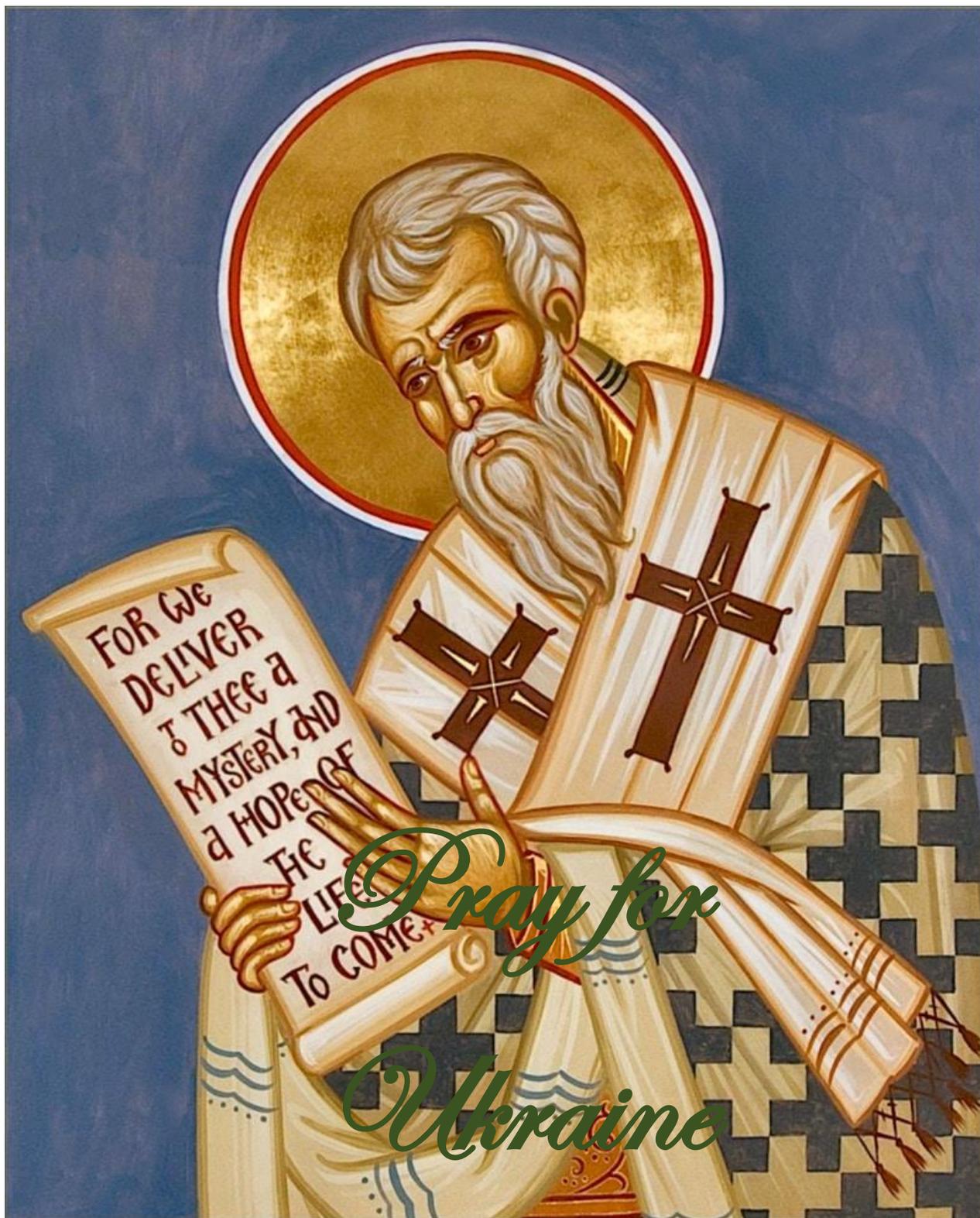




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The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem





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## Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

Raised a Christian in Jerusalem, St. Cyril (315-386) was well educated and became a scholar. He was ordained a priest by St. Maximus. As a great teacher of catechumens, St. Cyril's instructions are still source documents for the Church's early teachings. He became Bishop of Jerusalem in 348. He was exiled three times by the Arian heretics on theological grounds. St Cyril of Jerusalem is the Doctor of Faith and against Heresy. His life and writings exemplify a faith that is ever ancient and ever new.



# St. Cyril of Jerusalem

## Prayer



Doctor of the Church

Died: 386

Feast Day: March 18

Strengthen, O God, your church  
in the sacraments of your grace,  
that we, in union with the  
teaching and prayers  
of your servant Cyril of Jerusalem  
may enter more fully  
into your Paschal mystery;  
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with  
You in the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever,  
AMEN



# Message for Lent 2022



Dear Confreres and Consoeurs of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, Lent, this year, brings with it so many hopes along with so much uncertainty and suffering, still linked to the pandemic and its psychological, social and religious consequences which we have been experiencing through trial and error for about two years. To these are added the dramas of the war in Ukraine and other countries and the combination of old and new poverty.

