Extraordinary Sobor Elects Metropolitan

Submitted by Dr. Subdeacon Jeremy Oryhon, UOL Delegate

On October 6, 2012 delegates from member parishes as well as from member organizations (including the Ukrainian Orthodox League) met for the Extraordinary Sobor of the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, charged with the sacred task of electing a new Metropolitan as successor to Metropolitan Constantine of blessed memory. This historic event took place at the Metropolia Center in South Bound Brook, NJ.

The preparations began Friday evening, October 5, with Vespers at St. Andrew the First Called Apostle Memorial Chapel. Following the service chanted by the seminarians from St Sophia’s Seminary, His Grace Bishop Daniel offered his thoughts on the significance of this historic event in the life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. He invited the delegates and guests to prayerfully reflect upon the purpose of the Sobor, calling to mind the previous spiritual leaders in the persons of Metropolitanans John, Mstyslav and Constantine, as well as the founders of the Church parishes and member organizations who endured and sacrificed much to establish the church in this country. This was done with much conviction so that many could come from Ukraine and worship openly and freely and so many, even today, could find a spiritual refuge. He reminded those present that it was their sacred duty to carry that forward into the future for Christ’s Church and this began with the act of electing a successor Metropolitan. The evening concluded with light refreshments and delegate registration at the Ukrainian Cultural Center.

The day of the Sobor began once again at St. Andrew’s Memorial Chapel with the Divine Liturgy concelebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Antony, Locum Tenens of the Metropolitan Throne, and His Grace Bishop Daniel. They were assisted by dozens of priests and deacons. All first feasted together in love and fellowship at the Lord’s table prior to continuing the task at hand. Following Liturgy there was a buffet brunch served.

The Sobor sessions began with Archbishop Antony and the faithful invoking the Holy Spirit to descend upon the proceedings with “O Heavenly King…”. There was then a moving pictorial tribute to our beloved Metropolitan Constantine of blessed memory, including a video of his final sermon/reflections given at the 40th anniversary of his episcopacy just 36 hours prior to his repose in the Lord. Following this Archbishop Antony offered his thoughts as well as an informative history of the UOC of USA and a perspective on where we came from, including the leadership displayed by our previous Metropolitanans in order to arrive to this present day. His Grace Bishop Daniel offered another reflection calling on the faithful to live out their role and sainthood within the Church. He asked for unity and support for the work of the new Metropolitan under the help and protection of the Mother of God.

At this point a credentials report confirmed a quorum to proceed with the business of electing the Metropolitan. Very Rev Fr. Stephen Repa from Carnegie, PA gave a liturgic and practical explanation to the delegation of the role of the Metropolitan. Dr. Gayle Woloschak then reviewed the canonical process for the vote and election. A short intermission then took place so that lay and clergy representatives from each eparchy could be selected to the task of electing a successor Metropolitan. A short prayer was offered by the delegates for guidance.

The Sobor continued on Saturday morning with the running of the sobor ballots for the vote and election. A short intermission took place as the vote was being counted and the results revealed. Following this very important event, the Sobor convened to select the Delegation to the National Sobor of the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

The evening started with Vespers served by Fr. Paisius McGrath and followed with a delicious buffet dinner in the dining hall. The evening concluded with light refreshments and delegate registration at the Ukrainian Cultural Center.

On Sunday morning, the Sobor continued with the Divine Liturgy followed by a breakfast buffet which included pancakes, eggs, bacon, potatoes, and a buffet with assorted waters, drinks, and coffee. Following the Liturgy an informative history of the UOC of USA and a perspective on where we came from, including the leadership displayed by our previous Metropolitanans in order to arrive to this present day. His Grace Bishop Daniel offered another reflection calling on the faithful to live out their role and sainthood within the Church. He asked for unity and support for the work of the new Metropolitan under the help and protection of the Mother of God.

The evening concluded on Sunday night with a buffet brunch served.

