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Junior UOL Convention - Centennial of the UOC of USA - South Bound Brook, New Jersey

Submitted by Junior UOL President Alexis Naumenko

The 71st Annual UOL Convention began on Wednesday July 25th in South Bound Brook, NJ. The Junior Executive Board held a meeting prior to the beginning of sessions to discuss what would occur over the next few days of convention. This Junior Convention we decided to continue modifying the sessions in order to drive a more focused aspect of committees as well as to encourage fellowship among the delegates.

The Junior sessions this year became more focused on giving the Executive Board new ideas for the upcoming year. Our first committee focused on **Local Chapter Programming**. This committee discussed different ideas and activities that chapters could build upon during the course of the year. The committee made a seasonal list of activities to do during the year to help chapters grow and become more active.

Our second committee addressed **Service Outreach**. This committee was responsible for developing service ideas for the National Junior UOL Board to use, as well as smaller projects local chapters could do, such as caroling to the shut-ins, cleaning the church, etc. Both of these committees gave the National

Board ideas to utilize in the coming year.

This committee suggested that the National Junior UOL look into projects such as: The Ronald McDonald House, Heifer International, or Zoe for Life. They also suggested some local projects including working at soup kitchens, delivering baskets and caroling to the shut-ins, cleaning the church, etc. Both of these committees gave the National Board ideas to utilize in the coming year.

The Junior Convention also made an effort to create an environment of fellowship and a family feel during the sessions. Chapter Challenge continued as an annual junior activity. We also had a few icebreakers (getting-to-know-you games) in order to break the ice and make everyone feel comfortable. These activities helped the Juniors grow closer together, as well as break up the business sessions.

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You are cordially invited to the...
72nd ANNUAL UOL CONVENTION at **ALL SAINTS CAMP**
Emlenton, Pennsylvania

AUGUST 1-4, 2019

1-4 СЕРПНЯ, 2019

“Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old,
he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6



“Привчай юнака до
дороги його, і він,
як постаріється,
не уступиться з неї.”
Приповісті 22:6

Ласкаво запрошуємо вас...
72-гу ЩОРІЧНУ КОНВЕНЦІЮ УІЛ на ОСЕЛІ ВСІХ СВЯТИХ
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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT



John Holowko

Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Khrystu!

There is no shortage of applicable topics to discuss given the events in Ukraine and the present world of Orthodoxy---that being said, and given all that has been written, I will not add to it in a significant manner here, except to say our prayers are needed for a soon to be unified independent church in Ukraine and for all Orthodox churches not to play politics, argue Canons or to be consumed by power, rather to focus on the essence of our Faith. Our Common Faith already faces enough challenges in the world we live in today and this type of in-fighting is simply providing one more example of why people have issues with organized religion today.

Your National Board met in Maplewood, NJ, just a few weeks back. We discussed, at length, the challenges our Church here in the USA and UOL have, as brought out in our discussion groups from this past convention. Whether it be the **Communications Committee** (the report is included in this Bulletin); the joint Youth Committee; or our need to be even more welcoming to the new Ukrainian immigration, we will focus on permeating these overall themes into our Commissions and Committees the remainder of this year; our work has already started.

With respect to the **Youth Committee** the message certainly came across to all that listened that we need to do a better job as teachers---our Children, in order to stay within our Church, need to learn more about what we do; why we do it; and with a much stronger foundation to face the issues of today; so as not act as "Sunday Robots" but for our children and adults to find spiritual fulfillment in our services and the ability to seek answers and help within our Church. I recently heard someone say that the clergy only have 15 minutes on Sunday to teach-perhaps that is part of the problem. We also heard parents say they needed help as well, with bringing and living our Faith at home and "raising believing children" in the challenging secular times that they live in today.

While it is a dream come true for many of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ regarding the news of our Church in Ukraine, we need to continue to work on our challenges here locally in a productive and loving manner - for the sake of our Children and for our Church here in the USA to have a strong foundation.

Our next meeting will be in Philadelphia on January 26th, 2019. If you have issues you want to be brought forward or have positive ways of contributing, please either attend or reach out to anyone of your NEB members.

