



Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

Consistory Circular

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Office of the Consistory President

A Note from Vladyka Daniel:

Since we have entered the New Year 2017, I am writing to greet you and wish you a happy New Year, peace in the world (*that is starving so much for it*) and in your homes, progress for the Church throughout the country, health and joy and every blessing of the Lord on young and old.

Christ's entry into the world remains a unique event, which changed the course of human history. It is of such significance that it separated history into two - B.C. and A.D. We are privileged to be living in this new period of Christian history. We are blessed to live, foster, and renew our life and our faith in Christ, to enrich it with wisdom and good works, and to be able to praise the Holy Trinity. Particularly blessed are we who hold the Faith of the "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church", which we confess at every Divine Liturgy.

2016 was a year full of historic events in the life our Church. We completed two major events/conventions: the Regular Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention, which took place and was hosted by the UOL Chapter of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Coatesville, PA and later in the year a Regular 21st Clergy-Laity Convention – SOBOR of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. We have unveiled the Strategic Plan for the Church, which is in the final stages of development and will be ready for implementation later this year.

As a Church we took care of our youth, by making sure that All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Camp provides decent opportunities for our children to gather for their summer encampments, sponsored by the Consistory Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. We have touched the lives of handicapped children in Ukrainian Orphanages by sending 17 missionaries to Ukraine.

Speaking of Ukraine, the ancestral homeland continues to be troubled by the economic, political and ecclesiastical crisis, but its people go on patiently and adamantly hoping for a better future. Nonetheless, and despite all the efforts being made by Ukraine's Government to improve conditions, the crisis goes on unchanged. But I am confident that the Leaders of the European Union and the United States of America will continue to endorse financial, moral and political support to Ukraine, in order that it may soon come out of the crisis and begin its path to recovery and posterity.

As we about to enter into the Holy and Sacred Season of Great Lent, let us journey through the New Year 2017 with faith and renewed hope for peace and progress in the world, despite the economic difficulties and the political and social unrest, and particularly the violence throughout the Eastern Part of Ukraine and the Middle East. These problems are a scar on the face of human civilization and dignity. Yet Christ, by His Own participation in our reality, seeks to heal the sorrows which plague and wound the human body and soul, to restore the image and likeness of God in which we were made.

Fortunately, many voices throughout the world are crying out with a message of hope to fill us with optimism and faith, with an expectation of a better, more just and peaceful future. With that same hope I pray to God, Who is worshipped in Trinity, that the world may this year overcome all the troubles facing humanity today: financial problems, unemployment, poverty, crime, war, violence, religious fanaticism, and discord. Humanity must find peaceful, spiritual, moral and righteous ways of solving all these problems and healing the wounds of modern societies.

Every new year is a blessing for us, because it grants us an opportunity to start over, to put our lives in order and to restore a more spiritual basis to our lives, to cultivate reconciliation with our selves, with society and especially with God, that we may live worthy lives and redirect our present lives and our eternal futures to the will of God. The great Church Fathers, Poets and Philosophers, who had the grace to study the future, saw all things with a theological mind, and put their trust in God, "the only unchanging and everlasting being, the Creator of all". They did not become attached to the world and to the things of the world, but envisioned a world "made of angels" and forever heading toward God's Kingdom - a Kingdom which man dreams of, studies and builds in this life, and which is fulfilled in the true and eternal life where is "the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End".

The New Year brings with it new ideas, new dreams, and engenders new hopes, joys and expectations. Let us therefore open up our hearts, the spiritual and physical doors of our parishes with fervent prayer and faith, that the message of these days may take root there. Let us contemplate God's will so we may partake in the creation of a new world that will transform society,

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***Metropolitan Andrew Kushchak
Memorial Archives***

***Church Records: Preserving and Accessing our
History in America***

Last year, the Archives along with the Nashi Predky Ukrainian Genealogy group initiated the Ukrainian Church Records Project, an effort to digitize, transcribe, and make accessible the tremendous amounts of historical and genealogical information that are hidden in the records of our parishes.

When our earliest Ukrainian ancestors set foot on North American soil, they brought their religious faith to sustain them in a strange land. One of the first things they did was to organize church communities, and the records of those churches contain a wealth of information about these pioneers. Although they may appear to be dry lists of names and dates, or the minutes of boring parish board meetings, they in fact chronicle the history of Ukrainians in America. By turning these documents into computer-readable data, genealogists will be able to find lost ancestors, and historians will be able to study the growth and development of Ukrainian communities (such as the comings and goings of priests, the language used to write the records themselves, changes in congregational affiliations, and even the movement of individual families from parish to parish because of employment shifts or religious differences). This will help to unlock unknown, undocumented and forgotten aspects of Ukrainian American history.

