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Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention 2020

Submitted by Madeline Zetick, Junior UOL President

On Saturday July 25th, the 73rd Annual UOL Convention began virtually, via Zoom. The Junior National Board worked diligently to plan a convention that would be engaging and enjoyable for all junior delegates, while still including a business session, a speaker and Chapter Challenge.

After breaking out of the Senior Convention Zoom room, the juniors convened to begin sessions. The National Executive Board reported on the activities of the past year. These included financial reports and Great Lent Giveaway 2020. Because of the church closings due to COVID-19 in March, the Junior National Board decided that the Annual Raffle and Great Lent Giveaway would be cancelled for this year, and all GLG proceeds will be put towards Great Lent Giveaway 2021.

All of the Juniors present participated in an icebreaker activity. Each person received a partner, whom they had to talk to and introduce to the group. It was important that we still included fellowship despite not being able to be together physically.

This year we were blessed to hear from Father Moses Berry. He offered us insight into the life of an Orthodox Christian from a priest's and convert's point of view. It was very interesting to hear how he described his first interactions with the Orthodox Church. The Juniors learned about their faith concerning current events and growing up in an ever-changing world.

We then proceeded with Nominations. The Junior UOL elected officers to serve for the 2020-2021 year. The 2020-2021 Jr. National Executive Board goes as follows:

- President- Madeline Zetick, Philadelphia, PA
- Vice President- Natalie Hrytsay, Philadelphia, PA
- Treasurer- Hrystyna Petrylo, Pittsburgh, PA
- Financial Secretary- Rachel Harendza, Scranton, PA
- Secretary- Kateryna Petrylo, Pittsburgh, PA

St. Vladimir's Senior and Junior UOL cordially invite you to the
74th Annual UOL Convention!

July 21-25, 2021

For we walk by faith not by sight. Corinthians 2 5:7



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Ukrainian Cultural Corner

Submitted by Matushka Laryssa Charest

Bread is an important staple in many cultures worldwide. In fact, its history stretches as long as that of the human race. It not only reminds us of our need for sustenance but it is a means of bringing people together in fellowship. Think of when you go out to eat at a restaurant. The first thing offered is bread. But bread is not only considered a physical food. It is also considered a



spiritual food. You might be able to recall a number of times when bread is referenced in the Bible.

The first thing that comes to my mind is the Lord's Prayer. In every church service, that I can think of, we say, "Give us this day our daily bread." In this statement, we are asking for our necessities to be met but we are also ac-

knowledging the need for Jesus Christ, the 'Bread of Life' to be present in our lives.

When thinking of what to include as a cultural submission of this issue of the UOL Bulletin, I was reminded that all of Ukraine and our Ukrainian Orthodox Church commemorates the Ukrainian Genocide, or Holodomor, of 1932-1933. This man-made famine was a result of Joseph Stalin's policy of forced collectivization. An estimated 10 million people died of starvation. The areas hardest hit were grain-growing areas.

With all this considered, I thought it appropriate to offer a recipe for Ukrainian Rye bread. I hope you will find the time to try it. My hope is that someone's loaf may be offered to someone in need. Another loaf, could be an act of hospitality. This recipe might even fall into the hands of someone that offers it to their church community along with prayers for the victims of a horrible time in Ukraine's history.

Ukrainian Rye Bread

1 tsp. yeast
1/4 cup warm water
1 cup strong coffee
1 tsp. molasses
3 cups whole rye flour
1/3 cup whole buckwheat flour
1 1/4 tsp salt

Dissolve the yeast in the warm water. Separately, add the molasses to the coffee. In a bowl, mix the dry ingredients together. Add 3/4 cup of coffee and the yeast solution to the dry ingredients. Add the remainder of the coffee if the mixture is too dry. Knead the dough for 5-10 minutes using water on hands to keep dough from sticking. Then cover and let rest for 2 hours at room temperature. The dough will not rise much.

Using water on hands, knead the dough again. Then cover with a damp cloth and let rise for 30 more minutes.

With water on hands, shape dough into 2 skinny loaves. Place on a greased cookie sheet to proof for 1 hour. (Proofing means placing the dough in a warm place. If your stove doesn't have a proof option, rest on top of heated stove).

After proofing, bake at 450 degrees F for 20 minutes, with a pan of water in the oven. After twenty minutes, remove the water and lower temperature to 375 degrees F for another 30 minutes.

