



# Champions of Faith Celebrating 100 Years of Ukrainian Orthodoxy in America

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## **Leader Notes - Final Project:**

These praxis sessions are intended to be used in conjunction with the Champions of the Faith Curriculum which may be downloaded at <http://www.uocyouth.org/championsofthefait.html>

This curriculum is designed to be carried out in one session per class meeting, but please feel free to adjust in response to the children. If you find that they want more time to discuss a particular idea or session, others may be shortened or abbreviated, as long as the main understandings above are addressed. Youth can take turns reading the text to the class, or you may choose for them to read it to themselves if they need to adjust the pace.

These special praxis sessions are for varying age groups. We recommend previewing each session so that you plan accordingly.

## **Objective:**

In conjunction with the Centennial Celebration of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, which is taking place in parishes throughout the United States from September 2017 until September 2018, the Office of Youth Ministry is partnering with the Ukrainian History and Education Center (Somerset, New Jersey) to provide materials and lesson plans to be utilized in the parishes to educate the youth of the parish of the history of the Church in America, as well as celebrate this historic event.

This teacher's guide provides five (5) lesson plans, each with suggested activities to use in the parish and regular youth ministry program. Each lesson plan can be tailored to fit any age group.

In addition to the monthly lesson plans, we ask all parish youth to create a poster board (tri-fold board) documenting the history of the parish which will be placed on display at the Metropolia Center during the celebration in July 2018 (see "Parish History Project" for further instructions). In addition, these boards can be displayed either before or after July in the home parishes, showcasing the work of the youth. It is our goal, that through the lesson plans, the youth of the parish will learn more about their home parishes, as well as the history of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the USA.

This teacher's guide is supplemental to the exhibits at the Metropolia Center which document the history of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

*Shepherding Ukrainian Orthodoxy in the New Land: The Metropolitans of the Church*  
On view November 2017 until April 2018

*Ukrainian Orthodoxy in the New Land: 100 Years in the United States of America*  
On view July to September 2018

The exhibits are on view at the UHEC Library Gallery and the Cultural Center (135 Davidson Avenue / Somerset, NJ 08873). Contact the Center for exhibit hours, guided tours, and/or to schedule "The Immigration Experience" Workshop for school groups ([info@ukrhec.org](mailto:info@ukrhec.org) or call 732-356-0090)

## **Sessions provided for the Champions of the Faith - Centennial Celebration**

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### **Lesson One: History of the UOC of USA**

*Suggested Month: January 2018*

### **Lesson Two: The Importance of Primary Documents & Archives**

*Suggested Month: February 2018*

### **Lesson Three: UOL Essay Contest**

*Suggested Month: March 2018*

### **Lesson Four: Oral History Project**

*Suggested Month: April 2018*

### **Lesson Five: Musical Harmony**

*Suggested Month: May 2018*

### **Parish History Project**

*Ongoing project to be completed for display at the Metropolia Center in July 2018*

# *Final Project:*

## *Parish History Project*

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As the entire Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA celebrates in 2018 one-hundred years of its existence, we would like to recognize the histories of the parishes which make up the whole UOC of USA community. By learning about the UOC of USA through these small monthly projects, we hope that you have learned a little more also about your home parishes, your church community, parish priests, and its history. By utilizing the tools you have learned in this activities, you can now tell the story of your own parish community.

Work as a group to put together a visual presentation (we suggest making a tri-fold poster board) that would tell the story of your parish. With permission, gather photographic and oral stories to place together on the board. You may present the history in any form you wish. Once completed, place your boards somewhere where the entire church community can view and also learn.



Suggestions include, but are not limited to:

- Collecting photographs (make copies of the original) that depict all aspects of current and past Church events (openings, dinners, fundraisers, youth activities, lock-ins, organizations, etc.)
- Conducting oral history and transcribe the notes
- Reading about the history of the parish from published anniversary books
- Conducting research in local newspapers and social media
- Interviewing current and past parish priests

In July, please bring your boards with you to the Metropolia Center (or satellite Centennial Celebration in Chicago, Los Angeles, or All Saints Camp) where we can also display your parish's history as we celebrate the centennial of the UOC of USA.



## Architect of Church Building / Iconographer for Interior Work

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Use the box below to outline the history of the parish (timeline or narrative).  
*Optional: Younger grades can draw a picture of the church or a historical event.*

