive a different word and to even their thought by the truth. Meanwhile, the simple thoughtful people have a lot of chances here for they have open hearts and therefore are ready to receive the truth and rise from the darkness to light. This is what we can witness on the maidans all over Ukraine.

The truth is one. There is no such thing as my and your truth. The Lord is the Truth and the Life, and all our reality is measured from there. Let us try to remember this at all time; and thus let us prepare each of our meetings with God in such way that it would turn into a Purification feast—blessing and life of full value.

And since most often God is speaking to us via our neighbors who He sends to us and who quite often do not favor us, let us pray and ask for sincerity, that we could always talk to Him openly and with respect and hear the voice of God speaking to us and blessing us for life.

One recluse had the following vision. An angel came down to him from heaven and said: "Leave your cave and go to the city. There, by the gate you will meet a certain person who will open the truth to you". The recluse went although he doubted. Indeed, by the city gate he met a person. It was a woman. She was a whore. The recluse doubted even more: "What kind of truth can that woman reveal to me"? Meanwhile the woman was observing him attentively. — "Why are you

looking at me like that?" he asked eventually. – "Because I am a woman and was taken from a man", she replied. – Therefore I am looking at a man. And you are a man taken from earth, and so you must look down at earth". The recluse was amazed at the woman's wisdom and returned to his cave.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

5 min ago I saw Klychko, he was walking down the Hrushevskoho street.

Jan 23 at 12:31

### Klymentiya Dymyd

Hrushevskoho at this moment. Very many people, walking, watching, getting charged with the spirit.

Jan 26 at 17:17

## **75**

Inanimate, spiritless activity, demonstrative respect of law without touch and feeling of the heart and all other tissues of body and spirit are just a waste of time! Let us report often about our misuse of the gift of liberty in order not to lose authority and the legitimacy of our power.

Lviv, February 16, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 Corinthians 6, 12–20

Gospel: *Luke 15, 11–32* 

#### SOBRIETY OF LOVE AND REASON

What is happening currently in Ukraine is a syndrome of elder brother from the Gospel who was seemingly faithful to the heritage of his father however not for the sake of preserving father's spirit in it but for the sake of appropriating the assets. He stayed by the father to prepare the estate for himself only.

When the younger brother returns from nothingness to which equals the captivity of self-deceit it causes an unhealthy reaction from the side of his elder sibling. He who was called to become on the throne the prime heir of the father's home and to gather the heritages of all brothers and offspring, got closed in his pride to such extent that cast aside not only the helpless brother who had returned to his house but also the Father who had called to sobriety of love and reason.

The biggest mistake of the elder brother was that he had preferred the material, economic, exterior indicators – the fatted calf, the ring, the sandals, the music and dance – to the spiritual health of his brother. He believed that inanimate activity and performance of duties, demonstrative respect of laws, with no heart involved, were enough. As a result, he lost the authority, and later the power, it was taken over by the one who "was dead and is alive, was lost and is found".

This lesson is addressed to us, Ukrainians, and all in the world so that we could often report about the way we use our gift of liberty received from God. Apostle Paul writes to Corinthians: "all

things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient" to make sure we are careful with the fragile gift of liberty. It is indeed a tremendous responsibility. The matter is that freedom is purely personal but it has huge social consequences.

When we hear from apostle Paul the words "the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body", we must know that they refer to the use of freedom. As I have already said, liberty belongs to us but let us be careful with the written: "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ?" This sentence refers to freedom and we may rephrase in into: "Know you not that the liberty belongs to Christ?" We must be using our liberty fully, just like it can be used by God: on the one hand, to use all the gifts of the Holy Ghost, and on the other hand – not to go down to the level of selling one's liberty.

Being the temple of the Holy Ghost we are capable of applying the beauty, the potency, the courage, the depth of our will and our thought for the sake of achieving our bright ideals. Once becoming the temple of the evil spirit we can make our liberty dependant on a fornicator: spineless, venal, crafty, mendacious, timeserving.

So let each of us be cautious, live by hope and avoid fornication. Today the younger prodigal son showed us that one can get rid of his/her addiction through submission and isolation to be able to hear the voice of one's heart and conscience. Let us ask of the same life probation experience which would help us to recover the memory about the price of our dignity and liberty and may we always return to our Father's home where we can recreate, refresh and increase them.

And one more thing. We should bear in mind that our relations with brothers are never direct but are always via the person of father of mother. In his great trust to Father one son found the rejected heritage while in the superficial and shallow relations with the same Father another son got weakened and went bankrupt.

In the same way we should be pondering over various probations the Lord is sending us in various periods of our personal and social life and over our response to His calls. Are we capable of a deep communication with Him to, consequently, love and respect our liberty, our dignity and our heritage, or must we acknowledge our bankruptcy in those life questions.

Whatever our situation is, if we seek the solution in God it is positive because since our liberty originated from the Lord it shall again lead

us to the Lord! So let us praise the Lord in our liberty!

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

A priest is asking their commander to have negotiations. No reaction.

Jan 26 at 0:16

#### Klymentiya Dymyd

Now they have installed a mobile screen on Hrushevskoho, turned it to the side of puppets of the regime and are transmitting, as it seems, channel 5 so that they could get permeated with the right information. And you guess they are grateful? No. They launched some kind of shanson to drown all the rest of sounds( Also, a guy here has just proposed to a girl, and the girl said YES) It all happened near the columned entrance to the Dynamo stadium. They fired a salute) So beautiful...

Feb 1 at 20:51

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The criteria of discerning "ours" and "aliens" are a significant moment of truth in every society. Still "ours" are all who support the truth regardless of which side of the barricades they are standing.

Lviv, February 17, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 John 2, 18 – 3, 10 Gospel: Mark 11, 1–11

#### THE SEARCH OF TRUTH UNITES

To be a Christian one needs to have the spirit of Christ; and if there is such real participation in the life of Christ, there will also be a deep enrooting into the Christian community. The apostle writes – "They went out from us, but they were not of us " – referring to those who were seemingly part of the community but since they had not been living with its history and the traditions of its ancestors they did not feel its spirit, and when a probation came they took a position "against" – they had never been truly "ours".

Treason always indicates at the fact that the betrayer has never lived within the spirit of a community. However, people received "unction from the Holy One and know all things", and you have to be part of them. Here we are talking about the knowledge given by the Holy Ghost to all who are born into this world in all spheres of their lives. In unity with "the Holy One" everybody can come to know the truth and discern it from untruth and deceit. Everybody can feel who is part of the community of the good (because (s)he seeks and serves the truth), and who is not!

The criteria of discerning "ours" and "aliens" are a significant moment of truth in every society, and here it turns out all of the sudden that, according to God's laws, "ours" are all who support the truth regardless of which side of the barricades they are standing. John writes: "Whosoever doeth righteousness is born of God". It means that the real traitors are those who belong to our camp, our Church, our community but commit the acts of darkness.

It is significant to stress that God is not unfair and provides an opportunity for everyone to have a full life. It means that everyone can feel and open the truth him/herself just by looking for information and verifying it with God's laws; and this is true regardless of the strength of lie and disinformation. It is possible because "the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie".

For many times I have been thinking of those poor people who live in those parts of the world where the informational space is stuffed with lie. I am amazed that among them there are still those who know the truth. Now I have my eyes wide open to the responsibility which each of us has in revealing and casting aside the source of lie for the sake of their God's anointment for "what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God". So wherever a person is, (s)he always has, for the sake of his/her divine origin, all the necessary capabilities to "hath this hope in Him to purify himself, even as He is pure", i.e. to learn the truth and to act according to it.

Let us look at ourselves, our Motherland, with global, universal eyes and let us realize that wherever whoever is and whichever side of the confrontation (s)he joins — "he who does righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous". If such is the endeavor of the people of good will then the main demand of our existence shall be fulfilled — "God's salvation shall abide in us". And this shall secure our common future filled up with His peace.

While feeling the depth of our anointment and our call, let us untether the donkey of our conscience and liberty, let us advise and command others to do the same, wherever whoever is. Let everyone courageously come to Christ to become the tool of His will, His glory so that He, by means of our hearts and minds, our everyday search of truth, could enter our institutions under the motto declared by us: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes to us with the truth! For he is on God's side! Let us all build our alien kingdom on this firm foundation! And we shall surely receive God's blessing, and with it our future life full of grace!