Thanksgiving is the traditional beginning of the Nativity holiday season, which for Ukrainians means events and celebrations well into January. It is also a season during which people make a special effort to reach out to those less fortunate than they are and offer support to charities and worthwhile causes. Many of our chapters have long-standing traditions of offering Christian charity at this time of year. Some open their doors to serve a Thanksgiving meal while others volunteer their services at a local community center. Please do not be insular and reach out to help others. **We encourage all our local UOL chapters to begin the season by reaching out to those in their communities in need.** What better way of promoting our Faith than living and demonstrating it? The UOL is not here simply to exist and speak of the past, but to make a difference in people's lives today.

In this month's Bulletin is an appeal asking you to remember the UOL in your year-end giving. **The UOL's Annual Fund Drive** supports UOL Projects, the LSSK Scholarship fund for current or former Junior UOL members attending college, and the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund (MJSF) for seminarians. Please send your contributions to Jack Roditski, our Financial Secretary directly or through PayPal on our Site. Without your contributions and support, much of what we support or do could not happen.

Question and reminder for all of you. **Does everyone know what December 2nd is?** UOL Sunday occurs on the first Sunday of December and is designated as the day when all UOL Chapters encourage their members to participate in the Divine Liturgy and receive the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. I

It is with a heavy heart that we publish these answers from Fr. John Harvey. Fr. John served as Spiritual Editor of the UOL Bulletin for decades. He prepared answers to questions to be published in the Bulletin. All of the articles he wrote will be published in the Bulletin to honor his memory. Fr. John will be sorely missed! Our deepest condolences to Pani Debbie and Irena.

Memory Eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!



Questions answered by

Fr. John Harvey of Blessed Memory

In order to have any Christmas at all, because of work schedule, I tried the Royal Hours. I was utterly surprised how jam-packed each hour was filled with the lore of Christmas. I had no idea that the psalms held such prophetic material. This was truly an educational experience seeing just how prophecy was fulfilled. Are there other gems of services that I have been missing out on?

There are similar Royal Hours services for the feast of Theophany as well as Good Friday. The compilers of these services so many centuries ago had quite a knack for tying together psalms, Old Testament prophecies, Epistles and Gospels to bring alive the feast being celebrated. The stichera (poetic verses) all brilliantly provide a good and deep meditation on the material presented. It is like a Reader's Digest version of the feast. It is truly a time line tracing prophecy through the ages and presenting then its startling fulfillment.

Our faithful look forward to the singing of "God is with us" by the choir at Christmas Grand Compline. As a service it seems to have the glitz to attract a crowd, and of course, the festal Liturgy of Christmas conveys a warmth and joy which none want to miss. The Royal Hours truly are very special, yet for the faithful seem to be rather the ugly duckling of the festal cycle. As you have noted, just listening to the hymns and readings of the Royal Hours is an intellectual treat, proof texts for the revelation of God's plan of salvation, with a good meditation added.

It would be a blessing and an eye-opening epiphany if only more of our Orthodox faithful would be venturesome and try out the Royal Hours whenever they appear during the church year. The Royal Hours of Good Friday is especially poignant and moving, as prophecy is tied together and God's plan from the beginning takes shape. By retrospect, one wonders why so many of the Jews at the time could not see the many connections.



Will it ever be possible that the Roman Catholic church will come to accept Orthodox canonized saints and vice versa that we publicly venerate Catholic Saints?

This is a very problematical and thorny question. The schism between the churches is officially set at 1054 AD and doctrinally the Western Church more and more espoused heretical or unacceptable stances. For example, all local saints pre-schism are accepted by us. There are hordes of Celtic saints, mainly monastic. The Welsh Orthodox Church, in our Metropolia, regularly makes pilgrimages to holy wells and places sanctified by the early saints in Wales. After the schism things get a bit sticky. For example, Saint Adeline, was a nun

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**72nd Annual UOL Convention
All Saints Camp, Emlenton, PA
August 1 - 4, 2019**

BREAKING NEWS - Foxburg Inn confirmed as hotel for the Convention. Convention delegates and guests will have the option to stay at Foxburg Inn or at the Camp.

