

Icon Painting School

With the blessings of His Eminence, Archbishop of New Gračanica and Chicago, and Metropolitan of the Midwest, under the guidance of theologian and iconographer George Popovich, the Icon Painting School for Children and Adults was opened

Starting February 3rd, 2025, the school is transitioning to an online format and relocating to Aliquippa, PA, following Fr. George's ordination to the rank of priest. This move allows the school to reach a broader audience while maintaining its commitment to teaching the sacred art of iconography.



The online format provides personalized, one-on-one classes for all skill levels, ensuring that the tradition of

Orthodox iconography continues to inspire students across the country and beyond. Fr. George remains dedicated to fostering both artistic and spiritual growth in this new chapter of the school's mission.

Students will begin by working on foundational skills essential to Orthodox iconography, focusing on basic techniques and principles:

Basics of painting and painting techniques

Drawing fundamentals (proportions, perspective, composition)

Color theory (primary, secondary, and complementary colors)

Iconographic techniques (icon painting, fresco, mosaic, priest's vestments)

Use of painting tools

Painting various elements (head, hands, clothing, iconographic details)

Creation of the first icon

<https://iconstudiologos.com/icon-painting-school>

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Sunday February 16, 2025

Sunday of the Prodigal Son



When God asks you to shut your door before praying (*Matthew 6:6*), He reminds you to distinguish between your work outside your room from the work inside it; with regard to three things: *the heart, the senses, and other people.*

Concerning the heart- it is necessary that you completely cast away all your responsibilities, troubles, burdens, anxieties, and fears as soon as you stand before God so that it is possible to you to enter into the perfect peace that surpasses all understanding. Here, shutting the door means fortifying your heart behind the spiritual barrier that stands between the carnal world and the spiritual world. In other words, it means to die to yourself. When you shut the door behind you, consider yourself as one who has died to the carnal world and is now standing before God, turning in the account of your stewardship (cf. Luke 16:2) and begging for mercy.

*Concerning the senses-*you are usually filled with thoughts impressed upon the mind, such as images hanging in the imagination, words memorized in thought, and other experiences that have deeply affected you through the senses.

These include, among other things, dishonorable experiences which your conscience has inclined toward, which the senses have retained, and which the mind still holds on to. These experiences are sometimes relived willfully, and at other times they are recalled furtively against your will. Occasionally they are invoked compulsively for no particular reason, apart from your will and conscience, and thus causing a bitter internal struggle. It is thus very profitable, whenever you enter your room, to act beforehand and cast these thoughts out of your consciousness. Courageously renounce and apologize for them before God with contrition and a firm repentance, feeling hatred and repulsion for all of them.

Shutting your room's door means placing the crucified Christ between your spirit and your carnal senses, thus putting to death the body's members which are on the earth. Without renouncing these sinful experiences, these things seen and heard, are sufficient not only to deprive you of the strength to pray and stand before God but also to make your room an impure place.


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A Celebration of Ukrainian Art and Human Resilience
THE SHOW FEATURES ARTISTS FROM WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, ARTISTS FROM UKRAINE WHO IMPLEMENT ART THERAPY REHABILITATION FOR CHILDREN ORPHANED AND DISPLACED BY THE WAR ON UKRAINE, AND THE WORKS OF THE CHILDREN THEMSELVES.
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02.23.2025
five-week show at the
Third Street Gallery & Double Dog Studios
February 23 - March 30, 2025

Join us!
UOL Member-at-Large Zoom Coffee Klatch
Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 10 AM
Join us for a UOL Members-at-Large Zoom Coffee Klatch!
Invite your friends and family!
It's a great way to connect with family and friends from other parts of the country or those that you haven't seen in a while.
Our discussion topic is: What three things help you live your best life?
It can be something mundane like coffee in the morning or something more meaningful like waking up every morning and giving thanks to God.
After introductions and this ice-breaker discussion, we will open the floor to the questions of the participants.
The Zoom link will be sent a day before the Coffee Klatch.
When you respond, let us know if you drink regular or decaf coffee or regular or decaf tea.
RSVP to shirleykduffyesa@gmail.com
by Monday, February 10, 2025