In memory of all those who perished in the Holodomor!

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT Karen Ferraro



Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!

When I compose my Letter from the UOL President, I often refer to the one from the prior year, so I don't forget the important things that normally fall in the publication month. Last year, the focus of my November letter was **Chapter Life**. This year, I'm praying our UOL Chapters are staying in touch and able to have some events or run some projects, but I know that some are struggling. This pandemic is preventing some from gathering in person. Others are not comfortable with the virtual tools at our disposal.

The National Executive Board discussed this at our last meeting in September and we vowed to try our best to help our Chapters get through this unprecedented time. If your chapter is struggling, contact your chapter liaison or reach out directly to me at president@uolofusa.org. Our membership chairperson, Daria Pishko Komichak, is offering to set up free conference calling (audio only) for those who do not feel comfortable using Zoom, Google Meet, etc. Our Zoom meetings do have a dial-up option, and we hope you'll take advantage of that to attend the seminars the UOL is periodically sponsoring. We also plan to have some "Chapter Sharing" conference calls, where our chapters can share the steps they are taking to have chapter meetings and sponsor events. Proper social distancing and other safety precautions are required for food preparation and some "in house" food sales are becoming take-out only. Let's help one another.

I hope most of our chapters are well into plans to support our **Thanksgiving Project** of collecting non-perishable food for the needy or asking for cash donations from your parish membership to donate to a food pantry or soup kitchen. There are so many in need of help.

Of course, I'd like to once again remind you that it's not too early to start planning our annual **Souper Bowl Sunday** on February 7th. We are committed to continue our support of the event's benefactor, St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Society.

Our **Annual Fund Drive** is upon us! If you are able, please consider a donation. The Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt (LSSK) Memorial Scholarship Fund is in need of replenishment, as is the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund. Donations to UOL Projects are always welcome, too.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue, which includes information on the 2020 Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund recipients, Jr. Award details from our 73rd Annual UOL Convention in July, our 2020 Essay Contest winners, and more.

Please be sure to regularly check the UOL website **UOLOFUSA.ORG** for up to date information on seminars, prayer projects for our Lenten periods, and resources from recent seminars, such as the very interesting lecture on the Liturgical Year by Fr. Athanasios Haros that the UOL sponsored on September 25th.

Be well and remember your brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers!

"Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." Psalm 34:3

In Christ,
Karen Ferraro

St. Vladimir Junior UOL Philadelphia, PA

Submitted by Natalie Swan

Hello! St. Vladimir's Jr. chapter hopes you are staying happy and healthy in these uncertain times. Over the summer, the juniors have been busy with many socially-distanced activities. Unfortunately, the youth of our church were not able to attend All Saints Camp as usual. Instead, the camp staff put together a fun and engaging virtual camp which lasted the usual two weeks. While on the camp Zoom calls, campers enjoyed days full of crafts, guest speakers, prayers, singing, and Ukie Olympics activities. After camp, both the Junior and Senior UOLs held their annual convention over Zoom. During the one day conference, engaging the youth and spreading our faith were two of the many topics discussed.

Lastly, the juniors continued to pack and distribute food packages to those in the community who can not afford meals during these times. At the most recent distribution, Saturday September 12, over 130 bags were given out to those in need. It was so wonderful to see how grateful the recipients were! On behalf of the St. Vladimir's Jr. chapter, we hope to see you all soon!

St. Vladimir Philadelphia Chapter of the Year 2020

Submitted by John Holowko

This award is presented to a Junior Chapter that has shown the greatest achievement in terms of accomplishing the aims and purposes of the UOL during a one-year period. The winner of the Award is selected based on chapter progress reports which are submitted to the Jr. League Advisor. The final selection of the Award winner is made by the Junior National Executive Board. This year's award was presented to St. Vladimir's of Philadelphia.

It is also a credit to St. Vladimir's Senior Chapter and its parents as there is a direct correlation between parent involvement in Parish and UOL life and the success of any Junior Chapter. Caring about their children's future and parish is important.

St. Vladimir's membership consists of 27 members, with an increase of 3 members. This award, however, is not simply handed out to the largest Chapter. It is about what you have done and participated in with whom you have and the resources available to the Chapter, and every chapter is different.