You can help make this happen! The records don't have to leave the parish premises, and the project has safeguards to protect personal information and your parish's interests. Any parishioner with a good, recent model digital camera can participate. You do not have to be an expert in digital photography or image processing software. You can simply mail us the SD card straight from your camera or upload the files to a secure online "lock box", and we will handle the rest! The Nashi Predky community has many individuals with expertise in reading early 20th century Ukrainian and Church Slavonic records, and together we will transcribe and make this information searchable by genealogists and other researchers.

To learn more, please visit NashiPredky.org/church-records-project.

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will free humanity from evil and selfishness, and will embrace the love of God for all His Creation.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whose grace and blessing we have begun the New Year which we hope will be peaceful, happy and full of works that are "good and profitable for humanity", guide the steps of young and old to the glory of the Lord of Time, and for the praise of humankind, who lives in time and fashions it by his own earthly life. And I remain with love in the Lord and esteem.

+Daniel,

By the Grace of God your bishop and brother in the Lord

The Reason

for the Consistory Office of Christian Charity

The purpose of the Office of Christian Charity is to initiate, promote and develop charitable ministry of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church, within the parishes, in the local community, and any outreach throughout the world.

Most of the ministry of Charity is centered with the faithful on the local parish level. Charitable outreach is best initiated, and is truly organic, when accomplished within their parish communities and just beyond the doors of their local church. In this way, the faithful and the local parish family are living the commandment to love thy neighbor. Many parishes and individual faithful are very active in this regard. Some communities do this in an organized fashion, others on a very individual and fluid basis. It is an active and essential ministry within our Church. There are many aspects and particular needs of challenged and disenfranchised individuals within your parish and those you encounter on a daily basis that can and should be ministered to.

As a greater Church, we participate in charitable outreach through such institution like the OCMC, IOCC, ZOE for Life, Prison Ministry, FOCUS North America, and local Orthodox / non-Orthodox efforts. Our Church is well represented in pan-Orthodox charitable and mission agencies of the Episcopal Assembly of Orthodox Bishops on the Boards of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center and International Orthodox Christian Charities and ZOE for Life.

Collectively, we have continued our humanitarian and financial assistance to orphanages, institutions of various profiles, medical military aid and refugee projects especially during the recent military intervention in Ukraine. We have added to our projects during the last 3 years, a center for refugees and indigent needy in Kyiv, and a center for refugees in Mariupol, just outside the conflict zone in the Donbas region of Ukraine.

The ongoing Orphanage Project of our Church is well supported and funded. Last December, a Mission team of various ages completed a volunteer trip to the orphanage in Znamianka, Ukraine. The College Mission Trip is planned for the month of June, and the team is presently being organized. We continue our funding of educational programs, teachers and various minor facilities projects at the orphanages in Ukraine. Our faithful throughout the Church have been very generous to both the Orphanage and Military Medical Projects. Donations may be sent directly to the UOC of the USA offices in South Bound Brook, NJ.

One goal of the planned and initiated Strategic Plan of our Church is focused on Charitable work and "in-reach" within our parish communities. The particular and very specific focus is to the faithful of our parish communities that have special needs as they "navigate contemporary life" (from the Church's Mission Statement). Our Office of Charity will be intimately engaged in this development and implementation in the upcoming years.

Protodeacon Ihor Mahlay - Office Director

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A Note from the Consistory Office of Stewardship:

The following summarizes the recent work of the Consistory Office of Stewardship.

The **Stewardship Blog** established in the third quarter continues to generate articles of relevant stewardship content, with articles contributed by the Office Director as well as Lisa Ryan and Mark Host. We encourage our faithful to not only read this information, but respond to it with your thoughts, ideas, comments or critiques. If you would like to contribute an article, contact Fr. Robert (fr.r.holet@uocusa.net) at your earliest convenience. The blog is accessible by a direct link on the UOC website, or by using the link:

<https://stewardshipnowblog.wordpress.com/>

The development of Stewardship in the Metropolia has shifted to the Stewardship Task Force based on the goals of UOC Strategic Plan adopted by the Sobor. The Task Force efforts are being directed by Ms. Tanya Tschaikowsky. The two goals identified in the Strategic Plan are:

- Within 3 years, we will research, design, and implement a comprehensive UOC of USA Stewardship Program that is applicable to all demographic groups.

