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METRO J. BARAN AWARD 2002 *Janet Milton, Palos Park, IL*

The Metro J. Baran Award is presented for “outstanding service with the youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church”. The award was instituted to honor the memory of Metro (Jimmie) Baran for his many years of dedicated service and untiring efforts in working with the Juniors of the UOL. This award may be presented annually, but is not necessarily an annual award. It is to be presented only when the National Executive Board feels an extraordinary candidate has been nominated.

The purpose of the award is to honor a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church who:

- Has done truly outstanding work with the Junior members.
- Has exhibited untiring efforts and devoted duty in service to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and its youth.
- Has unselfishly given his/her time and energy in directing, counseling, training and or educating the Junior members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.
- Exceeds all others in working with the youth in preparation for their role as future church Leaders.

Janet Milton of St. Peter and Paul’s Senior UOL Chapter of Palos Park, Illinois is the Metro J. Baran Award recipient of 2002. Janet has been a life-long UOL member and has spent most of her life dedicated to the education of the youth of her parish and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Her life has been filled with planning, organizing and leading youth programs and Sunday School activities. She has served as the director of her parish church school program for many years and has created a model which is used by parishes in her region and nationwide. For many years she has been a key member of the UOL Education Commission, establishing the basis for the national Essay Contest and working to improve it over the years.

Her spiritual advisor writes “Janet always promotes harmony among all people—supports our youth in many ways. Kids are her life.”

Her Chapter President writes “Janet puts a smile on everyone’s face! Parishioners rejoice when they see how many kids we have. Thanks to her and to other teachers, our Sunday School is well organized, with many interesting projects. Kids look forward to coming to church on Sunday, partly because of our Sunday School and all of the activities within our Parish.”

Janet Milton epitomizes the qualities of the Metro J. Baran Award.



3RD ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT DAYS *“Young Adults Enjoy Boston”*

UOL Young Adult Days included: a visit to Cape Cod, a tasty New England style deli-like lunch, sun at the beach, South Seas Mini-Golf and dining at *Fire and Ice*, a local restaurant. Day Two: Photo Scavenger Hunt, searching for food at the Cheesecake Factory, then great buys in the shopping district, and finally pizza for dinner.

SENIOR CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – 2002



St. Vladimir Sr. UOL Chapter, Parma, OH

The Senior Chapter Achievement Award is presented to the Senior Chapter that has shown the greatest achievement in terms of accomplishing the aims and goals of the UOL during a one year period of time.

This award is selected from the Annual Reports submitted by each chapter prior to the June 1st deadline.

The year’s recipient is St. Vladimir’s Senior UOL Chapter of Parma, Ohio. Their 61 members make them one of the largest chapters in the League. They make their UOL obligations manageable by having five bi-monthly meetings over the course of the year. They use these meetings for fellowship and planning for their activities throughout the entire year. These activities include: hosting all parish Pot Luck dinners in May, September and January for fellowship and member recruitment; Christmas caroling to shut-ins; serving Lunch at St. Herman’s House of Hospitality; preparing and delivering Paschal Baskets; and hosting fundraisers to benefit the UOL of USA Youth Ministry Fund, IOCC September 11th Fund and St. Herman’s Roof Repair.

Their largest project is hosting a parish Sviata Vechera. They prepare and serve a traditional Christmas Eve Supper to elderly parishioners and those without families. This year they had 42 member participating in serving and preparing the meal for over 200 parishioners.

Their Spiritual Advisor writes: “It is a pleasure to have such dedicated chapter members. They work well together and can always be counted on to volunteer whenever needed, assisting in every aspect of parish life. Our members try especially hard to include, work with and educate the youth of our parish.”

St. Vladimir’s Senior UOL Chapter of Parma, Ohio, “Dedicated to its Church – Devoted to its Youth”.

MAPLEWOOD + CLIFTON = NEW JR. CHAPTER

Under the guidance of their spiritual fathers, Father Oleh Hucul and Hiermonk Daniel, the youth of the Holy Ascension Parishes of Maplewood and Clifton are joining together to organize a joint UOL Junior Chapter.

They invite all interested New Jersey-New York youth to join them as they initiate the ground work of their Junior UOL activities.

Anyone interested may contact Daniel and Jared Burgan or Alexandra Hucul at Burg128@aol.com; monsterJB416@aol.com; or ahucul@yahoo.com. Details of their ensuing organizational plans and other activities will be reported in the next *UOL BULLETIN*.

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UOL FISCAL YEAR AND DEADLINES 2002-2003

