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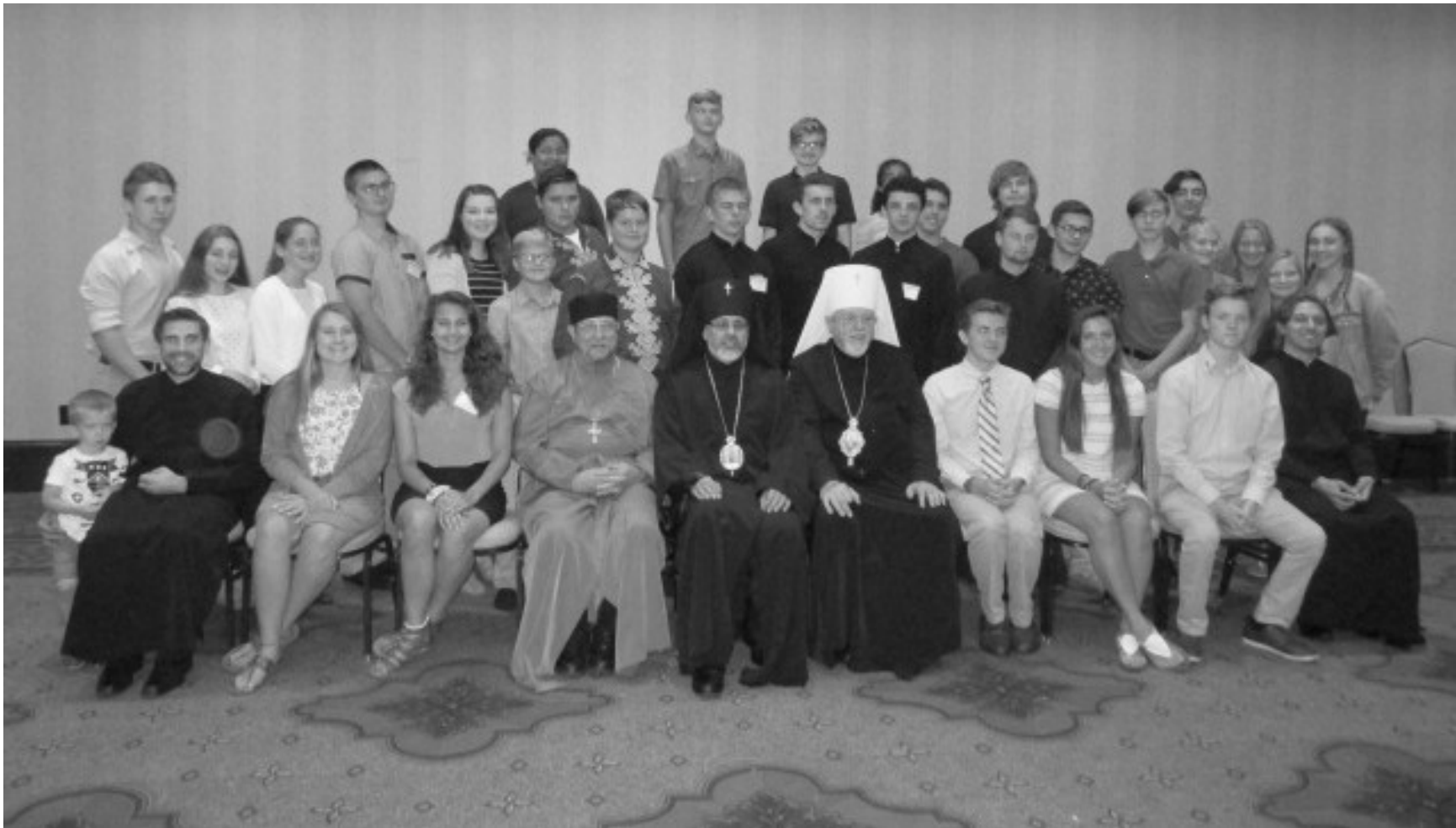
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JUNIOR UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX LEAGUE CONVENTION 2017

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

Submitted by Orest Mahlay



The 70th Annual UOL Convention started off on Wednesday July 26th in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. The Junior Executive Board met just prior to the proceedings to discuss the upcoming sessions as well as some new changes regarding the Convention. This Junior Convention decided to continue reforming the sessions in order to make more focused committees as well as to encourage fellowship among all of the delegates.

The Junior Sessions this year have become more practical and focused on giving the Executive Board new ideas for the upcoming year. Our first committee focused on **Local Chapter Programming**. This committee discussed different programs and activities that local chapters could work on during the course of the year. The committee made how-to-lists for doing a coffee hour, Lock-In, food drive, and bake sale. These suggestions will then be given out to the local chapters in order to encourage them to work on these different activities and projects if they don't already do so. The other committee addressed **Service Outreach**. This committee was responsible for brainstorming service ideas for the national Junior UOL Board to implement, as well as smaller projects local chapters could do. This committee suggested that the national Junior UOL look into projects for All Saints Camp, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), Habitat for Humanity, Orphanages in Ukraine, or the American Red Cross. They also suggested some local projects including working at soup kitchens, delivering baskets & caroling to the shut-ins, cleaning the church, packing lunches for the homeless, etc. Both of these committees gave the National Board ideas to implement in the coming year.