During the year, the Chapter achieved much, including: Choir, Church Readers, Essay Contest participants, Sunday School, Folk Dancing, and Altar Servers. Other Activities included delivering Easter baskets for Shut Ins, participating in Church clean-up activities, Youth Choir, helping with a Covid-19 Food pantry, Souper Bowl Sunday participation, and a Chapter Project donation.

Donations also included nonperishable food to a local food bank, college student Christmas packages, and Souper Bowl Sunday.

Andrea Swan, Chapter Advisor, wrote, "it brings great pleasure to know that the youth of the parish want to come and be involved in the life of the church. They continue to focus on charitable works with a new project during the Pandemic of a pop-up food pantry. This project has helped over 280 families during these difficult times."

Congratulations to the Chapter, the Parents, and to the Parish, as a whole! God grant all of you many healthy, fulfilling, and happy years!



MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Madeline Zetick



СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ! GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

With the church year off to a start, schools opening and the fall season rolling in, the Junior UOL year is in session! The beginning of the Jr. UOL year means the beginning of meetings and planning for each chapter's upcoming year.

On Saturday October 3 the Junior National Executive Board met via Zoom to discuss the year ahead. We realize that these times are unpredictable and different for everyone, so our goal was to brainstorm ideas that would keep the Juniors engaged throughout the year.

Our greatest concern this year is how we can keep Junior chapters involved. Many of the project ideas we share each year do not lend themselves to a socially distant world. We worked to think of new activities that chapters could take part in while following precautions to keep everyone safe. One idea chapters can try out is having a fellowship night on Zoom and playing trivia games.

We really encourage chapters to find an activity that works for them. We also encourage chapters to begin planning their chapter project. St. Vladimir Jr. chapter in Philadelphia, PA has held monthly service projects over the summer, by packaging and distributing bags of food through a drive by, for those in need in the community. This is one example of a project that chapters can plan to do for their community. We are also planning a larger project focusing on the youth, pre-junior age. More about this will be coming soon!

The year 2021 celebrates 60 years of the Junior UOL! The NEB discussed possible presentations that can be put together throughout the year, with the hope that they will be displayed at the Annual Convention. We want Junior chapters and their members to celebrate 60 years by sharing 60 things about themselves, their city, or their interests. This is another chance for chapters to come together and get creative with their own 60-year celebratory presentation.

As a reminder, membership dues and roster forms are due to Financial Secretary Rachel Harendza by December 1. These forms can be found on the UOL Website.

Communication is the key to success. Reach out to your advisors and clergy with ideas for your chapter. As always, please feel free to reach out to me for help or more ideas, I am here to help! You can contact me at zetickm@gmail.com. I wish you all the best of luck as your chapters begin this year.

Yours in Christ,
Madeline Zetick

UOL Bulletin Pictures

Convention 2020 reading the UOL Bulletin!

Join in the fun!
Take a picture reading your UOL Bulletin.
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Devastated! Reflections on Sts. Peter and Paul Carnegie Senior UOL Projects

Submitted by Chris Mills

Devastated! Heartbroken is not usually words you start an “encouraging article” with to tell a story to people. Our Sr. UOL Chapter was beginning to prepare for our Annual Pysanky sale which involves ALL the church organizations not just the chapter. Not only do we look forward to it, so does the City of Carnegie and the entire Pittsburgh area! Calls and requests about pysanky, pysanky workshops and the sale start coming in at Thanksgiving. The various supplies had been ordered and were already arriving, pysanky dyes had been made, pysanky writing sessions started, workshops scheduled, and publicity distributed and then..... STOP!!! Here comes the Covid-19 Pandemic and halts EVERYTHING! Seriously?!! We must even stay away from church? This is a joke, right? Apparently NOT a joke!

What do you mean we have to decide about postponing or canceling the Pysanky Sale? It is an event that has been held and was started by our parents and founders of our chapter for 52 years!!? The sale has gone on through lean times, good times, rain, snow, and sunny days. *Unimaginable! Unthinkable! Devastating!!* Getting a text with a picture of our banner with the words “CANCELED”, just broke your heart, let alone a flyer with the same words. Asking the question, “Do I REALLY have to post this picture / publish these words to the public?” Unfortunately, yes, I had to, we had to. Tearfully, we all did what we needed to do to get the word out that our beloved Pysanky Sale was canceled. We did try to reschedule it, holding out hope before the devastating cancellation had to occur.