<u>July</u>	1	Start of new fiscal year
<u>Mid - July</u>		Annual Audit and National Executive Board pre-Convention meeting Annual UOL Convention
<u>August</u>	5	<i>UOL Bulletin</i> submission deadline
<u>September</u>	5	<i>UOL Bulletin</i> submission
	27-29	National Executive Board Fall meeting – South Bound Brook, NJ
	30	DEADLINE: CHAPTER & MEMBERSHIP DUES & Initial MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS
<u>October</u>	1	Chapter Membership drive—invite more people to join your chapter!
	5	<i>UOL Bulletin</i> submission deadline
<u>December</u>	5	<i>UOL Bulletin</i> submission deadline
<u>January</u>	4	Annual Fund Drive mailing
	4	Essay Contest - first mailing
	[TBD]	National Executive Board Winter Mtg.
<u>February</u>	5	<i>UOL Bulletin</i> submission deadline
	28	LSSK applications mailed to chapters Essay Contest - second mailing
<u>March</u>	5	<i>UOL Bulletin</i> submission deadline
	30	Chapter Election & Delegate forms mailed UOL Awards Applications mailed
<u>April</u>	30	DEADLINE: CHAPTER PROJECT CONTRIBUTION Convention registration forms mailed DEADLINE: Essay Contest entries
	[TBD]	National Executive Board Spring Mtg.
<u>May</u>	5	<i>UOL Bulletin</i> submission deadline
	31	DEADLINE: LSSK applications DEADLINE: UOL Awards apps.
<u>June</u>	1	DEADLINE: All Annual Reports – Chapter, National Executive Board and Junior Executive Board - due to Corresponding Secretary
	15	DEADLINE: Chapter Election reports due to Corresponding Secretary DEADLINE: Delegate forms due to Convention committee DEADLINE: CONVENTION REGISTRATION PAYMENT

“Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.”
– St. Francis de Sales

“There’s nothing guaranteed to be fair in either golf or life, and we shouldn’t expect it to be different. You must accept your disappointments and triumphs equally.”
– Harvey Penick’s LITTLE RED BOOK

PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

Daria A. Pishko



Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,
Glory to Jesus Christ!

The National Executive Board held its first meeting in South Bound Brook, New Jersey on September 27-29, 2002. As a result, we were able to participate in the Jubilee celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the blessing of our land at our Metropolia Center in South Bound Brook. It was a glorious day and included a wonderful Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, the blessing of the newly created Apostolic Prayer Trail, an Agape Luncheon and cultural concert. The festivities were very well attended. It was great to see so many UOL members participating from all over the country. I encourage those who were unable to make it to the celebration to plan a trip to South Bound Brook to walk the new prayer trail. It is a great way to enjoy the vastness and beauty of our property and take time out of our busy lives for a little fresh air and prayer.

For our first meeting, the NEB abandoned our traditional meeting format to focus our discussions on our plans and goals for the year. There was a strong feeling that the League and its organizational structure have not been able to maximize the synergies available from working in concert with the newly developed Offices of the Consistory. As a result of a lengthy discourse, the NEB decided that a specific effort must be put forth to evaluate the existing commission/committee organizational structure in light of the establishment of the various Consistory Offices over the past few years.

As we well know, the League has traditionally been the vehicle by which the concerns, needs and ideas of our members were conveyed to our church administrators. For many years, we accepted the responsibility of initiating projects or various other efforts to address and/or support these concerns, needs, and ideas by creating fund drives, encampments, publications and the like through special commissions or committees. We are now at a point where many of our ideas are indeed being embellished, expanded and put into action by a capable and dedicated team of Consistory Officers. The League has always evolved and grown in response to the needs of our League members and the members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church as a whole. The NEB recognizes that we are yet at another crossroad in the life of the League and we are committed to dedicate the time and effort necessary to perform this evaluation over the course of this year so that the results of this process can be shared and discussed with the delegates of the 56th Annual UOL Convention.

I mention this now because I know that there are many League members that have great experiences to share and a great vision of what we may evolve into. I invite you to share your thoughts and suggestions with us so that they may be incorporated into our evaluation process. We need to grow our UOL family and ensure that the League is as effective as it possibly can be. Each evolution that the League has experienced previously has brought many benefits to our members, to our Church and most of all to our children. I look forward to the fruits of this effort and the constructive discussions that will ensue. Please send your thoughts via e-mail to me at dapia@aol.com or give me a call (973) 635-8124. I’ll be sure they are conveyed to the Board.

In closing, I hope that all of our Chapters are active with their membership drive activities and plans to celebrate UOL Sunday on December 1st. I hope many of you will write a brief article for the next *UOL Bulletin* about your activities so that we can all enjoy your progress.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with family and friends and a peaceful reflective Advent season, until next month I remain,

Yours in Christ’s love,
Daria A Pishko

JR. UOL BULLETIN AWARD – 2002

Sts. Peter & Paul Jr. Chapter, Carnegie, PA



The Jr. *UOL Bulletin* Award is given to the Jr. Chapter that writes the best and most plentiful articles for the UOL Bulletin. It seems that this year's winner wrote more articles than I did. As far as I'm concerned, they were much more interesting.

We were left in suspense after every issue of the *Bulletin* as to what activity was planned for the next month, and what charity would be donated to next.

The 2002 Jr. *UOL Bulletin* Award in Sts. Peter and Paul Jr. Chapter of Carnegie, PA.

John Meschisen, Jr. UOL President

RELIGION: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Fr. John W. Harvey

Question: Lately, our pastor seems to be ignoring the organizations within our parish, and Father has said as much that a parish should be able to function well without them. Those of us who have been life-long workers feel marginalized and saddened. Any comments?

Answer: Because they are small, struggling entities, mission parishes often function quite well without "formal" organizations. The goals are so obvious and the flock so motivated that they work as one. In our older established parishes, patterns of organization have been long-established and adequately harness the energies of parishioners to fulfill specific needs and goals. *Ladies guilds* are usually involved in food-making, fund-raising activities and their organization provides opportunities not only for providing the financial base for mounting worthy parish projects, but accomplish the comfort of human fellowship and even worth of still being useful, for senior members. The *Ukrainian Orthodox League (UOL)* has always been a progressive organization focusing the attention of members to develop their parishes, as well as to widen the scope of their work to be of service to our diocese, as a whole, and the local community outside the parish bounds. The *Jr. UOL* brings our youth together and encourages them that the church and the spiritual life are important concerns and provides a viable niche for them in the local parish. Without the UOL, many would feel voiceless and isolated in a sea of older folks.

