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ST. VLADIMIR'S, PARMA, OHIO Annual Commemoration of the Artificial Famine



Readers from St. Vladimir's UOL Chapter

The Annual Commemoration for the victims of the Artificial Famine in Ukraine was sponsored by the youth of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Parma, Ohio. A memorial service was served outside, in front of the Famine Monument, followed by a program sponsored by the Sunday School, Taras Shevchenko Ukrainian School, and the Junior UOL Chapter.

MAPLEWOOD TO HOST EXECUTIVE BOARDS

by Daria Pishko Komichak

The Holy Ascension Senior UOL Chapter of Maplewood, NJ, kicked-off the season in full swing on Sunday September 11 beginning with a memorial service for the victims of 9-11-01 followed by a delicious Lenten dinner on the feast of the Beheading of John the Baptist. Following the dinner the junior and senior members who attended this year's wonderful 58th Annual UOL Convention shared their experiences with the parish members and invited them to join the UOL for the ensuing year. The DVD of next year's convention was shown to add to the enthusiasm

Sr. Chapter Officers for 2005-2006:

President, Daniel Gulak

Vice President, Pani Matka Lida Hucul

Secretary/Treasurer, Lynne Gulak

Spiritual Advisor, Very Rev. Oleh Hucul

National Executive Board Meetings!

The Junior and Senior Chapters are anxiously looking forward to hosting the Winter Meeting of the National Junior and Senior Executive Boards on the weekend of January 13-15 in concert with the Holy Ascension UOL's Annual Parish Malanka. The Malanka will be held following Divine Liturgy on Sunday January 15th.

We extend an open invitation to all our neighboring chapters to join us for this fun-filled family event.

U.O.L. ARCHIVES

"National UOL Historical Material Needed"

- Historical records and materials
- Records from past National UOL Officers
- Convention Yearbooks

Forward to: UOL Archives (Attn: S. Sivulich), UOC of USA,
P.O. Box 495, S. Bound Brook, NJ 08880

MAKING SENSE OF TRAGEDY IN THE WORLD!

By Very Rev. John W. Harvey, St. Michael's Parish, Woonsocket, RI

Be it the fall of a nation, some horrific terrorist act or the manifestation of nature that results in tragedy of a major scale, we must try to make sense of it. In the wake of unthinkable tragedy, the question arises: *Where was God when this happened? Why did not the Almighty protect the human life that was snuffed out during the horrific events that occurred? Our spirit cries out for answers!*

The unthinkable has happened before and we should look at the spiritual discernment that was reached when all circumstances were weighed. One of the first events to come to mind was the fall of Constantinople. The mother church of our own Christian heritage had existed in the Byzantine state for over some one thousand years. The touted glories of our American state are merely just over some two hundred years. Nazism, for all its power did not last a generation and the Soviet Union and its supposed enlightened Communist rule sputtered out in less than a hundred years of existence. The Byzantine state exemplified the highest culture and was the agency of the Orthodox Christian Church. Its emperors had called ecumenical councils, composed portions of the Liturgy, and arranged the basis of canon law among the accomplishments. Church and state marched in such close tandem that if the church should last for all times, then wouldn't the state as well?

It is rare that a state has lasted so long in vigor and Byzantium gave to the world literature, architecture, the concepts of hospitals and other philanthropic institutions. In all that is positive to relate, one must also factor in the reality of sin, ethnic pride and blindness to the word of God. These would prove to be fatal flaws in the end. The concept of "Byzantine intrigue" betrays a sinful underpinning of a life of deceit and unchristian machinations. Ethnic blindness and pride was a large factor in the separation of the Oriental Orthodox Churches from the Byzantine fold and really weakened the whole of the entry and ascendancy of Islam. It would eventually be Islam and the Turks who would gobble up the empire, right up to the gates and walls of Constantinople itself. Some, for the vague promise of troops from the Christian West, would even seek to sell out the church with a quick union with the Roman Church, even as the Turks were at the door. We all know what happened in the tragic aftermath of defeat. St. Sophia and major churches became mosques and Christians would be enslaved for centuries. Some of the most influential Greek families sold out immediately and became Moslems on the spot, hoping not to lose their wealth and political influence. Taking all these things into consideration, it was not the martial prowess, power and determination of the brutish Islamic forces that was the cause of the fall of the Byzantine Empire, rather it was because of manifest sin. Hardness of heart, spiritual blindness, murder, intrigue all were part and parcel of this spiritual sickness of sin that weakened the state and called out for judgment. Upon the fall of Constantinople there was a great public realization that the unthinkable was caused by their own sin, basically a society and government sick and corrupt to the core. Leadership and people cried out in this horrific realization of the consequences of their own sin.