The Junior Convention also made an effort to create an environment of fellowship during the sessions. Chapter Challenge continued as a junior activity but expanded to include more rounds for the purpose of raising excitement and participation. Some other activities we included were Icebreakers (getting-to-know-you games), UOL scavenger hunt, Rhode Island trivia, as well as some activities we did in the evenings. These activities helped the Juniors grow closer together, as well as helping to break up the long business sessions.

The sessions addressed some important topics for the Junior UOL. The Junior delegates discussed Great Lent Giveaway, which is an annual collection for different charitable outreaches during the Lenten weeks. The recipient of this year's efforts was Zoe for Life, an organization that helps women in crisis pregnancies. Chapters were asked to either donate money or items that the organization would need (such as diapers, blankets, etc.). The Executive Board expressed gratitude to all those participating. Another important topic that was covered was the fact that the Junior UOL national executive board worked on reaching out to new parishes during the last year, and will continue to do so in order to promote the Junior UOL and to encourage new activities. One highlight of the Junior Convention was the presentation given by Dr. Gayle Woloschak. Her presentation spoke on how science and our Orthodox Faith can work together, especially within our secular society. This presentation allowed for discussion on topics that the delegates were curious about and had questions about.

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Jeremiah 29:11

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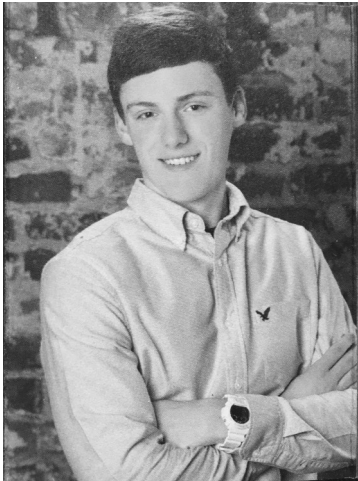
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Jeffrey Senediak Receives Bukata Award 2017

Jeffrey Senediak of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Youngstown, Ohio was this year’s recipient of the Very Reverend Volodymyr Bukata Award. Father Bukata, of Blessed Memory, was the organizer and originator of the League. This award is presented to a Junior member and is considered the Junior Orthodox of the Year Award. It is given to a Junior member who has done outstanding work toward accomplishing the goals and aims of the UOL, said work to be on a national, regional, chapter or local church level.



Jeffrey has served as President, Vice President and Treasurer of his local Chapter. His Chapter writes, “Jeffrey has been a great role model and leader for the members of our Junior UOL. Jeffery’s hard work has helped us to achieve our goals of service to our parish and our community. These activities included baking paschas for shut-ins, organizing a toy drive for the less fortunate, assisting in baking pies for a rescue mission along with serving in their soup kitchen, helping with community dinners and honoring parish veterans.” All this while maintaining a 4.0 GPA and serving as a member of Student Government.

Jeffrey’s pastor writes, “Jeffrey is reverent and serious and has served as a good role model for young Altar Servers and has acted as a mentor for them. He is easy to work with which makes him popular not only with his peers, but with adults and Church Officers.”

Congratulations Jeffrey!

Looking Forward to 2018: Attend a Retreat
Submitted by: Marianne Carmack

The demand for more UOL Lenten Retreat offerings reflects the vitality and energy of today’s Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church. This hunger for spiritual renewal and growth and passion for Christ in our lives draws attention to revitalization and renewal in our parishes—communities truly living and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One cannot exist without the other.

Plan now to attend *FORGIVENESS: The Path to Healing, Wholeness and Holiness (Practical Applications for Daily Living)* with His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, and Fr. Aleksa Pavichevich, St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, North Canton, Ohio. The retreat will focus on the two-sides of forgiveness: our need for God’s forgiveness (through repentance and confession); and, the notion that there is no reconciliation with God, unless we, at the same time, reconcile with one another. St. Silouan the Athonite reminds us in Writings, VII.9, that “We have such a law: If you forgive, it means that God has forgiven you; but if you do not forgive your brother, it means that your sin remains with you.” Not so easy, is it?

The *Senior and Junior Retreat* programs and activities provide a rich platform for prayer, worship, learning, discussion, discovery and fellowship. In the coming months, we’ll be asking for your insights and help to shape our experience, especially in recruiting participants from other Orthodox Churches. The Ohio/Western PA Retreat Team (Fr. John Harvey, Marianne Shabatura-Carmack, Dinah Fedyna, M.D., Ginny Ulbricht, Stephanie Woloschak-Rimedio, and Pauline Witkowsky) is looking forward to welcoming you to the Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center (2067 Evergreen Road • P.O. Box 424 • Villa Maria, PA 16155) on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

At the same time, think about attending retreats in other areas of the country: Dover, Florida: “The need for Repentance in our Un-sorry World” February 23-24, 2018, Bethany Center, Lutz, FL; and in Bethlehem, Pa, on March 24, 2018.

MESSAGE
FROM THE
SENIOR
UOL
PRESIDENT
John Holowko



Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Khrystu!

