



# RECTOR'S REPORT

2021  
2022



M I S S I O N

Ukrainian Catholic University is an open academic community living the Eastern Christian tradition, which forms leaders to serve with professional excellence in Ukraine and internationally – for the glory of God, the common good, and the dignity of the human person.



UCU students weave camouflage nets for Ukrainian soldiers.



## Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Friends,

Each of our reports in recent years has begun with words about the difficult times we live in. This year, however, is perhaps the most difficult one for all of us, both for our university community and for our fellow Ukrainians.

We have lost much: peace, sleep, time with relatives. Some have lost their homes and some have lost that which is most valuable of all: those who have died defending us. The UCU community has said farewell to 19 heroes... thousands of Ukraine's best sons and daughters have paid the highest price for our freedom.

We have gone a long way this year. The whole world has seen that Ukrainians are a nation capable of victory over a great empire which, for hundreds of years, has wanted one thing - the end of our existence. Ukrainians have united in a fight against evil, and this unity is our greatest strength.

We extend a helping hand to those in need. We are working. Our university has not stopped the educational process for a single day. And, most importantly, we have endured as a community and as a nation. This is all thanks to our soldiers, who have firmly set for themselves the task of defending Ukraine's independence.

Even before the full-scale invasion, an operational base was formed, and we created a strategic planning process at UCU which developed a number of scenarios for the university's work. Our position was proactive. We thought about the safety of our students and staff and refined all of our operational processes. Every day our team worked like a single mechanism where everyone understood their tasks. Though our staff's workload has tripled, we have been able to cope with these difficult conditions, and every day we have been able to contribute to Ukraine's victory.

Despite the brutal realities of war, we have been able to carry out our obligations to our students, professors, staff, and partners with dignity. We have not allowed the university to stagnate. Our strategy remains in force. We continue to develop, and our university's international partnerships grow stronger and stronger.

At a price of great sacrifice, Ukraine today is forming a new global order and creating a powerful revolution in the whole world. The fight continues on various fronts and this produces results; perhaps not as quickly as we would like, but we have no right to grow weary. We should continue to grow stronger and stronger.

I also call you to action. If you feel that there is injustice somewhere, speak up, do something! Because our civic position now is decisive.



PHOTO: KATERYNA MOSKALIUK

**Fr. Bohdan Prach**  
Rector of UCU

Try always to be close to those in need. Keep an open heart. Our task as the UCU community is to help and serve others.

Ukraine will need great rebuilding after victory. And the main foundation for this rebuild will be spirituality and education. Ukrainian Catholic University is where a young generation of leaders is being forged based on Christian values and professionalism. They will be able to rebuild our country.

"The key to transforming Ukraine is found in Ukraine itself. It is difficult for us to change external circumstances, but it is within our will to change ourselves." So Metropolitan Andrey teaches us. Every day let us consider the courageous lives of our predecessors, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky and Patriarch Josyf Slipyj. This will help us get through all of our trials.

I thank you for working, studying, and helping.

I thank you that we are together. Together we will triumph.

Glory to Ukraine!



**1,466**

**STUDENTS IN BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS**

<b>THEOLOGY-PHILOSOPHY FACULTY</b>	
Theology	163
<b>HUMANITIES FACULTY</b>	
History	79
Culture Studies	119
Philology	121
<b>HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY</b>	
Psychology	119
Social Work	101
<b>APPLIED SCIENCES FACULTY</b>	
Computer Sciences	178
Informational Technologies and Business Analytics	153
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY</b>	
Ethics-Politics-Economics	187
Law	129
Sociology	117

**735**

**STUDENTS IN MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS**

<b>THEOLOGY-PHILOSOPHY FACULTY</b>	
Theology	64
Christian Pedagogy and Organization of Leisure	34
<b>HUMANITIES FACULTY</b>	
History	4
<b>APPLIED SCIENCES FACULTY</b>	
Data Sciences	59
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY</b>	
Journalism	23
Media Communications	44
Human Rights	35
Public Administration	60
Non-Profit Management	55
<b>UCU BUSINESS SCHOOL (LVBS)</b>	
Business Administration	30
Innovations and Entrepreneurship	48
Marketing Management	44
Human Resources and Organizational Development	33
Technology Management	45
<b>HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY</b>	
Clinical Psychology Based on Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy	63
Psychological Consultation Based on Psychodynamic Therapy	61
Physical and Occupational Therapy	26
Technologies and Innovations in Social Work	7

**14**

**STUDENTS IN PHD PROGRAMS**

THEOLOGY-PHILOSOPHY FACULTY / Theology	5
HUMANITIES FACULTY / History	9

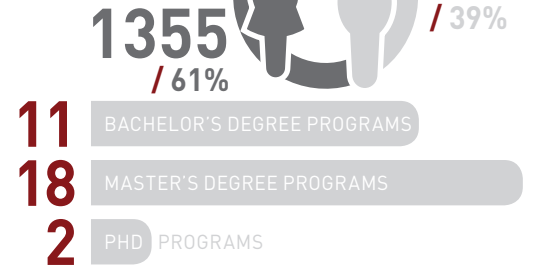
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**STUDENTS IN PROGRAMS RECOGNIZED BY THE CONGREGATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION (Vatican accreditation)**

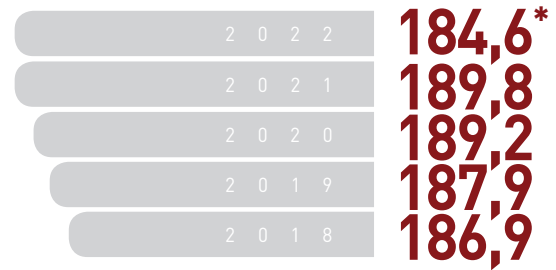
LICENTIATE PROGRAM IN THEOLOGY (STL)	24
DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN THEOLOGY (STD)	8