This is not the first time that this has happened in history. The warnings of the prophets foretold that without repentance and a changing of ways that destruction and exile would occur. *Who wants to listen to such prophecy?* Ways were not changed and the inevitable happened and exile for the Chosen People was long until hearts softened. Being the Chosen People did not save one, IF the path of life was one of hypocrisy, sin and infidelity. The protection of God was removed and the warranted consequences happened.

Scripture warns us of arrogance of heart and not to trust in strength of arms or in the number of soldiers. Trust in the Lord and righteous living with repentance are the keys to the Lord being our shield and buckler. Wise words enacted for all generations, including our own! Terrorists and enemy arms may be arrayed against us, but the moral rearmament of the nation protects us.

Natural tragedies are even greater imponderables, for the good and the bad are often slain together. In the Litia prayers on major feasts we pray that we be spared earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, the invasion of enemies, etc. Again the theme is that all of our combined sins call for divine retribution, but we pray that because of the righteous and our humble pleas, that such affliction, wrath, dangers and necessities be spared us. So, for the sake of the faithful and repentant, we ask that all, even the unrighteous be spared. Oh, forsake us not who put our trust in Thee!

In the prayers the priest reads before the Liturgy we read of the magnificence and often frightful power that the Lord shows even through natural occurrences. Scripture relates the real reality that the Lord holds all in His hands and foolishly puny man, in his arrogance, thinks that he can, at least eventually, know all and control all of nature's secrets. "Thy throne is established from of old; Thou art from everlasting. The floods have lifted up O God, the floods have lifted up their voice, the floods have lifted up their roaring. Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty. Thy de-

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SR. UOL NEWS FROM JOHNSON CITY, NY “Reactivated, Reorganized, Rejuvenated and Reinvigorated!”

by Pam Scannell

St. John the Baptist Sr. UOL is excited to start their first full year as a *newly reactivated chapter*. We began the year with a picnic and invited the entire parish to join us for food, fellowship and fun. We swam, played Bocce ball, sang, talked, and of course recruited new members to join in the fun of being a UOL participant. August was a great time to hold this picnic because we were still “pumped-up” from attending the UOL Convention in Northampton, PA. Following our picnic, the membership drive continued and we are glad that we will maintain our enthusiasm for another fruitful year.



Recently, we completed copying video tapes of our Paschal Divine Liturgy to distribute to our shut-ins. We received many donations of video tapes from our members and of course are grateful for the loan of a video copier with which to make the tapes. Other activities include scheduling a fundraiser to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Along with weekly collections in September, we are doing a joint sale with our Jr. Chapter outside of our neighborhood store and all proceeds will go to the American Red Cross. Finally, we have scheduled a work party to clean our church museum located in the basement of our church.

We look forward to another fun-filled and exciting year at St. John the Baptist, that hopefully will increase enthusiasm and attendance at next year's convention.

MAKING SENSE OF TRAGEDY IN THE WORLD!

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crees are very sure; holiness befits Thy house for everyone.” In light of tsunami, hurricanes and earthquakes can't one see that man, when he thinks he has all under control and would even act a god in creation of life, arbitrarily ends lives in opening the doors of judgment.

Again, natural tragedies do occur and as we learned from the book of Job, NOT in all cases does this come from divine judgment, but there can be other factors at play. Let us though, personally, try to live a life of repentance, pray for the lot of our fellow man and beg as we do in the preparation of the Liturgy: “Cover us with the shelter of Thy wings, and drive away from us every foe and adversary. Give peace to our lives, O Lord. Have mercy on us and on Thy world and save our souls, for Thou art good and lovest mankind.” It is good to realize that evil and tragic occurrences should properly be put at the door of the evil one, who always works for our discomfort and hurt. Battle him and the Lord Himself will be your protection.



NAKO'S NEWS
Melanie Nakonachny, U.O.L. President

Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Christu!

