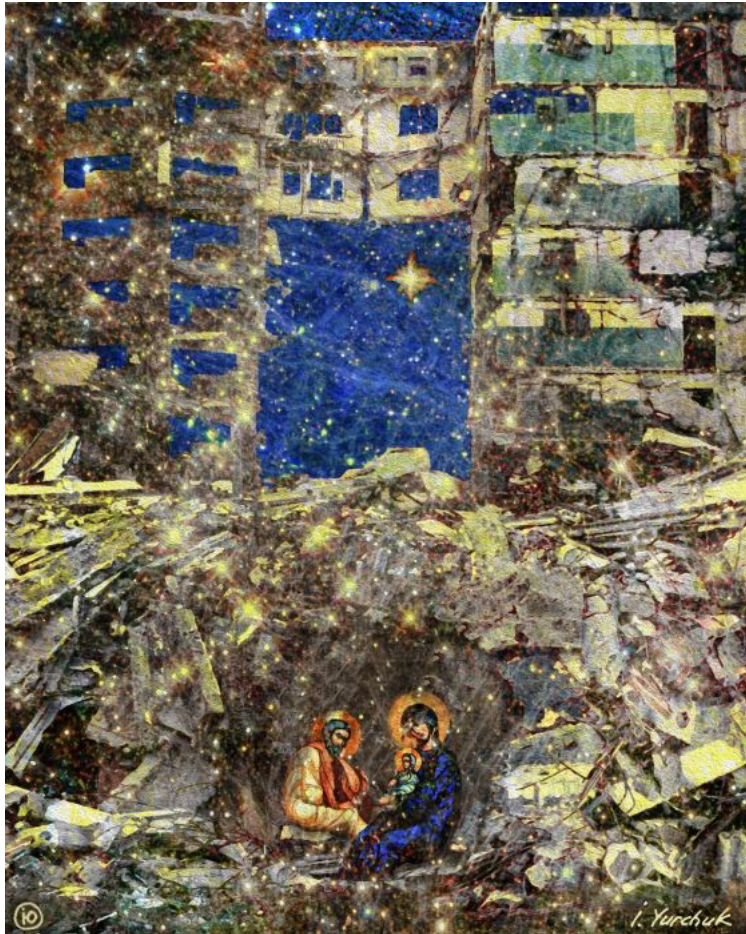


CHRISTMAS 2023



Nativity 2022, Irenaeus Yurchuk, Ukraine-New York.

Keep awake hope
is our wish at this time
of upheavals, bombings, and ecological collapse.

Even under personal, social
and planetary rubble
may new-born hope
still blossom in our hearts.

In communion of faith,
the monks of Incarnation Monastery,
Bede, Arthur, Ivan, and Thomas.

An appeal to your generosity

As you know, with the installation of the photovoltaic system, we have started a journey of decarbonization to reduce our community's ecological footprint. To date, our facility has prevented the release of more than 20,000 lbs. of CO2 into the atmosphere. Furthermore, for our electricity needs not covered by solar, we only use electricity produced by renewable sources.

A few days ago, a fault in the heating system forced us to replace one of the old furnaces. We have opted for a hybrid heat pump system, which will allow us to avoid the consumption of a large quantity of gas in favor of electricity over the next few years. The electric heat pump will serve the entire floor of our chapel and the library, and it is the gold standard in terms of efficiency in heat production: it extracts heat from the outside air and pours it into the building. Obviously, the choice of a technologically advanced system entailed a large financial investment: \$25,000.

Furthermore, we know that we may soon have to replace another furnace, which serves another area of the building where our long-term guests live, and if we want to use the same technology, the investment is estimated at approximately \$20,000.

Looking ahead, we will need to take care of the roof of our monastery, as there are leaks! We want to use materials that will keep our indoor space comfortable – with insulation to keep the heat out in summer and prevent our heat from leaking out during what passes for our winter.

We are therefore making an appeal for your generosity to set up a building fund that can help us face these expenses and increase the environmental sustainability of our community.

We hope you will be able to assist us in these important projects. Please give what you can – this is not the best time to ask, but let's face it, there is never a "good time to ask!" We monks are all involved, in our own ways, in garnering income for ourselves and for our buildings, but these major expenses are really pushing us, and to cover these costs is in a way beyond us.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us, in person or via email: financial@incarnationmonastery.com

Pray for us as we pray for you.