Our new Church year has started, and with that several joyous ordinations. To Father James Cairns, Father John Charest and to Deacon Evan O’Neal, all of whom have been ordained in the last few weeks. Axios! Axios! Axios! The Ukrainian Orthodox League sends our prayers and warmest wishes to each of you and your families as you embark on your individual journeys. We are here to assist you, however we can. You are our family! In addition, the new academic year has started at St. Sophia Seminary, please pray for this group of seminarians giving them the strength and determination needed to pursue their studies while overcoming the challenges along the way. They too need our support, for you can imagine the difficulties of leaving families behind, for many of them learning a new language, combined with their theological studies provide significant challenges academically, socially and spiritually. It can be an isolating, lonely and overwhelming experience at times. They need our support, please extend yourselves, whether it be by word or deed letting them know they are part of our family.

With more good news, September has traditionally served as Chapter Membership Drive month. It is not too late as this truly is a continuous process. This year I am happy to say we appear to be on our way to-re-establishing chapters at St. Mary the Protectress in Southfield, Michigan and St. Mary’s in New Britain, Connecticut. We open our arms to them and are here for them to assist in any way we can. Is your Parish next? We really hope you are. What is stopping you from forming or re-establishing an organization that tries to develop youth, focuses on helping the Church locally and Nationally, and is here to help all? Simply reach out to me or anyone else on the Board- Daria is our Chapter Development person, one simple e-mail or phone call and you will be on your way. I truly believe it will help your Parish, especially where other organizations have ceased to exist or where a common bond is needed to focus in a united way on the needs of your parishioners and parish.

At this time, I would like to share a short story with you, I will try and keep it to the point-a story of love between a pastor and family; a story of siblings caring for one another, and a family’s love for its Church.

In the late 1960’s a young priest, “Father Ted,” developed a loving relationship with a family in his new parish of Troy, New York (St. Nicholas’). During his short time there, he built many long-lasting relationships there, one, with a family that consisted of four siblings: Catherine, Thomas, Olga and Alice. Outside of Troy, they were not well known; they were very private, they focused on their Parish, their secular work, and helping each other and others in need. None of the siblings were married and they even continued to live in the same home as their parents, Nick and Eva, just around the corner from the Church. Though each worked independently, they all supported Thomas in his work in delivering produce, at first delivering produce from door to door. While Thomas battled severe arthritis, his sisters helped him in any way they could, including the carrying of fruits and vegetables. Though Father Ted left in 1972, this special relationship that had formed continued, with Faith and Church serving as its bond. The family continued to work together, in various capacities for St. Nicholas’. The sisters were rarely seen apart in Church. Father Ted continued his good works and was ordained a Bishop in 1972, and later was ordained as his Beatitude, Metropolitan Constantine, now of Blessed Memory. Thomas entered eternal rest in 2003, and unknowingly left behind the responsibility and burden of considerable funds for the sisters to manage. From those funds, and coordinated by his sisters with the helping hand of Metropolitan Constantine, St. Nicholas, St Nicholas’ Cemetery, St Sophia’s Seminary and All Saints Camp have all benefited. On June 22, 2018, we celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the All Saints Camp Chapel, St. Thomas’ Chapel. In 2008, The UOL and the entire Ukrainian Orthodox Church rejoiced at the consecration of the St. Thomas Chapel at All Saints Camp. Faithful came from many chapters and parishes to witness the consecration of the chapel, an event that seemed like an unattainable dream until the funds were made available by the Tychonia Family. Before then and since then, the sisters, one by one, have entered eternal rest. Most recently this September, Alice Tychonia, after a long battle with Alzheimer’s disease. Even Alice, unknowingly, helped others in her own special way while fighting this disease.

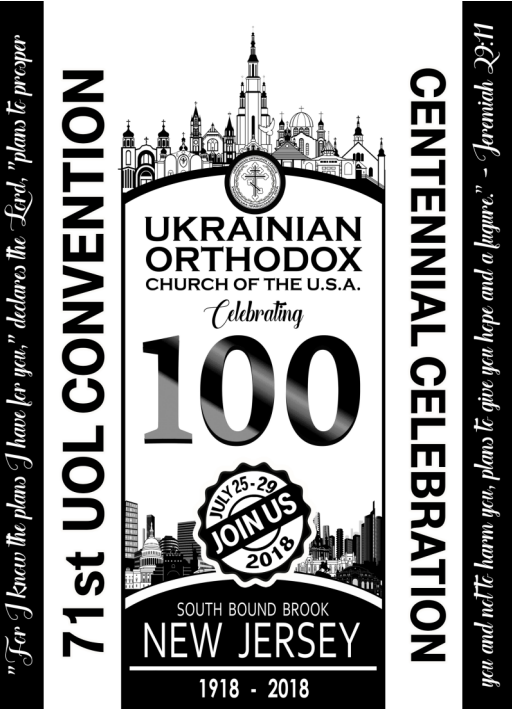
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71st Annual UOL Convention
Dedicated to Our Church...
Submitted by Michael J. Komichak

The Ukrainian Orthodox League is a unique organization in our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. Every parish has one or more local groups of parishioners (Church boards of administration, local UOL Chapters, Sisterhoods, Brotherhoods, and so forth) that work to meet the needs of that parish and without which the parish could not function. However, the UOL is the only permanent organization that crosses parish boundaries in a structured way to support the entire UOC of USA. While local groups—including individual UOL Chapters—naturally focus on local parish stewardship, the UOL as a national organization broadens our perspective and expands our boundaries beyond our individual parishes, reminding us that we must be stewards of the entire UOC of USA. When the UOL motto says we are “Dedicated to Our Church,” we understand that it means the *whole* Church, not just “my parish.”