- Within 2 years, we will develop and implement a comprehensive and strategic approach to assist the faithful in **long-term financial stewardship planning, planned giving and estate and legacy planning.**

If you would like more information on these efforts, or can contribute your talents and efforts, please contact Tanya at your convenience: Tanya.tschaikowsky@gmail.com

Recommended

UOC Parish Stewardship Program Outline

The Office of Stewardship has received a number of requests from parish leaders and pastors about implementing Orthodox Christian stewardship on a parish-wide basis. The Office and its Director can assist this process in a number of ways - from visits and presentations to referrals and resources. Below is a recommended blueprint for a parish stewardship program. It can be adapted to parish needs, regardless of size, ethnic composition, parish history, etc. .

Phase 1. Initial Discussion: A visit and presentation is made to the parish leadership by the Stewardship Director about stewardship in general, as well as what is involved in going from a traditional dues/fundraising model of parish finances to a stewardship model. It is essential that the pastor and lay leaders be active participants in the subsequent parish stewardship activities.

2. Stewardship Information Phase: This is an extended period during which the parish receives information from *reliable* sources about the nature of Christian stewardship. An extensive list of print and media materials, including a video series of Stewardship presentations on DVD, will be made available *to parishes who enroll in this process.* The goal is broad-based information for all parish members to gain a familiarity and understanding of what Orthodox stewardship is, and is not - in theory and in practice.

3. Leadership Discernment Phase: Parish leaders determine whether a transition to a stewardship model is desirable and timely. If so, the pastor and lay leaders are trained to understand and explain a new stewardship program in the parish and implement it.

4. Implementation Phase: This is the core of the program, when people actually decide to begin making their offerings to the Lord based upon the stewardship model - using proportional giving/tithe as a starting point. This phase encompasses one entire year - where the stewardship program is implemented and its effects are assessed by the parish leadership and the participants. During this time, there may be some who offer based on the minimal dues or other systems, and those who offer based on the proportional giving model. As the parish engages in stewardship as a model of offering, the leaders also consider how the parish can be faithful to God in the administration of the offerings to God entrusted to the parish by its members. The offering of other gifts from the Lord, including time and talent, are also emphasized.

5. Long Term Growth Phase: As more people are brought into the process, those experienced with the Orthodox stewardship serve as the best witnesses and mentors of how stewardship works and renews the life of individuals and the parish as a whole. Over time, stewardship becomes a norm of how the parish and its members view their Christian life.

The Office of Stewardship is ready to support any of our parishes or the faithful members of the UOC in their efforts to be faithful to God as stewards in carrying out the great mission entrusted to us as members of His Church.

For more information, contact Fr. Robert Holet, Director - Consistory Office of Stewardship, at 434-973-2500 or rcholet@yahoo.com.

A Note from St. Sophia Seminary Library:

In June 2016, our longtime Librarian Laryssa Bulya retired and relocated to sunny Florida! As of September 2016, Oksana Pasakas stepped into the position as the part-time Librarian.

Our staff works throughout the week to continually update and fill the shelves of the Library with new material. Books are added into the online catalog daily. You can access the online catalog from home, by visiting the Library webpage at <http://uocofusa.org/library.html>.

The Library is constantly accepting library materials, and donations can be done during the working hours. Our Library staff can help you in figuring out if your items will fit the collecting scope of the Library. We are grateful to all our donors, both that continue to diversify our Library holdings and those who help by making financial donations. In 2016, our Library received a very generous donation of books from V. Rev. George Papademetriou. Majority of the books have been added to our online catalog, and the last few shelves are being added as you read this report.

We are open 5 days a week and offer study and research opportunities for St. Sophia Seminary teachers and students, as well as clergy and patrons. *(Continued on p. 5)*

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A Note from All Saints Camp:

Winter 2016-17 has been very busy time for All Saints Camp. Focus has been on expanding our communication efforts. Our inaugural E-Newsletter was sent in December, with expanded distribution planned for upcoming newsletters in 2017. Website expansion and upgrades are in the works, and will be in place by Spring. The intent is a more robust web presence for All Saints Camp, reaching a broader audience, both within the church and to external audiences. Along with online communication initiatives, Camp Manager Larry Kopp will be visiting parishes during the coming months to raise awareness of All Saints Camp and the crucial place we hold in the life of the church.

Along with communication efforts, preparation is beginning for the upcoming 2017 camping season. We have a number of volunteer and work opportunities that I would like to highlight.