**2215**

**UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS**

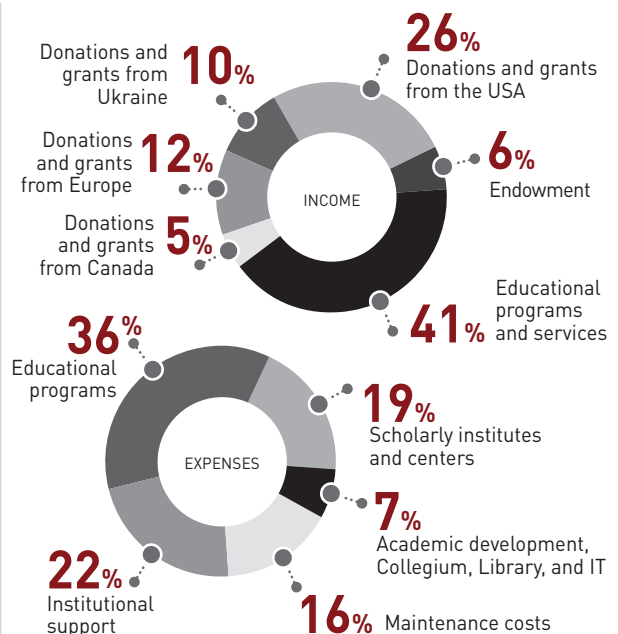


**DYNAMICS OF AVERAGE SCORES OF ENTRANTS**



\* Average score for National Multi Subject Test (NMT), introduced in place of the External Independent Test (EIT) in 2022 due to the state of war. This test contained a smaller number of questions than the EIT, so the value of erroneous responses in the NMT in some cases was 6 points, as opposed to 1 in the original EIT. Nonetheless, our incoming students' scores are among the very highest among all Ukrainian students.

**FINANCIAL DATA**





## GEOGRAPHY OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

Percentage of first-year students from beyond Halychyna (the Western Ukrainian regions of Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Ternopil)

2022 / **31%**

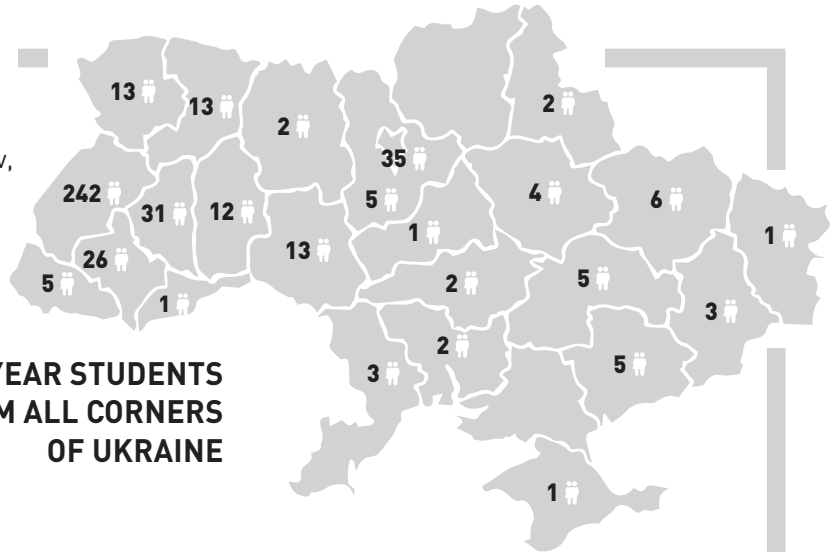
2021 / **29%**

2020 / **25%**

2019 / **22%**

2018 / **17%**

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS  
ARE FROM ALL CORNERS  
OF UKRAINE



## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS 2021-2022

**ACTIVE AGREEMENTS**  
with two-way  
academic cooperation

**91** **29**

**ACTIVE AGREEMENTS**  
for the exchange of students,  
professors, and staff as part of  
the **Erasmus+ program**

active inter-university  
consortium projects  
**KA2 Erasmus**

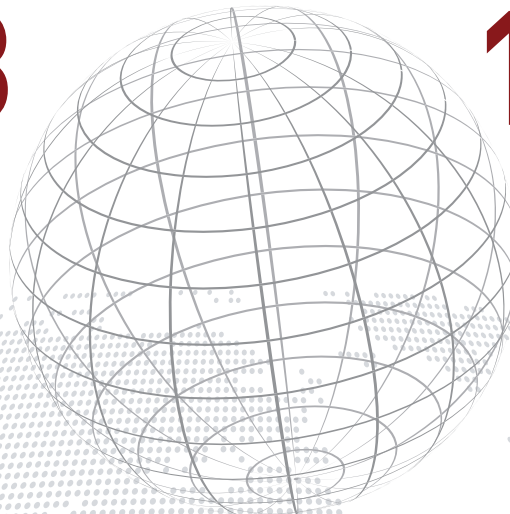
**3**

**11**

**foreign students,**  
studied at UCU,  
3 on exchange  
(2 of which were part of  
**Erasmus+**, Germany)

**344**

- **students received**  
international academic experience
- **68** – semester study abroad
- **44** – short-term programs
- **206** – virtual mobility at foreign universities
- **22** – international internships
- **4** – international volunteering



**186** foreign students  
took part in the  
**online Ukrainian-**  
**language school**

**91**

**foreign visiting professors**  
taught either a full or partial  
course at UCU, of which  
10 were professors with world  
recognition or came from  
universities in the top 100  
of the Shanghai Ranking

**NETWORK OF SOLIDARITY  
AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH UCU**

- **3** continents
- **16** countries
- **35** institutions of higher education,  
including 15 Catholic universities  
in Europe, the USA, and Japan



# A UNIVERSITY THAT SERVES



## In the Ukrainian people's opposition against the Russian aggressor, there are thousands of fronts.

The most important fight is on the front line of the military conflict. Day and night, the Ukrainian army heroically defends our land from the Russian occupier. But millions of Ukrainians are working in the background: each of us conducts his or her daily fight against the enemy.

And Ukrainian Catholic University is part of the war effort, building a joint path to future victory

through the efforts of professors, staff, and students with the incredible support of friends and benefactors throughout the world.

## THE HUMANITARIAN FRONT

The UCU Volunteer Headquarters is involved with medical and material-technical support of military hospitals and mobile medical units and the distribution of medicine, food, clothing, and hygiene items to people who have suffered from Russian aggression.

Volunteers have developed mechanisms for receiving help from abroad and from local businesses and benefactors. The Volunteer Headquarters refined its process for sorting and inventorying items received and launched a process to fulfill requests for help.



Team Rubicon: Doctors from the USA and Canada coordinate their humanitarian work from one of UCU's buildings.



A baptism for a family which was forced to flee and found refuge at UCU.



The university acquired an automobile for soldiers: Rector Fr. Bohdan Prach blessed the SUV and the soldiers.