Family Game Night

**Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA
Camping Programs
2025 Season**

ST. NICHOLAS PROGRAM
JUNE 18 - 21 - All Ages

DIOCESAN CHURCH SCHOOL CAMP
June 22 - 28 - Youth 9 - 13

TEENAGE CONFERENCE
June 29 - July 12
Teens 13-18

MOMMY/DADDY & ME
July 20 - 24
Children 4-8 & Parents

FAMILY FEST/ LABOR DAY WEEKEND - WORK WEEKENDS (AS ANNOUNCED)
Mark your calendars and start planning for a summer filled with **FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN!**
FOR MORE INFO VISIT UOCYOUTH.ORG



Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Blessed is the way you walk today, O soul; a place of rest has been prepared for you."

We inform the faithful of our Holy Metropolia of the repose of Protopriest Jakiw Norton.

Birthdays

AMY WOWK 2/18; JOHN POTUZKO 2/19;
MATTHEW KOLAS 2/20; JANICE WERNER 2/22

Remember in Prayer

Lyubba, Cecilia, Lena, Lottie, Evalyn, Collette, Matthew, Allison, Ivy, Eli, Victoria, Jamie, Theo, Pauline, Marianne, Anna, Lisa, Andrew, Kaitlyn, Mia, Tatiana, Steven, John, Carol, Damen, Kayleena, Ariana, Marje, Nick

O Lord, Jesus Christ, the physician of souls & bodies, look down on your suffering servants, relieve them of their pain and suffering in order that they may be able to arise from their sick-bed and glorify your Holy Name. Amen!"

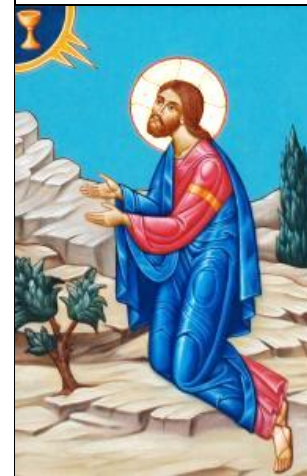


Praying our Way Together: Sponsored by UOL Education Commission

Looking for something to heighten your spiritual journey to prepare for Pascha? During Great Lent we will be reading the Psalms. If you would like to journey with us, please email your name, phone number, parish name, and parish address to Oleh Bilynsky at nsufler@aol.com and more information will be sent to you. Please sign up by March 3, 2025.

A Prayer WHEN USING the Internet

Be the helper of my soul, O God, for I walk in the midst of many snares. Deliver me from them and save me, for You are good, and You love mankind. Amen



Concerning other people- your life is always attached to that of others. For example, you might find yourself involved with an emotional love of others, which draws you to them physically and emotionally. This deprives you of your independence and inner freedom, which are the foundations of worship, love of God, and spiritual growth. You might also find yourself worried about their situation, circumstances, illnesses, or future, to such an extent that you lose any care for your own spirit and salvation. You might even find yourself agitated by hostility, spite, rancor, criticism, and hatred toward others, so much so that bitterness completely fills your soul and it never gets purged of evil thoughts but rather plans for revenge. Or you might find yourself attracted to others beyond your will, tirelessly going out every day, roaming here, there, and everywhere to show off your skills, your spirituality, and your abilities so that your admirers may share with you in your own self-worship.

Here, shutting the door of your room means cutting off every deadly relationship that binds you to anyone and causes the destruction of your soul.

This does not mean that you should cut off your relationships with those in need of you, or those you rely upon, or disassociating yourself from others. Rather, it means that you should put in order your relationships with others so that they might be in harmony with your spiritual life. Hence, you should stop indulging your affections in the care of people-which will profit you nothing; put an end to your wickedness, and die to the desire to be glorified by others.