Every year since the UOL’s founding over seven decades ago, UOL members have gathered at an Annual UOL Convention. The UOL Convention is the only national gathering across all segments of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church that occurs every year. For both lay and clergy attendees, the UOL Convention is an important event, renewing the bonds that keep us personally connected to each other. It provides a forum for discussing and organizing projects of national and international significance well beyond the means of any single parish.

The 71st Annual UOL Convention will be held from Wednesday July 25 to Sunday July 29, 2018 at the Metropolia Center of the UOC of USA in South Bound Brook / Somerset, New Jersey. During this same timeframe, the UOC



of USA is organizing a Centennial Celebration of the UOC also at the Metropolia Center from Friday July 27 to Saturday July 28, 2018. The 71st UOL Convention Committee is working closely with the Centennial Celebration Committee to coordinate our activities for the benefit of all attendees. Delegates to the UOL Convention will be able to participate in many of the historic Centennial events. Likewise, our UOL Convention activities will be open to attendees of the Centennial Celebration, providing those attendees with an introduction (or, in some cases, a re-introduction) to the UOL and its ministry.

Your attendance at the 2018 UOL Convention is important! Even as we mark the milestone of the Centennial of the UOC of USA, your participation in this upcoming UOL Convention helps maintain the connections that keep the League strong and unite us as One Church. Let’s gather together as a family once again next summer, worshiping and working together in harmony for the good of our Church and for the glory of God as we have since the founding of the League. The 71st Annual UOL Convention Committee is looking forward to seeing you all in South Bound Brook next summer. What better way to usher in the second century of the UOC of USA than in prayer and fellowship with one another at the Convention!

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While there may be no immediate Tychonia family members now, as Very Rev. John Haluszczak (current Chairperson of All Saints Camp and Pastor of St. Vladimir’s in Pittsburgh, PA) said at the Funeral Service “though they are not with us here anymore, they left their tracks for us to remember them by.” May the Blessings of our Lord be with Alice’s family and may her and the Tychonia family name be remembered---Memory Be Eternal – Veechnaya Pamyat!

2018, will mark the 85th anniversary of the Ukrainian Holodomor, in memory of the 7-10 million victims of Ukraine’s Genocide of 1932-33. Plans call for a “kick off” event in November of this year at the Holodomor memorial in Washington, DC, a March of Remembrance and a requiem service at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on November 18th, and civic commemorations throughout the country. The dedication of the Holodomor Memorial in 2015 was not the end of bringing the awareness needed in a united way. The campaign continues, what are you doing at a local Parish level?

Yours in Christ,

John Holowko

MESSAGE
FROM THE
JUNIOR
UOL
PRESIDENT
Orest Mahlay



Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory to Jesus Christ!

It is now October and the executive of the Junior UOL has begun the work for this 2017-2018 year. We held our first meeting on September 23rd in Youngstown, OH and began some preliminary plans for the coming year. One of our main objectives will be connecting with our existing chapters, while also encouraging new parishes to join the UOL by encouraging fellowship and service.

The list below explains each board member’s responsibility this year in regards to what chapter they engage with and what committee they will focus on. Emails and phone numbers are also provided so that you can contact these individuals.

President: Orest Mahlay (440-829-5873 / juniorPres@uolofusa.org)
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Committee: Pysh Travel Grant / Chapter Recruitment

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Liaisons: Northampton, PA; Sharon, PA; Youngstown, OH
Committee: Annual Raffle / Membership Retention

Secretary: Alexis Naumenko (215-290-7878 / juniorRecSec@uolofusa.org)
Liaisons: Allentown, PA; Boston, MA; Coatesville, PA
Committee: Local Chapter Programming

Financial Secretary: Maddie Zetick (267-406-8231 / juniorfinsec@uolofusa.org)
Liaisons: Carteret, NJ; Johnson City, NY; Philadelphia, PA
Committee: Christian Care Giving / Chapter Database

Treasurer: Cyril Sheptak (724-284-1265 / juniorTreas@uolofusa.org)
Liaisons: Carnegie, PA; Palos Park, IL; Pittsburgh, PA (South Side)
Committee: Fundraising

During the Convention, the Junior delegates discussed the importance of local chapters and how the National Executive Board can help encourage excitement throughout the year so that our Convention can include even more delegates in 2018. All of the committees assigned to our different board members address the different aspects of both the national and local Junior UOL. As chapters begin to organize activities at the parish, we ask that you please send in **membership forms / dues** to our Financial Secretary, Maddie Zetick in the next few weeks. Contact a board member if you need to acquire one of these forms.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact me at orest.mahlay@gmail.com or at my number (440) 829-5873.
Yours in Christ,
Orest Mahlay

UOL History Project

When we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in 2018, we plan to have a collection of essays from UOL members answering the question, “Why is the UOL important to me?”