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2012 Family Fest at All Saints Camp

Submitted by Christine Mills

The 66th Annual U.O.L. Convention
St. Vladimir’s Cathedral
Parma, Ohio
July 24-28, 2013

"O Lord, how manifold are Your works, in wisdom You have made them all."
~ Psalm 103
We see from the scriptures that Jesus was in the local synagogue daily and gone wrong? What is the authentic tradition that we should draw from as an example within congregations and that is to their credit. Where have we pentecostals, have an excellent record of strong male spiritual leadership by the early church. It is true that many Protestants, especially among the force in a parish is sad, and runs counter to the heritage we have received from That in some Orthodox Christian cultures women seem the dominant spiritual role models. Yes, men in our church are on the Parish Council and me troubled. I have boys that I want to be able to observe Orthodox men as sponsor, one must be actively battling Satan and not be in bondage to him. That keep us as active Orthodox Christians on the battlefield of life and a godparent as one living an open homosexual life. The man in your case, is not only having a homosexual relationship with acts and lives a celibate life. The same could be said about a “straight” person, even if they have a strong sexual drive, yet seeks to refrain from acts of fornication and fight the temptations. Whether it be an open life of “straight” fornication or an active “gay” life of sexual acts, this sort of lifestyle bars you from being a godparent. The man in your case, is not only having a homosexual relationship with acts so condemned in Scripture, both Old and New Testament, but with misplaced pride has solemnized this life in sin by a marriage or civil union condoned by the state, but never blessed by the Church or Christian morals. Whether “gay” or “straight,” people occasionally fall prey to temptation and fall into sexual sin bereft of Christian marriage. Confession is the antidote for that and one would expect that in repentance that the individual is trying to avoid such pitfalls again. It is when a life of continual sin becomes apparent that one is excluded from being a godparent. Yes, an Orthodox person living with someone in a sexual relationship without benefit of marriage is as equally barred from being a godparent as one living an open homosexual life. Many are plagued by sexual temptations, but it is self-restraint and repentance that keep us as active Orthodox Christians on the battlefield of life and contesting for our promised heavenly crowns. To be a role model, a baptismal sponsor, one must be actively battling Satan and not be in bondage to him.

I am a fervent convert to Orthodoxy, but one seeming defect in my parish has me troubled. I have boys that I want to be able to observe Orthodox men as spiritual role models. Yes, men in our church are on the Parish Council and have League positions, but their visible and active presence and participation in the services and sacraments seems lacking. I don’t want to be hypercritical, but I don’t want my boys to get the impression that church and a spiritual life is merely a “woman’s thing.” That in some Orthodox Christian cultures women seem the dominant spiritual force in a parish is sad, and runs counter to the heritage we have received from the early church. It is true as that many Protestants, especially among the pentecostals, have an excellent record of strong male spiritual leadership by example within congregations and that is to their credit. Where have we gone wrong? What is the authentic tradition that we should draw from as a template? We see from the scriptures that Jesus was in the local synagogue daily and

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An Evening in Kiev
Friday at the 66th Annual UOL Convention
By Melanie Nakonachny, Convention Chairwoman

The 66th Annual UOL Convention is going to be an event that you definitely don’t want to miss. From our hospitality events, Divine Services, business sessions and trip to the brand new Cleveland Aquarium, guests will be wined and dined.

Friday, July 26, 2013 will be another busy day for participants of the 66th UOL Convention. Guests will spend their day at both the Embassy Suites hotel as well as visiting the city of Kiev in the evening.

The morning will begin with prayers held at the hotel chapel. Following prayers a complementary made-to-order breakfast will be available free of charge for all hotel guests. Pancakes, omelets, fruit and so many more items will be waiting for you to enjoy.

Following breakfast guests will gather to continue UOL business sessions. This is the time for your chapter to be represented and your voice to be heard. Delegates will work in committees and as a whole group to plan for the 2013-2014 year.