This year I began a new job as the librarian of Union K-8 in the Cleveland Municipal School District. One of my classes has been in the process of reading the book “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”, a timeless classic for kids and grown-ups alike. During one of my lessons, I spoke to the students about needs and wants. *Do I really need that new video game? Will my life end if I don't get to see that new movie or buy that CD?* As the class departed I began to realize that this simple concept of needs and wants extends far beyond the naivete of their young minds. In life, we are surrounded by things we want, and usually get, while others across the country and the world suffer to meet their basic needs. At this time of year, as we gather with our friends and families, we are called to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for. Let us consider giving up one of those “wants” to allow someone else to have something that they truly need.

The Fall Meeting of the Senior National Executive Board was very productive. As always, the members of Saint Vladimir's Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA welcomed us warmly. Members of the 59th Annual U.O.L. Convention Committee from Holy Ghost Parish in Coatesville, PA presented the board with exciting information concerning the 2006 convention. Be sure to save the date...July 26-30, 2006. This will be a convention you don't want to miss.

Member-at-Large membership continues to increase. If you know anyone who is interested in being a part of the Ukrainian Orthodox League and is not living in the vicinity of a chapter, please encourage them to become a Member-at-Large. For more information, please contact Membership and Chapter Development Chairwoman Daria Pishko Komichak at dapia@aol.com.

The board is pleased to be presenting a Metropolitan John Scholarship Grant to Gerald Largent of St. Nicholas Pro-Cathedral in Lakewood, OH. Gerald is a student at St. Sophia's Seminary. May God Grant him many years serving the Lord and His Holy Orthodox Church.

As Thanksgiving approaches chapter members are being asked to give of themselves. All U.O.L. members are being called upon to assist in the Christian Caregiving and Missions *Thanksgiving Tithing Program*. Members are being asked to save the receipts from all their Thanksgiving expenses - food, napkins, tablecloths, centerpieces - and donate 10% of what you spent to help the needy at St. Herman's House of Hospitality and Monastery in Cleveland, Ohio. This program is a direct result of a Christian Caregiving and Missions Convention Committee recommendation. The project has had great success at St. Mary's Parish in New Britain, CT and I hope the Ukrainian Orthodox League will have the same result. Working together we can truly assist the needy at this diocesan institution. More information concerning this project has been distributed to chapter presidents and spiritual advisors.

As Saint Phillip's Fast is rapidly approaching and we prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, please take time to remember those less fortunate such as the homeless at Saint Herman's. Let us not turn away from those in need as the Virgin Mary was turned away at the inn but rather follow the words of Christ, *“for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to me . . . inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.”* (Matthew 25:35-40).

I remain...
Yours in Christ,
Melanie A. Nakonachny

NEW U.O.L. BULLETIN DEADLINE

The UOL BULLETIN DEADLINE for submitting material and pictures is

**THE 1ST DAY OF THE MONTH
PRIOR TO THE MONTH OF THE ISSUE.**

Issue	Deadline
September 2005	August 1st
October 2005	September 1st
November 2005	October 1st
January/February 2006	December 1st
March 2006	February 1st
April 2006	March 1st
June 2006	May 1st

Note: Pictures must be received by the deadline date.

SPOTLIGHT A JUNIOR CHAPTER

Featuring...
ST. KATHERINE'S JR. UOL
 ARDEN HILLS, MN



(Photo taken June 2005, when Sr. UOL President Melanie Nakonachny and Jr. UOL President Katya Carman, presented the Jr. UOL Charter to St. Katherine's)

Membership

8 members

4 officers, 1 senior advisor, and 1 Spiritual advisor

Newly Elected Officers

At their first Jr. UOL meeting of the year, the following officers were elected;

President- Stephanie Korsunsky

Vice President- Alex Hushcha

Secretary- Daria Kushnir

Treasurer- Tina Korsunsky

Projects

Throughout the past year, this busy chapter has . . .

*performed a St. Nicholas Day play

*sang Christmas carols with their neighboring church, St. George's

*participated in a Taras Shevchenko performance

*held many theology workshops with their parish clergy

Looking to the Future...

This newly formed chapter is hoping to...

*host Orthodox study workshops with other Orthodox youth in the Minneapolis area

*host a Jr. UOL sponsored masquerade dance

*work on more fundraisers, such having a car wash

This extremely enthusiastic group of young adults has been working diligently since they formed their new Junior UOL chapter last spring. They have many great projects that they are hoping to do in the near future, and they are excited to expand their membership. They are also looking forward to sending delegates to the upcoming convention in Coatesville!

Look for SPOTLIGHT A JUNIOR CHAPTER in your next Bulletin !!

ONE, TWO, THREE, OLE!