Parish organizations are usually a "plus" for the local church, but your pastor may see some warning signs that organizations within a parish are creating an unhealthy spiritual atmosphere. Let us remember that the spiritual and prayer life should be our first concern. When organization "for organization's sake" becomes a fact and fund-raising or social activities so proliferate that attendance at services or educational activities drops, then an organization, though well-meaning, has a negative influence. If a parish organization seems solely motivated to hoard a massive nest egg of CDs and savings accounts of "their money", the focus is wrong. Demonstrate to your pastor that your organization wants to work with him for the betterment of the church and seek his advice if he thinks that your current mode of operation and its priorities are skewed. Organizations can be very good for a parish, but there are instances when an organization can be a hindrance. With good will, all can be turned around.

JR. UOL PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Anya Priester



Glory to Jesus Christ!

The Junior Board had its first meeting October 6-7th in Palos Park, IL. St. Peter and Paul's Church hosted the meeting, and Father Taras Naumenko was kind to welcome us all into his home for the weekend. We had a very productive meeting, and developed many great ideas for the year.

During our meeting, we planned this year's fundraiser. We decided that every chapter will hold a bake sale this February. The profits will be donated to "The Gift of Life," a program that col-

lects money to transport and provide surgery for adults and children in need of heart surgery. This is most definitely a worthy cause, and we hope that chapters will work hard to support this fundraiser.

We also discussed holding a mid-year retreat for juniors this year. Juniors always comment that it would be great to have an event other than convention during the year, and the board agreed that this would be a great opportunity for juniors nationwide to focus in on our faith and our community without the business aspect like that of convention. This would also be a great time to invite other junior members of the Church not currently involved in the Jr. UOL, so that they may participate in the experience and hopefully become active. As a board, we plan to become more active in reaching out to other Ukrainian Orthodox youth interested in the Jr. UOL.

In addition to being a productive meeting, it was a wonderful opportunity for board members to get to know each other. We all worked very well together and enjoyed our time greatly. All members of the board proved themselves highly enthusiastic and motivated, and it looks as though we will have a great year.

FIRST HOLY PENANCE PARTICIPANTS

Wilmington, DE

St. Peter and Paul parish, Wilmington, DE, and Father Paul Hrynshyn celebrated the holiday of Pentecost with the First Penance of two of our Church School students: Ms. Lauren Biddle of Dover, DE, and Ms. Alyssa McGarry of Springfield, VA.

Most of the Church School was in attendance to witness this joyous occasion. The proud parents of the celebrants are Mr. William and Dr. Sonya Biddle and Mr. and Mrs. James McGarry, III. The girls had previously completed several years of studies with the Church School. After the Liturgy, all participants accepted the good wishes of the parishioners at the weekly Fellowship Hour in the church hall.



*Father Paul Hrynshyn, Lauren Biddle
and Alyssa McGarry*

U.O.L. SUNDAY – DECEMBER 1st

*"Encourage chapter members
to participate in the Holy Sacraments of
Confession and Communion."*

MEET THE JR. U.O.L. EXECUTIVE BOARD



ANYA PRIESTER, PRESIDENT

My name is Anya Priester, and I am the president of the 2002-2003 Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League National Executive Board. This is my second year as a national officer; last year I served as corresponding secretary. I thoroughly enjoyed my time serving the Jr. UOL, and I think it is a wonderful organization.

What I appreciated most was that I felt our board was able to make a difference nationwide. We can accomplish many things relating to education, membership, fundraising, faith enrichment, communication, and commitment to our

Church. Last year, I found that it is very exciting and rewarding to be a part of such an organization.

I am a senior at my local high school in Wayland, Massachusetts. I am involved in several school activities: I am secretary for the class of 2003, I am a member of the French club, I participate in rowing and I play on the school lacrosse team. I attend St. Andrew's Church in Boston, where I have been active in the Jr. UOL for many years.

I am very excited to be working with such an enthusiastic new board. Everyone has shown tremendous dedication already, and I know that we will accomplish great things. We have many great ideas, and I know that this upcoming year will be very successful and rewarding.

ELIZABETH BOWMAN, RECORDING SECRETARY

My name is Elizabeth Bowman and I am a senior at Spotswood High School in northwestern Virginia. I plan to attend William and Mary College in the fall of 2003 and study performing arts.

Some of the activities that I enjoy are forensics, theater, music, reading, writing, and talking! I attend Saint Nicholas church in Charlottesville, Virginia.

I am currently the Jr. Chapter President, participate in church reading, youth group, and a newsletter for the youth of Saint Nicholas.

I am very excited about being given the opportunity to work in the Jr. UOL on the national level and look forward to an enjoyable future with the UOL.



ALEXANDRA BRZYSKI, TREASURER

Glory to Jesus Christ! My name is Alexandra Brzyski, "Alex" for short, and I am the National Junior Treasurer for the upcoming year 2002-2003. I am 16 years old and I go to St. Vladimir's UOC in Philadelphia, Pa.