That evening, following business sessions, convention guests will be transported across the globe to Kiev. Friday evening’s event, titled An Evening in Kiev, will be held at St. Vladimir’s Grand Hall. Guests will enjoy a traditional Ukrainian meal surrounded by the sights and sounds of life in a Ukrainian city. During dinner guests will view performances by Ukrainian singers and dancers. A sing-a-long is even planned for the evening as well. The night will end with dancing under the evening stars to the music of Harmonia.

Friday, July 26, 2013 will be an eventful day at the 66th Annual UOL Convention. Don’t miss out on all the fun! Plan now to visit St. Vladimir’s Parish in Parma, OH July 24-28, 2013.

All Saints Camp Lucky Calendars
Submitted by Christine Mills

The All Saints Camp Committee & Booster Club would like to extend a big “Thank You” to all of our “Lucky Calendar” sellers and winners for 2012!

This is an important project that continues to help support the camp! Proceeds of $7000 have been provided from “Lucky Calendar” sales this year! This is an important project that continues to help support the camp!

A “Lucky Calendar” is a chance calendar that gives you the chance to win a minimum of $25 a day (more on special days listed in the calendar)! We had a $1000 calendar winner this year! With your $25 donation, you receive a three digit number that is your number for the entire year of 2013. If your number matches the number of the “Evening Pennsylvania Daily Lottery” (3 digit number drawing) you win the prize listed on the calendar for that day! Prizes are mailed out twice a month. You don’t need to live in Pennsylvania to play!

If you are interested in selling “Lucky Calendars” at your parish or would just like to purchase your own calendar, please contact Christine Mills. Please send your $25 check made out to “All Saints Camp Boosters” to the address below and your calendar(s) will be sent out to you as soon as possible! The new 2013 Calendars will be available in November! Hope you are a winner!

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NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR UOL
President
Elizabeth Hershey

Glory to Jesus Christ!
The Junior National Executive Board attended their first meeting on September 22, 2012 in Coatesville, Pennsylvania. We would like to thank the Chapters and Parish of The Holy Ghost for their hospitality, time and effort put into making us welcome. The Senior and Junior boards enjoyed their stay with their friends in Coatesville.

During our meeting we discussed many topics for the 2012-2013 year. We looked over and discussed the goals that were set by the Junior Convention body in Allentown. Each chapter will soon be receiving information on ‘Soup’er Bowl Sunday (proceeds go to St. Andrew’s Society), Bring a Friend to Church Day, the Cultural Context, and the 2013 Great Lent Giveaway. This year the Board decided that the proceeds from the Great Lent Giveaway will go to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Another thing that we are focusing on this year is keeping chapters active in their parishes and communities. We will soon be sending out a list of detailed ways that your chapter can fundraiser or volunteer. We hope this will encourage everyone to become more active in their chapters. One more thing that we are looking into is starting up a Jr. UOL retreat for sometime in September of next year. There is still a lot of work to be done and more information is sure to follow. We are also working closely with Father Anthony Ugochik to create a prayer book for teenagers and young adults that focuses on issues that apply specifically to them. This should also be out shortly so keep an eye out!

If you haven’t already, make sure you send your chapter dues and roster forms to our Financial Secretary Sarah Hershey. The deadline was September 30th so the sooner the better. Also make sure you have completed and returned your election report forms.

The Board is always here if you ever have any questions or concerns about anything. Feel free to contact any one of us! I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season. Take time to remember what you are thankful for and do good for those important to you. I pray that we all have a safe and enjoyable time.

Yours in Christ,
Elizabeth Hershey

2012 Thanksgiving Tithing Project
Submitted by Mark Meschisen

The Ukrainian Orthodox League is pleased to announce the beneficiary of the 2012 Thanksgiving Tithing Project. This year the National Executive Boards of the Senior and Junior UOL have selected the Mission Parish of the Four Evangelists in Bel Air, Maryland.

The Boards wished to focus this year’s project on a mission parish of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church. After much deliberation the Boards arrived at Bel Air in Harford County, Maryland and The Four Evangelists Orthodox Church. Part of the reason the board selected The Four Evangelists is that in October of this year they celebrated their tenth anniversary as a mission parish. The Board and the entire UOL would like to congratulate The Four Evangelists and wish them many more years.

