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The central lay organization of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA – the Ukrainian Orthodox League – has convened at the Metropolia Center of the UOC of USA on 24-27 July 2014 under the theme: *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”* (MT 5:6). Delegates from parish chapters around the nation began their annual gathering with Divine Liturgy in St. Andrew Memorial Church beseeching the blessings of our Lord for their deliberations and discussions and offering sincere gratitude for blessings already received in the successful accomplishments of the organization in support of the faithful – especially the youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and beyond her borders in Ukraine.

Hearing the words of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and His Grace Bishop Daniel, the participants in the convention, during the Divine Liturgy and other liturgical services of the convention, committed to renewed spiritual life striving continuously to live in righteousness with the ultimate goal of becoming one with God. What we hunger and thirst for determines who we will become and what our ultimate eternal destination will be. Only when we hunger and thirst for God – His Righteousness and Wisdom – can we hope to comprehend our life’s purpose as we live it through.

The faithful prayed for the unity of the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Ukraine, which bears an enormous responsibility for the spiritual care and nourishment of the people of Ukraine during the difficult circumstances at every level of life in the nation as it defends itself and moves further along the road to true democratic reform. The UOL beseeches the leaders of the various Ukrainian Orthodox jurisdictions to seize the opportunity, which presents itself today, to sit down together, as Patriarch Mstyslav called them to do in his final testament and zapovit: *“...sit down together in one room to discuss the fate of the Church and the role of the Church in the life of Ukraine and do not leave that room until you have reconciled and united in the Love of Christ and committed to the salvation of souls.”*

The League beseeches His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to revitalize efforts to protect the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Ukraine – the daughter of the Holy Ecumenical Patriarchate – through intensified communications with the hierarchs of all jurisdictions of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Ukraine, the newly elected President and the government of the nation. The Church is under attack and all efforts by the entire Orthodox ecclesiastical world must be exerted to defend her and her faithful. The Church should and must become, once again and for all time, the moral conscience of the Ukrainian nation, as Metropolitan Antony has consistently stressed.

The UOL members especially prayed for the Church, government, armed forces and the people of Ukraine during the tragic events, devastating not only for Ukraine but for nations around the world: the intrusion of the Russian Federation into sovereign Ukraine, the terroristic actions of Russian citizens against cities and villages of Eastern Ukraine and attacks against the Ukrainian armed forces, who act in defense of their own country. Finally, the UOL membership prayed for the 298 innocent victims on board Malaysian Airlines flight 17, which was destroyed by a terrorist surface-to-air missile. The UOL abhors the actions taken by the terrorists whose goal is – as directed by the government of the Russian Federation – to destabilize all aspects of Ukrainian life in order to retain the nation within the Russian “sphere of influence” rather than permit closer relationships and trade with the European Union and other Western nations.

The Ukrainian Orthodox League calls upon all people of good will to join in these our sincere prayers.

The League governs its life and activity according to the motto: **“DEDICATED TO OUR CHURCH – DEVOTED TO HER YOUTH”**. It was founded 67

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Walk in Christ the Light”***



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**Very Reverend Protopresbyter Stephen Hallick–Holutiak
Senior UOL Recognition Award – Carol Bentley,
Coatesville, PA
Submitted by Michael Komichak**

This year’s Very Reverend Protopresbyter Stephen Hallick–Holutiak Senior UOL Recognition Award was presented to Carol Bentley, Holy Ghost Parish, Coatesville, PA.

In 1957, the Orthodox of the Year Award Program was created by St. Vladimir’s Senior Chapter of Cleveland to recognize a lay member of the League for their accomplishments in furthering the aims and goals of the League. In 1991, the name was changed to the Senior Recognition Award. In 1995, the award was given the name of Father Stephen Hallick-Holutiak to honor the lifelong role of Father Hallick-Holutiak in the life of the League. This Award is presented to a UOL member in good standing during the year of consideration. However, NEB members are not eligible.

This year’s award recipient is recognized for long-standing and tireless service to the local and national UOL. The recipient has led the rejuvenation of the parish’s Senior and Junior UOL Chapters and has worked to ensure that the Junior UOL members are included in all activities. In addition to arranging funding for the Juniors to attend their first convention when the chapter was reinstated, the recipient personally participates in Junior fund raising projects. As a retired teacher, the recipient has organized activities that teach about



Ukrainian customs and the traditions of the parish, providing continuity with the past and communicating an appreciation of parish and Church history.