The forty days that prepare us for Easter are a pressing invitation to turn to the Good News of the presence among us of the Kingdom of God, which gives deep meaning to our existence in a renewed encounter with Jesus, the crucified and risen Christ.

In this Lent Pope Francis exhorts us: *"Let us never tire of doing good; for if we do not give up, in due time we will reap our harvest. Therefore, where we have the opportunity, let us do good to all"* (Gal 6:9-10a). The beauty of our life lies *"not so much in having as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing good and sharing"*. Sowing good frees us from the narrow perspective of personal gain and gives our actions the broad breath of generosity, placing us in the wonderful perspective of the Father's plan of salvation, rich in mercy and benevolent to all. In order to sow good and to reap its fruits, fasting prepares the soil, prayer irrigates it, charity makes it fruitful.

Let us not tire of praying. We need to pray personally and communally because we need God. To be self-sufficient is a dangerous illusion. No one is saved alone, because we are all in the same boat amid the storms of history; but above all no one is saved without God, because only the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ gives us the certainty of victory over death.

Faith does not take us away from the tribulations of life but allows us to address them united to God in Christ, with the great hope that does not disappoint and whose pledge is the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:1-5).

Let us not tire of eradicating evil from our lives through bodily fasting to strengthen our spirit for the fight against sin and to share the deprivations of so many people affected by wars, climate change and various forms of poverty.



If it is true that our whole life is a time to sow good, let us take advantage of this Lent in a special way to take care of sick people, to make ourselves close to those brothers and sisters who are wounded on the road of life, to open ourselves to solidarity and acceptance towards Ukrainian refugees.

Lent is an ideal time to seek, and not to avoid, those in need; to call, and not to ignore, those who want to listen and to receive a good word; to visit, and not to abandon, those who suffer loneliness. By practising fraternal love for all, we are united to Christ, who gave his life for us, and we have a foretaste of the joy of the Kingdom of Heaven in the heavenly Jerusalem.

Lent invites us to turn around, to change our mentality, so that life has its truth and beauty not so much in having as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing good and in sharing.

During Lent we are called to respond to God's gift by accepting his Word which is "alive and effective" (*Heb 4:12*). Reading, meditating and praying the Word of God means preparing the heart to love without limits.

Listening first transforms the listener, avoiding the risk of presumption and self-centredness. Listening to the Word of God and listening to our brothers and sisters go hand in hand.

Lent reminds us every year that "good, as well as love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they must be worked at every day".

I therefore invite you to accept the call to let ourselves be reconciled with God, to fix our hearts' gaze on the Paschal Mystery and to be converted to listening to the voice of God, which reaches us through Scripture, our neighbour and the events of life.

I wish you a good Lenten journey.

+ ***Michele Pennisi***

***Archbishop of Monreale & Ecclesiastical Grand Prior***

*Monreale, Ash Wednesday 2 March 2022*



# GPA Ukrainian Relief Support Update



*PRAY for UKRAINE*

Dear members and friends,

Last evening I had a phone call with several charitable organizations we have been collaborating with on the Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis and I wanted to update you on our progress. These groups were represented by Reed Hancock, of the Universal Archconfraternity, Robert Soderstrom, the Grand Prior of the Order of St. George, and Tammy Will ([www.matter.ngo](http://www.matter.ngo)), an NGO that collects donated medical supplies among other things and makes them available for requesting and vetted groups like ours. Tammy and [matter.ngo](http://www.matter.ngo) has made available 100 plus pallets of medical supplies for Ukraine, currently in a warehouse in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Robert has arranged transportation on a USAF aircraft as St. George is a member of the Denton program (DOD/USAID program that provides free military transport for not-for-profit groups on a space available basis). The Denton program requires all recipients of this transportation service to be a US 501c3, and that's where we fit in. The GPA/AASL 501c3 certification would be the key to this transportation and completes the requirement for the USAF to fly these pallets (2 tractor trailer loads) into Poland. On arrival, a representative of the Polish OSL would meet the aircraft, accept delivery and then start the process of transporting these pallets to where they are needed. The USAF would select the airport in Poland based on availability for space, and the timeline is also based on aircraft space availability – it could be this week or in 2-3 weeks. This won't be the only shipment as Tammy has said they will continue to provide donated supplies and once this process is established it will be much smoother.