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

I've just heard a funny story from a man on the Lviv barricade by the Zhovtnevy Palace. He was telling us very seriously that Berkut recruits people with an iq lower than average

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Ukrainian people is a good people. Here the vagabonds who suffer physical shortage find enough alms for their living. This is, however, a minimum level of charity. From a people of culture it is also required to secure access to

and no way any smarter so that they would diligently and nicely perform every command...

Jan 23 at 16:56

the food for soul and spirit. And those who cannot get it themselves let them get it from the intelligent people.

Kyiv, February 18, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 John 3, 10–20 Gospel: Mark 14, 10–42

#### IF YOU BELIEVE THEN LOVE

The law of love for our neighbor offered to us by Jesus Christ is based on His own example of sacrificing His life for each of us. Following this law can be fruitful provided it is accompanied with activity and creativity. "He that loveth not his brother abideth in death"!

Every person who "passed from death unto life" can strengthen his/her position and persevere with it in time and space only through a continuous helping someone who is weaker. Death to someone who believes in God consists in closing one's heart to the neighbor, escaping social responsibility, carrying no selfless activity. For it is written that God's love "cannot dwell in him who seeth his brother have need, and shutteth his bowels of compassion from him"!

These days love of every conscious Ukrainian consists in spreading the truth about the history of the Ukrainian people among that part of society which still has difficulties in accessing the vital information for ensuring their human dignity.

Apostle John considers as "useless" that love which does not attack and is not active. Here he does not mean attack of a brother against another brother which is the act of devil with the hands of deceived people. Here he does not talk about mere "hatred" for the other which is qualified as "murder". We are currently experiencing in Ukraine all these three types of the lack of love, and we mostly "love in word and in tongue, and not in deed and in truth".

Ukrainian people is a chosen people. Ukrainian people are good people. Here the vagabonds who suffer physical shortage find enough alms for their living. This is, however, a minimum level of charity. From a people of culture it is also required to secure access to the food for soul and spirit. And those who cannot get it themselves let them get it from the intelligent people. Such love, such solidarity, such a Maidan will be more useful that a theoretical readiness to lay down life for the country. It will be heroism

on a daily scale, with small deeds for the sake of someone weaker. Heroism cannot appear to be more difficult to implement that a one-time burnt offering.

When Jesus was preparing himself for a supper which preceded His sacrifice on the Cross and which we experience on the altars of our churches He sent His disciples forth, ahead of Him, to check whether the "guest chamber where He [had to] eat the Passover with His disciples" was ready!

This is the method of active love to others. We must keep our "guest chamber" prepared all the time. In it we can meet our neighbors. Such guest chamber is our heart, the list of the poor, the information we want to prove, the methodology of achieving all the above mentioned. Such guest chamber can even get materialized into a social group but this is already a consequence of transformation of our heart in a God's guest chamber.

This is how we "know that we are of the truth" and experience "peace from God" which shall not let us "sleep and take our rest" when "the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners" like Peter, James and John did at the time of Christ's passions. We shall stay constantly awake, i.e. shall be active in loving for we shall hear in the guest room the voice of the Lord: "Wake up, let's go"!

# 254

#### Klymentiya Dymyd

Lanterns are cool but we do lack them, while the dogs have quite a good projector beaming so well that it feels like dancing To cut it short, the guys are currently playing with electricity and soon we shall obtain our own Sauron's eye. By the way, I have said this already, all this setting of continous fire, sounds of iron and explosions is terribly reminding the Mordor setting, and the vultures on the other side of the barricade are reminding of vile trolls.

Jan 23 at 0:26

PHOTO [PAGE 254, the bottom one]: Inscription on the smashed minibus: "BATKIVSHCHYNA"

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At the time when among Ukrainians a brother raised his hand against a brother, let everyone think whether his/her religiousness, i.e. his/her "holy" deeds, is indeed leading to Christ, or perhaps not! Does the faith help to become better, to get rid of bad habits for a better service to the neighbor, or perhaps not?

Kyiv, February 19, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 John 3, 21 – 4, 6 Gospel: Mark 14, 43 – 15, 1

#### DISCERNING THE SPIRIT OF DECEPTION

If you ask around the world about the faith of Ukrainians the majority of people will tell you that Ukrainians are very religious. It's true. Religiousness, however, does not necessarily mean Christianity, belief in single God, love for the neighbor and keeping the Ten commandments. If you walk around Ukrainian

cities and villages you will meet both "the spirit of fruth and the spirit of deception".

According to the teaching of apostle John, it is not enough to believe in something higher – you have to be critical in your appeal to God to avoid the bad influence of false prophets. The apostle provides us with the following four criteria: 1) to believe that God is Jesus Christ; 2) to love one another; 3) to keep the commandments; 4) to have peace in our heart.

If a person meets these demands (s)he indeed has faith in God. (S)he feels his/her divine origin, (s)he is a "child of God" and therefore can discern the truth from deceit – "overcome evil spirits". Otherwise it is almost impossible to live by the "spirit of truth" in this world. It is not that easy to be a disciple of Jesus Christ because the antichrist is always "speaking of the world" and is easier to understand. So we must work on ourselves.

For that reason each of us must be constantly reminding him-/herself that "we are from God". It is important because "he who knows God" is walking the right way "whatsoever he asks, he receives from Him".

The exterior signs of friendliness and love in so called "righteous" and "deceived" ones are often the same because they are all religious people. Still, the first understand the word "love" as mercy for the neighbor while the others use it for a certain aim, not necessarily their own. For instance, "came Judas, one of the twelve, to Jesus and kissed Him", and this sacred sign became the sign of treason and curse. Also we see other cases of how the notions of religiousness are mixed up: Christ, i.e. God Himself, is led to trial by a chief priest who judges from the name of God, or another example: the council of high priests bring accusations against Christ, the Blessed Son, and accuse Him of "blasphemy".

Religiousness is when Peter denies Jesus Christ three times to win the sympathy of the group of high priests and their servants, and Christianity is when Peter, on having understood the sign if time – cock crowing – comes to contrition of his heart, "weeps" and begins a new way: he becomes a person who does not even himself by the world but by Him from who he came and to whom he is going – by God, the Creator of heaven and earth.

Так і ми, українці, коли в нас брат підніс руку на брата, кожен нехай подумає, чи його релігійність, тобто його «святі» вчинки, дійсно провадить до Христа! Чи віра допомагає

ставати кращим, поступово очищуватися від злих звичок для ліпшого служіння ближньому?

So it is with us, Ukrainians, at the time when a brother raised his hand against a brother, let everyone think whether his/her religiousness, i.e. his/her "holy" deeds, is indeed leading to Christ, or perhaps not! Does the faith help to become better, to get rid of bad habits for a better service to the neighbor, or perhaps not?

Let us ask the Almighty God to be used by Him as vessels for implementation of His holy will; may every thought and every deed of ours be truly Christian; and may they grant our people an opportunity to receive God's blessing and live like a happy people among other great peoples of the world.

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### Klymentiya Dymyd

REPOST, LET EVERYONE KNOW! Zaporizhzhia has been cracked down; the siloviks are persecuting both the activists and the average peaceful residents and beating them.

Jan 26 at 23:08

# Klymentiya Dymyd

The front line. The one that is the most front. The situation is tense!

Jan 25 at 18:38

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There is no such authority in the world that would have planned attacks on innocent people (theirs or not theirs) and continue to preserve its legitimacy! So let us pray for our brother – a murderer of our body, and let us ask of a full scale liberty for him!

Kyiv, February 20, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 1 John 4, 20 – 5, 21 Gospel: Mark 15, 1–15

# "GOD'S INIQUITY"

Apostle John writes that to love God is the same as to love your brother. My brother is every person in this world, regardless of the skin color, life convictions, and social status. To love means fulfill God's commandments, to trust the other. This, however, does not free us from the responsibility to check and verify. What does it mean to love your brother on February 20, 2014 in Ukraine when our brothers perish from the sniper bullets? We should start from a simple step that the loving person must have good intentions. We must understand what the essence of the conflict is: political, economic or existential. Everybody must give his/her answer to this question. From God's point of view, however, it is always about the issue of life sense – and all the rest must be subdued to this.