Her chapter reported, “There is not space above to list all of Carol Bentley’s service to the local UOL and national UOL, as well as her tireless service to Holy Ghost parish. She inspires younger adult parishioners to take leadership positions. She serves the youth chapter by volunteering for special projects such as baking pascha, cooking various soup recipes, manning Chinese auctions and participating in local charities. Her home is headquarters for planning our past and future national UOL convention.”

“She singlehandedly has rejuvenated the UOL in Coatesville on the senior and junior levels. She initiates fund raising projects such as the sausage and pepper sale (and makes all of the food); the beef and beer (she makes the main courses); apple and peach pie sales, baskets to be auctioned, etc. She works tirelessly for the parish and the UOL organization.”

Congratulations Carol!!

**MESSAGE FROM THE
SENIOR UOL
PRESIDENT**



Michael J. Komichak

Many hands make light work

Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Khrystu!

Having been re-elected at the 67th Annual UOL Convention to a second term as President of the National Executive Board, I am pleased and honored to greet you as we look forward to a new year of service to our Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

The Convention at the Metropolia Center in South Bound Brook, NJ at the end of July brought together people of all ages from all over the country who care deeply about the ministry of the UOL and about the future of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. We exchanged ideas, made plans, and enjoyed the fellowship at this annual “family reunion.” I thank Metropolitan Antony for his guiding vision and unfailing encouragement to the Convention planning committee, and I especially thank Martha Misko of Assumption of the Virgin Mary Parish in Northampton, PA whose hard work, selfless dedication, and steady leadership as Convention “co-Coordinator” ensured the success of the whole endeavor.

Usually the Convention is organized by members of a single host chapter. This past year the Convention committee was composed of volunteers from several chapters who came together for the task of planning and staffing the national Convention. To all who served on this committee, thank you. This ad hoc committee is a good example of how we can draw upon the resources of several chapters to accomplish a common national goal.

This same model can help the national UOL be more productive and successful throughout the year. While it is great that local chapter members assemble into committees each year at the Convention to suggest improvements and to set annual goals for the national League, in order to follow through on that vision, the national UOL needs volunteers—beyond the elected National Executive Board officers—who are willing to work between Conventions.

At the Convention, we asked for volunteers not only for positions on the NEB, but also for service in other capacities after the Convention finished. We received a good response, but we can always use more help. If you think you might want to be a part of the “bigger picture” during the upcoming year, look online for the Senior NEB Nomination Form at uol.orthodoxws.com/resources.html. Don’t worry about filling out the “official” form: If you see something on the form that interests you, simply send an email to that effect to Daria Pishko Komichak at UOLvolunteer@uol.orthodoxws.com, or contact your chapter’s liaison.

You can find more information online about what each Commission or Committee does by reviewing the UOL Handbook at uol.orthodoxws.com/files/2010-11Handbook.pdf. Even if you are not currently a UOL member, we still need and welcome your help. Keep in mind that almost all of these tasks can be accomplished by email, telephone, and US mail, so there is usually no need to travel to participate and help the National UOL achieve its goals.

Chapter liaisons keep the lines of communication open between the local Chapters and the NEB throughout the year. The designated chapter liaisons this year are as follows:

Lauren Bentley	Carnegie, Coatesville
Tabitha Bentley	Lyndora, Sharon
Karen Ferraro	Philadelphia, Youngstown
Michael J. Komichak	Johnson City, South Bound Brook
Janice Meschisen	Boston, Woonsocket
PM Olena Sendeha	Bensenville, Palos Park, Parma
Alexander Shevchuk	Carteret, Maplewood
Linda Winters	Allentown, Northampton, Wilmington

I sincerely thank the members of this past year’s National Executive Board for your service to the League and the Church. It has been a pleasure serving with you, and I look forward to your continued participation in the work of

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67th UOL Convention - Submitted by Natalie Bilynsky

For the last 67 years UOL members have gathered together as a family “Dedicated to our Church, Devoted to its youth.” At the UOL Convention in mid-July, UOL members review the accomplishments of the past year and set goals for the coming year. The 67th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention was truly a celebration of the UOL family.