As fall comes to an end and we plan for Thanksgiving, many UOL members are thinking about the wonderful summer memories of time spent at All Saints Camp. We have so much to be thankful for! This summer we will all have the opportunity to spend more time at camp. To get everyone in the camping spirit and to start to prepare for the UOL Convention, the Convention Committee, along with Chairperson Michael Nakonachny, have been planning for the 72nd Annual Convention.

For years we have heard UOL members say, “We should have a Convention at All Saints Camp, so that everyone can experience the camp.” Well, after forty years we finally have the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of our All Saints Camp at our UOL Convention.

The UOL and All Saints Camp have a long relationship, with the UOL taking the lead in the purchase and fundraising to purchase the camp. The UOL also took the lead in fundraising for the iconography of St. Thomas Chapel at All Saints Camp. The UOL has always worked to support all the ministries at All Saints Camp and this year UOL Convention participants will have the ability to enjoy the beauty of the Camp.

If you have not been to All Saints Camp recently you will have the be ability to see the many wonderful things happening at Camp. Come to Camp and enjoy Divine Liturgy at St. Thomas Chapel. Come to Camp and enjoy the beauty of the woods, the stars at night, the campfire.



For accommodations Convention Delegates and Guests will have the opportunity to stay at All Saints Camp or at a nearby hotel, the Foxburg Inn. This will allow for all to enjoy the full All Saints Camp experience, even those who might not be campers at heart.

Have you been thinking about ways that you can help? Well, Parishes, UOL Chapters and individuals will be able to sponsor different meals or activities. In our next issue of the UOL Bulletin we will publish a list of items that can be sponsored.

The 2019 UOL Convention will start on Thursday, August 1 with registration opening at 3:00 pm. We will enjoy a wonderful dinner in the evening and have sessions on Thursday evening. Mark your calendars and can't wait to see you at All Saints Camp next August!



National Junior Executive Board 2018 –2019

**MESSAGE
FROM THE JUNIOR
UOL PRESIDENT**

Alexis Naumenko



Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory to Jesus Christ!

I would like to take this opportunity and reintroduce to you what the Ukrainian Orthodox League is and its role in the life of our church. The Ukrainian Orthodox League (“UOL”) is a vital organ of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America. The formation of the League was authorized during the Church’s Seventh Sobor in 1946. A committee under the direction of the late Very Reverend Father Volodymyr Bukata formulated the organization and the UOL was incorporated in the State of New Jersey in 1948. The UOL’s purpose is exclusively spiritual, charitable and educational. The League is a national volunteer organization of members of the UOC of USA, who are committed to promoting the Orthodox faith, supporting the Church, developing the potential of our youth and their active participation in the life of the Church, and preserving Ukrainian heritage and culture.

Thanks to our forefathers and many supporters, 70 years later, the UOL is active and working hard on engaging more members in this busy, fast-paced world. While sometimes we feel discouraged by potential loss of members and/or chapters, I believe the potential to gain is still greater than the potential to lose.

So how do we grow? How do we succeed? I think it is important to remember that whether you are a community of 300 or of 20, size does not matter, it is the engagement and the feeling of belonging that draws us closer. Attendance will not drive engagement - engagement will drive attendance.

As a Jr. UOL Chapter President at St. Vladimir Cathedral in Philadelphia, I feel that the events that are held for the youth is what keeps our chapter active and our youth engaged. We tried to change things up, for example: we promote and encourage participation in chapter projects from the age of 11 with hope that it will engage the kids early on and by the age of 13 they are well on board to be active UOL members. We also decreased the number of meetings per year and increased events and projects where we get stronger participation. I would like to share with you some ideas that worked for our parish on how to keep the Jr. UOL chapter active and engaged.

IDEAS ON HOW TO KEEP YOUR JR. UOL CHAPTER ACTIVE AND ENGAGED

Fall

- Back to Church School BBQ
- Fall Fest: pumpkin patch, arts & crafts for parish youth
- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Volunteer at a Soup Kitchen or a Food Bank
- Thanksgiving Charitable Luncheon/Dinner

Winter

- Decorate Church/Parish Christmas tree
- Christmas Cookie Walk/Sale
- St. Nicholas Program
- Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins
- Make Care Packages for Parish’s College Students
- Winter Family Fun Night (board games or city outing)
- Malanka
- SOUPer Bowl Sunday