With Thanksgiving fast approaching, it is time for us to take a good look at our lives and the many blessings that Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has bestowed on us. Thanksgiving is an ideal opportunity to give thanks to the Lord and share our blessings with our brothers and sisters.

Tithing is understood to signify a 10% donation. The Ukrainian Orthodox League graciously asks you to consider donating 10% of the total cost of your Thanksgiving celebration.

Donations may be made to your local UOL chapters or sent to the League’s Financial Secretary, Mrs. Pam Scannell at 2000 Clover Drive, Vestal, NY 13850.

Please direct questions to Mark Meschisen Senior NEB Chair of the Christian Care Giving and Missions Commission. marcushes29@gmail.com
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Tournament,” swimming, sports, or just relaxing! After dinner, another or final round of the “Name Game” took on a mind of its own and a spirited session of “BINGO” concluded the events.

After a farewell breakfast Monday morning the drawing was held for the beautiful beaded necklace donated by Christine Zimmerman. The proceeds from the raffle will help furnish the new priest’s cabin. Over $600 dollars was raised with the raffle and the winners of the necklace were Mr. & Mrs. Richard Charest. After clean up and packing it was time to say good bye. Everyone had an enjoyable weekend participating in activities, talking or just hanging out.

Planning is already underway for some exciting activities for “Family Fest 2013.” We hope you will consider joining us for the weekend or even the day next year!!

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St. Vladimir Senior UOL Philadelphia, PA
Submitted by Jordan Gladys, Reporter

The Senior and Junior UOL Chapters of St. Vladimir’s Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA inaugurated the beginning of a new year of service with the induction of the newly elected board members of their local chapter on Sunday, September 16th. Following communion, the members gathered at the front of church to take the Oath of Office, committing to work together for the glory of God. The newly elected Senior UOL board members include Natalie Bilynsky, President; Andrea Swan, Vice President; Karen Ferraro, Recording Secretary; Oleh Bilynsky, Treasurer; Panimatka Laura Naumenko, Junior UOL Advisor; and Jordan Gladys, Reporter.

Several weeks later on Sunday, September 30th, the Senior UOL Chapter hosted an Open House Pot-luck Luncheon following Divine Liturgy, in an effort to increase membership and awareness about the work the UOL accomplishes. President Natalie Bilynsky prepared a picture slideshow and gave a short presentation during coffee hour. All parishioners were invited to the Pot-luck Luncheon.

Following the presentation, interested prospective members joined current members in discussions during the first meeting of the service year. The chapter has since gained ten new members and has hit the ground running with plans and ideas for upcoming events, fundraisers, and service projects. Stay tuned!

2012 UOL Essay Contest Winners
We congratulate all of the participants and winners of the UOL Essay Contest. Here are the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and honorable mention awards from the 2012 UOL Essay Contest.

PreK and Kindergarten:
1st Place: Anthony Sendeha – Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park
2nd Place: Mykola Logvynyuk – St. Valdimir’s, Parma
3rd Place: Mallory Zvonek – Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park
Honorable mentions:
Katherine Pindel – Sts. Peter and Paul, Lyndora
Alexandra Ost – Assumption of the Virgin Mary, North Hampton
Andrew Maddalena – Holy Trinity, Trenton
Luke Joseph Kolas – St. Vladimir’s, Pittsburgh
Jaclyn Fealy – St. Demetrius, Carteret
Francesca Ralko – St. Vladimir’s, Philadelphia

1st and 2nd grades:
1st place: Logan Mroczk – St. Vladimir’s, Parma
2nd place: Alexander Pindel – Sts. Peter and Paul, Lyndora
3rd place: Elizabeth Trabocco – St. Vladimir’s, Philadelphia
Honorable Mention:
Nicole Larsen – Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park
Elizabeth Caimes – St. Demetrius, Carteret
Michael SanAntonio – St. Vladimir’s, Philadelphia
Alexandra Chubenko – St. Demetrius, Carteret
Allie Rak – Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park
Natalie Swan – St. Vladimir’s, Philadelphia
Tyler Baker – St. Michael’s, Woonsocket
Zenin Walkowiec – Sts. Peter and Paul, Youngstown
Kyle Crown – Sts. Peter and Paul, Youngstown

