

A Christmas Concert to Remember

On Sunday, December 16, students, faculty, parents and members of the Ukrainian Community gathered in Saint George Academy to ring in the Christmas season at the annual SGA Christmas concert.



SGA students perform at the Christmas concert

The performance included a traditional Ukrainian “vertep”, which the students performed under the guidance of Ms. Iryna Chuyan, SGA Ukrainian Studies and ESL teacher, as well as melodious solo and group performances by the SGA Choir led by Ms. Anya Bachynskaya and Mr. Andrew Stasiw. The students sang in numerous languages, including English, Latin and Ukrainian.

After the performance in school, the students were invited to perform at the Self Reliance NY Federal Credit Union’s annual Christmas party which was being held at the Ukrainian Institute on E. 79 Street in New York. There, the SGA Choir sang four beautiful Christmas carols and greeted everyone with a tradition Ukrainian Christmas blessing.



Bohdan Kurczak, Self Reliance NY FCU President addresses the students

SGA Takes Part in Annual Holodomor Commemoration

On November 17, at 4:00 PM, SGA students and faculty gathered in the majestic Saint Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City to mark the 85th anniversary of the 1932-33 *Holodomor* - Forced Famine in Ukraine during which 7-10 million innocent victims were starved to death by Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin.



SGA students lead the procession in St. Patrick's Cathedral

Together with students from local Ukrainian organizations, SGA participated in a solemn procession organized by the United Ukrainian Organizations of New York – UCCA Branch, which was followed by an ecumenical requiem service and commemorative program dedicated to the memory of the victims of the Holodomor.



SGA students during the solemn requiem service

The annual commemoration organized by the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and the Ukrainian Catholic and Orthodox Church hierarchies was an incredible opportunity for SGA students to pay homage to the innocent victims of this historical tragedy.

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