Unfortunately, one part of the protesters has the view of the current events only within the framework of the state which actually is not a state anymore, while the other part sees them within the framework of people gifted with full power. If I am making a barricade in Maidan, tearing off the cobbles, preparing stones of them, feeding the hungry, bandaging the wounded, fetching tires – all this is meant to prevent the anti-people forces from driving us away from Maidan – this is a good intention. It is blessed since I am under extreme and desperate circumstances and I am defending myself from a surreptitious assault, not only physical but also moral; from mutilation, from death, from mockery and from abuse of my dignity.

God and the Church are standing for the defense of life and supporting, even under extreme circumstances, those who are living by this liberty, – liberty which no human authority can limit, those who are living by this dignity which is trampled down to blood. What I, a Christian, can do against some kind of conditional state order? But this order is not anymore an order from the capital letter because it turned into shackles which are being tightened more and more around my liberty and my dignity.

And the matter is that nowhere in the world can you find such an authority that would make planned assaults on innocent people (theirs and not theirs) and continue to preserve its legitimacy. In Ukraine, unfortunately, happened, and not once. And our brotherly blood continues to float literally at this very moment as I am preaching the Word of God. In such case the legitimacy is on the side of people, albeit only part of it has good intentions. As for the violence, the responsibility for it is on the shoulders of those "having the power" and those who perform the criminal commands.

Meanwhile, when I am getting organized with someone else to break down an office if a certain party, a shop owned by a certain party member, to spoil the police building or the prosecutor's office, i.e. I am aiming at damaging and threatening - this is already not a good intention, thus, it is not Christian. If we have a good intention we can say that we love God. And his commandments shall not be difficult for us, even under the revolutionary circumstances. Then our attitude to life contradictions and to life itself will be formed in God's Spirit and, what is very significant for us, will overcome the world. This is a baptism with water, blood and spirit. This is already a high testimony of God, this is the knowledge that we have eternal life and, therefore, faith in the fact that we have God and that He is listening to us when we are asking of something worthy in accord with His will. And what can we ask? Apostle John is prompting us: "to pray for the brother who sins a sin which is not unto death".

So let us pray for our brother – the murderer of our body and let us ask for his liberty in its fullness. Once he finds his liberty he will present it to us. For his liberty shall be a gift from God.

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# Klymentiya Dymyd

It is quiet at the front line; our guys and the IT's are calling one another. It is absolutely dark near the minjust; the boys continue to stand there guarding the entrance and running in turns to get warm by the cask with fire near the closest barricade.

# Mykhailo Dymyd February 20

The sweetest story in the temple-tent in Maidan took place for me last week. One morning I came at 9 am, served the Liturgy, had my breakfast with Afgan men and returned very drowsy back to the temple. I asked the elder man who had spent his night there and was lying there at that moment whether I could lay myself down next t him for a few minutes. He said yes! After some "short" time I woke up! Around 4 pm in the same tent I meet Rev. Petro Vytvytsky from Ivano-Frankivsk and suggest him to serve the Liturgy. He replies that he already did. I ask him where? Well, here, he says – you were sleeping there on the bed! So, it turns out that the priest came, prepared everything, served the Liturgy, put everything in order and left the tent, and I was sleeping all this time like a little boy who is brought to the Divine Liturgy in a pram by his mother! It was a huge present from the Lord – it was that kind of Peace we are asking about so many times during the Liturgy and without which we cannot live truly happy.

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My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? This is the question of Jesus Christ about the sense of sacrifice. The answer: since the offering has sense only in the Lord, it is perceived through the prism of resurrection. In a particular life it is transformed into a search of one Truth — God's truth which is materialized via grace, charity and peace.

Kyiv, February 21, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: 2 *John 1, 1–13* 

Gospel: Mark 15, 22-25. 33-41

# ELOI, ELOI LAMA SABACHTHANI? (My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?)

Jesus Christ was crucified and his chiton-dressing was divided. This is how the event in Jerusalem is described in the Gospel from Mark. Such reality we are currently experiencing in the New Jerusalem – Kyiv, where common people bearing Jesus Christ inside of them are dying from the hands of soldiers in uniforms!

At that moment in Calvary Christ called with a strong voice: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And we too, here in Maidan, can see and hear the weeping of many brothers and sisters appealing to God's Truth. Each of us who has at least a little bit of conscience is also appealing with his/her whole nature to God-Father and seeking justice.

Centurion Longinus who pierced and finished off Jesus with his sword, when seeing how Jesus gave up the ghost, said: "Truly this man was the Son of God". Some of the faceless people who have been spiritually or materially shooting our brothers-in-blood in Kyiv, shall get converted and shall become true servants of their people; they shall take off the masks under which they have been hiding their face and their soul and shall kiss the plundered Ukraine.

"There were also women looking on afar off...They followed Hin and ministered unto

Him". The same here: "women" represented by common Kyiv residents and people from all over Ukraine, young and old, medical staff, students, journalists and others, are helping every way they can. They are serving the crucified person and the whole Maidan at the moment when nothing else can be done! Whatever is missing, whatever is requested is getting materialized instantly!

Now, when Jesus is ready to resurrect again in the new Ukraine, we have to "look to ourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought [through the sacrifice], but that we receive a full reward". What does that mean?

Since our sacrifice makes sense only in the Lord, apostle John instructs the new Christians to seek the God's truth constantly! It – the Truth is only one and it presents itself through "grace, mercy and peace". Truth can be received only from our Creator. For that we need to communicate with Him according to His rules, that is, to live by grace. The young boys in Maidan were coming to confession before the tragic deaths because they wanted to live with God already here and to be ready to meet Him, according to His rules, just in a couple of hours in heaven!

When a person lives under grace (s)he cannot already hate because God is present in his/her heart — such person is Merciful. His/her love is not simple but angel-like — it is manifested in the question of Michael to Lucifer: "Who is like God?"

All this brings into each person's heart the Peace – that quiet power of spirit which favors the good, which never hampers the good but, on the contrary, supports every possible initiative for its spreading.

Let us all thank God for His great gifts and let us ask Him to teach us to be worthy of our inheritance, that after our spiritual resurrection we could continue living by this extraordinary gift – each of us in accord with the dignity received from God, applying the liberty in its full scale. May everyone experience this resurrection in his/her heart personally, as well as in the maidans of cities, towns and villages all over Ukraine, when we, armed with the Spirit, shall build together a new social body of the people, filled up with the truth, grace, mercy and peace.

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Klymentiya Dymyd

I will not tell you where neither when, nor how, but the boys have prepared a lot of traps

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We have become witnesses of a historic battle between the powers of good and evil in the New Jerusalem – Kyiv. A similar struggle is taking and surprises for the birdies. If they fly at them, they are going to have fun.

Klymentiya Dymyd

Some are quite calm. Others are screaming, shouting threats and curses.

Jan 24 at 2:37

PHOTO [PAGE 262, the upper one]: Inscription on the lady's back: "MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT"

place in the hearts of each of us. Christ experienced the same; He was betrayed by the "maidan people" – Judas and Peter. Warned by many signs, let us bethink ourselves in the depth of our heart.

Kyiv, February 25, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Jude 1, 1–10* 

Gospel: Luke 22, 39-42; 22, 45-23, 1

#### THE TRAITORS OF MAIDAN!

Apostle Judas is reminding us that there is not worthy life without a fight. He is also indicating that struggles can differ and it is important not to go astray from the right direction of action. We have just experienced a historic battle in our New Jerusalem – Kyiv, when some were fighting with the strength of light, while the others – with the strength of darkness. The apostle is using sharp words to characterize the warriors of evil, calling them "ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness". The same happens in our situation: we have only better realized today the scale of the evil which has established itself in our country at different levels under different generally acceptable disguises.

Such an epic struggle which we experienced in our capital city is a repetition of something that was happening once in Egypt where pharaoh was ruling; in the cities of Sodom and Gomorra; in heaven where the angel of light became proud and desired to take God's place. But just the same way as in the past our ancestors were testifying about the victory of good, we are also declaring the retreat of evil. Still, this struggle is multiform and ongoing.