We have already started our collection of essays. We encourage every UOL member to write an essay so that we have a full collection of essays in 2018.

Take a moment now to write your essay. Please submit your essay to nsufler@aol.com by December 31, 2017.

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During the concluding sessions of the Convention, the Junior UOL elected new officers to serve during the 2017-2018 year. The new Executive Board includes: Cyril Sheptak, Maddie Zetick, Alexis Naumenko, Charles Ames and Orest Mahlay. The junior delegates were also notified during the Convention that Fr. Deacon John Charest would be the Senior Advisor and that Father John Haluszczak would stay as the Spiritual Advisor.

The Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League would like to thank the chair of the 2017 Convention, Mrs. Christine Charest, Father Borislav Kroner, the local pastor, and the faithful of Saint Michael parish for the hospitality they showed during our stay. We cannot wait for the upcoming Convention in 2018 in South Bound Brook, NJ to celebrate the centennial of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church!



Junior Chapter Achievement Award – Philadelphia, PA
Submitted by Orest Mahlay

The 2016-2017 recipient of the Junior UOL Chapter Achievement Award is the Saint Vladimir Jr. UOL Chapter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This chapter has continued to increase in membership during the past few years and has become an important element in the parish. They hosted a Lock-In, participated in the “Souper Bowl Sunday” for Saint Andrew’s Society, sent packages to orphans in Ukraine, donated supplies to “Zoe for Life” as a part of the Great Lent Give-away, and hosted many engaging activities for their youth. The chapter is also responsible for organizing weekly Coffee Hours after Church. The members of the chapter are active members within Church services and the Church School and participated in the UOL Essay Contest, Christmas Caroling, and in various cultural activities. Many of the Juniors also participated in the camping programs at All Saints Camp and the UOL Convention.

Both the spiritual advisor and the senior advisor commended the members of their Junior UOL chapter for setting an example for the younger children in the chapter and parish as a whole. They also noted how focused the chapter was on charitable projects during the year.

The Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League would again like to congratulate the Jr. UOL Chapter of Saint Vladimir in Philadelphia for its success over the past year. We wish your chapter more growth and blessings during this upcoming year.



Orest Mahlay - President

My name is Orest Mahlay and I have the privilege of serving as the Junior UOL President. I belong to Saint Vladimir Cathedral in Parma, OH and participate as an altar server; sing in the choir; and help during parish fundraisers, Coffee Hours which the Jr. UOL coordinates, cultural activities, and UOL events. I have been active in my Junior UOL chapter and love to spend my time with the parish community.



I am currently a senior at Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland and participate in marching band playing the clarinet, as well as the National Honors Society. I also play the bandura, participate in Ukrainian dancing, and am a graduate of the Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies at my parish. My other interests include the Eurovision Song Contest, current events in Ukraine, as well as the expanding Ukrainian music scene.

I look forward to continue working as President as the Junior UOL evolves. I hope that this year’s board can continue to push the Junior UOL in a positive and productive direction. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at (440) 829-5873 or email me at orest.mahlay@gmail.com.

Charles Ames - Vice President

Glory to Jesus Christ!
My name is Charles Ames. I am honored to be elected as Vice President of the National Executive Board of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League for 2017-2018. I belong to Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Youngstown, Ohio, where I serve as a Jr UOL Secretary and an altar server, sing in the choir, and help during different parish activities, fundraisers, and community services.



Also I successfully divide my time between being a 10th grade student of a wonderful Christian homeschool program and a Cadet in Civil Air Patrol at United States Air Force Reserve Base in Youngstown, Ohio.

Every summer I am privileged to be part of our amazing UOL Convention and All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Camp, where I have an opportunity to share our Faith with my friends. I feel very blessed to be part of such a great orthodox community across the country.

This past year I've had the privilege of serving in domestic and international mission trips. From start to finish, God has guided our 2016 Winter Mission Trip to Ukrainian Orphanages, and it's been an unforgettable experience!

I have one younger brother Mark, one older brother Robert, and an older sister Natalie. We grew up in Alaska. In our free time, my family and I like to go swimming, camping, hiking, fishing, gardening, playing sports, flying, traveling, skiing, skating, snowboarding, playing musical instruments and singing, etc.

I want to thank my Mother- Julia Ames, my spiritual Fathers: His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Fr. John W. Harvey, Fr. Gregory Becker, Fr. Andrew Gall, my godparents- Dinah Fedyna and Joe Novicky, and all of you, who believe in me and my abilities!



Cyril Sheptak - Treasurer

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

My name is Cyril Sheptak and I am the 2017 Jr. UOL treasurer. I'm a proud member of Saint Vladimir's in Southside Pittsburgh and the Jr. UOL. I am currently involved in my school’s mock trial team and I am an officer in our local youth and government delegation.



Some of the activities I enjoy doing are swimming, biking, kayaking, and hanging out with friends. I also love to go to camp. I've been going to All Saints Camp since I was 1 and I have met many friends there including many of the other board members.