Spring

- Sunday of Orthodoxy Procession with Icons
- Attend UOL Lenten Retreat
- Great Lenten Giveaway
- Lazarus Saturday Church Clean Up
- Palm Sunday Salad Fest
- Egg Hunt for Parish Youth
- Make Palm Crosses
- Decorate the Tomb of Christ with Flowers
- Participate in Holy Week’s Church Readings
- Prepare and Deliver Pascha Baskets for Shut-Ins

Summer

- Attend Camping Programs at All Saints Camp
- Attend UOL Convention
- Summer Chapter Outings: Pool, Amusement Park, Sports Games

Ongoing Year Round Projects

- Host Coffee Hour after Liturgy
- Volunteer at Soup Kitchens; Hospitals
- Send Cards to Sick Parishioners
- Encourage Participation in Divine Liturgy, for example: sing in the choir, read, serve in the altar
- Hold Chapter Meetings

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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 season. The organization we worked with this year was St. Andrews Society.

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 of the highlights of the Junior Convention



was the service project we did beautifying the grounds in S. Bound Brook. During the closing sessions of the Convention, the Junior UOL elected new officers to serve during the 2018-2019 year. The new Executive Board includes: Cyril Sheptak, Maddie Zetick, Natalie Hrytsay, Anna Swindle and Alexis Naumenko.

The Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League would like to once again thank all those who worked to make this year's Convention and Centennial Celebration such a success.



See you at All Saints Camp for the 2019 UOL Convention!

Junior UOL Chapter Achievement Award Sts. Peter and Paul Youngstown, Ohio Submitted by Alexis Naumenko

The 2017-2018 Junior UOL Chapter Achievement Award was awarded to Saints Peter and Paul Jr. UOL Chapter, Youngstown, Ohio. This chapter has continuously participated and assisted in many parish activities during the past year and has become a key aspect of the parish life.

They assisted with their parish's events, such as: Slavic Fest, Chili Cook-Off, Malanka, Souper Bowl Sunday, Ukrainian dinner night, and Parish Picnic. They also sponsored a breakfast for high school and college graduates, held multiple outings, made gift bags for the National Executive Board, held a cookie sale, participated in their St. Nicholas program, created Pascha cards and dyed paschal eggs. Finally, several chapter members attended All Saints Camp, UOL Convention, UOL Lenten Retreat, and a local Greek retreat (GOYA). The chapter received great help from both the spiritual advisor and the senior advisor, who encouraged the members of their Junior UOL chapter to be active and participative.

Fr. John Harvey, of blessed memory, was the spiritual advisor and the parish priest. He will remain in the hearts of many as a very dear, knowledgeable and caring person. Fr. John's stories from TC's segment "Living Orthodoxy" touched the hearts of many teenagers. They were educational, enlightening and inspirational. We express our sincere sympathy to the Harvey family and may his memory be eternal - вічна пам'ять.

On behalf of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League we would like to congratulate the Jr. UOL Chapter of Saints Peter and Paul for its success over the past year. We wish your chapter much success in all future endeavors.



Lenten Retreat April 13, 2019

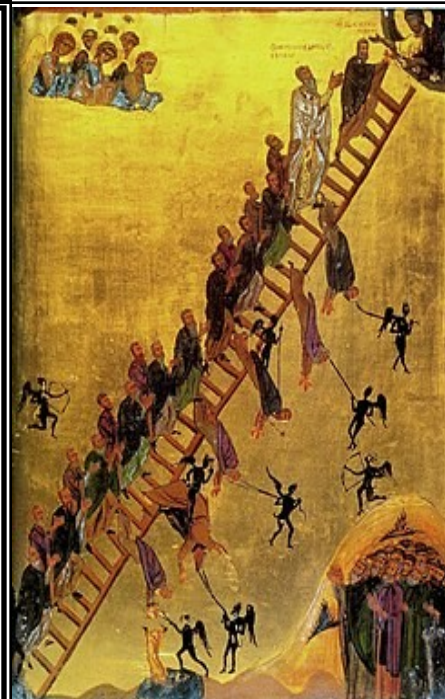
Focusing on the Ladder of Divine Ascent and our spiritual journey one step at a time

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

Registration includes all meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