"St. Vladimir's Sr. UOL Chapter

Kicks-Off the Year With a Mexican Buffet!"

by P.M. MaryAnne Nakonachny

St. Vladimir's Senior Ukrainian Orthodox League Chapter of Parma, OH held their first chapter meeting of the new year on September 19, 2005. This meeting, themed *Fiesta Feast*, found members munching on salsa, nachos, tacos and fajitas. In between bites the chapter members worked to lay down a calendar of events for the coming months. These events will include stuffed cabbage sales, a breakfast to benefit the Diocesan Youth Ministry Program and their annual Christmas Craft Fair.

What up next for this chapter? While the theme for the November meeting has yet to be confirmed chapter members are eager to sample oriental cuisine.

St. Vladimir's Chapter extends congratulations to its 2005-2006 executive board:

President, Pani Matka MaryAnne Nakonachny

Vice President, Melanie Nakonachny

Secretary/Sunshine, Donna Kominko

Treasurer, Pani Matka Iryna Mahlay

Auditor, Tanya Dobronos

Spiritual Advisors, V. Rev. John Nakonachny

V. Rev. John Mironko

KATYA'S KORNER...

Katya Carman, Jr. U.O.L. President



Glory To Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Christu!

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall. I always enjoy this time of year with the changing colors and the new plans for the coming year. At our first National Executive Board meeting we discussed plans for this coming year--we are definitely off to a great start! The Sunday of the Prodigal Son we will be hosting the National "Bring a Friend to Church" Day again. We will also be sponsoring the Cultural Contest, but this year the contest will be open to seniors who would like to participate as well. The Jr. UOL also will be doing the Annual Raffle, and as requested at the convention, the tickets will be distributed early to allow more time to sell. The Junior UOL Website has been recently re-constructed, so I encourage anyone who has not seen it to check it out. (The site is a link to the UOC consistory website). Also, please be sure to send a group photo of your chapter to Dan McNulty (dnulty2758@aol.com) as soon as possible.

The next Jr. UOL National Executive Board meeting will be held as a joint Jr./ Sr. NEB meeting on Jan 15, 2006, and hosted by the Sr. and Jr. Chapters of Maplewood, NJ. I encourage all juniors in the Maplewood area to come and join our meeting; we would love to have you attend.

There is also something special about this time of year, other than the changing of the leaves. It is a time that the secular world reminds us to be thankful for all of the things we are fortunate to have. At this time of the year, we pay special attention to those in need and less fortunate. This year, the Joint Senior/ Junior Christian Caregiving and Missions committee, at the Annual Convention, recommended that the UOL have a Tithing Project in which 10 % of each person's Thanksgiving purchases are donated to St. Herman's House of Hospitality and Monastery in Cleveland, Ohio. I encourage you to spread the word in your local parishes to support this worthwhile project.

I hope everyone is having a great year thus far; please feel free to contact me or any other Jr. UOL Board member with any questions, or comments. *I would love to hear from you!*

Katya Carman

NEWS FROM CARNEGIE JR'S

by Natasha Walewski

Our juniors, at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, have been busy the past few weeks, either participating in church or UOL events, or planning our own. We participated in a **Walk for Missions** on October 9th. It was a 4-mile walk that benefits a Brotherhood in Pittsburgh. Each junior made at least a \$20 donation, and we donated all of the money to the cause at hand.

One of our biggest events this fall will be our **Masquerade Party**. Every year our church sponsors this activity, and this year, it was handed over to our Jr. Chapter to organize and implement. Our two co-chairmen are Zachary Kapeluck and John Walewski. These two are working very hard to lead the organization efforts and get ready for the party. The Masquerade Party is taking place on October 29th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM in our church hall. We have invited churches from Ohio, and all of the churches in Western Pennsylvania. Games and contests will be going on all night, and like many past years, pizza is the food of choice. We hope it will be a huge success—having everyone dressed-up in costumes and having so much fun.

Another event is the **2nd Annual Cookie Walk** which is sponsored by our St. Matrona's Ladies Society. What is this? Well—throughout the past few months, the members have been making hundreds and hundreds of cookies. On December 10th, all of the cookies will be on tables in our church hall and as people walk through they select the type and number of cookies they wish to purchase. Cookies are sold at a standard price per pound. This is the biggest event of the year for our sisterhood. Although all of the ladies of our Jr. Chapter will be helping in the lower hall, the guys in our chapter will have their part too. In the upper hall, as people come in and wait to be called to buy cookies, the "junior guys" will be raffling off a movie basket, which is full of movies, popcorn, slippers, candy, pop and everything else that you could ever need to watch a movie.