A similar struggle, crafty, seemingly innocent yet cruel, is taking place in the heart of each of us. There are, figuratively speaking, both "titushkos" and "activists' inside of us, and quite often thes two antipodes coexist in one and the same person, dividing him/her in two. Then we find ourselves in a very difficult situation because "we despise what we know not", defile the sacred that is in our essence – and this "ruins us"!

The present ill situation of slavery – spiritual and moral – was passed over to us by the system of authority called "Soviet Union". It is still perceived well in the majority of the cities and villages of Ukraine; of this testify numerous monuments to the idol and the relevant symbols. Some populated areas have got rid of these external signs but the system of double game in

every sphere of life remained. This dependence is so strong that it often enters the private life of people where a divorce, an abortion, alcohol addiction and bribery become "normal" consequences of "despising what we know not".

In the life of Jesus Christ the biggest enemies are not the ones who crucified Him because they acted straight, their behavior was predictable and everybody knew that they were fighting with Him to death; Christ was betrayed by the "maidan guys" – the ones who were walking and struggling together with Him for three years. Their names are known to us. They are Judas Iscariot and Peter, the fisherman. The first one pointed at Christ before His enemies by an innocent kiss, and the other one did not want to testify truly at a certain moment.

In the everyday life of our Motherland Ukraine many of us acted like Judas and Peter, otherwise we would not have had to experience the global scale of the battle in Kyiv Maidan. We have not been always aware of this but every time we were bringing "a gift" to our teacher, expressing our "gratitude" to a doctor or giving a "fee" to a state officer for a certain service we were investing our kopiyka into the construction of "Mezhyhirya" – a symbol of evil in Ukraine which collapsed today.

Warned with many signs, let us come to our senses deep in our hearts – everyone personally. For it is not obvious that we all shall cease "to defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities". We shall truly change only when we are filled with the Holy Ghost and verify our thoughts, intentions, plans and actions with the will of our Lord.

But in any case struggling remains a constant element of our earthly life. Some shall give away their efforts to do evil, will become slaves of the system and lead their miserable existence while the others shall be directed upwards, will multiply the good and stay in the peace of their heart. The first shall be experiencing fear and hell, while the others – heaven on earth.

Let us ask of God's Wisdom to provide us with breadth of thought, courageous creativity, generosity of heart, to be at all times brave warriors of the good and bring God's light everywhere our foot steps and everywhere our thought floats.

A fighter from the first shift, did not make it for the head-quarters, fell asleep halfway).

Jan 25 at 16:10

# Klymentiya Dymyd

I do not know how about you but we begin warming ourselves.

Jan 24 at 0:26

syndrome which appeared after the end of our titanic battle and victory of the good. Let us try with common efforts to walk into the future as one people.

Kyiv, February 26, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

#### WE NEED MERCY!

We are gradually entering the time of repentance. Today the Church is inviting us to turn to our Lord with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. The Church is inviting us to weep and to sob. We are praying together for our sick people for there are among our brothers and sisters those who are weeping and sobbing because of a great pain done to their bodies, souls and hearts. Many of us present here feel the pain, feel the void which they do not know how to fill and therefore are seeking help, stretching their hands to God. This is our today's pain - the essence of our present prayer. We've been asking the Lord of light - He gave us the light. We received it with blood and enormous efforts. But the Lord has blessed it. Then we were expressing our gratitude to God for helping us, for ennobling our fight, thanking Him that our struggle is not full of hatred for it is noble, godly and sacred. We are striving for the good, and this is the only reason for our presence in maidans all over Ukraine.

We are asking you today: "Oh, Lord, please have mercy on our brothers and sisters who are exhausted after this battle and have run out of strength. They have come out of the water, they start breathing but they cannot swim yet. And the way to the beach ahead of them is still long. You, Lord, are the only one who can help. We beseech You: may our efforts, may the grace which is in our hearts, help us to stretch our helping hands out to our brothers and sisters".

As we walk forward we keep together, feel the support of others. But when the victory is achieved, everybody runs away and other life goals take over the priority, and then a person is left on her own devices with the problems (s)he had before. (S)he thought those problems were not there anymore but they reappeared and turned out to be even multiplied. This is the plane in which we must work now. We must beg for God's blessing so that each our brother and each our sister would find strength to go further following the light of God. Our struggle – the maidan of our heart – is just beginning. We have

to do a lot to come to Go ourselves, to illuminate that darkness or grey zone in our heart, in our though, in our deeds with God's love and God's hope.

Lord, please help us, through repentance and through belittling ourselves which You are offering us during the Lent, to do this for ourselves and for those suffering around us. Our prayer may have many other goals: we can pray for murderers, for those who are running away and those who are cursed and spitted into their faces, - we can as well be praying for them because their pain should also be our pain. For we are like Christ – we are crucified and we have one malefactor on the one side from us, and on the other one – on the other side, and we are offering both of them: "Please come with us to the Heavenly Kingdom. We are asking you, we love you, and we understand that you have done many bad things during your life. But we are equipped with the power of love and we want you to get saved too because you are our brother, our sister".

But today let us pray for our sick people, for all the sick ones. If those people are sick, and they are all sick, let us also embrace them with a prayer. And this will surely be a great thing done by us because it is participation in God's mercy. And participating in God's mercy means recovery for the one who participates. So let us pray for this noble mission.

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Mykhailo Dymyd posted the link January 8, 2014

...Very nice 13-year old boys came to our place with carol songs and, just by the way, I am asking them whether they have been to Maidan. They say yes, surely, in Lviv. And then:

- Our parents said that there have been many empty bottles left after New Year!
- And in Kyiv one may be beaten with chains!
- How do you know? I am asking.
- My brother told me. He is in Maidan, he is a "berkut man".
- …!? …And how old is your brother?
- Thirty.
- And what else did he tell you about Kyiv?
- Well, he said there are lots of provocateurs. And as for the innocent

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As for the people of murderer-"yanukovych" kind and their sycophants it is ordered to "save them with fear, pulling them out of the fire", and "to hate even the garment spotted by their flesh"! In the same way we must learn to be sharp when defining our vices and compromises with the evil. Only then shall we obtain our personal and commonly shared victory and our road to the good!

Kyiv, February 27, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd. Apostle: *Jude 1*, 11–25

Gospel: Luke 23, 1-34, 44-56

# YOU SHOULD HATE EVEN THEIR GARMENTS!

If to heed to the today's readings from the Holy Scriptures the body starts trembling. It speaks clearly of those who have been committing the evil in an organized way. For the sake of a desired result they gather around their dark leader.

people, he did not beat them. It was the Crimean "Berkut" which took more effort ....my brother is usually in Lviv. Here is a cross section of our society – I have to work on my neighbors. I was not aware of this neighbor of mine on the Kyiv Maidan!..

### Klymentiya Dymyd

To be brief, I came across the information that the siloviks, b.tches indeed, stick to grenades various thumb nuts and bolts. Really, this is true( An old man came up to me showing those nuts and proving that this is what they are shooting with...Could hardly get rid of him, the mood now level up)

Jan 22 at 20:17

Apostle Jude writes: "Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain....These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit". Under our today's circumstances, at the cost of the blood of our brothers and sisters, we can see better what the evil leaders have been doing in our country; that they were like "underwater cliffs feasting with us, and feeding themselves without fear. They were indeed for us the "clouds without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots". Even now, after a serious defeat, they are trying to find excuses and justify themselves behaving in mass media like the "raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; for they are wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever". With God's help "ten thousands of the saints came to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed". For that some have offered to God's altar their lives, others - parts of their health, and long before that millions were giving part of their hopes for an honest life which God promised but the evil ones stole from them. All this we are calling Maidan today. It is a place where we hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians, - like forerunners of the millions of people from all over the world, are set for a penitential pilgrimage lest we ourselves become like those who commit iniquity but instead gain strength to be constantly directed to light.