Since it is my second year in this position I can say I have a pretty good understanding of what the challenges that I might be faced with over the next year are and I am prepared to hold this office to the best of my ability. I am very excited about our current board. Each and every one of them are ready and enthusiastic to serve God and our parish communities. I cannot wait to see what the UOL achieves this year and I'm grateful to be a part of it.

Madeline Zetick - Financial Secretary

My name is Madeline Zetick. I am both excited and blessed to serve as financial secretary on the Junior UOL National Board this year. I attend Saint Vladimir’s Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia, and serve on the local Junior Chapter Board. I am active in the parish by singing in the choir, volunteering at coffee hour and helping lead the kid’s choir.



I am a freshman at Saint Basil Academy, and play for the volleyball team. I enjoy playing softball, volleyball, singing and being with my friends. In the summer my favorite place to be is All Saints Camp, and I enjoy reuniting with my friends from all over the US and Canada. Some other interests of mine are traveling, math, and topics within the medical field. My goal is to graduate from college and become a surgeon.

I strive to help make the Junior UOL even bigger and better. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email at zetickm@gmail.com.

Alexis Naumenko– Secretary

My name is Alexis Naumenko and I am honored and blessed to be reelected as Secretary to the Jr. UOL National Board!

I am the oldest child of Fr. Taras and PM Laura and I have a younger brother, Julian. We currently live in the Philadelphia area. My home parish is St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Within my local church: I attend liturgy almost every Sunday, I am an active member in our Jr. UOL chapter, sing in the choir, read, attend and assist church school classes, and help in all ways possible!

This year I am going to be a sophomore at Saint Basil Academy. I play lacrosse for my school and participate in numerous school clubs and activities. Outside of school, I continue to dance with Voloshky School of Ukrainian Dance. In my free time I enjoy baking, skiing, going to the beach, playing soccer and spending time with my friends and family. I love to volunteer in all types of community work and work with children, especially within our church.

In the summer, my favorite thing to do is to go to All Saints camp and participate in our church’s camping ministry. I have attended ASC since the age of 5 and have continued throughout Mommy and Me/Daddy and Me, DCSC, and Teenage Conference.



That is a just a brief summary about me. If you would like to learn more about me or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at alexistarfish@gmail.com.

UOL Essay Contest

Submitted by Teresa Linck	
Parishes	Entries
Sts. Peter and Paul: Palos Park, IL	50
St. Vladimir: Philadelphia, PA	37
St. Vladimir: Parma, OH	10
Holy Ascension: Nanty Glo, PA	3
St. Mary's: Allentown, PA	2
St. Michael's: Woonsocket, RI	5
St. Nicholas: Troy, NY	3
Assumption of the Virgin Mary: Northampton, PA	4
Sts. Peter and Paul: Youngstown, OH	4
St. Sophia's: Bayonne, NJ	5
Sts. Peter and Paul: Lyndora, PA	7
St. Demetrius: Carteret, NJ	1
Holy Virgin: Arnold, PA	2
Holy Ghost: Coatesville, PA	1
Total	134
Age Categories	
Pre-K and Kindergarten	35
Grades 1 and 2	37
Grades 3 and 4	21
Grades 5 and 6	14
Grades 7 and 8	10
Grades 9 and 10	5
Grades 11 and 12	1
Adults 18 and Over	11
Total	134

Each month we will publish 1st place winners from the Essay Contest.

Pre-K and Kindergarten winner, Emily Lavska, Philadelphia, PA.
Topic: Each day we see examples of the works of God. Remember that God created all in nature. Draw a picture of some of these works that you see every day.



UOL Essay Contest Winners 2017

Pre-K and Kindergarten	1st Place	Emily Lavska	St. Vladimir Philadelphia, PA
	2nd Place	Alexis Widmor	St. Vladimir Parma, OH
	3rd Place Honorable Mention	Roman Petroff Sofia Harmatiy Lila Pawlkiwski Levi Pach Zoryana Petroff Ella Worthington	St. Nicholas Troy, NY Sts. Peter & Paul Palos Park, IL St. Vladimir Philadelphia, PA Sts. Peter & Paul Palos Park, IL St. Nicholas Troy, NY Holy Ascension Nanty Glo, PA
Grades 1 & 2	1st Place	Kateryna Ilkiv	Sts. Peter & Paul Palos Park, IL
	2nd Place	Calin Cenusa Roman Sobeshkevych Marlenna Hassler	St. Sophia Bayonne, NJ Sts. Peter & Paul Palos Park, IL Sts. Peter & Paul Lyndora, PA
	3rd Place Honorable Mention	David Sendeha Landon Mroczka Alexandra Sabin Anna Hlushko	Sts. Peter & Paul Palos Park, IL St. Vladimir Parma, OH St. Sophia Bayonne, NJ St. Vladimir Philadelphia, PA
Grades 3 & 4	1st Place	Qorey Carter	St. Demetrius Carteret, NJ
	2nd Place	Mia Zetick Anastasia Peltekis	St. Vladimir Philadelphia, PA St. Vladimir Philadelphia, PA
	3rd Place Honorable Mention	Elena Do-bronos Nathan Larson	St. Vladimir Parma, OH Sts. Peter & Paul Palos Park, IL
Grades 5 & 6	1st Place	Antony Sendeha	Sts. Peter & Paul Palos Park, IL
	2nd Place	Natalie Swan	St. Vladimir Philadelphia, PA
	3rd Place Honorable Mention	Alexandra Ost Sofiya Lavska Kayla Meenan	Assumption of the Virgin Mary Northampton, PA St. Vladimir Philadelphia, PA St. Vladimir Philadelphia, PA
Grades 7 & 8	1st Place	Madeline Zetick	St. Vladimir Philadelphia, PA Sts. Peter and Paul Palos Park, IL
	2nd Place	Allie Rak Katerina Peltekis	St. Vladimir Philadelphia, PA Sts. Peter and Paul Palos Park, IL
	3rd Place Honorable Mention	Nicole Larson Peter Peltekis	St. Vladimir Philadelphia, PA St. Vladimir Philadelphia, PA
Grades 9 & 10	1st Place	Anna Swindle Alexis Naumenko	Holy Virgin Arnold, PA St. Vladimir Philadelphia, PA
	2nd Place		
	3rd Place	Nicole Sabin	St. Sophia Bayonne, NJ
Grades 11 & 12	1st Place	Victoria Swindle	Holy Virgin Arnold PA
Adult Entries	1st Place	Janeene Linck	St. Vladimir Philadelphia, PA
	2nd place	Tina Cucci-Fisher	Sts. Peter and Paul Palos Park, IL
	3rd Place	Debbie A. Pierog	Sts. Peter and Paul Palos Park, IL