I am a junior at Central Bucks East High School (for all of you American Idol Watchers, the same high school as Justin Guarin). I'm involved in many organizations like the National Honorary Society, Spanish Honor Society, Key Club and Student Council. I also play tennis in the fall, basketball in the winter, and starting in the spring, lacrosse. My favorite subjects

are math and science so I am taking a lot of courses related to them.

Outside of school, I love music, shopping, spending time with my friends, and dancing. I also work after school and on weekends at a coffee shop in town—which is great because I love coffee! During the summer, I love going to the beach and I always look forward to camp and the convention.

This year is going to be a blast. I am so excited to finally get started to learn so much more about the UOL. I have a lot of new ideas for this year and upcoming convention. I love being so involved and working with so many different people. ***I can't wait to see you all in Chicago!***

In Christ's Love, Alexandra Brzyski

COLLEEN SCANNELL, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Hello everyone, I am Colleen Scannell, the newly elected Corresponding Secretary for the Junior National Board. I live in the lovely town of Vestal, New York where I attend high school as a junior. I am member of the varsity girls swim team, my specialty strokes being butterfly and freestyle. I also participate in Student Government by serving on several committees. Out of school, I attend Dance Shoppe and compete in tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical, and hip-hop.



JR. UOL NEWS – CARNEGIE, PA “Jr. UOL Bulletin Award Winner – 2002”

This year our chapter decided to keep all of its officers from last year. Natalie Rozum is our President, Christina Wachnowsky is Vice President, Steven Sawchuk is Treasurer, Anastasia Markiw is Secretary, John Walewski is Recording Secretary, and Natasha Walewski is our Reporter. Fr. Steve Repa is our Spiritual Advisor, and Mrs. Alexis Sawchuk and Dr. Steve Sivulich are our advisors. We also get a lot of advice and help from many of the parents of our chapter members.

Our first project of this year was working with the Sr. Chapter to sponsor a booth for “Carnegie Days”. We had to help make pierogies, haluski and holuptsi for days before the event—with instruction from our older church members. Then, on September 5-6-7, we worked at the booth, helped deliver food from the church hall to the booth, and scrubbed pots and pans—some time until 12:00 midnight!

We made a profit of \$4,000 and it was divided between the Jr. and Sr. chapters. The Sr. Chapter will donate their \$2,000 to the 100th Anniversary Fund. The Jr. Chapter's \$2,000 will help pay for a permanent outdoor sign for our church.

We have two new members: Nick Wachnowsky & Chelsea Trondle.

Natasha Walewski, Jr. Chapter Reporter



Juniors rolling and cutting dough for pierogies



Juniors learning to make potato balls for pierogies

(MEET THE BOARD, continued)

At my home parish, St. John the Baptist in Johnson City, NY, I am a member of the church choir, dance group, and championship basketball team. I am also a church reader, attend Sunday school and pysanky classes. I serve as President of our very active Jr. UOL Chapter.

This year I am extremely excited to be working with everyone on the National Board and I can't wait to accomplish great things.

(Ed. Note: Information was not available for Vice President, Alex Korda, or Financial Secretary, Natalie Beck.)

THIS COZY CORNER: AN ORTHODOX BOOK REVIEW

Fr. John W. Harvey

Sometimes a book comes across my desk that has immediate relevance and importance to all sectors of our UOL Bulletin readership. "When And How To Receive Communion" by Archimandrite Daniel G. Aerakis is a compact 90 page volume of universal appeal. Fr. Nicholas Palis during his pastorate of the Greek church in Aliquippa, PA worked to provide a way that solid Orthodox teaching be made available to the general public and so the St. Nikodemos the Hagiorite Publishing Society came to be. Most volumes published by them are well worthwhile, but this one is exceptional.

Satan always wants to put a wedge between us and the Lord Jesus and so over the centuries many so-called "canons", customs, traditions and pious taboos have arisen to keep communion by the faithful to a bare minimum. Sadly, these misinformed notions have often been fostered by priests, contrary to the Gospel, the text of the Liturgy itself and the writings of Church Fathers like St John Chrysostom.

Each ethnic Orthodox Church seems to have its own particular taboo, which provides a realistic barrier to communion, especially frequent Communion. One chapter, The Three Day Fast From Oil Is Non-existent, addresses a purely Greek variety of barrier to Communion, but I am sure that we could find some Ukrainian "pious traditions" that equally have the same exclusionary barrier effect.

Besides pointing out what Communion is and the need for us to participate, this volume explodes commonly held myths surrounding what should be the central act and fact of our Christian life on a weekly basis. A 'cafeteria line' to Communion, just because everyone else is going, is NOT being promoted, but rather this book wants to imbue us with a longing for communion and provide us with hints for a practical preparation. Frequent communion is the goal, for this is divine food indeed, but we approach with fear and love making a conscious effort also to forgive one another. As this volume says. "Divine Communion is not a reward for the sinless, but is a strengthening for sinners, who nevertheless are struggling for sanctity."

One chapter is for priests who, as I mentioned, have sometimes taken their position as guardian of the chalice to an extreme and have raised barriers that keep all but the most persistent from the holy mysteries. All can learn something from this book!