Apostle Jude, having depicted clearly the ungodly sinners, are urging us all who believe and pray in the Holy Ghost, to protect ourselves. We must be actively helping each other: those who are hesitating – to convince, others – to pull out of the fire. Holy Ghost is calling us to hate the evil. If we do not achieve a clear discerning between the good and the evil we shall not be able to hate the evil, to love and do good. As for the people of murderer-"yanukovych" kind and their sycophants "berkut men" and the gone astray "titushkos", it is ordered to "save them with fear, pulling them out of the fire", and to hate the garment spotted by their flesh. We must respect every person as God's creature, while all the signs of that person's crime alongside with the system crimes must be mercilessly revealed and illuminated. In the same way we must learn to be sharp when defining our vices and compromises with the evil.

This is a view on those who were

contributing to the moral decay and, eventually, physical death of many people in our Ukrainian land. We must know and define this clearly. Here, though, we must pause and acknowledge that they would have never achieved anything without our cooperation with the evil, without our continuous staying in the grey zone of indefiniteness. So the beginning of Lent for which our Church is preparing us, must help us liberate ourselves from the evil to which we got used and which became a part of our essence. To change our scale of values we have to learn to identify and name sharply our vices and compromises with the evil the way today's reading of the Apostle is teaching us. Each of us is the owner if his/her beam in the eye, so let us identify it for ourselves in order to know against what we must conduct a spiritual fight. If we are not capable of this we are going to remain the cooperators of this evil system against which we are seemingly fighting but, in fact, continue favoring and feeding it in an underhand manner. Let us use this noble period granted to us by Christ's Church. Let us act in this historical time of Maidan for converting ourselves, to be capable of assisting the whole society in the process of its renovation in accordance with God's laws. And may the Lord support you in this. Amen.

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Mykhailo Dymyd March 8, 2014

Friends! On to fight! Let us not stop!

There are calls and visitors from Kyiv and Lviv! I watch and analyze, and come to the following conclusions:

- Let us demand REAL STEPS from those whom we entrusted with ruling our State at all levels for cleansing our social relations.
- We have to put it clear that those who collaborated with the previous power could not be honest, therefore THEIR TIME HAS PASSED!
- If we indeed are firm about reforms, let us seek and appoint honest, logically thinking people who have really shown themselves at the time of Maidan they shall immediately FEEL WHERE IT 'STINKS', and where things are ok. As for the management mechanisms, let us not worry about this they will learn swiftly.

We do not need "specialists" who have been feeding the "system" from the inside, for they

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Those who have really felt and watched the work of all the bees in the hives of Maidan can assess the tremendous power of shared ministry and immense ennoblement of everyone who sincerely participates in this action. Let us not fill our heads with illusions that our struggle against the evil is finished: a temptation and an evil attack arrive all of the sudden like a computer virus.

Kyiv, February 28, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Philippians* 2, 12–16 Gospel: *John 14*, 10–20

# WHY DO "THE WEAK" GAIN VICTORY?

In our today's spiritual cocktail I have prepared for you readings from the Holy Scripture appealing to the help of Holy Ghost, as well as a penitential prayer of St Ephrem (the Syrian). The Church teaches us that in order to receive the gifts from God we have to be faithful to Him.

Feeling weak is only natural for us after witnessing how a hundred of our boys perished for our common dignity and liberty. We have shall only introduce FRAUD SCHEMES of cheating their people because they are not and shall never become free people.

Such hazard is becoming real in some places! For this reason I am announcing this appeal! Friends! On to fight! Let us not stop!

shed a lot of blood and, however paradoxical it may sound, through the meekness of those submitted to God it is easier for us to open our hearts to the Lord and create our future under His guidance.

Sluggishness and carelessness are the sins of our people who, due to the lack of civil conscience, permitted and tolerated a wild outburst of the evil and its servants. Both our soul and our society have been lacking a distinct discernment between the good and the evil, therefore there was no adequate reaction, we were not expelling the evil from our hearts, families and communities. In future it is necessary to overcome sloth in analyzing every sphere of our life so that we could correct it in all tiniest details.

Negligence and inefficacy are present in us; we failed to distinguish and underline the good and organize collectives with positive good goals. Gaining the good and overcoming the evil is possible only via doing good. It means that, for instance, it is necessary to introduce a family prayer at home, to ennoble each other, to form a certain level of spiritual and cultural life according to the highest standards. We must organize music and football clubs in all villages of Ukraine, raise up new temples wherever possible, develop a kind of road patrol services in all directions. It can be a "Doctors' Patrol Service", "Education Patrol", "Transparency in Business" etc. It is absolutely necessary for every person to have a certain cultural interest and belong to a corresponding circle – of philatelists, alpinists, beer fanciers an so on to infinity. Let us cherish new calls to priesthood that the "guys in black cassocks" could minister their people the way they did it in Maidan in Kyiv.

As we have already understood from the experienced events, it is important to have not so much the power over people but, rather, authority among them! Each of us shall gain authority by sheer ministering the neighbor – the person who is close, in the Lord's name. Ministering, not the power may always be the highest dignity among us.

And the last sign of spiritual void and deep disorientation is idle talk. We have to say in our daily life "yes-yes", "no-no" – like we did in Maidan! We must think, speak and act only on the basis of checked facts to make our social relations strong. Every man's word must be like steel: he said and he did. Breaking a promise leads to human misery. Maidan has showed that our men are the people who keep their word and that their

word is followed by their deed; it is quite the opposite picture to our vanity which has been sewed in our daily life. Also, we must acknowledge that some mass media are tools in the hands of the dirty owners willing to spread idle talk among the people. After each program may all of you ponder over the question whether (s)he became a better person, whether his/her spirit is eager to fight or, on the contrary, I am getting from sofa without hope, without will to fight, without clarity in my thoughts, filled up with half-truth impeding my reaction before the evil.

Let us listen attentively to the words of apostle Paul: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling". Let us open our hearts in submission to be able to hear the voice of our Lord at all times because "it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure". Let us not create illusions in our head that the struggle against the evil is finished. In Maidan the feeling of fight was very distinct, and this was very helpful for our mobilization but in life a temptation and an attack of the evil usually arrive all of the sudden, like a computer virus.

The Spirit of Truth is a secret of victory over the evil in us and outside. Evil people do not see Him and do not understand His power. Let us love God even more, let us hold on to His commandments even more, "let us do things He does". This way we shall obtain for ourselves and for others all the good things we'll be asking from God since we are going to act in His name. The price of our Maidan is to follow God's will and then our Motherland shall become a Paradise on earth for everyone who will live here!

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#### Klymentiya Dymyd

A tense situation. Provocative calls heard from both sides; the boys are reminding each other how to act in case of various types of attacks and are constantly rehearsing their positions.

Jan 24 at 4:01

# Klymentiya Dymyd

We have just had an attempt of assault; it failed due to an instant counter-attack, right after the shout "Over there, by the water, they're attacking, vipers!!" the reaction of people was instant.

Jan 23 at 12:30

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Not the number of words, not the pathos of speeches, not the patriotism of songs, not the demonstrative prayers! But a quiet prayer in silence, a tear coming straight from the heart, a hand saving a wounded person from the bullets – these are the moments of revelation when the Lord is with us because at such moments our prayer is pure.

Lviv, March 1, 2014 / Mykhailo Dymyd.

Apostle: *Romans 14, 19–26* Gospel: *Matthew 6, 1–13* 

A "DIRTY" PRAYER!

As we can see, things are not so simple, as they seemed to us – the victory is hard to gain. We have won one battle and now new seats of war appeared. This is all, my dear friends, a part of every person's and every people's earthly life. Satan is constructing his new camps of lie in various parts of our Motherland. Let us not think that this is happening only here with us. The former angel of light, now the head of darkness, is acting all over the world. Therefore we call our earth the valley of tears; here is only our temporary life, and the real call of a person is to live with God in eternity.

The positive thing about all this is that we can clearly see the struggle between the good and the evil, and this knowledge is helping us to take the right position. Let us be aware of the fact that such struggle is taking place all the time and everywhere. The devil wins every time our vigilance is drowsy and our conscience is dull, then he manages to make an impression that everything is ok. This is what we've had so far. A great step forward is that we are not blinded anymore, and we started to see the main points of confrontation.