Let’s Talk—Strategic Planning UOC of USA
Submitted by Elizabeth Symonenko,
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We all communicate with God, with each other, with our pets, with our friends and coworkers. Imagine how difficult it would be if we were not able to communicate, if nobody understood us, if we were not able to understand anyone else.

After the Great Flood all of humanity, speaking a single language, traveled eastward eventually settling in the land of Shinar where they decided to build a tall tower in order to reach Heaven. Seeing their attempts towards an evil end, the Lord confounded their speech so they could no longer communicate and understand each other, successfully impeding any future collaboration towards evil doings.

However, in most instances collaboration and teamwork works towards the good of all. During Pentecost, the Apostles were given the gift of “tongues,” allowing them to communicate to the foreigners gathered in the city. The fact that the Apostle’s target audience could understand them led to the conversion and baptism of 3,000 people during that single day.

Communication is a vital aspect of not only humanity. Birds sing various songs to make their intentions known. Snakes not only hiss, but are colored differently to give warning of their poisonous status. While babies coo when happy, they signal distress by vocalizing a different cry when they are sleepy, from when they are hungry. Good communication and teamwork leads not only to successful implementation of plans, but, a greater understanding, love and enthusiasm for all involved.

To that end, I am pleased and honored to be the Communications Goal Captain in the Strategic Plan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. While, all nine goals are vital and necessary, none will succeed without good communication. After much deliberation, contemplation and prayer, three sub-goals have been defined and actions delineated.

Communications Sub-goal 3.1 revolves around a Welcoming Ministry, and states that within 18 months, we will develop and make available to all Parishes a multilingual comprehensive welcome package, as well as a concurrent training program to promote its successful implementation. This goal is still in its initial phase, but, when completed it will benefit each parish, and each individual walking through the church doors, be they Cradle Orthodox, Convert or Guest. Each packet will be tweaked to fit the needs of each particular parish, making materials crucial to the understanding of Orthodoxy available in English, Ukrainian, Romanian, or whichever language is used by the faithful in that particular location. While each package will have core materials, it will also have items of specific interest to that region, or particular community.

Communications Sub-goal 3.2 revolves around all the various modes of communication utilized by today’s society. It states that within 18 months, we will develop and implement a comprehensive and integrated communications platform for the Church, including all social media, to create extensive and effective communications between all levels of the Church and its present and future members. This goal aims to reach the faithful, where they spend most of their time – Facebook, Snapchat, Email, Twitter, Instagram, Snail Mail, etc. While this task may seem overwhelming, it follows the example of the Holy Spirit gracing the Apostles with the gift of “many tongues” allowing them to reach the most people. Today, more individuals can be reached electronically than by any other method. Therefore, it is with great excitement that this Sub-goal is forming new paths and avenues of communicating, and spreading the Gospel.

Communications Sub-goal 3.3 aims to make all publications, communications and messages from our Church, immediately identifiable as originating from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. The goal states that within 12 months, we will create a cohesive brand for the UOC of USA and its ministries, which will be fully implemented 12 months after its creation. Fr. Theophan Mackey has been working diligently at creating the new brand, implementing similar features, styles and colors for all Church logos, including the St. Sophia Theological Seminary, Ukrainian Orthodox League, Youth & Adult Ministry, etc. In the future, when you spot a publication, you will immediately be able to recognize it as a communication from your Church, and with confidence be able to read and share the information within.