Firstly, we are considering introducing a week-long prayer and work retreat from May 1-7, 2017. Regular daily services and instruction in the Jesus Prayer will be combined with work in preparing camp for the upcoming season. Volunteers can stay for the entire week, a weekend, or a day, depending on their schedule. This is a unique opportunity to combine service to the Church through both prayer and works. We will be asking for a very modest daily stipend to assist in paying for food for participants.

Secondly, we have our annual work weekend over Memorial Day weekend, extending through the next week, May 27th through June 2nd. All are welcome to join us in projects to prepare camp for the summer. Throughout the entire season, from May through Labor Day weekend, volunteers are welcome to visit at any time! We always need assistance with grounds work, facilities maintenance, light office work, and food service. During the season, we can provide volunteers both food and lodging as well as the peace of mind and joy that come from serving God and Church.

Finally, we have limited paid, seasonal positions available, working in the dining hall, on our maintenance staff and as lifeguards. If you are interested in volunteering or in a paid position, please contact Camp Manager Larry Kopp.

Who and What is Saint Andrew's Society

Saint Andrew's Society (founded in 1990) is a national organization of our Church uniting faithful at all our parishes in a common focus of assistance to Ukraine, the restoration of a vibrant church there and humanitarian support to those in need. In the past, emphasis was placed on church restoration and infrastructure (physical church needs, publications, rebuilding etc.). Once that was met and the Church has become much more self sufficient, support transitioned to efforts which are focused on charitable and humanitarian aid.

Today, Saint Andrew's Society supports 7 Soup Kitchens/Food Distribution Centers in Ukraine for needy elderly or refugees, and scholarships toward educational endeavors of Theological Students from or in Ukraine.

Patriarch Mstyslav Museum Notes ***Orthodoxy in a New Land: The History of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the USA***

The year 2018 marks the centennial of the canonical formation of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the United States took place in 1918, when the Church received spiritual protection under the omophorion of Bishop Germanos (Shehadi) of the Antiochian Orthodox Church in the USA.

To mark this anniversary, the Museum will mount an exhibit entitled: *Orthodoxy in a New Land: The History of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the USA* and we need your help to make it happen. We need you, the faithful, of the UOC of USA to participate in the curatorial process

Does your parish have any:

Original Historical Photographs

- Church building · Parish
- Parish organizations · Events
- Historical video/audio
- Articles from local newspapers/journals

Historical Documents

- Incorporation papers · Deeds
- Mortgages · Financial Statements
- Membership Rosters · Metrical books · Church music

Artifacts

- Vestments
- Service books/Prayer books
- Liturgical vessels and other items (*censers, tabernacles, etc.*)
- Icons and crosses
- Altar cloths, linens, other textiles

The exhibit will include histories of UOC parishes established in the USA. To create this exhibit, we are requesting parishes to submit original historical photographs, documents and archival material, and artifacts. All items will be documented as a loan to the Museum solely for this exhibition, and will be returned to the parish upon the conclusion of the exhibit.

Any reproduction of loaned material for posters or publication will be done only with the parish's written permission, and loaned items will be returned as quickly as practical.

Please contact Natalia (museum@ukrhec.org) or Mike (archives@ukrhec.org) or call (732) 356-0132 to discuss details. We look forward to working with you to create a historical exhibit!

Mark Your Calendars for the UHEC Events:

Exhibit: *Petrikivka Spring* featuring the collection of Natalie Pawlenko and Yuri Mischenko, coming in mid March to the Library Gallery

Workshop: *Nashi Predky Ukrainian Genealogy* workshop goes to Pittsburgh! May 6, 2017 at the Ukrainian American Citizens' Club in Carnegie, PA. See NashiPredky.org for details and to register.

St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery - Metropolia's Sacred Grounds...

St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery in South Bound Brook, NJ, - is dedicated to all Ukrainian people who have died, fighting for their lives, freedom and independence of their country. The cemetery contains the mortal remains of the Hierarchs and clergy of the church, along with poets, artists, musicians, architects, doctors, lawyers, teachers and men and women of all professions, all of whom await their own resurrection to eternal life. On its territory there is a small family cemetery of the original owner of the estate Heinrich Fisher, who struggled for independence of the United States. This family cemetery with old-age monuments where you can barely read the inscriptions is fenced around and Metropolia Center Administration maintains it carefully.

Our beautifully maintained grounds provide a tranquil setting for the dignified Memorial Church of St. Andrew the First-called of the Apostles. It was built as a symbolic tombstone over millions of unknown graves of those who died during the Artificially Created FAMINE in Ukraine of 1932-1933, and in the struggle for their faith, their church, their people, their Homeland.