Apostle Paul is encouraging us to develop a certain action plan which is going to work zealously for transparence in our social relations to secure a real peace and, as the result, "mutual consolidation". Sometimes it happens so that we are seemingly doing something good for others but our interest is not clean. It is very important that in everything we have sincerity and good intention. The apostle's conclusion is as follows: "Happy is he who condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth"!

Good deeds have value only on condition that we do them for God's glory. This is what the Gospel is warning us about: when I am helping someone just for the sake of being noticed by others, I am doing evil! Such action is not directed onto a real improvement of the situation. You will say that good remains good anyway. Yes, but human being was created by God as a whole creature, with heart and soul, therefore only if the aid relates to this wholeness is it pleasing to God and useful to people. Otherwise – not!

Let us feel the fragility of our human greatness, our divine origin and mission. Let us not sell ourselves for cheap prices to Devil's servants, let us not take part in their game without rules. Let us be aware that our success begins from the depth of our intention, from a particular simple deed for the sake of the other – for

"mutual consolidation".

Not the number of words, not the pathos of speeches, not the patriotism of songs, not the demonstrative prayers! But a quiet prayer in silence, a tear coming straight from the heart, a hand saving a wounded person from the bullets – these are the moments of revelation when the Lord is with us because at such moments our prayer is pure.

In all life moments Jesus Christ taught us how to pray to His and our Father. It is the "Our Father" prayer! Let us ask the Holy Ghost to lead us so that we could always feel the presence of God and use it in all-and-all circumstances of our life, without a single exception. Amen!

# ALPHABETICALLY ORDERED GLOSSARY

# OF PROPER NAMES, PLACES, TERMS, ABBREVIATIONS AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF UKRAINIAN REALITY USED IN THE BOOK

ITEM	MEANING
admins	Here: the highest administrative bodies of Ukraine
Afganistan men,	Ukrainian men who fought by force in the Soviet war in Afghanistan
"the afgans"	which lasted over nine years from December 1979 to February 1989.
Andrey Sheptytsky	Metropolitan Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church from
(1865-1944)	1901 until his death in 1944. His tenure spanned two world wars and
	seven political regimes: Austrian, Russian, Soviet, Polish, Soviet,
	General Government (Nazi), and again Soviet. According to the church
	historian Yaroslav Pelikan, "Metropolitan Andriy Sheptytsky was the
	most influential figure in the entire history of the Ukrainian Church in
	the twentieth century".
Antonych, Bohdan-Ihor	a 20th-century Ukrainian poet, in 1934 received third prize honors from
(1909–1937)	the Ivan Franko Society of Writers and Journalists for his work Three
	Signet Rings.
AutoMaidan	the collective name of the car, truck and other vehicle drivers who
	participated in Maidan protests, the mobile car-based arm of Maidan.
autozak	a prisoner transport vehicle.
Azarov, Mykola	a Ukrainian politician who was the Prime Minister of Ukraine from 11
Yanovych	March 2010 to 27 January 2014. He was the First Vice Prime Minister
	and Finance Minister from 2002 to 2005 and again from 2006 to 2007.
	Azarov also served ex officio as an acting Prime Minister in the First
	Yanukovych Government when Viktor Yanukovych ran for president at
	first and then upon resignation of his government. Following the victory
	of Viktor Yanukovych in the 2010 presidential election, Azarov
	succeeded Yanukovych as leader of the Party of Regions, and he was
	appointed as a fully fledged Prime Minister in March 2010. After weeks
	of Euromaidan protests, and clashes, during which civilians were killed,
	Mykola Azarov offered his letter of resignation on 28 January 2014.
	Since 3 July 2014 Azarov is in the international wanted list for alleged
	abuse of power. On 19 January 2015 Kiev District Court of Pechersk
	Raion issued an arrest warrant as a preventative measure to allow for
Dandara Stanan	extradition of Azarov from the Russian Federation.
Bandera, Stepan	a Ukrainian political activist and leader of the Ukrainian nationalist and
(1909 - 1959)	independence movement. Bandera is a controversial historical figure
	honored by the contemporary Ukrainian nationalist movement, including
	the Right Sector and at the same time condemned by some ethnic Poles and Jews. Assessments of his work have ranged from totally apologetic
	to sharply negative. On 22 January 2010, the outgoing President of
	Ukraine Viktor Yushchenko awarded Bandera the posthumous title of
	Hero of Ukraine. The award was condemned by European Parliament,
	Russian, Polish and Jewish organizations and was declared illegal by the
	following Ukrainian government and a court decision in April 2010. In
	January 2011, the award was officially annulled. Bandera remains a
	controversial figure today both in Ukraine and internationally.
Bandera men	followers of Stepan Bandera's nationalist ideals; often referred to
Dandera men	western Ukrainians, especially in the Russian propaganda mass media.
"Batkivschyna"	"Motherland", political party created and headed by Yulia Tymoshenko
Berkut	The "Berkut" was the system of special police of the Ukrainian militsiya
Derkut	The Delkut was the system of special police of the Oktamian illinisiya

	within the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Berkut was Ukraine's successor
	to the Soviet OMON. It operated semi-autonomously and was governed
	at the local or regional level (oblast, raion, city). Initially used to fight
	organized crime, it became used as the Police (Militsiya) for Public
	Security. Its full name was "Berkut" Separate Special Assignment
	Unit(s) of Militsiya [Police]. There was a "Berkut" unit in every region
	(oblast) and every big city of the country. Among the several special
	police units in Ukraine, "Berkut" became a catchall name for all the
	others. The main stated purpose (in Ukraine) of the national special force
	was crowd control; however, the Berkut have also been accused of
	taking part in racketeering, and of terrorizing, attacking, and torturing
	Ukrainian citizens, including in recent years voters who would elect non-
hadret haasts	Yanukovych candidates to local governments.
berkut-beasts	See: Berkut.
berkut man, a	See: Berkut.
BI. Antonych	See: Antonych.
birdies	Here: referring to Berkut soldiers, an allusion to the very meaning of
((D. 1. D. 1 : 1 . D.	"berkut", i.e. "golden eagle".
"Boh Predvichny"	A well-known Ukrainian Christmas carol, literally "Pre-eternal God".
Bulatov, Dmytro	a Ukrainian civic activist who was Minister of Youth and Sports in the
(b. 1978)	2014 Yatsenyuk Government. Bulatov was an activist and leader of the
	AutoMaidan. He is also in charge of the "Socially responsible society"
	NGO. Due to his activism, he was kidnapped and tortured outside the
	villas of Ukrainian government and business figures. His disappearance
	and his later testimony of inhuman tortures brought shock to the whole
	Ukrainian society.
cabmin	Cabinet of Minsiters
chief degenerate	a pejorative reference to the prime minister Mykola Azarov; a real
	invention in its Ukrainian version – "hospidar" (a biased Ukrainian word
	"hospodar" which means a host, an owner) – it also mocks Azarov's
	inability to speak proper Ukrainian and his violation of the language
	pronunciation rules; Azarov has been known for creating his own version of Ukrainian – "azarivka" where many "o" are unnecessarily substituted
	with "i".
ahitan drassing	a form of clothing, a sewn garment.
chiton dressing	j j
court session, the	Here: the opening court session during the trial over Rev. Mykhailo Dymyd who was accused of participating in AutoMaidan. The
	accusations proved to be fabricated.
CPU, the	The Communist Party of Ukraine
cudgel-bearers	Here: referring to the <i>Berkut</i> and <i>IT's</i>
dogs	Here: pejorative reference to the soldiers defending the regime of Yanukovych
Dynamo Stadium	Central Dynamo Stadium in Kyiv, built in 1928 and able to hold 36,540
Dynamo Stautum	people. The Stadium was closed for demolition in 2008 with the farewell
	match played on November 22, 2008.
Ephrem, saint (the Syrian)	a Syriac deacon and a prolific Syriac-language hymnographer and
Epinoni, saint (the Syriali)	theologian of the 4th century from the region of Syria.
featherly	Here: referring to the <i>Berkut men</i> .
"the fifth"	Ukrainian TV Channel 5
Holodomor	The Holodomor (Ukrainian: Голодомор, "Extermination by hunger" or
TOOOOHO	"Hunger-extermination"; derived from морити голодом, "to kill by
	starvation") was a man-made famine in the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist
	Republic in 1932 and 1933 that killed an estimated 2.5–7.5 million
I.	republic in 1752 and 1755 that kined an estimated 2.5-7.5 illimon
	Ukrainians, with millions more counted in demographic estimates. It was