While work has begun on all three sub-goals, there is still much to be done. We need enthusiastic and creative individuals who are willing to join the Apostles in their mission to spread the Word of God, and evangelize not only all nations, but, the people around the corner. Are you willing to accept this challenge? If the Lord has gifted you with talents which would be of benefit towards the Communications Goal – creativity, organization, skill with technology, or just a willingness to help, please feel free to contact me, Elizabeth Symonenko, Communications Goal Captain via whichever means of communication suits you. Email: esymonenko@hotmail.com / Instagram & Twitter: LalaSkazala / Snapchat: esymonenko / Phone: 248-321-9943/Snail Mail: 589 Sylvanwood, Troy, MI 48085

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(732) 356-0090

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1950 Easton Avenue
Somerset, NJ 08873

Meet with the students of St. Sophia Seminary and tour the decorated historic home and Three Holy Hierarchs Chapel.

Wish List:

CLEANING PRODUCTS
Windex - Pinesol - Pledge - Swiffer
Duster - Clorox - bathroom cleaners

KITCHEN PRODUCTS
Disposable paper products (plates, bowls, cups, cutlery) - paper towels
napkins - dishwashing liquid - dishwasher detergent - Pyrex or Tupperware food storage containers (glass preferable) - Ziploc Bags (all sizes and freezer bags) - non-stick frying pans - 13 gallon tie trash bags - 8 QT pot

MISCELLANEOUS
tissue boxes - toilet paper - HE laundry detergent - dryer sheets - stapler - tape dispenser - scissors - extension cords

GIFT CARDS
Costco, Shop Rite, Amazon, Target, Home Depot, Restaurant Depot, Visa

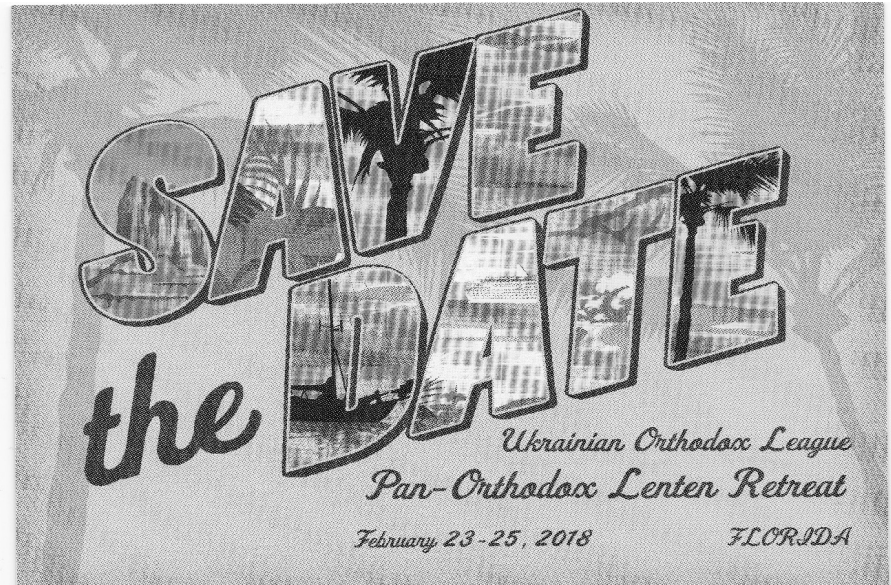
UOL Bulletin pictures!

Maplewood UOL Chapter reading the UOL Bulletin at the Breakers!

Karen Ferraro enjoys the UOL Bulletin in Arizona!

Oleh Bilynsky reading in Sydney, Australia!

Take your UOL Bulletin along and send us your pictures. E-mail to nsufler@aol.com.



“Need for Repentance in an Unsorry World”

Sponsored by the
Ukrainian Orthodox League and Holy Protection Orthodox Church
February 23-24, 2018 Sunday, February 25, 2018
Bethany Center Holy Protection Orthodox Church
Lutz, FL Dover, FL
“Come, and let us return to the Lord, for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up...that we may live in His sight.”
(Hosea 6.1-2)
More details will be available on our website: www.HolyOrthodox.org

Saturday, March 3, 2018

2018 Pan-Orthodox Lenten Retreat
Senior/Junior Retreat Program and Activities
(Ohio/Western, Pennsylvania & Beyond)

Forgiveness

The Path to Healing, Wholeness and Holiness (Practical Applications for Daily Living)

His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

Fr. Aleksa Pavichevich
St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, North Canton, Ohio
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM: Morning Prayers, Registration, Continental Breakfast, Lectures/Discussion, Snacks, Lunch, Vespers, Pizza and Refreshments, Departure. Registration Fees will be announced in late November.

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“Turn not away Thy face from Thy servant, for I am afflicted; hear me speedily: hearken unto my soul, and deliver it.”



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Lenten Retreat -March 24, 2018

Speakers:
His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa (ACROD)
Fr. Anthony Perkins

Retreat will focus on our call to become disciples and to evangelize.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

St. Francis Center for Renewal
395 Bridle Path Road
Bethlehem, PA

Retreat registration: Adults \$45 (late fee \$10)
Adolescents \$20 (late fee \$10)
Children (under 12) \$7

Registration includes all meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner.
For more information contact: Oleh or Natalie Bilynsky at nsufler@aol.com call – 610-892-7315

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For a contribution of \$20 or more, the name and occasion is printed in the UOL Bulletin.

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