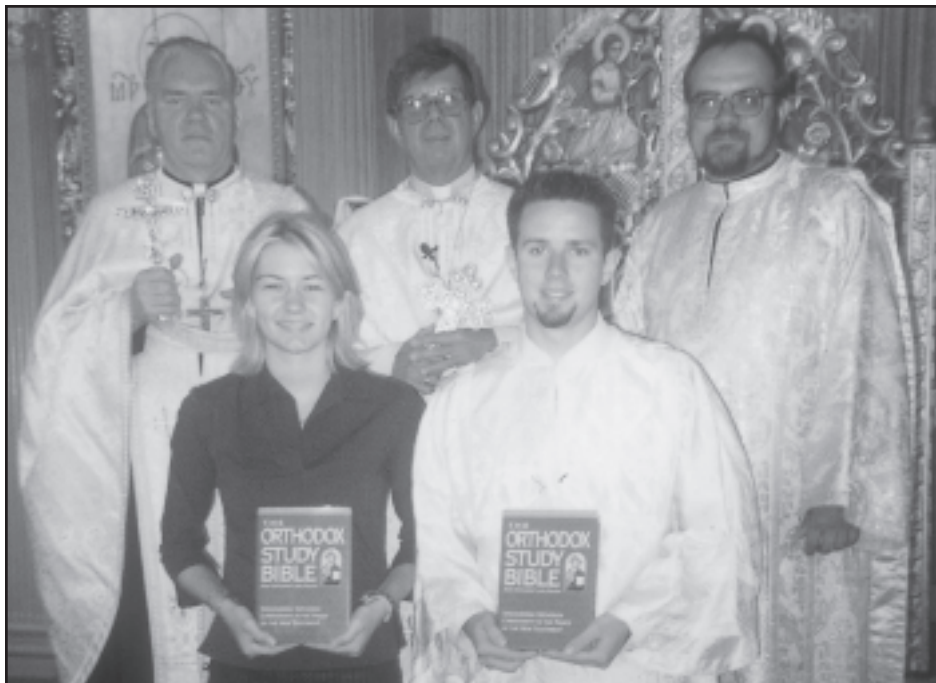
As usual, Shirley Skocypec at our Consistory Book Store, (732) 356-0090, would be glad to fill your order for this or other books for your spiritual feeding.

ST. VLADIMIR'S HONORS GRADUATES

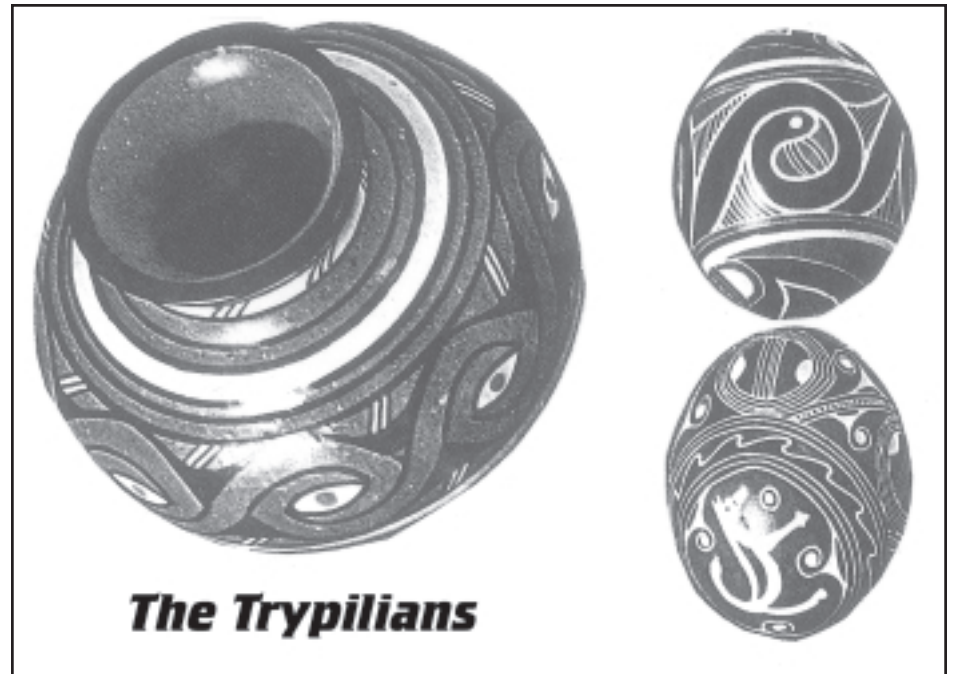
To celebrate the end of the school year, St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Parma, OH honored high school graduates and all parish youth. The youth and their families participated in the Divine Liturgy and received Holy Communion. The sermon was dedicated to the youth.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, two graduates were recognized for their contributions to their life at St. Vladimir's. Honored were Nina Aust, President of the Jr. UOL Chapter, and Matthew Kisil, Treasurer of St. Vladimir's Altar Boy Society and a past officer of the Jr. UOL Chapter. Both graduates received Bibles as gifts from the Sr. UOL Chapter, and Matthew received a plaque for his dedicated service as an altar boy.

A family picnic on the rectory grounds concluded the day.



*Nina Aust and Matthew Kisil, with clergy of
St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral*



THE TRYPILIANS: OUR FIRST UKRAINIAN ANCESTORS

Elizabeth Mitchell, Staff Writer

The Trypilians, the earliest known Ukrainian ancestors, were among the most civilized people of the ancient world. They were a Neolithic population (8000-1200 B.C.) whose culture flourished on the territory of present-day Ukraine. The Trypilian site 35 KM south of Kyiv was excavated in 1898. The earliest evidences of Trypilian culture were on both sides of the Dniester and Boh rivers, as well as the upper and middle Brut and Siret rivers in Western Ukraine.