	part of the wider disaster, the Soviet famine of 1932–33, which affected the major grain-producing areas of the country.  During the Holodomor, which is also known as the "Terror-Famine in Ukraine" and "Famine-Genocide in Ukraine", millions of citizens of the Ukrainian SSR, the majority of whom were ethnic Ukrainians, died of starvation in a peacetime catastrophe unprecedented in the history of Ukraine. Since 2006, the Holodomor has been recognized by the independent Ukraine and many other countries as a genocide of the Ukrainian people carried out by the Soviet Union.
Hromadske	An independent civic internet TV and radio channel
Hrusha	See: Hrushevskoho Street
Hrushev(o)	See: Hrushevskoho Street
Hrushevskoho Street	a street in central Kyiv, named after Ukrainian academician, politician, historian, and statesman Mykhailo Hrushevskyi. It is located in the government quarter Lypky neighborhood of the Pechersk Region and houses the Supreme Council Building, Government Building and the Parliamentary Library. It is adjacent to Mariyinsky Park which contains Constitution Square. The street acts as a border between the Pechersk and Lypky neighborhoods. At the European Square this street connects to Old Kyiv. There is a noticeable ascend that starts at the European Square and continues on all the way to intersection with Garden Street next to the Government Building.
Independence Square	the central Kyiv square (in Ukrainian: "Maidan Nezalezhnosti"), i.e. the location of the main Ukrainian Maidan itself
idol, the	Here: Lenin
"inter"	a Ukrainian TV Channel
IT's	Internal Troops
Ivan Svitlychny (1929 – 1992)	a Ukrainian Poet, literary critic, human rights activist, and dissident. Poet, literary specialist and critic, translator; Svitlychny was a spiritual leader and ideological mouthpiece of the national democratic movement of the 1960s and 1970s and active in distributing samizdat; a political prisoner whose health was ruined in the labor camps and exile.
Ivano-Frankivsk	a city in western Ukraine
Khreshchatyk	The central Kyiv street which goes through the <i>Independence Square</i>
Klychko	a Ukrainian politician and the current Mayor of Kiev, head of the Kiev City State Administration and former professional boxer. He is the leader of the Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reform and a former Member of the Ukrainian Parliament.
kopiyka	a change coin in Ukraine.
Kravchenko, Yuriy Fedorovych (1951 – 2005)	was a Ukrainian police officer and statesman. In 2000, while a Minister of Internal Affairs, Kravchenko became directly involved in the murder case of Georgiy Gongadze and subsequent Cassette Scandal. Later he was the governor of Kherson Oblast (December 2001 – April 2002) and Head of the State Tax Administration of Ukraine (December 2002 – June 2003). On March 4, 2005 Kravchenko was found dead in his country house in the elite area outside Kyiv with two shots through his head. On that day he was supposed to give testimony on Gongadze case resumed after the "Orange Revolution".
Maidan	Here: the central square of Kyiv – <i>Independence Square</i> , later on the term was widely applied to all central city squares all over Ukraine as
	locations of support of the central Maidan.
marshroutka	a minibus city transport vehicle going with a certain fixed route.
Mezhyhirya	since mid-November 2014 a museum that displays the luxury of its

Mykhailivsky golden- domed monastery	former owner, former President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovych. The estate is the former private residence of Yanukovych in the village of Novi Petrivtsi, Vyshhorod Raion. Yanukovych lived in it from 2002 till he abandoned the estate on 21 February 2014 during the 2014 Ukrainian revolution.  Another, perhaps even more luxurious residence was under construction near Cape Aya in the Crimea at the time of the 2014 Ukrainian Revolution which ousted Yanukovych from his post. The journalists call it "Mezhyhirya №2". Now the word itself is used as an eponym for property gained in illegal and greedy ways.  a functioning monastery in Kyiv located on the right bank of the Dnieper River on the edge of a bluff northeast of the Saint Sophia Cathedral. The site is in the historic administrative upper town and overlooks the city's
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ML	historical commercial and merchant quarter, the Podil neighbourhood.  Martial Law
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	Master of Sports The Ministry of Justice
minjust molotov, a	a Molotov cocktail (Finnish: Polttopullo or Molotovin koktaili, Spanish:
moiotov, a	Cóctel mólotov, German: Molotowcocktail), also known as a petrol bomb, poor man's grenade, fire bomb (not to be confused with an actual fire bomb) or just Molotov. A generic name used for a variety of bottle-based improvised incendiary weapons. Due to the relative ease of production, they are frequently used by protesters and non-professionally equipped fighters in riots and urban guerrilla warfare. They are primarily intended to set targets ablaze rather than instantly destroy them.
My hut is not at the end.	A well-known Ukrainian saying which means "this is none of my business", "I don't meddle with this", "I am alright Jack".
Nigoyan, Serhiy (1993 – 2014)	was an Armenian-Ukrainian Euromaidan activist who was shot and soon died from gunshot wounds during the 2014 Hrushevskoho Street riots where he was acting as security. He was the first protestor killed by shooting during the riots on January 22, 2014.
October Palace	See: Zhovtnevy Palace
Party of Regions, the	A political party of Ukraine created on 26 October 1997, just prior to the 1998 Ukrainian parliamentary elections, under the name of Party of Regional Revival of Ukraine and led by Volodymyr Rybak. The party contains different political groups with diverging ideological outlooks. The party was reorganized later in 2001 when it united with several others. According to the party's leadership in 2002, from the creation of the party to the end of 2001 the number of members jumped from 30,000 to 500,000. The party claims to ideologically defend and uphold the rights of ethnic Russians and speakers of the Russian language in Ukraine. It originally supported president Leonid Kuchma and joined the pro-government For United Ukraine alliance during the parliamentary elections on 30 March 2002. Its electoral and financial base is located primarily in the east and south-east of Ukraine, where it enjoys wide popular support. In the eastern Ukrainian Donetsk Oblast the party claims to have over 700,000 members. The party is supported mostly by people older than 45 years
PR, the	See: Party of Regions
presik	president (a pejorative)
Purification of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary	the festival on which the Church venerates the humility and obedience of Mary who, though not subject to the law of Moses, which required purification and presentation in the temple, yet subjected herself to it. From this comes the name Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or

	the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. It is also called Candlemas,
	because before Mass on this day the candles used in divine service are
	blessed and carried in procession. Celebrated in Ukraine on February 15.
regional, a	a member of the <i>Party of Regions</i>
ReG's	members of the Party of Regions
Right Sector, the	a far-right Ukrainian nationalist political party that originated in
Right Sector, the	November 2013 as a paramilitary confederation at the Euromaidan protests in Kiev, where its street fighters fought against riot police. The
	coalition became a political party on 22 March 2014, at which time it
	was estimated to have perhaps 10,000 members. Founding groups included Trident (Tryzub), led by Dmytro Yarosh and Andriy Tarasenko;
	and the Ukrainian National Assembly–Ukrainian National Self-Defense (UNA–UNSO), a political/paramilitary organization. Other founding
	groups included Patriot of Ukraine, the Social-National Assembly, White Hammer, and Carpathian Sich. White Hammer was expelled in March
	2014. In June 2014 one of the groups was assigned by the Interior Ministry to surveil Mariupol after it captured the city from Russian-
	backed insurgents.
R.P.S.	Here: Road Patrol Service.
R.S.A.	Here: Regional State Administration.
Ruslana (b. 1973)	Lyzhychko, Ruslana Stepanivna, a World Music Award and Eurovision
	Song Contest winning artist, holding the title of People's Artist of Ukraine. She is also a former MP serving as deputy in the Ukrainian
	parliament (Verkhovna Rada) for the Our Ukraine Party. Ruslana was
	the UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador in Ukraine in 2004-2005. She is
	recognized as the most successful Ukrainian female solo artist
	internationally and was included in the top 10 most influential women of
	2013 by the Forbes magazine. The U.S. Secretary of State honored her with the International Women of Courage Award in March 2014 for an
	active support of human rights in the Maidan riots. She has been named
	an honorary citizen of her hometown L'viv and was nominated to receive
	the title Hero of Ukraine.
satrap	a despotic ruler
Serhiy Nigoyan	See: Nigoyan, Serhiy
shanson	a pejorative umbrella term for a musical genre covering a range of Russian songs, including city romance songs, author song performed by singer-songwriters, and blatnaya pesnya or "criminals' songs" that are based on the themes of the urban underclass and the criminal
	underworld. Shanson is widely played in <i>marshroutkas</i> all over Ukraine
	which reveals a cultural underwater immaturity.
Sheptytsky, Andrey	See: Andrey Sheptytsky
Shevchenko,	was a Ukrainian poet, writer, artist, public and political figure, as well as
Taras Hryhorovych	folklorist and ethnographer. His literary heritage is regarded to be the
(1814-1861)	foundation of modern Ukrainian literature and, to a large extent, the
	modern Ukrainian language. Shevchenko is also known for many masterpieces as a painter and an illustrator.
silovik	a Russian word for politicians from the security or military services,
	often the officers of the former KGB, GRU, FSB, SVR, the Federal Drug
	Control or other security services who came into power. It can also refer
	to security-service personnel from any country or nationality.
sotnia, a	a "hundred", a military term of Slavic origin. The word means a hundred
	and approximately equivalent to company. As a unit of the Cossack
	regiments, it is known from earliest records of the Zaporizhian Sich. The
	typical regiment had five sotnias or squadrons. The term was used in the

