

Victory Soon

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Myrrh on the walls of the icon,
blood-soaked statuettes of Jesus,
a candle burns out, drops the piece of oin,
in the heart anxiety, as always, premonitions are
heavy, precarious.

Prayers drive away evil every second,
let the executioners stop the
atrocities against the Ukrainian people,
The mockery in Bucha was a message to the world
and an instructive lesson.
Rocket volleys will wake up the bell on the steeple.

Victory is here, wait a little longer,
On earth with weapons, the people are stronger.

A Ukrainian soldier stands against the background of an apartment house destroyed by Russian bombardment in Borodyanka, Ukraine, that is being searched by a rescue team for survivors, 6 April 2022. (Photo by Efrem Lukatsky, Associated Press)