We still held out hope of some sorts. Maybe we can combine the pysanky sale with another event later in the year? Calls, texts, emails came in from people. Are you still having? Rescheduling? How about this? Maybe that? Well if we are not doing in person church services, we should not do anything, right? Right. Devastated. Why have a meeting? What can we do? Our UOL meetings were held, and business was wrapped up and what to do about the upcoming year, budget and more hard decisions were made. As with everything going on surrounding the pandemic and its shutdown and rules, no events could be held. Our UOL chapter, like most organizations, functions on events that either serve or are fundraisers. So, what do we do? What can we do? Our main items cannot be conducted, and we are unable to provide to other organizations our donations because our fundraisers have not been held. Depressing and devastating.

I remember telling someone on the ASC Committee, that well, yea, this is bad that we cannot have camp. We are always saying we are “too busy” to do certain things that need to be done. Maybe we use this time to do all those things we are “too busy” to do normally. Let us see what happens, at least we can say we tried. Then I saw those words stare back at me. I remember thinking, the chapter could turn things around too while we wait for things to open again or we could do things differently.

Our UOL Executive Board met and looked at our normal meeting agenda items. We reviewed our list of projects and items and said, yes or no to what could be done. Stopped to think if any item could have an “out of the box” fix, utilization or be done differently. We also thought about new things that could be done to help others or support parishioners or members of the community. The updated agenda was taken back to our members at a meeting and more thoughtful discussion held. A small specific food drive to support a couple of St. Martin’s families was organized and published. The food drive was so successful that just after two weeks the flyer had to be removed from the bulletin. We then brainstormed on another idea, that was sparked from one of the UOL Convention speeches, a “UOL Guardian Angel Program.” While we were addressing these items as a chapter, some things were happening in the world.



The Covid-19 Pandemic was getting a little better, restrictions were slowly being lifted or modified. We were back “IN” church again and small events were starting to happen. The chapter members asked and wondered, would it? could it? be possible to hold our annual food festival in September? Questions were asked. Research was done. Online sessions attended. Online meetings held. Maybe this can work?

So, on the most unlikely of days in the year, September 11th, we started our Ukrainian Food Festival with a Panakhyda for the Victims of the Terror At-



tacks on this day 19 years ago. While in one respect we may have messed up by having our Festival on this day according to our church calendar, but after what I saw today with the people, I am not so sure. On a day that has such difficult and hard memories, we were able to provide the community with a little bit of unity, some faith, some hope, and some fellowship even if just for a few moments. “PEROGIES!! Yes please!!”; “Hi, how are you?”; “Nice to see you?”; “We are SO glad you are having this”; “We have missed this!”; “I know you said you are not giving church tours, but can we please see the church?” The cars stopped and people got out to place their orders, some sat and ate, some talked then went home. People phoned their orders in ahead, but still stopped and talked or bought baked goods all pre-packaged for grab and go.

Our Basket Raffle was also set up so they could participate safely, which they did. The flow of people and light conversations started at 11 am and continued through 7 pm. No major “pile up” of people, of course we had our safe distancing signs, but it was a steady flow. The people in the community appreciated it and our efforts and a lot of them will be coming back for day 2, Saturday. Despite everyone wearing face masks, the people were smiling and happy! Our small band of chapter members and friends provided something special to those who visited us, even though they thought they were only coming for perogies. Like Fr. John said to us before we started, “Let us show them Christ in us.”

From a chapter that was devastated by not being able to hold its main annual fundraising event, through Christ and hope we made it through and were able to hold our 2nd main annual fundraising event – modified, with smiles on our faces and warmth in our hearts. Our members, my friends and family since forever are amazing! Are we perfect? No. Do we always get along? No. But we always pull together for the love of Christ and our church and community and we support each other. Thank you to all and Fr. John and Matushka Laryssa for their guidance and continued support during these troubled times!



**2020 Essay Contest Winners
Submitted by Teresa Linck**

Congratulations to all of our UOL Essay Contest Winners!