Trypilian culture had a matriarchal clan order. Women did agricultural work, headed households, manufactured pottery, textiles and clothing and had a leading role in society. Men hunted, kept domestic animals and prepared tools of flint, stone and bone.

Archeologist Vilenko Khovolko found the first remains of this culture in 1930. The Trypilians had left behind hundreds of villages that testify to the existence of a developed form of architecture. The largest settlement numbered 200 houses which could have accommodated 2,000 residents. This organized center of the Trypilian tribe could be called the first city on the territory of Ukraine at the turn of the 3rd-2nd millennium B.C.

The best known element of the Trypilian culture is its pottery—famous for the painted designs, which served as their principal form of expression of their artistic nature. The main ritualistic and symbolic motifs were spirals and whorls executed in dark brown—nearly black, and white on the brick red background of the pieces. From this color combination and drawings, the Trypilian designed Easter eggs are copied. Some of the pottery was decorated with animals and sculpture in the form of human female figures. They also developed weaving skills and sculptures in the form of human and animal statuettes.

The funary rites of the Trypilian tribe changed from burying the whole body to cremation. Probably to release the body from all earthly, mortal encumbrances, thus easing its passage in to the "next world."

Having flourished for 3,000 years, the Trypilian culture began to decline. Less care was taken in the construction of houses, the ornamentation of pottery became simpler, and the figural sculpture deteriorated. The invasion of barbaric tribes was a contributing factor of the Trypilian demise.

The next time you visit an art exhibit or Easter egg (Pysanka) sale, look for the colors and designs of the Trypilians—*our first Ukrainian ancestors*.

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55TH ANNUAL U.O.L. CONVENTION – 2002 *RESOLUTIONS*

1. We are grateful for the presence and leadership of our bishops, His Eminence Archbishop Antony, and His Eminence Archbishop Vsevolod, at this 55th Annual Convention in Boston. We thank them for their inspiration, guidance, and spiritual direction during our activities, deliberations, and prayers. May God bless them with good health and fill them with grace for many blessed years to come.
2. We extend our well wishes to our Metropolitan, His Beatitude Constantine, that the good Lord, the healer of our soul and bodies and Christ our God, bless him, will him with His grace, bestow upon him a speedy recovery so that he may continue in his leadership of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church. We feel his absence at this convention and miss his presence. May God the most high restore him to good health, return him to us so he may continue to teach the word of Your truth, and make offering and sacrifice before the Lord on our behalf, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and all her people. May God grant him patience, wisdom, and strength and keep him for many blessed years! We extend our love to him and gratitude to God for His mercy.
3. We commend the members of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Parish and the U.O.L. chapter of Boston, MA for their efforts in hosting a very successful 55th Annual Convention. We hope their courage and success will inspire other chapters. A special thanks to their pastor, Fr. Archimandrite Andriy Partykevich, Chairwoman Sandra Kondratiuk, the members of the Convention Committee, and all sponsors and benefactors. May God bless all of them and their labors for the glory of God to the benefit of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and to the success of the Ukrainian Orthodox League in teaching, inspiring, and nurturing her people.
4. We have in remembrance the blessed memory of our reverend fathers, Protospesbyter Petro Budnij, (01-10-01) and V. Rev. Petro Sahaidachny, (12-06-01), who have reposed in the Lord. May God mercifully rest them and grant them His Eternal Memory.
5. We rejoice in the ordination of our newest clergy:

Fr. Ivan Lyamar	(08-28-01)
Fr. Mark Phillips	(06-14-02)
Fr. Stephen Masliuk	(06-29-02)
Fr. Michael Danczak	(07-13-02)

 May God bless them for responding to His call to serve Him on behalf of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church and her people. God grant them perseverance, fortitude, and wisdom to guide, teach, and shepherd His holy flock for many blessed years!
6. We offer our prayers to God the most high, for the newly tonsured hiermonks (Priest-monk):

Fr. Philip (Jagnicz)
Fr. Daniel (Zelinsky)

 May God bless and nurture them in their response to the angelic life in Christ. May their spiritual journey and ministry in our parishes be unencumbered by strife or discord and may their spiritual struggle be fruitful for their salvation and perfection in Christ. God be merciful to them and their monastic community through the prayers of the most Holy Mother of God for many blessed years.
7. We encourage further seminary and religious vocations, and call our youth to faithfully respond to Christ's call: *to find courage and fortitude to pursue a religious life in the firm faith that Christ, and His Church would not abandon them, nor neglect them, but nurture and support them in their endeavors and spiritual journey; that their vulnerability to the Holy Spirit enable our Lord to develop their formations to a religious life that may be contrary to the secular world and its wisdom and understanding.*
8. We call our members and chapters to continue to support the ranks of clergy and bishops; that the trust they have placed in us, in our love and support may not disappoint them but continue to encourage them to a life of service and devotion to us and our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church and her people.
9. We congratulate the All Saints' Camp manager Stephen Sheptak and the Camp Committee, acknowledging their efforts in expanding the camp's facilities and encampment programs. Their success is due to the support and volunteerism of our chapters, parishes, and faithful.
10. We continue to support the efforts of our UOC in adopting two orphanages with exceptional needs and requirements in Ukraine- one in Ivanofrankivsk and the other in Dnipropetrovsk. Our Christian efforts and ten-year commitment to these children, many abandoned at birth because of their special needs and malformations, is inspiring and heartfelt. Many of the children are suffering from the consequences of the Chernobyl tragedy. Out of ignorance and fear, they were deemed beyond