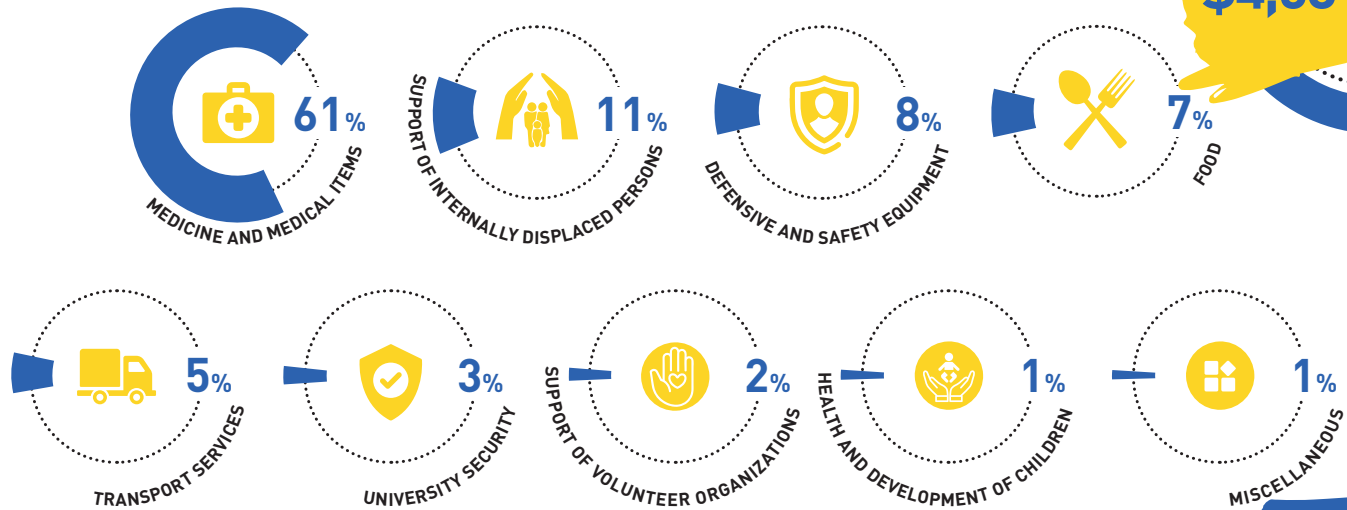
*"We are immensely grateful to our benefactors who are with us in these difficult times, with all Ukrainians, with the UCU community. Now we are united as never before. And we will triumph only when we are together. Stay with us. Let's stand together. Help Ukraine!"*  
Natalia Klymovska,  
UCU Vice-Rector for Development and Communications.

## THE MEDICAL FRONT

The charitable organization Volunteer and Defense Center and the Wings of Hope charitable foundation are key partners for UCU in providing medicines and medical and tactical items for the military and civilians throughout Ukraine.

International teams of medical specialists from Team Rubicon and SMART Medical Aid, the Ukrainian Resuscitation Council, Rapid Aid Liaison Group, and others have been working on UCU premises.





**\$4,58** MILLION  
IN AID  
PROVIDED

Status as of  
**OCTOBER 24**  
2022

## THE INFORMATIONAL FRONT

UCU is actively working on the informational front. A separate English-language webpage, [warinua.ucu.edu.ua](http://warinua.ucu.edu.ua), has been created to collect and maintain information about the university's work in wartime.

UCU professors and graduates of the School of Journalism and Communications developed the instructional site **Post To Stop War**, whose mission is to make dialogue about the war abroad more effective. With no fleeting concepts or vague formulations, our professors and graduates speak in various languages about the Russian-Ukrainian War.

In the project **Little Stories about a Big War**, the team gathers and presents stories about ordinary Ukrainians who remain in the background but, like soldiers on the front, demonstrate exceptional tenacity, bravery, and self-sacrifice. The project team is convinced that this experience should not be lost.

They have managed to document more than 100 stories which involve not only individuals from the Lviv Region but also from eastern and southern Ukraine.

## THE PRAYERFUL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL FRONT

Under the care of the Dean's Office for Pastoral Matters at the University, daily liturgical services were held throughout the year, including memorials for those who perished in the war and spiritual care and conversations with refugees who sheltered in the Collegium and in the educational building on Prospect John Paul II Street.

A crisis counseling center also opened at the university. The counselors consisted of master's level psychology and social work students who were supervised by UCU's professors. The main clients were adults 18 to 50 years old who were undergoing trauma and crisis.

## SUPPORT FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

With the support of many benefactors, UCU volunteers prepared temporary shelters for refugees fleeing from the war. Internally displaced families sheltered on the premises of the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy and at the two Collegium buildings. In the first three months of work, the shelter harbored 340 people, the majority of whom were individuals with special physical and psychological needs along with their family members. Students of the Social Work program helped individuals and families who lost their homes and provided information and consultation for resolving various administrative, logistical and social questions.



On March 1st, the Kharkiv Oblast Government Administration building was hit by Russian rockets. UCU journalists documented this through UCU's "Little Stories of a Big War" when they visited the city during the summer.



## A PROFESSOR – A SOLDIER OF THE LIGHT

Despite the war, the Ukrainian Catholic University community chose honorees for the Professor of the Year award, based on nominations from students, alumni, and colleagues.

The award was a good opportunity to thank professors for their masterly, inspired, and multifaceted work with students both inside and outside the classroom. Through this honor, UCU's academic community and student body continue to emphasize the importance of appropriate assessment of quality teaching at the university and the spread of successful teaching practices.

**Mariya Tytarenko**,  
associate professor of the School of Journalism and Communications of the UCU Social Sciences Faculty, with a candidate's degree in social communications



"A teacher in wartime has to be a soldier of light. The role of a soldier of light is to fight darkness and evil with all possible means, in particular, with communication, witness, and service."

**Oleksandra Nizdran-Fedorovych**,  
associate professor of the Department of Clinical Psychology of the Health Sciences Faculty, with a candidate's degree in psychology, a psychologist in the highly qualified category



"The mission of a professor during wartime is to be a good example for students, to help form their civic position, to witness to young people and society about the most important values: God and Ukraine."

**Iryna Starovoyt**,  
associate professor of the Department of Cultural Studies of the UCU Humanities Faculty, with a candidate's degree in philology



"Our students in these months of a great war have so quickly risen to the challenges of the time that sometimes they are even more mature than their mentors. The lessons learned from a war for the homeland and for an independent future are bitter. Still, soldiers of the light remain in our community, and they will rise again in it."

## UCU PROFESSORS



364

ACADEMIC  
AND RESEARCH STAFF

## THE BEST PROFESSORS FOR THE BEST STUDENTS

Six UCU professors received the 2022 Rector's Award for successful scholarly work at the international level.

**Laureates included:**

Ulana Holovatch, Marta Tymoshenko, Ruslan Partsey, Fr. Oleksandr Kashchuk, and Rostyslav Hrynyv.

Nazar Fedorak, a lecturer at the UCU Philology Department, received the Prof. Ihor Skochylias Rector's Award.