3rd and 4th grades:
1st Place: Peter Gordon – Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park
2nd Place: Sabrina Ost – Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Northhampton
3rd Place: Nicholas Pindel – Sts. Peter and Paul, Lyndora
Honorable Mention:
Jillian Pogoda – St. Demetrius, Carteret
Stephanie Maddalena – Holy Trinity, Trenton
Sarah Moon – Sts. Peter and Paul, Youngstown
Stephanie Chubenko – St. Demetrius, Carteret
Mya Molina – St. Demetrius, Carteret
Faith Warren – St. Mary’s, Allentown
Jorianne Zvonek – Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park
James Gavrushenko – St. Vladimir’s, Philadelphia
Madeline Zetick – St. Vladimir’s, Philadelphia
Zachary Potter – Sts. Peter and Paul, Lyndora

5th and 6th grades:
1st Place: Delia Walkowiec – Sts. Peter and Paul, Youngstown
2nd Place: Pavlog Pawluk – Sts. Peter and Paul, Lyndora
3rd Place: Anna Swindle – Holy Virgin, Arnold
Honorable Mention:
Jennifer Obrizan – St. Demetrius, Carteret
Stephanie Little – St. Andrew’s, Jamaica Plain
Roman Petrov – St. Michael’s, Woonsocket
Sam Chase – St. Michael’s, Woonsocket

7th and 8th grades:
1st Place: Victoria Swindle – Holy Virgin, Arnold
2nd Place: Jeffrey Senediak – Sts. Peter and Paul, Youngstown
3rd Place: Natalia San Antonio – St. Vladimir’s, Philadelphia
Honorable Mention:
Daria Bourgery – St. Michael’s, Woonsocket

9th and 10th grades:
1st Place: Nicholas Woloschak – Sts. Peter and Paul, Youngstown
2nd Place: Andrea Link – St. Demetrius, Carteret
3rd Place: Olena Lymar – Holy Trinity, Trenton
Honorable Mention:
Pipinos Dimitriou – St. John’s, Johnson City
Katrina Potter – Sts. Peter and Paul, Lyndora

11th and 12th grades:
1st Place: Joey Hutazykul – St. Mary’s, Allentown
2nd Place: Katie Zimmerman – St. Mary’s, Allentown
3rd Place: Janeene Linck - St. Demetrius, Carteret

Adult:
1st Place: Robin Bodnar – St. Mary’s, Allentown

We encourage you to enter the 2013 UOL Essay Contest!
INTRODUCTION

Once again we are ever mindful that the grace of God has called together the officers and members of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA, gathered with our God-loving bishops: His Eminence Archbishop Antony, and His Grace Bishop Daniel, and express thankful appreciation for their inspiration, guidance, and spiritual direction. May God bless all of our bishops with good health and fill them with grace for many blessed years.

RESOLUTIONS

1. We assure His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop of New Rome – Constantinople the Mother Church, from which Rus-Ukraine accepted the totality of the Orthodox Christian Faith and Order 1023 years ago during the reign of the Prince Volodymyr, holy equal to the Apostles, St. Volodymyr Martyr, of our filial love, profound esteem and prayers.

2. We offer prayerful support to our Hierarchs in all efforts, through the Ecumenical Patriarchate, to unite the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Ukraine and strongly encourage His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew to intensify efforts to establish a local autocephalous Orthodox Church in Ukraine.