St. Francis Center for Renewal
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 Bethlehem, PA

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**Report from the UOL Convention
Communication Committees**

Section I: The recommendations for UOL communications are as follows:

- Compile a UOL attendee list. This list would be by volunteer. UOL members that would choose to be on the list and would include the best mode of communication, i.e. text message; home phone, etc. This would facilitate communication between members of the UOL.
- It is recommended that each chapter resurrect the position of reporter. The reporter would increase efficiency regarding incoming and outgoing communications. Along with information that is on Facebook and other media outlets.
- Since some parishioners do not have access to computers and/or internet, it was suggested that a member with a laptop bring it to coffee hour so that websites and information can be shared.
- Have regional conferences between chapters that are close to each other. They can then discuss issues and share ideas. This could be done by Skype or conference calls.
- Come up with ways to help UOL members pay dues. In Philadelphia, newlyweds have their dues paid for them.
- Encourage parish priests to promote the UOL and be champions for the UOL.
- Provide bilingual communications for UOL information and events to help new immigrants feel comfortable with the UOL so they feel welcome.
- Promote the UOL and give members the opportunity to serve; do more for the church.

Section II: Helping the UOC of the USA with Communication

- Many people don't know what South Bound Brook does for the church. It is recommended that the sermons of the Hierarchs be recorded and posted on youtube.com
- Provide virtual tours of the facility and complex in South Bound Brook
- Assist the UOC of the USA get surveys to parishes and help them to get completed.
- Answer the question as to where our dues go? There were budgets in years past at the Sobor. There was not always an understanding of the information, and the information did not always get back to the parishes.
- Recommend that the UOC of the USA website be accurate regarding parish addresses and other information.

The Committee asked that the NEB decide which items to implement for the 2018-2019 year and share them with the UOL members.



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who led an intensive ascetic life and died in 1125 AD. Technically, this is after the schism date, and she may never have even known about the church split or espoused any spurious doctrines held by the Roman Church, but as we were not in communion at that time, she doesn't appear on our calendar. Later canonized catholic saints often openly espoused or fought for heretical or suspicious doctrines, purgatory, or for example in extremis openly opposed the Orthodox church itself. Such people, despite a sincerity and piety on their part, cannot be venerated as Orthodox saints.

One particularly controversial catholic saint is Josaphat Kuntsevich of Polotsk. Some time after the establishment of the Unia, Josaphat was appointed bishop of Polotsk in present day Belarus. He was cruel in dealing with all Orthodox elements, who still refused to accept the Unia. In this stance, he was severely rebuked by the all-powerful Polish King for so humiliating and persecuting his Orthodox subjects. Orthodox had been denied religious funerals, yet although in a humiliating way, the Jews were allowed to march through the sewer to bury their dead in the Jewish manner outside the walls. Josaphat was martyred, by Orthodox people conducting a revolt against his heinous treatment of Orthodox. As you can see, the veneration of Josaphat is a sore subject for Ukrainian Orthodox.

As Roman Catholics do not consider us as heretics, but only as schismatics, they, in principle, do not have a difficulty with orthodox saints. Our saints have not been pugnacious against Roman Catholics. St. Athanasius of Brest was an eloquent monk, who sought to improve the existence of the Orthodox. In dioceses which had gone to the Unia, no Orthodox bishop or Orthodox diocesan structure was allowed. Athanasius sought to remedy the situation and brought a miraculous icon to the Polish king, beseeching him to have mercy on his Orthodox subjects and give them a bit of freedom. Eventually, the persistent supplications of this self-effacing and eloquent orthodox monk raised the ire of catholic authorities who had Athanasius silenced through martyrdom.

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Of course, every parish is unique and you may have other ideas on how to engage your youth. No matter how you do it, and no matter whether you start with two or 20, do not give up, because Christ said: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

The support of your parish, advisors, and clergy are essential for success. As a President of the National Jr. UOL, I am also here to help! If you need ideas or suggestions or would like to request a visit, please contact me at alexisnaumenko20@gmail.com or 215-290-7878.