Ruslan Partsey, one of the laureates of the Rector's Award.



## SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- UCU PhD student Illya Chedoluma defended his dissertation for a PhD in History on the theme “The intellectual biography of Mykhaylo Rudnytskyi (1889-1975).”
- Senior professor of the Political Science Department of the Social Sciences Faculty of Ukrainian Catholic University, UCU graduate Viktor Poletko, defended his doctoral dissertation in philosophy at Leuven Catholic University, Belgium.
- Mykhailo Perun, lecturer at UCU’s Theology Department, received the Svyatoslav Hordynskyi Prize in the Lviv Region in the category “Art History and Cultural Studies” for his scholarly-popular publication “On the Rock of Faith, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky.”
- UCU Professor Yaroslav Hrytsak was elected a corresponding member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.
- Archbishop Emeritus Ihor Isichenko, professor at the Department of the History of Ukrainian Literature at V. Karazin National University in Kharkiv, was awarded an honorary doctorate (Honoris Causa) by UCU.



“Living through the war, opposing the aggressor, we still must think about the future, about a strategy to develop our schools and scholarly plans, which are challenges for us.”

Archbishop Ihor Isichenko.

## MYROSLAV MARYNOVYCH – ON A LIST OF NOTED UKRAINIANS

**On the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ukraine’s independence, the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation composed a list of “30 stars of Ukraine.” The list of laureates included UCU Vice-Rector Myroslav Marynovych, dissident and founding member of the Ukrainian Helsinki Group.**



“They carefully and with concern keep an eye on events in their homeland, or the land of their ancestors; they are concerned about it. In addition, this award gives all of us honorees a warm feeling that our efforts are important for society. I am sincerely grateful to the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation for this award! And I am very sorry that my brothers from the camp in their lifetimes did not receive this honor which, without a doubt, they deserved.” – **Myroslav Marynovych.**

## A GLOBAL HISTORY OF UKRAINE

“Ukraine is a territory where the rules of the game are changing. So we don’t know what the world will be like after this war. But we know that this will be determined to a significant extent by what happens in Ukraine and around it.”

**Yaroslav Hrytsak, historian, UCU professor**



**UCU professor and historian Yaroslav Hrytsak presented his new book, “Overcoming the Past: A Global History of Ukraine.”**

In this book, which the author worked on for some 15 years, he analyzes the past in order to understand better where

Ukraine and the world are now and where we can go. The book is available in paper and audio formats.



## UCU BACHELOR'S STUDENTS 2022

**433**

ENTRANTS FOR  
BACHELOR'S  
DEGREES

**178** (41%)

of ENTRANTS received a scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year

**1029**

STUDENTS

of bachelor's and master's programs received various forms of scholarships/tuition and reductions/loans provided by the university.

**181,6**

UCU has the highest competition score in Ukraine among those who apply to universities

**299**  
/ Women



**134**  
/ Men

**25%**  
2020-2021

**46%**  
2021-2022

**ENTRANTS WHO RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS FROM UCU**



**Ivanna Mohyliak**,  
head of the  
UCU charitable fund



**Fr. Thomas Schwartz**,  
CEO of Renovabis, a Catholic  
charitable foundation in Germany



**Plast scout Sofiya Fityo**  
received the first Hero Artem Dymyd  
Scholarship at UCU.

"The war in Ukraine has brought great ruin. Many people were left without a roof over their heads. A significant number have lost their work. We as a university this year in particular wanted to support our students and graduates in this difficult time of war. And, thanks to benefactors from Ukraine and the whole world, almost 1,000 students and their families received various kinds of financial support from UCU. The majority of those who requested scholarships received them."

"Our work has changed radically: all the foundation's efforts are directed at helping people in Ukraine and also refugees. Among the top priority projects of Renovabis is financing student scholarships, so they can be sure that they'll be able to study even after the war. We believe in their future, which will be dedicated to Ukraine."

"I grew up in the UCU environment, and when the time came to submit documents, I had no doubt where I would study. I chose social work, because I like to help and work with people. When they awarded me the Artem Dymyd Scholarship, I felt an obligation, for Artem perished defending Ukraine and defending me, also. I have to justify this trust by studying well at the university."



An admissions campaign during the conditions of war was a challenge for all including the university, entrants, and their parents. Nevertheless, UCU filled 92.5% of its slots for bachelor's programs. Last year this figure was 89%.



## STUDENT LIFE:

- Svyatoslav Lushney, a first-year student in the Computer Studies bachelor's program of the UCU Applied Sciences Faculty, won a gold medal in the 14th International Olympics in Astronomy and Astrophysics, competing among high school and college students from 48 countries.
- UCU students established a project to protect art during wartime. The co-founders of the charitable organization Save Art UA, Iryna Krechkovska and Mykola Kryvyi, decided to provide protection on the cultural front and started a project in which they collected information about ruined architectural monuments of Ukraine and published it on an interactive map. The team also collected money to preserve these monuments. The project's partners included the Ukrainian Cultural Fund, the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine, the Architectural Palace of the National Union of Ukrainian Architects, and the British Council.
- Six UCU students were chosen for internships at Google. "Working within a large corporation significantly changes your attitude. You understand that this is an open and tolerant community. As many people as possible should try their hand at an internship abroad and then return home, because our generation will create change," says Yuliya Maksymyuk, third-year student, specialty IT and Business Analytics.



**His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church and UCU Grand Chancellor, was the keynote speaker at UCU's winter commencement ceremonies. He called the graduates to love their people and to be patriots of their homeland.**

"Some of you may remain in Ukraine, and some may go to the West. But wherever you are, do something good for your people. Even when the Lord calls you outside Ukraine, everything that you achieve and learn there you will one day bring back here. Gather in order to give: this is the logic of a true patriot." His Beatitude Sviatoslav

## HONORS FROM THE NATIONAL MODEL UN



**The team of Ukrainian Catholic University and Kyiv-Mohyla Academy took part in the World Conference of the National Model United Nations held in New York City. This was the first time a Ukrainian university participated in the world Model UN in person since it was founded in 1927.**

The students received significant support and a special distinction from the National Model UN which had previously not been given to any team. This was a gratifying award for the significant

and visible participation of the Ukrainian delegation.

*"Understanding that our 'frontline' is the awareness of youth of the world, we used every minute there, every corner, and every*

The Ukrainian team with Serhiy Kyslylytsya, Ukraine's permanent representative at the UN.