This year the Convention was hosted by the National Executive Board with the neighboring Northampton, Allentown, South Bound Brook, Carteret and Maplewood Chapters. Martha Misko and His Eminence Metropolitan Antony were the coordinators of the UOL Convention. A true family in Christ, the Ukrainian Orthodox League is a unique organization with families both young and old gathering together as one family united in the Church. This year the Convention theme was “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied.” Matthew 5:6

Both Junior and Senior UOL delegates and guests gathered at the Cultural Center in South Bound Brook to review the past year’s accomplishments, get inspired and set goals during the business sessions. In addition to the business sessions, the UOL Convention served as a time to rekindle friendships and to make new ones.

On Wednesday July 23, both the Senior and Junior National Executive Boards held their pre-convention meetings. Registration was opened on Wednesday and coordinated by the four Northampton sisters (the two Woyewoda sisters, Bettyann and Janet and the two Crayosky sisters –Helen and Kathleen). Every day we were greeted by their wonderful smiles. Katherine Shaffer also assisted with all registration and was the Treasurer for the Convention Committee.

The lobby of the Cultural Center served as registration headquarters, a Ukrainian Cultural gift shop and a basket gallery. The Ukrainian gift shop had a collection of ornaments, ceramics and other wonderful items. Vera Muzychka from Allentown served as the coordinator of the shop and provided a wonderful resource for all guests. The lobby was transformed into a wonderful gathering space. We had tables full of baskets donated by UOL chapters across the country. This year, as a combined event, many chapters



participated in this major fundraising event. There were dozens of baskets donated to the UOL. It is amazing how varied the baskets were, there were food items, chocolate, gardening items, cash trees, gift cards, children’s baskets and other wonderful treats. Tickets were sold throughout the Convention and the winners were announced at the Banquet and Ball.

Linda Vitushinsky was the chairperson for this event and it was a huge success.

Hospitality night was sponsored by the Maplewood Chapter. The hospitality



room was crowded with UOL members catching up with old friends. There was even an old-fashioned Ukrainian sing along. Different from many Conventions in the past there



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NEWS FROM THE
JUNIOR UOL
PRESIDENT

Kateryna Kocelko

Glory to Jesus Christ!



My name is Kateryna Kocelko and I am very blessed to have been reelected as the 2014-2015 President of the Executive Board of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League. I would first like to thank all of the chapters that put so much time and effort into making the convention as successful as it was. With all the love and time that was put into the planning of the week, I don’t know how it couldn’t have been a success. The Convention chairs, Martha Misko and His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony, along with the entire Convention committee did a fabulous job. It was a very successful and spiritually enriching week.

I would like to congratulate all of our graduates on all of their achievements and I hope to see all of you back next year at Convention as members of the Senior UOL. I would also like to once again thank all of the members of the National Executive Board last year, for all their time and dedication and it was truly a pleasure to work with all of you, especially our two advisors Daria Pishko Komichak and Rev. Father Vasyl Sendeha.

Now, it is with great honor that I introduce to you the newly elected National Executive Board of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League for the 2014-2015 year along with committee and liaison assignments. Please feel free to contact any of us at any point throughout the year.

- President: Kateryna Kocelko- South Side, PA
Committee: Pysh Travel Grant and Convention Yearbook
Liaisons: South Side, PA and Palos Park, IL
- Vice President: Christopher Holowko- Maplewood, NJ
Committee: Technology and the annual raffle
Liaisons: Maplewood, NJ and Philadelphia, PA
- Recording Secretary: Katherine Anderson- Youngstown, OH
Committee: Christian Care Giving and Missions
Liaisons: Parma, OH and Youngstown, OH
- Corresponding Secretary: Juliana Leis- Carnegie, PA
Committee: Membership, Chapter Development and Connecting the Church
Liaisons: Carnegie, PA, South Field, MI and Boston, MA
- Financial Secretary: Sarah Hershey- Coatesville, PA
Committee: Culture, Education and Outreach
Liaisons: Coatesville, PA and Johnson City, NY
- Treasurer: Andrea Linck- Carteret-NJ
Committee: Fundraising
Liaisons: Carteret, NJ and Woonsocket, RI

In order for this to be a successful year, the board has to do their part, but the individual chapters also have to be active and keep up. Communication is very important. Not only between each other in your individual chapters, but also between the chapters and the national board. We cannot be successful without your cooperation. Please don’t hesitate to contact your liaison or any board member with questions or concerns throughout the year. Also please make sure you turn in your chapter dues and roster by September 30th so we can start this year off right. I pray that God gives all of us the strength to do his work this year and continue the work of the league.