Respectfully submitted by,
Alexis Naumenko
Jr. UOL President

**Ukrainian Orthodox League's
Annual Drive for
UOL Projects, Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship,
and
Metropolitan John Scholarship Funds**

Donations to UOL Projects will be used for

- *Publication of the *UOL BULLETIN*
- *Supporting the Youth Commission's activities
- *Outreach through the Christian Care-Giving and Missions Commission
- *Continuation of the Education Commission projects and services
- *Public Relations and other administrative necessities

Donations to the Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship fund will

- *Provide Scholarships to current or former Junior UOL members who are leaders in their parishes and communities and committed to their faith
- *Nurture the future leaders of our Church
- *Foster the UOL's motto: "Devoted to its Youth"

Donations to the MJSF Scholarship Fund will

- *Provide tuition assistance to seminarians at our St. Sophia's Seminary
- *Encourage candidates to the Holy Priesthood
- *Provide tuition assistance to our clergy and seminarians for higher education

Please take a moment and use the enclosed envelope to make your donation today!!

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hope you read this, act on it together as a UOL family, and do something together for your parish family. Do something, reach out and make your parish family feel your Chapter's presence.

To our newly ordained Father Ivan Tchopko, Axios! Axios! Axios! The Ukrainian Orthodox League sends our prayers and warmest wishes to you as you continue your journey and quest to help others, as you mentioned and as your mother did many years ago. With respect to some of Father Ivan's former

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2018 Essay Contest Winners

Congratulations to all of our UOL Essay Contest Winners!

Pre-K and Kindergarten

- First Place** Sophia Synevsky, St. John the Baptist, Johnson City, NY
- Second Place** Sophia Harmati, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
- Third Place** Yanna Tsikhuu, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
- Honorable Mention**
 - Mia DeBias, St. Demetrius, Carteret, NJ
 - Matthew Bureiko, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 - Anna Piskoun, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 - Joseph Rimedio, Sts. Peter and Paul, Youngstown, OH

Grades 1 and 2

- First Place** Molly DeBias, St. Demetrius, Carteret, NJ
- Second Place** Irinia Schirta, St. Sophia, Bayonne, NJ
- Third Place** Lily Hatala, St. John the Baptist, Johnson City, NY
- Honorable Mention**
 - Melanie Mitchell, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 - Alexis Widmer, St. Vladimir, Parma, OH
 - Zoryana Petroff, St. Nicholas, Troy, NY
 - Ryan Fealy, St. Demetrius, Carteret, NJ
 - Tatiana Korotinsky, St. Vladimir, Philadelphia, PA
 - Zachary Radio, Sts. Peter and Paul, Lyndora, PA

Grades 3 and 4

- First Place** Roman Sabeshkevych, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
- Second Place** Angelika Pyvovar, Sts. Peter and Paul, Carnegie, PA
- Third Place** Filip Schirta, St. Sophia, Bayonne, NJ
- Honorable Mention**
 - Max Hatala, St. John the Baptist, Johnson City, NY
 - Yaroslav Volochiyi, St. Vladimir, Philadelphia, PA
 - Caden Hessler, Sts. Peter and Paul, Lyndora, PA
 - Qorey Carter, St. Demetrius, Carteret, NJ

Grades 5 and 6

- First Place** Nathan Larson, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
- Second Place** Daryna Malyy, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
- Third Place** Antony Sendeha, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
- Honorable Mention**
 - Kayla Meenan, St. Vladimir, Philadelphia, PA
 - Yana Ilkiv, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 - Alexandra Ost, Assumption of the Virgin, Northampton, PA

Grades 7 and 8

- First Place** Nicole Larson, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
- Second Place** Vasily Schirta, St. Sophia, Bayonne, NJ
- Third Place** Olesya Korotinsky, St. Vladimir, Philadelphia, PA
- Honorable Mention** Natalie Swan, St. Vladimir, Philadelphia, PA

Grades 9 and 10

- First Place** Natalie Novicky, Sts. Peter and Paul, Youngstown, OH
- Second Place** Sabrina Ost, Assumption of Virgin Mary, Northampton, PA
- Third Place** Stephanie Chubenko, St. Demetrius, Carteret, NJ

Grades 11 and 12

- First Place** Anna Swindle, Holy Virgin, Arnold, PA
- Second Place** Pavlog Pawluk, Sts. Peter and Paul, Lyndora, PA
- Third Place** Johann Gigante, St. Vladimir, Philadelphia, PA

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- First Place** Andrew Sekela, Holy Protection, Dover, FL
- Second Place** Victoria Swindle, Holy Virgin, Arnold, PA
- Third Place** Karen Larson, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL

Congratulations to all of the winners!