	foot or cavalry Cossack regiments. It was retained until the establishment
. 1	of Soviet Union in 1922.
sotnyk	a leader of <i>sotnia</i>
sourzhyk	refers to a range of mixed (macaronic) sociolects of Ukrainian and Russian languages used in certain regions of Ukraine and adjacent lands. There is no unifying set of characteristics; the term is used for "normbreaking, non-obedience to or non-awareness of the rules of the Ukrainian and Russian standard languages"
Svitlychny, Ivan	See: Ivan Svitlychny
Svoboda Palace	Zhovtnevy Palace, renamed into Svoboda Palace "Palace of Freedom"
Svynukovych	a pejorative word made by combining "swine" and "Yanukovych"
Symonenko, Vasyl (1935 – 1963)	a well-known Ukrainian poet, journalist, activist of dissident movement. He is considered one of the most important figures in Ukrainian literature of the early 1960s. By the opinion of the Museum of dissident movement in Kiev, the works and early death of Vasyl Symonenko had an enormous impact on the rise of the national democratic movement in Ukraine.
Tiahnybok,	a Ukrainian politician who is a member of the Verkhovna Rada and the
Oleh Yaroslavovych	leader of nationalist far-right Svoboda political party. Previously he was
(b. 1968)	elected councilman of the Lviv Oblast Council for the second session.
tin, a	Here: an attack of Berkut protected with shields which together made a "tin"
tronches	a term for mercenary agents who supported the Ukrainian police force during the administration of <i>Viktor Yanukovych</i> , often posing as street hooligans with the express purpose of performing illegal acts. The 'Titushki raid' is a widely used term in Ukrainian mass media and by the general public to describe street beatings, carjackings and kidnappings by unidentified men in civilian clothes from behind the lines of political rallies. Titushko's were employed by the Yanukovych government with a reported daily pay of 200 hryvnias. Some of them were also suspected to be illegal formations of combat troops carrying concealed pistols. Their aim was to intimidate and disperse demonstrations by opponents of the government, and attack participants and representatives of the media. Titushko's blend in with a crowd or mob and then instigate a violent fight. During the <i>Euromaidan</i> , they became a collective term for provocateurs and thugs hired by the <i>Party of Regions</i> and law enforcement agents in civilian clothing. Supporters of President Yanukovich also used the term 'tituskhy' to refer to pro-opposition thugs.
trenches	Here: barricades. The barricades of Maidan were so high and often made of sacks filled with snow and sand that the author refers to them as 'trenches'.
trident	the state coat of arms of Ukraine or commonly the Tryzub. It is the national coat of arms, featuring the same colors found on the Ukrainian flag; a blue shield with a gold trident. It appears on the Presidential standard of Ukraine. Blue colored tridents are considered to be irregular representation by the Ukrainian Heraldry Society. The small coat of arms was officially adopted on 19 February 1992, while constitutional provisions exist for establishing the great coat of arms, which is not yet officially adopted. The small coat of arms was designed by Andriy Grechylo, Olexiy Kokhan and Ivan Turetskyi. It is a representation of the seal-trident of Vladimir the Great.
Ukrainian house, the	the largest international exhibition and convention center in Kyiv. The five-storey building is the host venue for a variety of events from exhibitions, trade fairs and conferences to international association

meetings, product launches, banquets, TV-ceremonies, sporting events, etc. TheUkrainian House was taken over in December 2013 by the Berkut special police forces during the Euromaidan protests. There were claims that the Berkut unit ransacked the building and possibly pilfered some of the museum collection. On the 25th of January 2014 the House was besieged by Euromaidan protesters. After a long confrontation the police launched a counterattack on the main barricades and many retreated in order to secure the barricades but a number stayed. At around 11pm GMT a truce was called where no side attacked each other. A long bout of negotiation followed. The final result being the 200 police officers still inside leaving through a side window. When the Euromaidan protestors gained control over Ukrainian House, it provided a community shelter for fellow civilians and protestors who were engaging in the revolution. The Ukraine House center provides free legal advice, a place to sleep, medical care, travel information, and psychiatric help.  With all the chaos that was happening during this struggle, one couple, Viktor Bisovetskyi and his wife, Inna, joined the occupants of the building and opened a library. Since most of the space was occupied, the couple found room in the corner of the basement. There, countless librarians, friends, and civilians donated books, travel guides, magazines and philosophy texts to this library.  As of late March 2014 and the Crimean crisis and masked Russian invasion of eastern Ukraine, Ukrainian House is acting as a base for the "Self-defense of the Maidant", one of the major Euromaidan militias. It is also currently an assembly area and public relations coordination site for the National Guard of Ukraine  Vasyl Symonenko  Vasyl Symonenko  Vasyl Symonenko  Vasyl Symonenko  in eastern Ukraine (Liprainian House is acting as a base for the "Self-defense of the Maidant", one of the major Euromaidan militias. It is also currently an assembly area and public relations coordination site for the N		
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Yavorivskyi,	a Ukrainian poet, writer, journalist and politician. In the 4th Verkhovna
Volodymyr	Rada of Ukraine (2002–2006), belonged to the Our Ukraine fraction and
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(b.1942)	Bloc fraction. In the 2012 parliamentary election he was (re)-elected into
	parliament by winning a constituency in Kiev for Batkivschyna.
	Yavorivsky combined parliamentary functions with the position of the
	Writer's Union of Ukraine Chairman (appointed October 2001).
yolka	a Christmas tree (in Russian); it refers both to a well-known case of Mr
	Yanukovych's failure during a public speech to use the appropriate
	Ukrainian word "yalynka" and to a Christmas tree carcass in
	Independence Maidan (Kyiv) which stood as "Christmas tree on blood"
	during the Maidan protests; the word gained a specially negative
	meaning when the cruel crackdown of the students' Euromaidan was
	explained by a necessity to install a New Year 'yolka'.
Zakharchenko,	a Russian politician who is a senior consultant at Russia's Rostec state
Vitaliy Yuriyovych	corporation. He previously served as Ukraine's Minister of Internal
(b. 1963)	Affairs from 7 November 2011 (in that position he was the head of the
	Ukrainian national police service, the Militsiya) until he was suspended from duties by the Ukrainian parliament on 21 February 2014 for using
	"violence" against protesters in the February 2014 Euromaidan riots.
	Five days later an arrest warrant was put out for him and he is currently
	wanted on murder charges. Since then he was last seen in Russia on 13
	April 2014.
zek	a former prisoner, a person with criminal past; often used in reference to
	Viktor Yanukovych.
Zhabyntsi	a village in Ternopil region of Ukraine.
Zhovtnevy (Palace)	The October Palace in Kiev, officially known as the International Center
	of Culture and Arts of the Trade Union Federation of Ukraine, while
	October Palace is used out of brevity.