*forum to speak about the brutal Russian aggression. As a result, we received significant support and a special distinction from the National Model UN, which had previously not been given to any team," commented Halyna Protsyk, team coordinator, professor, head of the International Academic Relations Department.*



# UCU ON THE FRONT LINES



Alina Mykhaylova



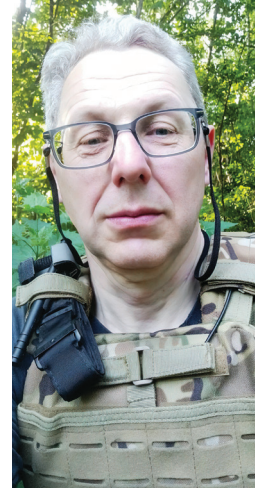
Dmytro Dymyd



Maksym Osadchuk



Orysa Masna



Andriy Romanyuk

**Many students, staff, and graduates of UCU are defending Ukraine on the front lines. As of September 2022, 18 students, 12 professors and staff of UCU, and some 30 alumni are serving in the Ukrainian Army.**

**Maksym Osadchuk**, a doctoral candidate in UCU's Humanities Faculty, was on the Maidan, and in 2014 he left his home in his native Crimea, occupied by Russian soldiers, and went to defend Ukraine as part of the volunteer battalion Aydar. After returning from the war, Osadchuk tried civil and scholarly work. Then in February he again went to defend



**For personal bravery and sacrifice, demonstrated in defense of the state sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, for faithfulness to his military oath, Oleksandr Shyrshyn, a graduate of the Master's Program in Non-Profit Management of the UCU Institute of Leadership and Management, was awarded the order "For bravery," 3rd degree.**

Ukraine. Osadchuk also received the Bohdan Solchanyk Scholarship, named after an UCU professor slain by a sniper on the Maidan.

"Today we are defending not only ourselves but all Europe, all the values on which European society today is based: human rights, respect for dignity. We overcame the pandemic. We will overcome Putin." – Maksym Osadchuk.

**Orysa Masna**, a student of the Social Work program and the communicator of UCU's Alumni Relations Department, volunteered in a military hospital in Lviv from the beginning of the war. She eventually joined the volunteer medical battalion Hospitalers, which works on the front lines.

"What most motivates me in my work is preserving the lives of those who directly risk their lives on the field of war. If uninvited guests have come into my country, I can't sit and look as they 'visit' there," says Masna.

**Alina Mykhaylova** has been involved in the war since 2014. She's a paramedic, civil activist, deputy of the Kyiv City Council, and a student



**Serhiy Prytula**, civic activist, Ukrainian TV host, volunteer. He is a student enrolled in UCU's Master's Program in Public Administration. He is a volunteer and has helped the Ukrainian Army since 2014. His fund purchases necessary supplies and technical items for soldiers.

"The phenomenon of volunteering is something that the Soviet authorities were unable to erase from within Ukrainians' genetic code. Ukrainians have gathered together on an altruistic basis, because we understand that if we don't help our army, it won't be motivated. And if the army loses its motivation to defend us, then we will disappear as a nation, as a part of the landscape of the world's political map." Serhiy Prytula.

of UCU's master's program in public administration. She now coordinates medical services in her unit and is involved with evacuating those wounded on the frontlines.

"After victory, we'll have still more to do. So there's a desire to work on creating new policies and institutions which Ukraine needs today. We need to form a new generation, to develop effective projects," declared Mykhaylova.

**Dmytro Dymyd is 21.** In February 2022, he stopped his studies at UCU and joined the Armed Forces of Ukraine. At the start of June, his brother Artem perished in the war. The war forced Dmytro to rethink many things, but he didn't reject values instilled in him since childhood. He feels that he is needed here and now.

Dmytro is convinced that victory is ours, but each must take part. "I think that victory is the most believable scenario. We are successfully working towards it. But we must remain realistic, and that victory will not come on its own. Each of us must volunteer or donate money for the army. It's important to take part."

**Andriy Romanyuk**, with a candidate's degree in technical sciences, teaches basic coding at the Applied Sciences Faculty. He joined the army on February 25, 2022.



Dmytro Pashchuk and Roman Lozynskiy during the liberation of Kherson.

"Our unit received significant help from Ukrainian Catholic University. Volunteers donated to purchase automobiles, a minivan, and other technical equipment. The help of volunteers gives the feeling of love of which His Beatitude Lubomyr Husar spoke. So I want to thank everyone for their work and wish them strength and inspiration to continue."

Being aware of the centuries of aggression of our northern neighbor, **Roman Lozynskiy** has been motivated to prepare for war his whole life. He is now 28 and a national deputy of Ukraine.

"What happened in 2022, and in 2014, and what's been happening for centuries, proves that in our history there have not even been a few decades without Russian aggression in various forms: political, cultural, military. So I am convinced that we must continue to be ready to defend our country," says Lozynskiy.

We thank all our defenders who fight for our independence and allow us to study and work even in conditions of war.



## DON'T STOP WORKING, NOT FOR A MOMENT

**Even with the start of the full-scale invasion, the educational process at Ukrainian Catholic University did not stop. UCU adopted a service learning format.**

Thus, professors and students looked for projects where they could maximally serve Ukraine with their abilities and knowledge.

**526**

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF  
WORK AT UCU

Thanks to the leadership and support of our benefactors, our university has persevered and managed to keep its administrative team in place.

“We cannot foresee when the war will end. But we know that Ukraine will need young professionals who will take on responsibility for rebuilding the country. We believe that this should include people who base their actions on values. So we should remain flexible in developing various versions of activities, relying on a number of scenarios for our functioning, and continuing our community life thanks to the best execution of the mission of the university and our educational goals.”

So says **Dmitryo Sherengovsky**,  
UCU Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs and Internationalization.



## HONORS IN THE WORLD COMPETITION



The integrational theater Smiles and Tears has actors who are students and people with special needs from UCU's Emmaus Center. Photo: Viktoriya Viktorova

**Two service learning projects at UCU received honors from Uniservitate Global Award 2022.**

These were the projects “I’m different!” introduced by Yuliya Vinton for the course “In search of God,” and “Shelter

for internally displaced persons,” which the university launched within one of its instructional buildings.

“UCU is on the right track in introducing service learning, and the projects we’re executing are of high quality, well-planned, systematized, influential in society, and can be broadened as better examples of our experience. In this way, the goal affirmed in the UCU Strategy will be achieved, above and beyond quantifiable indicators. Behind every digit stands a product of very high quality.”

**Olha Mykhaylyshyn**,  
who, until recently, oversaw the UCU Service Learning Center.

## DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

**“A modern management system, an entrepreneurial university” – this is one of 10 strategic goals in UCU Strategy 2025, under the title “A university that serves.” To implement this goal, an accounting system and an interactive portal for UCU data were introduced.**

The university introduced a system for electronic circulation of documents, renewed the university’s internal portal “My UCU,” and launched UCU Wiki.