Yours in Christ,
Kateryna Kocelko



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was plenty of room to gather and lots of space.

Thursday morning everyone gathered at St. Andrew's for Divine Liturgy. His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and His Grace Bishop Daniel co-celebrated Divine Liturgy. This year all Convention participants joined in communal singing of the Divine Liturgy.



Following Divine Liturgy, all members joined for a full brunch. That afternoon the major work of the Convention sessions was started. This included the approval of 66th Annual UOL Convention Minutes, review of the

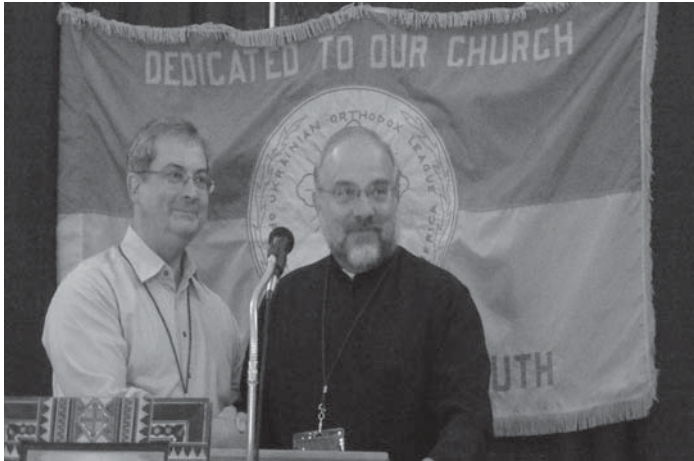
Annual Report-2013, Audit Report, and review and approval of Financial Report 2013-2014 that also included the acceptance of a 2013-2014 Budget. Convention Committees met to discuss important issues within our chapters and parishes as well as to make goals and objectives for the Executive Board and local chapters. Several committees were for Senior delegates including: Vocations and Clergy Support, Nominating, Membership and Chapter Development and Connectivity (a new committee inspired by President Komichak that looked at how to form connections within the Church).

There were also several committees that were combined Junior-Senior Committees: Christian Caregiving and Missions, Youth, and Education. After



the individual committees met and discussed appropriate topics, each submitted a report to the convention body for final ratification.

During business sessions, President Komichak presented Fr. Protodeacon Mahlay with a check in the amount of \$6860 for St. Andrew's Society for soup kitchens in Ukraine. These funds were raised as part of the UOL's Souper Bowl Sunday fund-raising project. This project has been a huge success for the UOL with chapters and parishes donating every year to support St. Andrew's Society's humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.

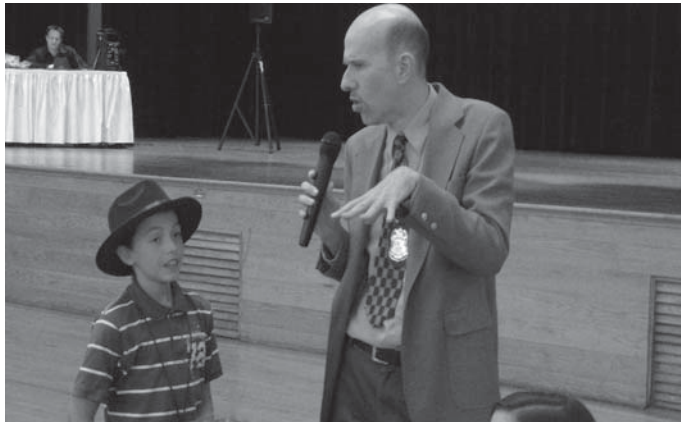


President Komichak also presented His Eminence Metropolitan Anotony with a check in the amount of \$2500 for St. Sophia Seminary. These funds were raised as part of St. Thomas Sunday Pilgrimage parking.