Beautifully and impeccably landscaped cemetery grounds offer a variety of choices for families who prefer traditional in-ground burial options. Different sections have spaces with the permission of upright monuments.

Holy Resurrection Mausoleum offers a setting where family and friends may visit and pray in an atmosphere that is conducive to spiritual reflection and remembrance of a loved one, located on the lower level of the St. Andrew Memorial Church. It is beautifully enhanced with icons depicting the Feast Days of our Lord Jesus Christ, as well as the crypt of the first patriarch of Kyiv and Rus-Ukraine, His Holiness Patriarch Mstyslav I. The Patriarch's sarcophagus is centrally located in the mausoleum and is surrounded by memorabilia from his life and service to God.

Internment Preplanning allows families to make important concerning how loved ones will be memorialized and laid to rest, prior to the need arising. The Cemetery and Holy Resurrection Mausoleum is open to Christians of all nations. Our cemetery staff is available to assist in preplanning and also will provide you with necessary information to make informed decisions about your final earthly resting place or of loved ones – decisions that are most difficult to make.

Please contact: Rev. Vasyl Shak at 732-356-0090 for the assistance.

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A Note from St. Sophia Seminary Library:

Membership is free for St. Sophia Seminary teachers, St. Sophia seminarians and students and UOCofUSA clergy, and there is a small one-time fee for all other patrons. Further information can be found on the webpage for the Library or by contacting the Library. We can also work with students who are looking for volunteer hours for school, contact the Librarian to find a project that can work for you.

We hope that in 2017 we will begin to offer programs and events for the public. Keep an eye out for upcoming events!

A look into the life of the Seminarians of St. Sophia Seminary

The 2016 school year was filled with many events and lots of homework for the students of St. Sophia Seminary. The students have already begun their spring 2017 Semester and looked forward to the celebration of the feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs, patrons of their Seminary school chapel. As always, the Holy Day was marked with Divine Liturgy and a delicious luncheon for all gathered.

During the school year, the students were busy with their classwork, homework, readings and exams, but evenings and weekend were also spent socializing and engaging with the communities. During the week, they participated in several outreach efforts in local communities, including giving blood and the packing and shipping of aid to Ukraine.

During the summer and winter breaks, several students chose to travel to the orphanages in Ukraine with the mission team. Others had assisted during the High School Mission Trip to South Bound Brook, New Jersey. The seminarians also participated in many country-wide events and milestones. They travelled with the hierarchs to many parishes, attended parish celebrations, the Holodomor commemoration in November in New York City, Lenten Retreats, UOL Convention and the Sobor of the UOC of USA. During the St. Thomas Pilgrimage held at the Metropolia Center, the Seminarians are actively involved throughout the entire weekend: assisting the UOL with parking, selling chocolate-covered strawberries and other hand-made chocolate treats as a fundraiser for the Seminary, and throwing a fun picnic at the Seminary that Saturday afternoon.

When they were not in class or travelling, the students spent their time in Church with their daily services held in the Three Holy Hierarchs Chapel, or helping in local parishes during the week and weekend. In 2016, Seminarians Mykola Zomchak and Mykhailo Bokalo were set aside as Subdeacons of the Church. Under the direction of their professor, V. Rev. Taras Naumenko, the students began to join their voices in a seminary choir, and performed at several events throughout the year: Parish celebration in Philadelphia, PA, Sobor of the UOC of USA, Christmas at the Seminary Party, and at the Birthday celebration of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony.

In December, the annual Christmas at the Seminary fundraiser took place and was a huge success. The entire community is grateful for the continued support of the Seminary.

The Seminary is currently holding a fundraiser by selling polos, sweatshirts and aprons. Items are available for purchase at the St. Andrew Bookstore (online and in the store found in the Library at the Consistory). All proceeds go to support the Seminary. Few items remain, so don't wait to order your very own! The seminarians will be selling chocolate-covered strawberries again this coming St. Thomas Sunday (Saturday only in the Cultural Center), so come and support the Seminary again by purchasing some delicious hand-dipped strawberries.

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Notes to Reflectin from the Vocations Director:

As a Church, we continue to help men and women discern and train for vocations through our full-time (8), short-term residency (5), distance learning (13), and youth ministry (5) seminary programs.

