



An Icon for Our Times:
the Archangel Michael, Protector and Defender of Kyiv

Though he is a warrior, this fight was not of his choosing. He stands in defense, yet his weapon admonishes the aggressor with a text from Proverbs: "Do not plan evil against your neighbor who dwells trustfully beside you. Do not contend with a man for no reason, when he has done you no harm." Furious yet resolute, he nevertheless proffers an olive branch as a reminder that Ukraine would prefer peace.