A highlight of every convention is seeing the Pre-Juniors. This year Fr. Deacon John Charest prepared a wonderful program for the children that spanned the entire Convention time. All of the children appeared to be having a wonderful time. It was heart-warming to hear several senior delegates state that they recall coming to the UOL Convention as a Pre-Junior and now are delegates at the Senior UOL Convention. The Pre-Juniors came to the Senior UOL sessions and shared their projects with the convention Body.



Thursday evening the UOL family gathered at the Cultural Center for a Mystery Night. Many of you might not know this, but we have a bunch of wonderful actors in the UOL. This interactive theater had actors playing roles with UOL members showing off some of their acting abilities. Academy Award worthy performances were part of the show. Our own Fr. Vasyl Sendeha was truly memorable! As was Jagger (aka Max) from Coatesville! The night



was full of laughter and fun.

Friday morning started with morning prayers at the Seminary Chapel and a continental breakfast at the Cultural Center. On Friday the



business sessions continued with reports for each of the committees being approved. Both the Senior Committee and the Combined Junior-Senior Committee reports were reviewed and approved.

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Friday mid-day the Juniors and Seniors joined at the St. Andrew’s Hall to prepare lunch bags to be distributed through Bridges Outreach to homeless in Newark, New Jersey. Members made sandwiches and prepared lunch bags that were distributed the next day in Newark. Bridges provides over 100,000 lunches to the community during the course of a year. The organization was founded in 1988 and reaches out to support the homeless



in the New York and New Jersey area. The UOL supported the Saturday lunch in Newark.

Sessions continued Friday afternoon with continued report review. A highlight of the Convention was the debut of the first ever UOL video. Last year, Adam Kennedy from St. Vladimir, Philadelphia, PA, interviewed UOL members as well as taped aspects of the UOL Convention to create a video to be used for membership and chapter development. The video was played for all Convention delegates and guests and each chapter was presented with a copy of the video. Be sure to play your video at your local chapter. It will inspire you to come to the Convention next year and can be used to explain the many accomplishments of the UOL.

On Friday night everyone donned their best Ukrainian attire and gathered for the Ukrainian group dance lesson. Dinner was delicious with varenyky/ pierogies. Everyone was full of carbs and ready to dance the night away. As part of the event Roman Lewkowicz, founder and choreographer of the Obrij Folk Dance Ensemble, led instruction in Ukrainian dance. We joined in a full circle and danced, danced, danced.



Saturday morning started with morning prayers at the Seminary Chapel and breakfast at the Cultural Center. UOL members were spoiled with all meals included in the packet prices.

Sessions started winding down with the election of officers, those individuals challenged to fulfill the goals set at this UOL Convention. The Officers of the Senior UOL Executive Board – 2014-2015.
President- Michael Komichak, Maplewood, NJ
First VP- Karen Ferraro, Philadelphia, PA
Second VP- Janice Meschisen, Woonsocket, RI
Recording Secretary- Pani Matka Olena Sendeha, Palos Park, IL
Corresponding Secretary- Tabitha Bentley, Coatesville, PA
Treasurer- Linda Winters, Northampton, PA
Financial Secretary- Lauren Bentley, Coatesville, PA
Auditor- Alexander Shevchuk, Maplewood, NJ
His Eminence Metropolitan Antony appointed Fr. John Haluszczak of Pittsburgh, PA as Spiritual Advisor.

Junior UOL Executive Board – 2014-2015
President- Kateryna Kocelko, Pittsburgh, PA
Vice President- Chris Holowko, Maplewood, NJ
Recording Secretary- Katherine Anderson, Youngstown, OH
Corresponding Secretary- Juliana Leis, Carnegie, PA
Financial Secretary- Sarah Hershey, Coatesville, PA
Treasurer- Andrea Linck, Carteret, NJ

Metropolitan Antony appointed Rev. Vasyl Sendeha of Palos Park, IL as Spiritual Advisor to the Junior Board.



Following successful UOL deliberations the Convention body enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch at the Seminary. The hosts of the 68th Annual Convention, the Northampton chapter, sponsored a lunch at the Seminary. The beautiful porch was set with tables and full of UOL Juniors and Seniors. Additionally



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several Junior and Senior UOL members went to deliver the lunches that



were prepared. The UOL Mission project was a huge success.