The next step is transporting these pallets to where they need to go, and in a follow up call last night I spoke with Edmund Janniger and Bob Schwartz, father and son members of the GPA who have dual memberships in the Polish OSL Priory. They have been instrumental in the last 10 days with contacts in Warsaw, and in fact I received an email yesterday from the Polish Deputy Counsel General in New York asking what they can do to help us help them. Earlier last week we provided our Polish contacts to the Swedish Grand Priory at Marny's request, where the Swedes were bringing 6 buses into Poland wanting to bring back to Sweden 6 busloads of refugees for relocation. In a series of late-night emails and phone calls this was accomplished, and I just received an email from our Swedish contact saying they were able to bring 162 children and 42 mothers - quite remarkable! We were also aided by the Governor of Mazovia, where Warsaw is located, and his Defense Attaché, as they know Bob Schwartz and Edmund Janniger well.

Circling back to this shipment, Edmund and Bob will identify an OSL member individual on the ground in Poland who will accept delivery from the USAF and the NY Deputy Counsel general and Governor of Mazovia will then provide transport of these pallets as directed. This is a wonderful example of groups working together, providing contacts all around the world at literally a moment's notice and making a difference in this Ukrainian crisis.



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This past Monday evening, at Edmund's invitation, I participated in an international United Nations webinar zoom call entitled "Fourth Annual Dialogue On Worldwide Threats" (sponsored by the Polish Dept. of Defense), featuring Professor Ramesh Thakur, the former Assistant Secretary General of the UN. In the final 5 minutes I was given the opportunity to speak about the OSL and our efforts for Ukrainian support. I would like to personally thank Edmund Janniger and Bob Schwartz for their absolutely incredible help with our efforts in this Ukrainian crisis – this is a role model example of people stepping up with their time and talent, and we need to now step up with our treasure.

This is a very fast-moving environment and I wanted to make sure you were all kept up to date. The situation in Ukraine is getting worse by the hour, and Poland is maxed out on refugees and in desperate need of help to provide food, shelter and medical supplies. Today I will be sending \$4,720 that my wife Anna has collected from her clients and co-workers to the AASL for wire transfer to the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, our third initiative described in my email blast to our members earlier this week. Please open up your hearts and pocketbooks to help these millions of Ukrainians just simply trying to stay alive.

We will be providing these updates on a regular basis and thank you again for your help and support in this imaginable crisis.

John  
**HE The Chevalier John F. Byrnes, GCLJ, GMLJ, KMLJ**  
Grand Prior  
Grand Prioral Hospitaller Emeritus  
Grand Priory of America



**Impact Report**  
**February 2022**  
 Prepared for the Order of St. Lazarus



**HEAL Initiative**  
 Health, Equity, Action & Leadership




## Empowering Health Providers Worldwide in a Time of Crisis

We are deeply appreciative of the Order of St. Lazarus’s support of the University of California San Francisco Health, Equity, Action, Leadership Initiative (UCSF HEAL), which offers a two-year fellowship that recruits and trains health professionals from the United States and around the world to work in underserved communities. With nearly 180 health professionals across 8 countries in 19 partnerships, UCSF HEAL fellows provide crucial clinical care, technical assistance, and training—all to advance health worldwide.

Our efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic—including direct patient care to tens of thousands of individuals and advocating for increased resources to our partner communities—requires tremendous planning and bandwidth, which cannot be performed without partners like the Order of St. Lazarus. Ongoing, rapid response to the COVID-19 crisis requires that we continue training cohorts in each country we work in while many HEAL Fellows are leading their health systems’ pandemic response.



## Recent Accomplishments

The \$15,000 contribution from the Order of St. Lazarus allowed HEAL to expand its leadership training to deepen commitment to the underserved, grow our impact in Navajo Nation through a Center of Excellence, expand the HEAL model to domestic hubs with indigenous communities, continue battling COVID-19, and bolster program delivery and administrative management.

HEAL Initiative Fellows serve approximately 25,000 patients per year across 9 hospitals in Navajo Nation. Over 60 Navajo health professionals have built leadership skills through HEAL and 20 physicians have taken full-time positions in Navajo Nation after their fellowship. The support from the Order of St. Lazarus has been instrumental in helping greater cadres of health workers, patients, and tribal communities. We have promoted the Order of St. Lazarus internally at UCSF and will feature the organization on our website upon the launch of a new subpage to acknowledge our supporters.

We are glad to report that we recruited 8 HEAL cohorts, bringing us to a total of 180 fellows over the first seven years. 22 new health professionals joined the 2021-2023 cohort, including eight US-based physicians working domestically and internationally; eight Navajo Nation-based, Indigenous health professionals working in US domestic sites; and six international site fellows based in six countries.

We conducted innovative training and curricular delivery, including regional retreats, virtual/hybrid learning, mental health and mentorship support, and technical skills training led by HEAL fellows and alumni.