SR. UOL NEWS FROM CARNEGIE, PA

After a summer of relaxation, we are busy planning our Fall activities, which include sharing with the Junior Chapter a Food Booth during **Carnegie Days**, September 5-7, with Sherri Walewski, Chair, and Steve Sivulich, Co-Chair. Next on the agenda is our participation in the **Pyrohi Festival** being held at the Strip District in Pittsburgh, September 21st with Michael Kapeluck and Bonnie Reinhart in charge. NO, we won't be selling pyrohy, instead we will have for sale our beautiful pysanky. Then on November 16th, we have scheduled our **Second Annual Arts and Crafts Show** chaired by Michael Kapeluck at our parish auditorium with the Juniors also taking part. On hand at the sale will be religious, cultural, and various items of interest, plus a bake sale, food, and refreshments.

Newly elected Sr. Chapter officers are: President – Cynthia Haluszczak; Vice President – Tracy Fisher; Secretary – Pat Dorning; Corresponding Secretary – Alice Sivulich; Treasurer – Michael Kapeluck; Asst. Treasurer – Michele Kapeluck; Auditors – Melissa Haluszczak, Bonnie Reinhart, and Steven Sawchuk. Alexis Sawchuk and Steve Sivulich will continue as Jr. Chapter Advisors. Father Steve Repa serves as our Spiritual Advisor.

We welcome as new members: Sherri Walewski and Jim Landon.

Elizabeth Mitchell, Reporter

love or care. We pray that members will support this outreach and mission. Under the auspices of the Consistory Office of Missions and Christian Charity, we pray that God, who blesses those who minister to the least among us and His children, further transform the lights of these children and those who minister and support them in the light of Christ and the grace and power of the most Holy Spirit.

11. We are encouraged by the success of the newly inaugurated Consistory Office of Family and Adult Ministry directed by Fr. Gregory Czumak and Debbie Burgan. May God bless their efforts and ministry.
 12. We thank Fr. Arkadi Mironko and Richard Jendras for organizing the reader/subdeacon conference offered at the Metropolia level at St. Sophia's Seminary, South Bound Brook, NJ. We congratulate those who participated in it and encourage this program to continue.
 13. We continue to support the efforts of Rev. Fr. Archimandrite Andriy and Dr. George Krywolap, Directors of the Consistory Office of History and Archives. Their efforts will enable us to research, reflect, evaluate, and honestly record the history of the Ukrainian Orthodox community in America. We are delighted that a three-volume History may be published by the Consistory recording the struggles, challenges, accomplishments and contributions of our Ukrainian people, their Orthodox faith in communities and parishes and her culture in enriching the history and lives of the American nation.
 14. We extend our condolences and prayers to the families of the coalminers in Ukraine who tragically perished in Donetsk. May God grant them blessed repose and eternal memory!
 15. We express deep sorrow and disappointment in the recent development of a new Ukrainian Orthodox jurisdiction in the USA. In 1950 and 1996, our Church in America participated in two historic Sobors effectively bringing Ukrainian Orthodox Christianity in the U.S.A. and the Diaspora, into unity, fellowship and communion. This recent event ignores and disrespects the efforts and labors in response of the Holy Spirit of our people, her parishes and Church. We implore those misled to return in unity, faith, and love to our united Church, healing the body of Christ.
 16. We call all UOL and UOC members to participate in the 50th Jubilee Celebration of the blessing of land that is our Metropolia Center in South Bound Brook, NJ on September 28, 2002. It continues to be our spiritual and administrative center of our Faith, culture and community in America. It memorializes and celebrates, records and manifests the History of Ukrainian Americans, their lives, hopes, and dreams in this country.
 17. Furthermore, we encourage all UOL and UOC members to make a pilgrimage through the Apostolic Prayer Trail, which will be blessed and opened during the Center's 50th Jubilee Celebration. The theme of the prayer trail is described by Archbishop Antony as a journey toward personal transfiguration of the individual Orthodox Christian – enabling him or her to follow the Holy Apostles in their mission to transform the world by the expansion of God's Kingdom.
 18. We pray fervently for the repose of the souls of all who perished in the terrorist attack upon our nation on September 11, 2001. We ask God to comfort and bless the victims' family members and all survivors of the attack, enabling them to move on successfully with their lives with the loving support of their fellow Americans. We pray that God will protect us from the sin of hatred for those who committed this hateful attack against America and the temptation to seek unlawful revenge against them rather than the means to prevent such attacks in the future.
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UOL ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS – 2002

The UOL Education Commission recognized the winners of the Annual Essay Contest at the 55th UOL Convention in Boston. A total 205 individuals from eighteen churches participated in the contest. Fourteen first place awards and twenty-one honorable mention awards were presented:

ST. MARY CATHEDRAL, ALLENTOWN, PA

Joey Hutzayluk (Grade 1) - Honorable Mention
Stephanie Hutzayluk (Grade 7) - First Place

ST. VLADIMIR PARISH, AMBRIDGE, PA

Nicholas Niessel (Pre-school) - Honorable Mention
Juliana Kochis (Kindergarten) - Honorable Mention
Michael Kochis (Grade 3) - First Place