Saturday evening featured Martha Misko as the mistress of ceremonies and she guided the evening very gracefully. Awards were presented including Chapter of the Year to Northampton, and Carol Bentley of Coatesville, PA received the Fr. Hallick-Holutiak award. (articles about award winners are in this issue). Dr. Steve Sivulich presented the LSSK scholarship to Nick Woloschak. Junior UOL President Kateryna Kocelko presented Junior UOL awards including the Fr. Bukata Award to Nicholas Woloschak and the Junior UOL Chapter to Youngstown, OH. (Details about the Junior UOL winners and Scholarship recipient will be in the October issue of the



UOL Bulletin). Additionally, Michael Komichak presented Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund scholarships to St. Sophia's Seminary on behalf of the seminarians. Our seminarians, Ivan Chopko, Volodymyr Sukanetz and Volodymyr Yavorsky were present to accept their scholarships.



Once the banquet was complete Al Brooks (aka Al Shinn of Philadelphia) entertained the crowd with a great range of music. Everyone enjoyed the music and dancing and that night the winners of the baskets were chosen.

Sunday morning the National Senior and Junior UOL Presidents as well as parish representatives greeted His Eminence Metropolitan Antony with flowers and the traditional bread and salt. At the conclusion of the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy the officers of the National Executive Senior and Junior Boards took their oath of office.



Following Divine Liturgy, everyone was invited to participate in a wonderful lunch. The Convention Chapters are to be commended for a fantastic Convention. Special thanks to Convention Chairpersons (Coordinators) Martha Misko and His Eminence Metropolitan Antony for all of their hard work. Their labor of love, in planning this convention, truly serves as an inspiration. Now is the time to block out the dates for the Northampton Convention. Next year for the first time ever the UOL is planning a "condensed Convention," that will start Thursday evening and end on Sunday. The UOL Convention will be held from July 23 -26, 2015.



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years ago in 1947 by the first hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, then Archbishop John (Theodorovich), who later became the first Metropolitan of the Church. The primary goal of the organization was to concentrate its efforts in keeping the youth of the first two waves of immigration – before and after World War I – and succeeding waves of immigration, actively involved in the Church and committed to living the Holy Orthodox Faith and preserving Ukrainian Orthodox traditions throughout their lives – passing the spiritual legacy of the nation on to their descendants.

To this end the organization created sporting activities and held social gatherings on the local, regional (Deanery) and national levels. In addition, many educational booklets and papers were published throughout the years to provide greater insight into the theology and traditions of Ukrainian Orthodoxy. The UOL established a camping program 55 years ago, first at rented campgrounds and then for the last 35 years at our own All Saints Camp in Emlenton, PA, which was purchased by our Church. In these programs children from age 3 to 19 come together each year to celebrate their faith and their friendship. Thousands of our youth have passed through these programs and many participants met the person who would years later become their spouses. The League created the Junior UOL in the early 1960’s to serve as a training and preparation organization for future leaders of the Senior League and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

A primary concern of the UOL has been its scholarship programs – the Metropolitan John (Theodorovich) Scholarship Fund and the Lynn Sawchuk – Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship Fund. The former provides assistance in the form of annual scholarships to the seminarians of our Church studying at St. Sophia Seminary or at other Orthodox seminaries. It should be noted that it was the UOL that initiated the drive for the development of St. Sophia Seminary. The latter provides academic scholarships to members of the Jr. UOL for college and university study with eligibility determined by the applicant’s Church, UOL and community activities, along with academic achievement. These two scholarship programs have awarded nearly \$300,000 in scholarships through the years of their existence.



The work of the 67th convention of the UOL continues the dedication and devotion of the organization. Convention committees such as Youth, Christian Care-Giving and Missions, Education, Membership and Chapter Development, Connection to the Church, Public Relations and Vocations and Clergy Support met in breakout sessions to suggest programs and methods that would enhance and further the work of the League. Some of these committees held joint consultations with Jr. UOL members to ensure that the youth point of view was considered at all times.