Oleh Lahodnyuk launched a digital transformation at UCU at the start of 2022. He shares his vision: “The next project we’re planning will be a renewed system for the Dean’s Office and a CRM system for the

whole university. Other auxiliary instruments will also appear alongside them. UCU is continuing its development in conditions of war, so we have not stopped introducing digital transformation. When we build a new ecosystem of informational resources, this will open up new possibilities and give an opportunity to quickly and effectively make new decisions.”

## LEGAL SUPPORT

**Since 2014, the Legal Clinic of the UCU Law School, directed by Khrystyna Kovtsun, has been providing legal help at no cost to those suffering from the war.**

With the new challenges of this full-scale war, the work of students of the UCU Law School has moved in two directions: legal help for internally displaced persons and those suffering due to the war, and legal assistance for soldiers, veterans, and members of their families.



## A DECISIVE TIME FOR THE COUNTRY

**Students of the Social Work Program actively help on the volunteer front.**



The university is sheltering families forced to leave their homes because of the war.

Several social work students worked in UCU’s relief center which was established for displaced children. This shelter was housed in the building of UCU’s Faculty of Theology and Philosophy. Other students worked with teams of rehabilitators, including physical therapists and occupational therapists of the Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy of the Faculty of Health Sciences, to help wounded soldiers.

“Service learning gives an understanding of the importance of what you’re doing. You see the value of your work here and now. This is a decisive time for Ukraine, and I’m glad that, through their work and knowledge, students are positively influencing people’s fates.”

**Yuliya Kokoyachuk,**  
the former head of the UCU’s Social Work Program

## UCU ONLINE

**The educational project UCU Online aims to support Ukrainians in wartime and spread opportunities for career and personal development. This is a unique program of virtual educational mentoring with a selection of online courses. Now you can study with UCU anywhere!**

Lecturers include UCU professors, civic activists, certified human resources professionals, business leaders, business consultants, and spiritual mentors: Archbishop Borys Gudziak, Myroslav

Marynovych, Andriy Rozhdestvenskyi, Roksolyana Voronovska, Sophia Opatska, Marta Tychenko, and others routinely provide lectures. Register to study at [www.online.ucu.edu.ua](http://www.online.ucu.edu.ua).

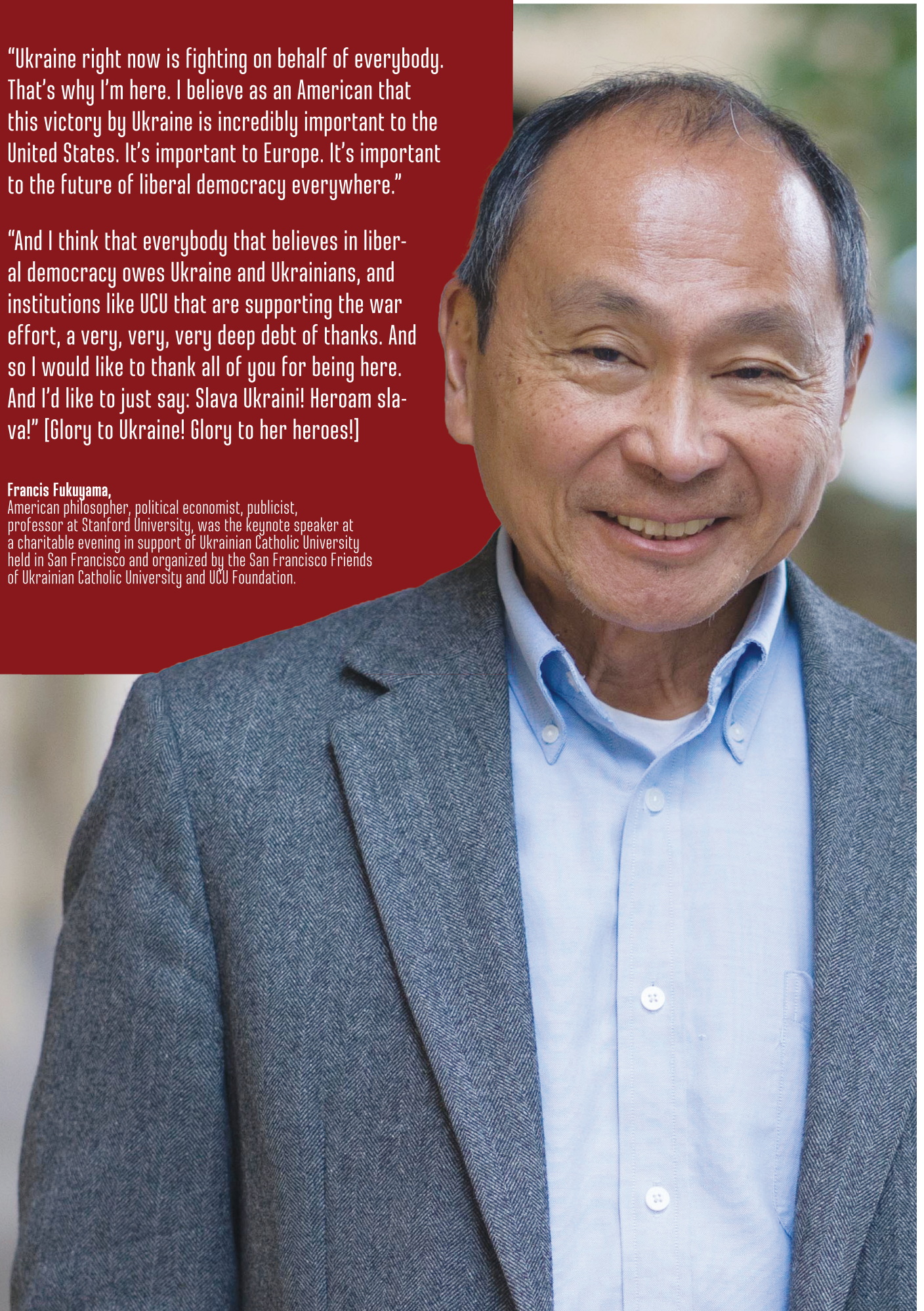


“Ukraine right now is fighting on behalf of everybody. That’s why I’m here. I believe as an American that this victory by Ukraine is incredibly important to the United States. It’s important to Europe. It’s important to the future of liberal democracy everywhere.”