In the next few issues of the UOL Bulletin we will be publishing our first place winners.

Our next issue will have the 2019 essay topics.

UOL Bulletin Pictures



Oleh Bilynsky enjoying his UOL Bulletin in Portugal at a Palace near Sintra!
Join in the fun! Take your UOL Bulletin with you and take a picture reading your Bulletin.
Submit pictures by sending to nsufler@aol.com



(Ask Fr. Harvey - continued from page 2)
Some catholic saints inspire veneration by their self-less lives. As a child, I was impressed by St. Frances Cabrini, who worked tirelessly for the poor and destitute Italian immigrants in my native Los Angeles. Her work, even when she was alive was marked by miracles. I also can cite St. Mother Theresa, so recently canonized. Her work among the poorest of the poor in India, Brazil and elsewhere is such a glowing example of the love and compassion of Christ. Although worthy of your private veneration and honor, yet they were practicing Roman Catholics and accepted what we would consider heretical or defective in doctrine.

Until there is union between our sister churches, the mutual public veneration of each others' saints is not presently possible. With Catholicism accepting the Immaculate Conception and some leaning to Mary as co-Redemptrix, great barriers will probably not be surmounted in our lifetime. IF, union ever occurs, then and then alone will the recognition of each others saints be solved. Until then, all we can do is recognize the inherent piety and sanctity exhibited by individual lives.

As you read these wonderful answers please remember Fr. John Harvey of Blessed Memory in your prayers. Vichnaya Pamyat!



**What is happening in your Chapter or Parish Community?
Tell us about your projects and ideas!
Send your pictures!
Share information about your events!
Please share with us all!**

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Meet the Junior UOL Board

Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory to Jesus Christ!

My name is Alexis Naumenko and I am honored and blessed to be the President of the Jr. UOL National Board!

I am a PK, the eldest child of Father Taras and Pani Matka 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, where I currently serve as the chapter President.



This year I am a junior at Saint Basil Academy in Jenkintown, PA. I play lacrosse for my school and participate in numerous clubs and activities. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my friends, baking, traveling, and skiing. My favorite summer activity is All Saint Camp ("ASC")! I have participated in the church's camping programs since the age of four and became an advocate for ASC.

I have always been active in the UOL and over the past two years I had the pleasure to serve as Secretary for the National Board. As the new President, I truly hope to raise awareness of and aspiration towards creating new and growing current Jr. UOL chapters. Every parish has a potential - but it requires a commitment and dedication on the part of the clergy and the faithful. Together, we can make our UOL stronger! I encourage you to reach out to me, or any of the Board members for support or with questions and/or suggestions. Contact me at alexisnaumenko20@gmail.com or 215-290-7878.

Although this year's Convention was different, it was very successful. The Convention was held in conjunction with the Church's Centennial celebration, which drew many new faces. This presented an opportunity for everyone to recognize an important event in the life of the UOC of USA, celebrating 100 years, and to witness the UOL strong and hard at work.

My name is Madeline Zetick, and I am proud to serve as the Financial Secretary on the Jr. National Executive Board for a second year now. I am 15 years old and am a sophomore at Saint Basil Academy. I attend St. Vladimir



Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA. I am an active member in our Jr. UOL chapter, sing in the choir and go to church school every Sunday.

Some of my favorite things to do are play volleyball, softball and sing. I love going to All Saints Camp every summer and reuniting with all of my friends from all over. My favorite subjects in school are math and science. I hope to go to nursing school at Pitt for college. This year I hope to help to grow and develop the Jr. UOL not only in size but in faithfulness.