ST. ANDREW PARISH, BOSTON, MA

Valentina Geba (Grade 8) - First Place

STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH, CARNEGIE, PA

Julianna Lies (Pre-kindergarten) - Honorable Mention
Kristi Rozum (Pre-kindergarten) - Honorable Mention
Logan O'Brian (Kindergarten) - Honorable Mention
Paul Onufrey (Kindergarten) - Honorable Mention
Ryan Quinn (Grade 8) - First Place

ST. DEMETRIUS CATHEDRAL, CARTERET, NJ

Andrew Krasny (Grade 1) - Honorable Mention
Christopher Sibbio (Grade 3) - First Place
Nicholas Hlushko (Grade 5) - Honorable Mention
Michelle Sica (Grade 5) - Honorable Mention

ST. MARY PARISH, NEW BRITAIN, CT

Timothy Synott (Kindergarten) - First Place
Joseph Waida (Kindergarten) - Honorable Mention
Jonathan Chang (Grade 4) - First Place

STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH, PALOS PARK, IL

Tiffany Kwitka (Kindergarten) - Honorable Mention
Amber Rak (Kindergarten) - Honorable Mention
Sandra Iordanov (Grade 2) - Honorable Mention
Linsay Mikrut (Grade 2) - Honorable Mention
Kali Stageman (Grade 2) - Honorable Mention
Alyssa Rak (Grade 3) - First Place
Lauren Beck (Grade 5) - First Place
Stephanie Kimowych (Grade 6) - First Place

ST. VOLODYMYR CATHEDRAL, PARMA, OH

Caitlyn Miller (Pre-kindergarten) - Honorable Mention
Andre Moyasenko (Pre-kindergarten) - Honorable Mention
Doralynn Turner (Pre-kindergarten) - Honorable Mention
Alex Grossman (Grade 4) - First Place

ST. VLADIMIR CATHEDRAL, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Isabelle Sufler (Kindergarten) - Honorable Mention

ST. VLADIMIR PARISH, PITTSBURGH, PA

Katerlyn Kocelko (Pre-kindergarten) - First Place
Viktor Kiritchenko (Grade 3) - First Place

ST. MICHAEL PARISH, WOONSOCKET, RI

Joshua Pizzarelli (Kindergarten) - Honorable Mention
Mark Meschisen (Grade 7) - First Place

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Kathryn Bailly, Financial Secretary

CARTERET, NJ – SR. UOL CHAPTER "We're Up and Running in 2002"

The St. Demetrius Senior UOL is off and running to a superb start. Our new slate of officers are as follows: **President** – John Lehotsky, **Vice President** – Denise Spoganetz, **Treasurer** – Catherine Shaffer and **Secretary** – Joanne Mazan. And of course, our **Spiritual Advisor** – Father Taras Chubenko.

We started off with our September meeting welcoming a new member, Linda McClester—welcome to the Chapter! It was nice to see a new face as we jumped into plans for the up coming year. Our members seem to be quite enthusiastic and are already looking forward to numerous fruitful activities. One activity we are leaping into is to take part in the blessings of the autumn months with a Ukrainian style Octoberfest. This extravaganza hopes to bring in the young at heart to celebrate the season as a church family. Plans are underway and joyous times are scheduled for all!

We continue to look toward many great activities to plan and fulfill. We find ourselves more eager to cherish the moments we work together as a group in our Lords vineyard.

In Christ's Love,
Denise Spoganetz



56TH U.O.L. CONVENTION - 2003 "Christopher Columbus Discovers Chicago"

(Palos Park) – Well not really. But he would have, if he had heard that the 56th Annual UOL Convention is being planned in Chicago on July 23 – 27, 2003. Columbus would have definitely checked out the area to spread the word about this outstanding gathering.

He would have learned that local dialect includes words such as 'da', 'dem', and 'dose'. Chicago natives would greet each other with 'How ya doin?' or "How bout dem Bears?" Columbus would have learned soft drinks are referred to as 'pop'. And when you order a hotdog in Chicago with everything on it; you get a steamed poppy seed bun with mustard slathered next to the hot dog which is topped with green relish and chopped onions, and garnished with sliced tomato, a pickle wedge (and/or sometimes cucumber) and celery salt. Sport peppers are an option. Ketchup is NOT an option, so don't even ask for it – unless you need it for French fries.

And before you come to the Chicago area for the convention, let's straighten out a couple of proper names for selected sites. Although you might hear the airport referred to as 'Ohara', it's actually O'Hare – named after Edward "Butch" O'Hare, a WWII ace. Why are your baggage tags marked 'ORD'? That's because O'Hare Airport was previously known as Orchard Field. Forget about going to Soldier Field (not Soldiers field) where the Bears play; the stadium is under extensive renovation to include more seats and a veterans' memorial.

Another thing to remember, 'Chicago' includes all of its suburbs. So the actual Chicago convention site will be in Oak Brook and Palos Park; these are both very nice suburbs. Oak Brook is well-known for the **great shopping opportunities** in upscale stores at the mall across the street from the convention hotel. Palos Park is known for having the parish of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Both sites have **FREE parking**, so you may want to consider bringing your car and driving to the Midwest this time. There are many places to explore in the area so don't miss out in 2003.

Since Columbus didn't discover Chicago, why don't you?

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In Honor of Jane Bilewicz Allred's
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In Honor of Shirley and Emil Skocypec
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