“And I think that everybody that believes in liberal democracy owes Ukraine and Ukrainians, and institutions like UCU that are supporting the war effort, a very, very, very deep debt of thanks. And so I would like to thank all of you for being here. And I’d like to just say: Slava Ukraini! Heroam slava!” [Glory to Ukraine! Glory to her heroes!]

**Francis Fukuyama,**

American philosopher, political economist, publicist, professor at Stanford University, was the keynote speaker at a charitable evening in support of Ukrainian Catholic University held in San Francisco and organized by the San Francisco Friends of Ukrainian Catholic University and UCU Foundation.





## FIRST PERELAZ FOLK-BALL HELD IN THE UNITED STATES

Philadelphia hosted the first Perelaz Folk-Ball on the American continent. Some 300 participants donated more than \$100,000 to support UCU.



“My family and I have not missed any UCU event, either in Lviv or Kyiv. And now, when the first such event is happening here in America, of course, I couldn’t miss it, not only as Ambassador to the U.S., but as a longtime member of Friends of UCU.”

**Oksana Markarova,**  
Ukrainian Ambassador  
to the United States of America

## LET’S KEEP UCU STRONG!

In the 2021-2022 academic year, friends of UCU across the ocean held six charitable banquets in support of the university: locations included Philadelphia, East Coast Region, Midwest Region, West Coast region and Calgary, Canada.

Benefactors supported UCU’s students, raising more than \$650,000. Funds raised will help ensure quality education at the highest level.



During the fourteenth charitable evening in Kyiv, Friends of UCU donated 22 million hryvnias to support students and professors and the development of the university.

“It seems to me that all our human life is more searching, more looking, more thinking, more dreaming... more, more, more. This is what your university and these wonderful people do. People’s indifference bothers me. It’s important to see a spark in each person: to look, to probe, to approach in a godly way; this is how you treat students at Ukrainian Catholic University. Honor and glory to you.”

**Ada Rohovtseva,**  
National Artist of Ukraine, honored speaker

Over the years, more than 20,000 benefactors all over the world have joined to support UCU’s growth and development.



“You are all, without exaggeration, Ukraine’s elite. And it is your bright minds that ensure the development of our state as a free, strong, and independent European democracy. February 24, 2022 was preceded by more than 300 years of struggle. No matter how difficult it is for our soldiers in the east, no matter how difficult for us all, I am absolutely convinced that Ukraine will win. Our generation simply has no right to allow defeat. Trust, mutual support, and faith in victory are three powerful strengths that keep us together, three strengths thanks to which we endure and will win. Ukraine is already now becoming an example for others, an example that it is possible to endure in the most difficult conditions, that light is stronger than darkness, that truth is stronger than lies. So, however strong evil may appear, it needs to be repulsed.”

**Dmytro Kuleba,**  
government figure, diplomat and communicator, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, and member of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine, spoke at UCU commencement ceremonies in 2022.



## A VISION FOR REBUILDING UKRAINE

**Ukrainian Catholic University, together with Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, initiated an academic platform to discuss a vision for Ukraine's future.**

This included a series of conferences to discuss the lessons of today's war, emphasizing prospects for social,

political, economic, and cultural changes and determining the values on which the country's future renewal will be based.



**Oleh Turiy,**  
UCU Vice-Rector

"For UCU, the question of how reconstruction will happen or, rather, Ukraine's development after victory, is already on the agenda. We understand that the first and most important condition for this is the end of the war and our victory. Nevertheless, this does not keep us from thinking about the future."



**Iryna Ivanchyk,**  
founder of the Believe  
in Yourself charitable  
fund, UCU senator

"What is happening during the war is a laboratory for us: How can we save this new experience and new model of cooperation and not forget it after victory? We have to make the idea of striving for a great goal in small steps the basis of our life."

## LIFE OVERCOMES DARKNESS



**Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York (U.S.), visited Ukrainian Catholic University.**

The cardinal met refugee families who, during the war, found shelter at UCU. He also met with students working at UCU's Volunteer Center.

Sharing impressions of his visit, Cardinal Dolan stated: "I thought that I would come to Ukraine and see great depression. Yes, I see

sadness and pain because of war. But I am inspired by the vitality, hope, and solidarity of Ukrainians. I see people who take in refugees and visit their rooms and buildings, Ukrainians who volunteer. I see people who are patriots. Ukrainians will not let evil have the last word. Life overcomes darkness."

## NEW PUBLICATIONS:

- **The Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, A Short History, [book in English]**  
Anatolii Babinskyi
- **Outline of the History of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Bukovyna,** Nestor Myzak and Andriy Yaremchuk
- **Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky and the Nazi Regime,** a Ukrainian-language translation of the book of Fr. Andriy Mykhaleyko
- **Living Stories of the Underground Church: A collection of interviews,** compiled by Borys Gudziak and Oleh Turiy
- **The Zamość Provincial Synod of the Ruthenian Uniate Church in 1720,** Ihor Skochylas
- **Ukrainians in the Polish Sejm and Senate (1922-1939),** Oleksandr Zaytsev
- **The Mother of God in the Old Rus Chronicles: Metaphysics of Name and Presence,** Nazar Fedorak
- **The Path of Ministry: A collection of articles in honor of the academic ministry of Fr. Prof. Mykhaylo Dymyd**
- **A Prayerful Psalter: Introduction.** Translator, compiler Fr. Vasyl Rudeyko
- **When The Forest Was Our Father,** Memories of Mariya Labunka, under the pseudonym Iryna



# NETWORK OF ACADEMIC SOLIDARITY

**At the start of the full-scale invasion, the Network of Solidarity and Strategic Partnership was initiated by the university and our partners throughout the world.**



The goal of this initiative is to help Ukrainian students and professors ensure financing and support for education/ internships/teaching/ research programs abroad throughout the following four academic years (2022-2026).

The network now numbers 35 universities around the world. UCU invites its faculty and students to get involved in supporting the academic community and programs of strategic cooperation for the renewal of Ukraine. We believe in global academic solidarity!

“We consider that the academic community should be an example and proactively respond to Russia’s barbarous acts. So we should unite to oppose Russian aggression. We are convinced that intellectuals and scholars bear

special responsibility for peace, freedom, and the prevention of dictatorship! They should also do everything to ensure the full isolation of Putin’s Russia from the civilized democratic world,” reads one of the addresses of the UCU community.

# YOUTH REBUILD A NEW UKRAINIAN ECONOMY

**UCU is launching the Angel One venture capital fund, which is starting with \$1.5 million of its own capital.**



The goal of the fund, created by Ukrainian Catholic University Foundation, is to develop a startup culture in Ukraine and help young Ukrainian entrepreneurs implement their ideas. The fund will accompany projects through the whole period of their development: providing necessary

capital, contact with entrepreneurial and venture communities, and appropriate expertise.