This year's UOL Convention was yet another success throughout the events, service and meetings. Learning about the history of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in America was very interesting. The Juniors' service project, which included planting flowers and mulching a cross by the St. Sophia Seminary went very well, and not only made the cross look more lively, but brought all of the Juniors together to work as a collective group. Another highlight of the convention was the committees including both Seniors and Juniors, where the Juniors were able to speak on topics in the Church that affect children of our age. The Juniors provided the Seniors with information regarding church school, staying involved through college and praying. I believe the Juniors can improve on brainstorming and implementing new ways to get more children involved in parish chapters and UOL Conventions. In the future, I hope to have more joint Sr./Jr. committees where the Juniors can speak their minds on how to better the UOL as a whole, because I really enjoyed that opportunity. All in all, the 2018 convention was wonderful, and I am excited for the future of the UOL and another successful convention in 2019.

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- 2019 Convention All Saints Camp
- 2020 Philadelphia
- 2021 _____
- 2022 Pittsburgh-Carnegie

My name is Cyril Sheptak and I am the 2018-2019 Jr. UOL Vice President. I have been on the board for two years as treasurer and am excited to work with another aspect of the program. I am a senior attending Butler Senior High School in the Pittsburgh area and am currently preparing to go to college. I enjoy public speaking and debating and in addition to that I am involved in many clubs and activities in our school and community. I am very honored to have the ability to serve on the board again and I will do my best to make the most of my time in office.



I thought that this year's convention was very successful. The juniors were efficient in their work and met all the goals we were hoping to achieve. Apart from the usual meetings it was interesting to have not only a UOL gathering but a joint UOC celebration. There was plenty of entertaining and educational events planned for the 100th anniversary of our Church such as the museum opening, dance groups, and grounds tours. While the events and meetings were why we were there I felt that the best part of the convention was being in Bound Brook during this occasion. It is important to connect with friends and family at the center of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America.

My name is Anna Oksana Swindle and I am the youngest daughter of Fr. Mark and Pani Matka Stephanie Swindle. I live in Green Tree, Pennsylvania just outside the city of Pittsburgh. I'll be starting my senior year at Keystone Oaks High School where I am a member of the Student Senate, French Club, Treasurer of the Art Club, as well as a High Honor Roll student. My parish, Holy Virgin, is located in Arnold, Pennsylvania, where I am in the choir, student of the parish church school and member of the Young Ladies Guild. I am a past winner of the UOL Annual Education Commission Essay Contest numerous times and also the Annual Faith and Photography Contest sponsored by the Youth Ministry. My current hobbies include bowling, painting, art history and traveling; having visited ten countries. I hope to pursue a degree in accounting after high school.



This past Convention was my first convention and I felt very welcomed. Being that my parish doesn't have a chapter and I only knew a select few of the juniors who would be there, I thought I would feel like an outcast but everyone was very friendly to me. Overall though, Convention made me reflect on what more I can do for the Church. When the juniors were planting flowers at the cross in the extension of the cemetery, I felt happy because I was doing something that was benefiting someone else. Also Convention made me realize that it's okay to question why we as Orthodox Christians do certain things and to look it up or ask my priest about it. This year's Convention was a very fulfilling one to say the least.

My name is Natalie Hrytsay. I was born in Manhattan, New York and raised in Philadelphia. I have two older siblings. Currently I am enrolled as a freshman at St Basil Academy. I have been going to St. Vladimir Cathedral in Philadelphia since 2015. I have been a camper at All Saints Camp for the past 4 years. This is my first year on the Junior UOL board as Secretary. I am beyond excited to help run the board this year.



This is my first year on the national board, although I have been an active member of my local junior chapter for a couple of years now. I have enjoyed going to Convention for the past two years. I believe it is a great gathering with different UOL chapters across the country getting the opportunity to meet. We have many exciting events every year at Convention such as the banquet and the church services. I hope everyone will attend next year's convention at All Saints Camp in Emlenton, PA!

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classmates, **Christmas at the Seminary is December 15, 2018**. Much support continues to be needed, much of it in the form of your interpersonal interaction and emotional support. Is your Parish, Chapter or you doing anything? If you are local, I hope you can attend. I truly think you will be rewarded by forming personal relationships with our seminarians. I also think you will be surprised by the enjoyable time you will have, if you just come and encourage our students by your attendance and help in some of the most basic of ways. More information is included in this month's Bulletin and our Site, uolofusa.org.
Yours in Christ,
John Holowko
UOL President



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