The Strategic Plan of the UOC of the USA has three "Clergy" goals that I oversee; Clergy Development (captained by Fr. Michael Danczak & Dr. Paul Micevych) to improve the continuing education of our clergy, U.S. Clergy Recruitment (captained by Fr. Silouan Rolando) to improve recruitment of American-born clergy (we are already doing well recruiting Ukrainian-born clergy); and Clergy Compensation and Wellness (I captain this one) to help us become more intentional and effective at taking care of our clergy.

The current task of each goal team is to recruit team members; if you would like to participate, please let me know! I maintain correspondence with several men and women to help them their vocation within the UOC-USA.

I also made a parish visit to St. Nicholas parish in Virginia over the past few months. If you would like me to come and talk to your parish, just ask and we can make arrangements.

Finally, I host a vocations podcast, Good Guys Wear Black, on Ancient Faith Radio and manage and write for a vocation website of the same name.

One of the things we hope to do soon after Pascha is host a Chanting and Altar Service Retreat at the Seminary.

If you have any questions or suggestions about vocations, please let me know (father.anthony@yahoo.com; Douglas Anthony Perkins on Facebook).

ATTENTION: Scholarships Available

The Consistory Offices of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA have been informed that the students of our Metropolia may be eligible for a \$5,000 Undergraduate or a \$5,000 Graduate Scholarship through the John C. Kulis Charitable Foundation. A total of ten undergraduate and ten graduate scholarships will be awarded.

For more information, visit - http://www.uocofusa.org/news_161201_1.html

The Scholarship Committee of the Ukrainian American Veterans decides and awards scholarship money to college students who are descendants or relatives Ukrainian American Veterans.

To be eligible for a UAV scholarship, applicants must be descendants or related to Ukrainian American Veterans and be a full-time matriculated college student in a degree program. Additionally, students from accredited trade schools or institutions that have degree programs are eligible as well. Students can apply while in their senior year of high school, college attendance will be verified before the awards are given in the fall semester. Applications are accepted all-year-round and the deadline for each year is on the last day of August. Moreover, undergraduate students may reapply for scholarship awards.

For more information, visit - <http://www.uavets.org/programs-and-services/scholarship-fund>

AXIOS! WORTHY! - ORDINATIONS...

Deacon Philip Harendza ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Eminence Archbishop-elect Daniel on December 10, 2016 at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Johnson City, NY

Subdeacon Ivan Tchopko ordained to the Diaconate by His Eminence Archbishop-elect Daniel on December 11, 2016 at St. Andrew the First-called Apostle Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, NJ

Assignments and Releases...

Rev. Fr. Gregory Jensen is received into the ranks of clergy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

Rev. Fr. Mykola Dilendorf is placed on a Leave of Absence effective November 30, 2016.

Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Ugolnick is relieved of his pastoral duties of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Coatesville, PA effective December 1, 2016.

Very Rev. Fr. Michael Danczak is assigned to Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Coatesville, PA effective December 1, 2016.

Very Rev. Fr. Volodymyr Khanas is relieved of his pastoral duties of Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Millville, NJ effective December 11, 2016.

Rev. Fr. Rostyslav Tsapar is assigned to Sts Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Millville, NJ effective December 11, 2016.

Rev. Fr. Philip Harendza is assigned to Holy Archangel Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Scranton, PA effective February 1, 2017.

Elevations...

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony Celebrated Name's Day and 70th Birthday Anniversary on January 30, 2017, as well as the 4th Anniversary of his enthronement as the Prime Huerarch of the UOC of the USA. Many Blessed Years, Master!

V. Rev. Fr. Dennis Kristof was elevated to Mitred Priest on the occasion of 100th anniversary of St. Nicholas Pro-Cathedral on 4 December, 2016 - Axios!

Mark Your Calendars:

11 March, 2017 - Consecration of Four Evangelists UOC - Bel Air, MD

18 March, 2017 - UOL Lenten Retreat - OH/Western PA

1 April, 2017 - UOL Lenten Retreat - Bethlehem, PA

22-23 April, 2017 - Annual St. Thomas Sunday Pilgrimage - South Bound Brook, NJ

2-17 June, 2017 - College Mission Trip to Ukrainian Orphanages

16-19 June, 2017 - St. Nicholas Program for the Youth with Disabilities (ages 9-19) and their families

25 June - 8 July, 2017 - Diocesan Church School Camp

9-22 July, 2017 - Teenage Conference

26-30 July, 2017 - Annual UOL Convention

31 July - 4 August, 2017 - Mommy&Me - Daddy&Me Camp

5-15 November, 2017 - Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Metropolitan Antony