



Contest Rules and Guidelines

1. **Entries must be postmarked by May 3, 2022.**
2. **NO NAMES ON THE FRONT OF ANY ENTRY.**
3. All entries must include the following information: **(PLEASE USE THE COVER PAGE SUPPLIED)**
 - a. Participant's first and last name
 - b. Age and grade in school
 - c. The name and address of participant's parish, including city and state
4. Drawings must be no larger than 12 x 18 and **NO** names on the front of drawing. Please attach a **COVER PAGE** or use the **BACK** of the drawing for the information listed above. **All drawings MUST be mailed.**
5. Written entries must be on 8 ½" x 11" paper. Include a cover page with the identifying information listed above. Entries for 9th grade and above must be typed or printed.
6. **Emailed entries must be scanned in and emailed, SO DO NOT TAKE PHOTOS OF ENTRIES AND SEND THEM, THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO READ AND WILL NOT BE JUDGED. Emailed entries must be time stamped no later than 7:00 PM of the deadline date.**

Entries may be submitted in English or Ukrainian.

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED FOR CONTENT, CREATIVITY AND NEATNESS.

If emailing entries, no entries will be accepted after 7:00 PM on the previously mentioned deadline.

Please send entries to

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Dear Reverend Fathers, Spiritual Advisers, and Sr. Chapter Presidents,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Attached is information on this year's UOL Essay contest. We are asking for your support in promoting the contest. Please give this information to your Church school students, Junior and Senior UOL members, and all of your parishioners.

The contest topics are based on the Old Testament. The theme for this year's convention is:

"In the Beginning..."

All entries will be judged for content, creativity, and neatness. Please refer to the enclosed rules and guidelines that must be followed. All entries must be submitted in English. All entries are to be mailed to:

UOL Essay Contest

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413 Juniper Lane

Cheshire, CT 06410

Or email to tlinck.essays@gmail.com

All entries must be postmarked no later than May 3, 2022. Emailed entries must be scanned in and emailed. Emailed entries must be time stamped no later than 7:00 PM of the deadline date. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. All first, second, and third place winners will be announced and awarded icons at the 75th UOL convention in Carnegie, PA from July 27 -31, 2022, which is hosted by Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email or call me at 732.824.2047.

Thank you for your support!

In Christ's Love,

Teresa Linck, Essay Contest Chairperson

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Group A (Pre-K and Kindergarten): “And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: He made the stars also.” - Genesis 1:16 This passage tells us of God’s creation of the night sky. Draw a picture of you looking at the night sky.

Group B (Grades 1 and 2): “In the Beginning” an Angel came to Joseph in a dream telling him that Mary was with child, the child of the Holy Ghost. And she would bring forth a son and He will be called Jesus. He shall save His people from their sins. - Matthew 1:18-25. Draw a picture of the Baby Jesus in the manger and write two to three sentences on the visitors the Baby Jesus received.

Group C (Grades 3 and 4): “In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth.” – Genesis 1:1 Humans are not being very good to God’s creation. Write 50 to 100 words telling us some bad things that we humans are doing to the Earth. Name one thing you can do to try to help.

Group D (Grades 5 and 6): “In the Beginning” Mary was engaged to Joseph, an Angel came to Joseph in a dream telling him that Mary was with child, the child of the Holy Ghost. And she would bring forth a son and he will be called Jesus. He shall save His people from their sins. - Matthew 1:18-25. 100 to 150 words on how Jesus accomplished this task of saving people from their sins.

Group E (Grades 7 and 8): The first sacrament is Baptism. In the Orthodox Church we receive Baptism and Chrismation at the same time. Write 150 to 200 words on what happens for the baby during these sacraments.

Group F (Grades 9 and 10): The First Commandment: “I am the Lord thy God...thou shalt have no other gods beside Me. - Exodus 20: 1-3. Write 200 to 275 words discussing what was happening during this time period to make God want this as His First Commandment.

Group G (Grades 11 and 12): The first two Disciples called by Jesus were Simon (Peter) and his brother Andrew. “As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, “Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed Him.” – Matthew 4:18-20. Write 300 to 425 words discussing whether or not it would be difficult for

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someone in today's society to do the exact same thing, leaving everything and following Christ.

Group H (Adult): Christ's first miracle John 2: 1-11 Jesus and his mother, Mary, and the disciples attended a wedding in Cana of Galilee. When they asked for wine, they were told there was none, the bridegroom did not prepare enough and they had run out. His mother told the servants to get whatever Jesus wanted. But Jesus said to his mother, "my hour has not yet come". They brought him 6 stone pots that held water that was used for washing hands and feet in preparation for the feast. Jesus instructed them to fill them to the brim with water and then take the pots to the ruler. After tasting the wine he exclaimed that the bridegroom kept the best wine for last. Write 500 or more words discussing the importance of this being the first miracle and theme of wine that flows throughout the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Cover Sheet for UOL Essay Contest Entries

Name: _____

Parish Name: _____

Parish City and State: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

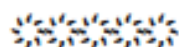
For those with students with disabilities: Academic Grade level: _____

This information will be kept confidential. I will be the only one who sees this and will shred this paper. – Teresa Linck

I give permission to the UOL to have my child's essay published in the UOL Bulletin should he/she win.

Parent Name Printed: _____

Parent Signature: _____

 **Adult entries may put Adult in the Age section.** 