Pre-K and Kindergarten

First Place Jacob Pasakas, Blessed Virgin, South Plainfield, NJ
Second Place John Baptist N. Del Corral, St. Anthony of the Desert Mission, Las Cruces, NM
Third Place Pavlo Gerryk, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
Honorable Mention
 Elvira Bren, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 Maxim Oliferuk, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 Anastasia Sobeshkevych, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 Theodore Kmit, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 Quinn Schumacher, St. John the Baptist, Johnson City, NY

Grades 1 and 2

First Place Damian Bhendari, St. John the Baptist, Johnson City, NY
Second Place Phoebe N. Del Corral, St. Anthony of the Desert Mission, Las Cruces, NM
Third Place Julia Kulchytsky, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
Honorable Mention
 Danica Ost, Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Northampton, PA
 Melania Holeyko, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 Victoria Machnikowski, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 Daniel Oliferuk, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 Viktoria Knyzhnyk, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL

Grades 3 and 4

First Place Roman Petroff, St. Nicholas, Troy, NY
Second Place Zoryana Petroff, St. Nicholas, Troy, NY
Third Place Ksenia Yakimishchak, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
Honorable Mention
 Oleksandra Oliferuk, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 Olha Kylyk, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 Stephanie Chole N. Del Corral, St. Anthony of the Desert Mission, Las Cruces, NM

Grades 5 and 6

First Place Roman Sobeshkevych, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
Second Place David Sendeha, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
Third Place Max Hatala, St. John the Baptist, Johnson City, NY
Honorable Mention
 Yuriy Kulyk, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 Quinn Hatala, St. John the Baptist, Johnson City, NY
 Samuel Goodge, St John the Baptist, Sharon, PA

Grades 7 and 8

First Place Nataalka Petrof, St. Nicholas, Troy, NY
Second Place Anthony Sendeha, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
Third Place Owen Hatala, St. John the Baptist, Johnson City, NY
Honorable Mention
 Michael Supilowski, Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL
 Sofia Moroz, St. John the Baptist, Johnson City, NY

Grades 9 and 10

First Place Justin Ost, Assumption of Virgin Mary, Northampton, PA
Second Place Andrew Rosca, Resurrection of Jesus, Burlad City
Third Place Stephen Sheptak, St. Vladimir, Pittsburgh, PA

Grades 11 and 12

First Place Sabrina Ost, Assumption of Virgin Mary, Northampton, PA

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First Place Michael Jogan, St. Vladimir, Parma, OH
Second Place Victoria Swindle, Holy Virgin, Arnold, PA
Third Place Anna Swindle, Holy Virgin, Arnold, PA

Congratulations to all of the winners!

UOL Raises over \$13,000 for Soup Kitchens in Ukraine

The Ministry of St. Andrew's Society

Submitted by Deacon Ihor Mahlay

The faithful of our Church, gathered organizationally as St. Andrew's Society, have as their mission, support of the Church's ministries in Ukraine, especially assisting the needy. For over 30 years, the Society has been supporting various humanitarian projects. Foremost has been providing funds to the needs of disenfranchised elderly. The membership of the Society is extremely grateful for the generosity shown by our faithful. Especially, thankful to the Ukrainian Orthodox League for raising funds for the Soup Kitchens during the annual "Soup-er Bowl" event. Over \$13,000 was collected this last winter/spring by the UOL Chapters and individual parishes. A check was presented to St. Andrew's Society during the virtual Convention of the UOL last July.

The Society has its own "Convention" every three years. The membership of the Society, during their last gathering, reviewed past efforts and set their goals for the near future. The elected Executive Committee has implemented these goals and has set a budget for 2020. Much has changed during this challenging 2020 year. Challenged by changing circumstances and restrictions we have, for the most part, managed to implement our charitable programs. Our planned outreach for this year was budgeted for the sum of \$66,000. This included support of the established Soup Kitchens, needy elder-care, Theological Schools, and the Lewytzkyj Fund for seminarian scholarships.

Many of the outlined projects have been accomplished or at least initiated, even though delays and travel restrictions slowed those efforts. In addition, extraordinary requests for aid have been received, thoroughly evaluated by the Board, and several of the projects approved. \$5,000 has been forwarded toward the production of sanitizer for the needy coordinated by the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, \$25,000 for the flood victims in western regions of Ukraine, \$6,000 for special support for the Seminarians studying at St. Sophia Seminary in New Jersey (the Lewytzkyj Fund) and \$2,800 additional costs for feeding the needy. Collection of funds for the flood victims is still ongoing.

Even during these unusual weeks and months of the pandemic, we have been blessed with the possibility to continue our philanthropic outreach, caring for our neighbors. Any gifts of love may be forwarded to St. Andrew's Society at the address of the Consistory.

Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund Awards \$6000

Submitted by Karen Ferraro

The Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund (MJSF) was established and first awarded by the Ukrainian Orthodox League in 1966. MJSF provides scholarships to seminarians preparing to enter the Holy Priesthood in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and provides grants to the Clergy of our Church.

At the 73rd UOL Convention, a total of \$6,000 was awarded to the following full-time students of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary: Subdeacon Mykola Zomchak, Subdeacon Ihor Protsak, Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan, Subdeacon Myroslav Mykytyuk, Seminarian Pavlo Vysotskyi, Seminarian Andrii Vetrych, and Seminarian Maksym Zhuravchuk and to the following part-time students: Subdeacon Volodymyr Pichkurov, Deacon Evan O'Neil, Subdeacon John Cummings, James Cummings, Emrys Tennesen, Matthew Veith, Aaron Holloway, Blake Davenport, and Dmitri Medrick.

In thanking the UOL, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel said, "As always, we truly appreciate the UOL's commitment to the needs of the Seminary and the ability to provide assistance to the seminarians of the Church."

In 2021, we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the repose of His Eminence Metropolitan John Theodorovich, who fell asleep in the Lord on May 3, 1971. The UOL will be honoring his memory in the coming months with information on his groundbreaking life as the first Metropolitan of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, who dedicated his life to the service of his flock. Memory Eternal!



Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt Memorial Scholarship 2020

Submitted by Anna Anderson

The untimely deaths of two lovely, dynamic and vibrant young women in late 1974 and early 1975 left an indelible mark in the life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, the Ukrainian Orthodox League and in the personal lives of their many friends. Therefore, a memorial scholarship in honor and memory of Lynn and Sharon was established at the 28th Annual UOL Convention to perpetuate their memory. This year marks 45 years of awarding the LSSK, a milestone in our scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to an applicant or applicants who is/are considered outstanding in several areas; among those are: academic performance in high school, involvement in extracurricular activities and service to the League. This year's recipients are Cyril Sheptak, Natalia Novicky, Alexis Naumenko and Dennis Hrytsay.

Cyril Sheptak is from the Pittsburgh area and attended the Butler Area School District where he achieved excellent grades and was very active. Cyril was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Debate Club Mock Trial (2-time champions) and Youth and Government where he served as a delegation leader, senator, representative and lobbyist. Cyril was also part of Butler County Youth Leadership, a select group run by the Butler Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Boy Scouts of America where he served as Senior Patrol Leader and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. In service to the church, Cyril was an altar server and helped in many areas at his parish including parish maintenance, fundraising and was active in the Junior UOL. He was a member of his local chapter for 6 years serving as treasurer for 3. Cyril also served on the Junior UOL National Executive board as treasurer and vice-president. Cyril attended All Saints Camp for many seasons. His love of the camp inspired him to work diligently on the maintenance crew, and he served as a lifeguard for the campers.

Our next recipient is Natalia Novicky from the Youngstown Parish. Natalia



attended Austintown Local Schools where she excelled academically graduating in the top 5% of her class. She was inducted into the National Honor Society. Natalia was active in the arts playing in the school orchestra and giving violin lessons. She also participated in athletics as a member of the Swim and Dive team where she was a co-captain and lettered all 4 years. Natalia was a member of the Cross-Country team, as well, where she was voted Rookie of the Year and also lettered all 4 years. She ran on the Track team, was a student tutor and was a member of the Youngstown Youth Symphony. At church, Natalia was very active in many aspects of parish life singing in the choir, serving as a church greeter, participating in the St. Nicholas plays over many years, faithfully attending church school, and was an active member of the Junior UOL. As a junior, she participated in fundraisers, serving at the Community Dinner, helping in the kitchen, visiting shut-ins, parish clean-up projects, cemetery clean-up and served as vice-president for 3 years and president for one. Natalia attend National UOL Conventions for many years and participated in the National Retreats. She attended All Saints Camp for many years. Natalia was a member of the Youngstown Area Ukrainian Dancers.

Our third recipient is Alexis Naumenko of Philadelphia. Alexis attended Saint Basil's Academy where she pursued a rigorous college preparatory curriculum and took honors classes. She was a member of the History Club, Needlework Club and served on the "Thon" SBA Cares Committee. Alexis has been very active at the parish level singing in the church choir, serving as a church reader, participating in church clean-up, Christmas caroling, visiting shut-ins, making and delivering Paschal baskets and being active in the Junior UOL chapter serving as vice-president and president.