We are also planning some fun things to do as a chapter. We hope to go ice skating, snow-tubing, and do laser tag in the next few months. Although these events are not definite, we love doing things as a chapter and just spending time with each other.

FR. WILLIAM OLYNYK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – 2005

MARC SENEDAK



Pani Doris Olynyk and Marc Senedak

Marc Senedak was awarded the prestigious Father William Olynyk Memorial Scholarship from the Youth Ministry of Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Youngstown, Ohio.

This scholarship is given to a graduating high school senior from Sts. Peter and Paul parish family who has shown extraordinary service to the community, attained high academic standards, and devotion to the sacramental life of the church.

Marc has demonstrated an exemplary Christian attitude, leadership, and enthusiasm to everyone in the parish—young and old. The parish family extends special congratulations to Marc and wishes him much success in his future endeavors.

The Junior UOL presented Marc with a prayer box filled with their best wishes, hopes and prayers for much success in all of his future endeavors. Youth Ministers, Robin and Kevin Thomas, along with Fr. Charles Baxter presented Marc with an Award of Merit.

May God guide him and grant him many blessed years!

SR. UOL CHAPTER HONORS NEW ALTAR BOYS

St. Vladimir's Cathedral, Parma, Ohio

Four new altar boys were admitted to the Altar Boys' Society of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral on Sunday, September 25, 2005.

Following the 8:30 AM English Divine Liturgy, special prayers were read, in English and Ukrainian, by the clergy, asking the Lord to guide and protect the boys as they begin their service to the Church. Each altar boy received a special certificate and an icon as a gift from the Senior Chapter of the Ukrainian Orthodox League (UOL).

St. Vladimir's has twenty-two altar servers, divided into six groups, who serve at the Ukrainian and English Liturgies on Sundays.



New altar boys at St. Vladimir's Cathedral; (left to right) Michael Dobronos, Andrew Moysaenko, Nicholai Moysaenko and Oleh Samerdak. Also pictured are the clergy of the Cathedral and the altar boys who served at the Liturgy on September 25th.

CARNEGIE SR. UOL CHAPTER UPDATE

Sr. and Jr. delegates attended the outstanding 58th UOL Convention in Northampton, PA and took notes on many of the events to use in planning for the **60th Convention--2007 in Carnegie, Pennsylvania!**

UOL members provide the leadership in preparing BAG LUNCHESES FOR THE HOMELESS OF PITTSBURGH, hosting the Sunday Coffee Hour, writing a grant to assist in the flood relief, celebrating Fr. Steve Repa's ordination anniversary with a cake for coffee hour, hosting a luncheon for Fr. Steve's 50th birthday, planning for St. Matrona Society 2nd Cookie Walk, and continuing to assist with flood restoration.

The major project for early fall was CARNEGIE DAYS. Sr. and Jr. Chapter members work in conjunction with the Kitchen Workers to sponsor a booth on the mall that operated from 12:00 noon to 12:00 AM for a three-day period. The profits of \$4,000 were divided between the Sr. chapter and Kitchen Workers, ultimately for the benefit of the parish. The Sr. UOL divided its share with the Jr. UOL. Organizational leadership was provided by UOLer's Sherri Walewski (the booth), Michael Kapeluck (the work schedule), and Steve Sivulich (the kitchen).



Sherri Walewski, Steve Sivulich, and Michael Kapeluck

Chapter officers for 2005-2006: PRESIDENT, Cindy Haluszczczk; VICE PRESIDENT, Mike Sally; RECORDING SECRETARY, Connie Markiw; TREASURER, Michael Kapeluck; ASST. TREASURER, Michele Kapeluck; AUDITORS: Patricia Sally, Bonnie Reinhart, and Steve Sawchuk; SPIRITUAL ADVISOR, Fr. Steve Repa.

Sts. Peter and Paul - Wednesday's Senior Coffee Hour

Steve Sivulich has initiated a new parish event which has become a tremendous success. In an effort to get retirees, widows, widowers out of their homes, every Wednesday morning (10:00 to 11:30 AM) up to 25 senior citizens gather for fun and fellowship with **FREE** coffee and pastries in the parish hall.