Several HEAL fellows continue to take permanent positions in Navajo Nation, increasing the vacancy rates in the region. Rotating Fellows like Nakyda Dean, MD, chose to commit to fulltime positions in Navajo Nation after the fellowship. Dr. Dean has shown tremendous commitment to her advocacy work to make sure childbirth is safe for all women. During this grant period, we sent additional doctors and nurses to Navajo Nation to care for critically ill patients, and also sent PPE, direct aid, and assistance for vaccination efforts.

Three new senior hires in Navajo Nation contributed impactful work in 2021 to drive long-term commitment. These representatives held critical meetings with Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, who has continuously supported HEAL and capacity building for Navajo site fellows. To fortify our fellows, we developed and launched mentorship programming, which included Navajo Nation regional gatherings led by local HEAL alumni, a doctor and nurse working in the region and sensitive to fellow wellbeing. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we held regular, more frequent community building efforts, book clubs, and ongoing support for rotating and site fellows.

Additionally, we furthered partnerships toward a second domestic hub alongside leaders in American Indian health in South Dakota. In South Dakota, we met with leadership at Pine Ridge and Great Plains Area Indian Health Services. There are a number of areas we are considering for expansion of HEAL, including tribal areas in California, Portland, and elsewhere.

There is significant and encouraging response to these developments over the last year.

Furthermore, we spent the last year refining fellows’ storytelling opportunities, internal documents, and external media to share developments around our recent activities. We also enriched our affiliation with the Office of President at the University of California to explore the probability of replicating HEAL across University of California campuses.

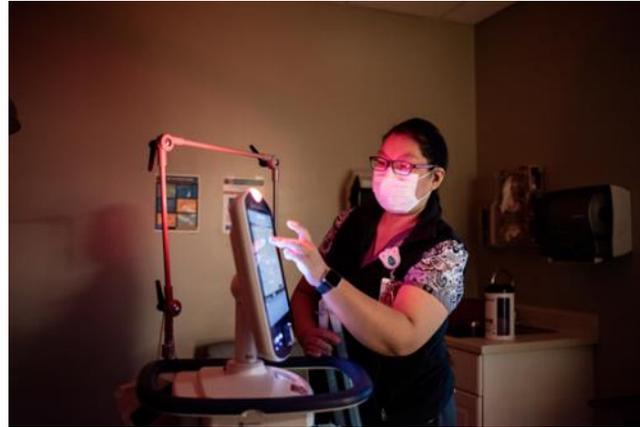
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OB/GYN	Rehoboth								
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**Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez stands alongside UCSF HEAL Initiative Co-founder and Alumni after a meeting to advocate for federal funding to Tribal health workers and expand HEAL nationally. Pictured from left to right: Navajo Physician Adriann Begay, HEAL's Senior Advisor and HEAL Alumni, Physician Daniel Mays, MD HEAL Alumni, Sriram Shamasunder, MD HEAL Co-founder, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, HEAL Staff Joseph Scarpelli, Navajo physician Marla Yazzie, MD, and HEAL Alumni and full-time staff member Cristina Rivera Carpenter, PhD, MSN, RN.**



**Navajo HEAL Fellows Cristina Rivera Carpenter, PhD, RN, MSN and Marla Yazzie, MD are two of the fellows who have developed their leadership and advocacy roles after their time in HEAL.**



**Elthea Notah, a full-time respiratory therapist at Tsehootsoo Medical Center, on the Navajo Nation and HEAL Alumni served on the frontline of the COVID-19 response to support the health and well-being of Native communities. Her expertise supported hundreds of COVID+ patients and patients with chronic illnesses, including sleep apnea, COPD, and other often-preventable health conditions.**



**Elthea Notah and Aaron Price, MD, HEAL Alumni worked together during the COVID-19 surge. Every year, HEAL fellows reach over 25,000 Navajo patients across 9 key health centers and hospitals.**



**UCSF's HEAL Solidarity team in 2020 provided urgent care for COVID+ Navajo patients quarantining in hotels and motels.**

### **Thank You**

The HEAL Initiative can transform healthcare worldwide, and one key to success is continued philanthropic support from donors such as the Order of St. Lazarus. While HEAL is 80% funded by government contracts, the remaining 20% comes from private gifts and grants, which are essential for driving innovation and making impact. Your generosity is touching lives innumerable patients and families. Thank you for your partnership.

## **Prayer for the People of Ukraine**

Almighty God, Source of the Peace that passes all understanding,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine. Help them in their time of  
need, heal the sick and wounded, comfort the bereaved, welcome  
into your kingdom those who have passed so suddenly from this  
earth. Endue the rulers of all nations with a sense of Thy  
direction and knowledge of Thy truth that Peace and brotherly love  
may reign upon this Thine Earth through Christ our Lord who is  
the Prince of Peace.

Amen

*William S.H. Downey*