Alexis had the distinction of being elected to the Junior UOL National Executive Board and serving as president for two years. Alexis attended the Youth Sobor as a delegate and had the honor of attending a recent Mission Trip to the Ukraine. She was also a member of her local Ukrainian Dance troupe.

Dennis Hrytsay is our final recipient. Dennis is a member of the Philadelphia Parish where he has been very active in parish life. He served as an altar server for 6 years attending liturgy every Sunday, as well as church school. He was active in the Junior UOL and participated regularly in the UOL projects and in many church outreach activities, parish clean-up projects and service projects including baking and delivering Paschas to shut-ins and working on Lazarus Saturday. Dennis always participated with dedication and enthusiasm. Dennis attended All Saints Camp for 5 years, was a big brother at Mommy and Me and Daddy and Me, staff at DCSC and attended the Lenten Retreats. In addition to attending Philadelphia Academy Charter High School where he had strong academic success and was a member of the World View Club, Dennis also attended Ukrainian Heritage School for 10 years, achieving



double academic by attending both schools.

As mentioned above, the LSSK scholarship has been awarded for 45 years. Thousands of dollars have been awarded to the youth of the Orthodox League to help them further their education. While a base donation began the scholarship, donations from the members of the League and the UOC of the USA have been tremendously helpful in accumulating funds. The beginning base monies are slowly becoming depleted which will greatly diminish the funds that will be available to our youth. Please, please, please consider a generous donation to the LSSK fund to help us continue this valuable ministry for our youth. Look for tribute envelopes in the UOL Bulletin or donations can be sent to the UOL Financial Secretary Joe Goodge at 1924 State Route 208 Pulaski PA, 16143. There is also a link on the UOL website uolofusa.org to donate directly.

Congratulations to all of our recipients! As the late Metropolitan Constantine used to say, the youth are not the future of the church, they ARE the church! Our church and UOL are in good hands.

Fr. Bukata Award Winner 2020 - Natalia Novicky

Submitted by John Holowko

This year's Fr. Bukata Award recipient was Natalia Novicky from Sts. Peter & Paul in Youngstown, Ohio. It is given to a Junior member who has done outstanding work toward accomplishing the goals and aims of the Ukrainian Orthodox League, said work to be on a national, regional, chapter, and/or local church level. Natalia served as President of her Chapter this past year and as Chapter Vice-President for three years prior to that. Through her activities inside and outside of her Parish she has demonstrated perseverance, leadership, dedication, and the ability to excel in numerous activities. Her hard work helped the Chapter achieve its goals of serving the parish and the community while attending Liturgy and receiving the sacraments regularly. Natalia demonstrated her dedication to the community by organizing and leading many service projects including cemetery clean-up days, facilitating fund raising efforts for orphanages and soup kitchens, spearheading the local Holiday Day project and chaired many successful Junior UOL fundraising activities.

Natalia's Junior English Teacher wrote "when considering her work ethic and character, she is certainly a student that I will remember. It was obvious she cared about her education, cared about her peers, and understood the importance of a strong work ethic. Perhaps most telling of her character is her ability to overcome adversity, holding her head high regardless of circumstance. While some kids would have crumbled under the weight of her pressures, she has risen to the challenge." Separately, and concurrently, she was a member of the National Honor Society, Swim & Dive Team, Cross Country Team, Track Team, School Orchestra, and served as a student tutor.

All of us wish Natalia much success in her future endeavors. God Grant you many healthy and happy years!

Meet the Junior UOL National Executive Board 2020

Madeline Zetick

My name is Madeline Zetick and I am honored to serve as President of the Junior UOL for the 2020-2021 year. I am from Philadelphia, PA and attend St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, where I serve as the Philadelphia chapter President. I enjoy singing in the choir and participating in church school. I have both a younger sister and brother, Mia and Jackson.



I am coming upon my senior year at St. Basil Academy. At school I am a student leader of our new No Place for Hate initiative, a safe space for girls to speak out about injustices within the community. I play on the volleyball team and sing in our concert and madrigals choirs. Additionally, I participate in the Ukrainian Society and history club. Outside of school I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, especially at All Saints Camp!