Become a Member of the UOL

Your membership will help to support the UOL Mission and these very important projects:

- * Youth Ministry
- * St. Sophia Seminary
- * Scholarships for Youth
- * Religious Education
- * Young Adult Education & Fellowship
- * Caregiving & Missions in USA, Brazil and Ukraine
- * Essay Contest
- * Ukrainian Cultural Activities
- * Scholarships for Seminarians
- * All Saints Camp
- * Teen-Age Conference

Join Us Today As We Continue To Be . . .

"DEDICATED TO OUR CHURCH –DEVOTED TO ITS YOUTH"

UOL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please find enclosed my membership application and annual dues.

I am applying for membership as a Membership-At-Large \$ 40.00
I certify that I am a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and do not live within the geographical area of a UOL Chapter. I agree to be governed by the UOL's Constitution and policies, and support all efforts toward the achievement of the League's purposes and goals.

I am applying for membership in the local parish chapter of _____ \$ 20.00
 I am applying for a Young Adult membership as a _____ \$10.00
Member at Large
(and am between 18 and 25 years of age. _____)
date of birth _____

I am interested in information on starting a chapter in my parish.

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please send the above information and your check made payable to "UOL" to:

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U.O.L. ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

by Anne N. Bohen

The UOL Education Commission recognized the winners of the Annual Essay Contest at the 58th UOL Convention in Northampton, PA. The contest included 128 entries representing 11 parishes with 10 first place icon awards and 32 honorable mention icon bookmark awards. Everyone that participated received a certificate and bookmark noting the Convention theme "**For as many as have been baptized into Christ, Have put on Christ**". Contest questions were based on the Convention theme.

Pre-School/Kindergarten

First Place: Elijah Peterson, Sts. Peter & Paul, Lyndora, PA

Honorable Mention: Sarah Harasyn, St. Vladimir's, Parma, OH
Cyril Sheptak, St. Vladimir's, Pittsburgh, PA
Nicholas Nissel, St. Vladimir's, Ambridge, PA

Grades One/Two

First Place: Kathryn Kay, St. Vladimir's, Ambridge, PA
Grace Hatala, St. John's, Johnson City, NY

Honorable Mention: Katie Hlahol, St. Vladimir's, Parma, OH
Michael Dobronos, St. Vladimir's, Parma, OH
Christina Perdziola, St. Vladimir's, Pittsburgh, PA
Josh George, St. Mary's, Allentown, PA
Julianna Leis, Sts. Peter & Paul, Carnegie, PA
Kristi Rozium, St. Peter & Paul, Carnegie, PA
Grace Hopkins, St. John's, Johnson City, NY
Zachary Miller, Sts. Peter & Paul, Lyndora, PA

Grades Three/Four

First Place: Metro Martin, St. Vladimir's, Pittsburgh, PA
Danielle Walewski, Sts. Peter & Paul, Carnegie, PA

Honorable Mention: Samantha Droney, St. Demetrius, Carteret, NJ
Logan O'Brien, Sts. Peter & Paul, Carnegie, PA
Molly Hatala, St. John's, Johnson City, NY

Grades Five/Six

First Place: Michael Kochis, St. Vladimir's, Ambridge, PA

Honorable Mention: Steven Roviario, Sts. Peter & Paul, Palos Park, IL
Alyssa Rak, Sts. Peter & Paul, Palos Park, IL
David Lang, Sts. Peter & Paul, Palos Park, IL
Nicole Kay, St. Vladimir's, Ambridge, PA
Devon Locher, St. Vladimir's, Ambridge, PA
Justina Mills, St. Vladimir's, Ambridge, PA
Greg Schrantz, St. Mary's, Allentown, PA
Katelyn Chubenko, Assumption of Virgin Mary, Northampton, PA
Victor Obrizon, St. Demetrius, Carteret, NJ
Christopher Sibbio, St. Demetrius, Carteret, NJ

Grades Seven/Eight

First Place: Zachary Kapeluk, Sts. Peter & Paul, Carnegie, PA

Honorable Mention: Christopher McNulty, St. Vladimir's, Philadelphia, PA

Grades Nine/Ten

First Place: Aleksandra Kocelko, St. Vladimir's, Pittsburgh, PA
Andy Zimmerman, St. Mary's, Allentown, PA

Honorable Mention: Matthew Winters, Assumption of Virgin Mary, Northampton, PA
Patrick Scannell, St. John's, Johnson City, NY
Michelle Schrantz, St. Mary's, Allentown, PA
Anastasia Markiw, Sts. Peter & Paul, Carnegie, PA
Christine Wachnowsky, Sts. Peter & Paul, Carnegie
Natasha Walewski, Sts. Peter & Paul, Carnegie, PA

Grades Eleven/Twelve

First Place: Megan Scannell, St. John's, Johnson City, NY

Honorable Mention: Nicole Kolas, St. Vladimir's, Pittsburgh, PA

The True Meaning of Suffering

*There is much suffering in the world today --
physical, material or mental.*

The suffering of some can be blamed on the greed of others.