The committees presented recommendations to further develop the stewardship and tithing programs being developed by our Church leadership and urged the UOL members to become involved in the various ministries of the Church like the college student mission teams, which visit the Church’s adopted orphanages in Ukraine to minister in love to the orphans and to do physical
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the League. I thank the newly elected members of the NEB for your willingness to volunteer your time in the upcoming year. The next regular Senior NEB meeting will be held in Coatesville, PA, hosted by Holy Ghost Parish on Saturday September 27, 2014. The Board meeting is open and all are welcome to attend.

Yours in Christ,

Michael J. Komichak

Senior UOL Chapter Achievement Award Presented to Northampton, PA

Submitted by Michael J. Komichak



The Senior UOL Chapter Achievement Award for 2014 was presented to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox UOL Chapter in Northampton, PA. This award is presented to the Senior Chapter that has shown the greatest achievement in terms of accomplishing the aims and purposes of the UOL during a one-year period of time.

The winner of this award is selected based upon the Annual Report submitted by each chapter by the established deadline.

This year’s Award is given to a chapter whose members have engaged in Christian charitable works on local, national, and international levels. The chapter sponsors parish events for both UOL and non-UOL members, inviting anyone that wishes to attend. They organized a local Lenten Retreat and held numerous fundraising events including an annual Fall Wine Tasting that raised over \$2600. The chapter sponsored a seminarian registration packet for this year’s 67th UOL Convention.

Members of this chapter served on this year’s National Executive Board and took the lead in organizing this year’s UOL Convention even while preparing to host next year’s Convention.

Congratulations to the Northampton Chapter!



2014-15 National Executive Board

Let my prayer arise!

13th Annual

UOL
Lenten
Retreat



Saturday March 28, 2015

Retreat will focus on prayer

St. Francis Center For Renewal
395 Bridle Path Road
Bethlehem, PA

Learn more about our faith!
Get rejuvenated during Great Lent!
Meet fellow Orthodox Christians!
And so much more!

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repairs to the orphanage buildings. Also recommended were the missionary programs here in the USA like the high-school mission teams, the Appalachian region missionary outreach and parish programs, which serve the needs of elderly parish members. UOL members were urged to participate in various retreats sponsored by the UOL.

Plans were developed to assist in the establishment of new UOL chapters in parishes around the USA and to encourage the general Church members to participate in UOL sponsored activities even if they are unable to commit to membership in the League. The desire is to draw the entire church into ministry – which must not be the responsibility of just the ordained clergy, who need ministry from the faithful as much as the faithful need to be ministered to by them. The essential point of all UOL activity is to serve all mankind – here in the USA and in Ukraine or other nations of the world – in the Love of Christ and with an attitude of holiness and righteousness. It is when we begin to look beyond our own reflection in the mirror of life and reach out to be of assistance to others, regardless of their station in life, that we will comprehend righteousness and the Wisdom of God.

Mark your Calendar!!

68th Annual UOL Convention

Northampton, PA

July 23-26, 2015

UOL Tributes

A donation to the Tribute Fund is an acknowledgment of a Milestone, Memorial, or Accomplishment, or is a Special Recognition of an individual or group.

Your much-appreciated contribution is used to support and further the Mission of the Ukrainian Orthodox League. All donations are published in the UOL Bulletin.

Donor	Occasion/Tribute
Pauline Witkowsky, Amy Gaggini, Stacy Lutz and families	In memory of Nikola Miteff, a wonderful Orthodox friend. Memory eternal!
The Swan/Karbiwnyk families	In Memory of Marie Melnyk. May her memory be eternal!

Have you been wanting to honor or thank someone special?

The tribute fund is the ideal way to honor someone or commemorate a special event!

It is very easy to submit a Tribute.

Don't put it off -- send your tribute today!!

To submit your Tribute:

Submit a card that includes your Name and Address, the Name of the Person to Receive the Tribute, the occasion of the Tribute (for example In Memory or To Honor), and the Name and Address of the person to whom an acknowledgement card should be sent.

For a contribution of \$20 or more, the name and occasion is printed in the UOL Bulletin.

UOL Tributes should be submitted to:
Natalie Bilynsky 703 Pine Ridge Road Media, PA 19063.

Please make check payable to Ukrainian Orthodox League.

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