In the past three years I have been blessed to serve as Financial Secretary and Vice President of the Junior UOL. Working with the National Board over the years has been such a wonderful opportunity. The UOL is essential to our church, providing enrichment and fellowship for the Orthodox faithful. More specifically, the Junior UOL calls the youth to come together to serve God and their community. I look forward to collaborating with my fellow National Executive Board members to work through the new normal we are adapting to during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Natalie Hrytsay

My name is Natalie Hrytsay, and I am honored and thrilled to be the Vice President of the Junior UOL National Board for the 2020-2021 year. This will be my 3rd year on the board, but my first year as Vice President. As Vice President, I will be dedicated to bettering the board and will work hard. I am excited to be on a board with such hard-working people and together we will have another amazing and successful year.



I live in the Philadelphia area and my parish is St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Church. I attend service every week and try my best to be an active member. I like to help out whenever I can and will always do my very best to lend a hand. I sing in the choir at church, help with Sunday school and attend my local Jr. UOL meetings. I am also a rising Junior at St. Basil Academy in Jenkintown, PA. At school, I try to be involved. I like to join clubs such as Mock Trial and play lacrosse for my school. Outside of this, I attend Ukrainian Saturday School every week and I also have been dancing for Voloshky Ukrainian Dance for the past 9 years. Additionally, I am Secretary, Vice President and a member of a political club based in Philadelphia. In the club, we discuss the current political situations, we travel to Washington D.C and try to use our resources to help those in Ukraine.

This year's Convention was different, but successful, nonetheless. Yes, it was held online, but that did not stop many Junior and Senior delegates from joining together for many wonderful sessions. Even though we could not all be together in person, it was a pleasure seeing all my friends that I don't get to see regularly. I believe that we had great sessions in which we worked hard in discussing the Junior and also Senior UOL and how we will proceed this year. I am beyond excited to start the new year with some new board members and I am looking forward to making new memories.

Rachel Harendza

My name is Rachel Harendza. I am proud to be the Financial Secretary for the Jr.UOL a second year. I am a PK and the oldest child of Father Philip and Pani Matka Bethanne Harendza. I have two younger siblings Agitha and my brother Hunter. I attend St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox church in Scranton PA, where my father serves as the priest there.



I am 15 years old and a Junior at Seton Catholic Central in Binghamton NY. I play Tennis for my school, am very active in school musicals and I am in the School's swing choir. In my free time, I like to hang out with my friends, sing and do some photography. In the summer I always go to All Saints Camp (ASC). I have been going to camp for 9 years including DCSC and TC. I hope to go to college and get a degree in social work. This year, I hope to help the younger generation and show that God is still with us during these hard times. And being that my parish does not have a chapter of its own, I always look forward to seeing my friends and thinking about how I can help the Jr.UOL.

Kateryna Petrylo

My name is Kateryna Petrylo and I am happy and excited to serve as the Secretary of the Jr. UOL National Board this year. I attend St.Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox church in South Side Pittsburgh. I am starting my freshman year at Chartiers Valley High school, where I help out with a lot of programs like Student Council and No Place for Hate. My favorite part about school is being able to learn new things everyday and help out students.



Over the summer I was not able to do much because of our current situation, but I was able to help my parents at their store "Nataliya European Food Market." Some other things I did was attend virtual All Saints Camp and Faith, Hope, and Love- Home Edition. I tried to go on every day to meet new people and learn and become closer with my faith.

As a new member on the National Board as Secretary I'm hoping to keep up with all of the notes and stay organized. I'm looking forward to this year on the National Board.

Hrystyna Petrylo

My name is Hrystyna Petrylo and I'm truly happy to serve as the Treasurer of the Jr.UOL National Board this year. I attend St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox in South Side Pittsburgh. I am starting my senior year at Chartiers Valley, where I help out with a lot of programs like the German club. My favorite part about school is helping out in the preschool program and tutoring at the primary school. There I help kids with the classes where they are struggling. This year I have an opportunity to help out a first grade teacher and pursue my career of becoming a teacher one day.



Over the summer I was not able to do much because of our current situation, but I was able to help my parents at their store "Nataliya European Food Market," and travel to New York and New Jersey a couple of times. I attended virtual All Saints Camp and Faith, Hope, and Love- Home Edition.

As a new member on the National Board as Treasurer I'm hoping to keep up with all the checks and having an orderly mind and help reach out to other parishes. I'm looking forward to this year on the National Board.

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