*The material and physical suffering is from hunger,
from homelessness, from all kinds of diseases.*

*The greatest suffering is being lonely, feeling unloved,
having no one.*

*I have come more and more to realize that it is being unwanted
that is the worst disease that any human being
can ever experience.*

~ Mother Teresa

UKRAINIAN FOLKLORE: FOLK MUSIC

by Elizabeth Mitchell, Staff Writer

Everyone loves to sing - - especially Ukrainians. At any given happy occasion, groups may be found singing songs from old Ukraine, be they songs learned from their parents, or church choirs.

Folk music is one branch of Ukrainian music which has existed without interruption. It was in existence long before Ukraine's acceptance of Christianity.

The folklore of any nation is not an absolutely isolated unit. There are certain types of wondering melodies which pass from land to land. Every nation accepts from others that which corresponds to its needs and tastes, its psychic qualities and its outlook of the world. Thus, the content of folk creation is a reflection of the character of a people and of its history. This is especially true of Ukrainian folk music.

Ukrainian folk songs fall into many genres, among which are:

HISTORICAL - These songs extol actual events from the 16th century, to modern times: songs of military leaders about the destruction of the ZAPOROZHIAN SICH (Kozak settlements along the Dnieper River), and the HAIDAMAKY (18th century landowners), serfdom, the peasants struggle against the landowners, and even the 1917-1920 fight for Ukraine's independence.

CHUMAKS - There are many sorrowful songs about the CHUMAKS (peasants who transported salt in their open squeaking wooden carts from the Crimean Peninsula to the Ukrainian Steppes). The CHUMAKS words describe their illnesses, death and burial.

BURLACKY - These songs depict the hard life of the BURLACKY (landless peasants and migrant workers).

SONGS OF EVERYDAY LIFE - Ukrainian people have numerous songs which portray all aspects of human life, from birth to death, the tender and gentle lullabies not only put a child to sleep, but also seem to invoke happiness. There is also an exceptional repertoire of love songs that describe the full range of this emotion. These songs also reveal the nature, character and virtue of Ukrainian youth. Numerous songs exist about family life. Some portray the Ukrainian woman and her often unfortunate fate, while others depict every-day living conditions. There are also songs of humor, satire and dance.

The great wealth and diversity of Ukrainian music makes it outstanding in world folklore. It is the result of the Ukrainians love of art, high artistic taste and creative imagination. Quite naturally, it has evoked the imagination of many foreigners. Among those were the great Hungarian composer Bela Bartok and the prominent Finnish folklorist Ilmari Krohn. Various other composers, especially Poles and Russians have also studied Ukraine's melodic treasury. Interesting traces of it may be found in Chopin's works.

Peter Tchaikovsky, whose father was Ukrainian, drew largely from Ukrainian musical wealth. Tchaikovsky, himself, stated that some of his themes were based on Ukrainian folk songs.

LONG LIVE UKRAINE AND HER MUSIC!

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"Ukraine Has Not Yet Perished"

Ukraine has not yet perished, nor her glory nor freedom,
Shche ne vmer-la Ukra-yee-na, nee sla-va nee vo-lya

Upon us fellow brothers fate shall smile one more

Shche nam brat-tya mo-lo-dee-ye u

smeech-net-sia doh-lia

Our enemies will vanish, like the dew in the morning sun,
z hi-noot na-she vo-rozhen-ky yak ro-sa na son-tsee
and we too shall rule, brothers, in a free land of our own.

za pa-nu-yem ee mih brat-tia y svo-yeah-ye sto-ron-tsi

We'll lay down our souls and bodies to attain our freedom,

Doo-shoe tee-lo mih po-lo-zhem za na-shoe

svo-bo-doo

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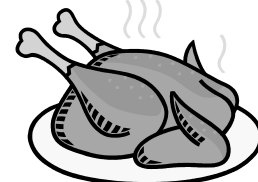


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