*“Ukraine’s startup industry is growing swiftly. More and more Ukrainian startups are becoming successful in global markets. This inspires young people to*



**Adrian Slywotzky,**  
member of the Advisory Board of Angel One, leading world business thinker

“Ukraine has a great movement of bottom-up startups. And this movement became active during the war. These youth are building a new Ukrainian economy. Angel One will help them substantially increase their chances for success and the tempo of their growth. Ukrainian startups are capable of changing the world, and they will do this.”

*create their own projects and release their products. And we suppose that investments at the earliest stages are what our startup ecosystem is lacking. At Angel One we want to help startups grow and enter global markets.”*

Ivan Petrenko,  
leading partner of Angel One

# STRONGER TOGETHER

**After Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the University of Notre Dame demonstrated its solidarity with Ukraine in many ways: decisive statements, prayerful and informational support, and increased cooperation and partnership.**



During his Commencement speech, Archbishop Borys throws an impressive ("Long Bomb") football pass to the graduating students. Photo: The University of Notre Dame

President of Notre Dame Fr. John I. Jenkins and Metropolitan Archbishop of the Philadelphia Archeparchy Borys Gudziak signed an agreement about significantly expanding academic, spiritual, and cultural cooperation between the two universities.

New initiatives focus on exchanges of students and professors with the Notre Dame campus and its branches throughout the world. These initiatives

also provide opportunities for professors and administrators of Notre Dame to cooperate with UCU in Lviv.

"The war in Ukraine is a great global tragedy. We stand in solidarity with the courageous people of Ukraine and with our longtime partners at UCU. Notre Dame has for many years, through its Nanovic Institute for European Studies, hosted visiting scholars from UCU here on campus, and in turn, our scholars

have spent time there. Now, as the Ukrainians resist the Russian invasion of their country, the role of UCU and of all Ukrainian universities has never been more important, both in sustaining the work of Ukrainian scholars and researchers and in preparing for the eventual rebuilding of their war-ravaged nation." President of Notre Dame Fr. John I. Jenkins

The University of Notre Dame awarded Metropolitan Borys Gudziak an honorary doctorate. The President of UCU was also the keynote speaker at the 177th commencement ceremonies held in May 2022.

"From the viscera and netherworld of Azovstal, those warriors, including students, recent graduates, and university professors, teach us the most important lesson – how to live fully, remain human, children of God, even in impossible circumstances. How to give of ourselves, how to sacrifice...Notre Dame has offered a singular response to the Russian invasion and devastation of Ukraine. My presence reflects your heartfelt solidarity. It is a sign of your capacity to love generously, to embrace, to serve, and save the suffering, to bless the cursed and lift up the downtrodden and trampled." So said Metropolitan Borys to the 2022 graduates.

## UCU'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PARTNER IN TAIWAN

**Ingrid Y. Liu, President of Tzu Chi University (Taiwan), and UCU Rector Fr. Bohdan Prach signed a memorandum of mutual understanding, support, and academic cooperation.**



President of Tzu Chi University (Taiwan)  
Ingrid Y. Liu.

"UCU is known for combining a religious spirit, ethical education, and professional preparation. These are also values that Tzu Chi University upholds. Signing this memorandum, our university will make great efforts to support Ukraine and UCU with humanitarian aid and cooperate in the development of online education, in the exchange of professors and students, and in research work. Together we will ensure the quality and endurance of higher education that is based on the values of Global Goal No. 4 of the UN and involves all of us."





United Ukraine has supported the military since 2015.

**The UCU student organization United Ukraine reorganized itself to provide material support for soldiers on the front lines and to the civilian population near the front, in particular in the areas of Donetsk and Kherson.**

The volunteers transport everything in trucks: for civilians – food, medicine, and hygiene items; for hospitals – medical instruments; for soldiers – uniforms, body armor, televisions, and generators. “We support our defenders not only materially but also morally. We personally bring them everything necessary. We want to thank them, shake

their hands, embrace them, so they feel our support in the background. This is very important for the fighting spirit. Volunteers can give a helping hand thanks to the Ukrainian people and friends abroad. And so, with small, united steps, we are marching to a great victory!” explains Yuriy Muryn, UCU graduate and head of United Ukraine.

## EASTER TOGETHER



**Every year the UCU Student Association conducts “Easter Together,” a cultural bonding experience in cities located in southern and eastern Ukraine. But this year, for reasons of safety, “Easter Together” was held in Lviv on the UCU campus.**

Because of the war, many people from the eastern and southern regions, who were forced to flee because of daily shooting and the terror of the occupiers, found themselves living in Lviv.

“The Lord’s Resurrection is a holy day manifesting life, which absolutely defeats death. At Ukrainian Catholic University, we have a place to rejoice in this news, in union with others.” Iryna Didych, coordinator of the event, UCU student.



The UCU Student Theatre “On Simon’s Pillars” promotes artistic and creative outlets during the war. The theater regularly collects money to support actors, directors, and other professionals of theater and art. Many of them find themselves on stages in hot spots near the war zone and offer the possibility of creating meaningful art in times of war.

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## EVERLASTING GLORY TO THE HEROES!

From the first days of Russia's full-scale invasion of the territory of Ukraine, part of our community – professors, students, graduates, and staff – took weapons in hand to defend Ukraine in the battle with the Russian occupier. Unfortunately, many of them made the supreme sacrifice of their lives for our homeland.

We express sincere condolences to the families and friends of the Heroes. May their memory be eternal!

**Taras Hayduk**  
**Mykola Fedortsov**  
**Oleh Yashchyshyn**  
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**This UCU mug was the only intact item in the destroyed home of Ruslan Kavatsyuk, a graduate of the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy. His family spent years building the family home in Hostomel near Kyiv. The Russian Army burned the building down to the ground. Strangely, Ruslan's favorite mug, which had traveled with him for many years from apartment to apartment, did not burn.**

"Ukrainians have to show the world, with the example of the Russians, that evil cannot go unpunished. God called us to this mission, to put the Russians in their place. We have no other choice," says Kavatsyuk.

We stand!

COVER PAGE PHOTO

'Forgive me, Mama and research supervisor, I quickly...' –

Written on the first day of Russia's full-scale invasion by **Maksym Osadchuk**, second-year doctoral student in the program History and Archaeology, public relations manager of the UCU Humanities Faculty, laureate of the Bohdan Solchanyk, Hero of Ukraine, Scholarship.

Photo taken on February 24th on the UCU campus, when Osadchuk left for the front.