3. We lift up our hearts to the Lord offering our most sincere gratitude to Him for the blessing. His servant, Metropolitan Constantine, was to not only the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, but to our entire church throughout the world. We thank Him for the many moments of edification as we League members experienced in the presence of His Beatitude, when he unexpectedly taught us something, opened a new avenue of comprehending a particular teaching of our Lord or caused us to dig deeply to the depths of our souls to discover who we truly are and how far we estranged ourselves from our Heavenly Father. He was a blessed man who was a blessing to our lives. May His memory be eternal in God’s Heavenly Kingdom. Vichnaya Pamyat!

4. We continue to be deeply aware of the chronic shortage of clergy in our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of U.S.A. and truly appreciate the efforts of the St. Sophia Seminary staff in attempting to meet these needs. We acknowledge with profound gratitude the vital ministry of the Staff of the St. Sophia Theological Seminary in the sacred task of priestly formation and education. We rejoice at the good news that there will be four (4) new full time resident students for the 2012-2013 Academic Year. And we greet the new students of the current academic year who are present at our convention – Yuri Andreyko and Ivan Tchopko. We also greet the other students present at this convention: Deacon Vasyl Dovgan, Subdeacon Philip Harendza, Subdeacon Adrian Mazur and Subdeacon Ioan Mazur.

5. We honor the blessed Memory of the ten million men, women and children who perished during the inhuman genocide created by Joseph Stalin and the Soviet Government, which ravaged Ukraine from 1932 to 1933. We strongly urge the United Nations to finally declare this horror to be the genocidal act that it was, not bowing to the revisionist history and propaganda currently being distributed by the Russian government denying the facts of the famine and declaring that it was only part of a general famine throughout the Soviet Union at the time.

6. We applaud the ongoing construction of the Ukrainian Museum of New Jersey – History and Education Complex in Memory of His Holiness Patriarch Mstyslav I (HEC) – on the grounds of our Metropolis Center in South Bound Brook/Somerset, New Jersey. We call upon the faithful of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church to continue to cooperate in and financially support the completion of this construction.

7. We enthusiastically reaffirm in the 65th year of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of USA our motto - "Dedicated to our Church and Devoted to its Youth," - and recognize that the fulfillment of the motto is only possible through the intimate relationship with Christ through a life commensurate with His Holy Gospel, which we accept and live without reservation.

8. We extend special gratitude and appreciation to the members of the Protection of the Holy Theotokos Cathedral (Allentown, PA) Senior and Junior Chapters of the Ukrainian Orthodox League for their dedicated efforts in hosting this 65th Annual UOL Convention—2012. May God bless them for their dedication and devoted efforts for the benefit of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A.

9. We express our most sincere appreciation to those officers who served faithfully on the Senior and Junior National Executive Boards of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of USA during 2011-2012. May God bless them for their efforts if we League members may fail in our efforts to express our appreciation.

10. We strongly encourage all parishes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA to expend great efforts to establish and provide continued support to Senior and Junior UOL Chapters and all UOL programs and activities, and ensure that the traditional convention committees remain active (i.e., Vocations and Clergy Support, Public Relations, Ways and Means, Christian Caregiving and Missions, Youth, Membership and Chapter Development, and Education). We encourage all parishes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. to establish UOL Chapters with continued encouragement from our hierarchs and local clergy.

11. We share the joy of our clergy who were ordained to the Holy Deaconate and Priesthood during the past year – Deacon Francis Reila, Deacon Vasyl Dovgan and Deacon John Charast.

12. We celebrate and greatly appreciate All Saints Camp staff and volunteers of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Camping Programs – the Teenage Conference, Diocesan Church School Camp, Family Fest, and Mommy/Daddy and Me Camp - for their dedicated efforts with the youth and families of our Ukrainian Church. U.O.L. Chapters and faithful can learn more about these ministry programs so that they can enthusiastically support and promote them through prayer, material support and active participation.

13. We, as Orthodox Christians, repeat our firm belief in the sanctity of life – from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Our Lord offered the ultimate sacrifice of love – His very own life on the Cross – for the sake of human life – the crown of His creation. No attempt to destroy life – at any point – can possibly be interpreted as the Will of God.

14. We encourage all U.O.L. Chapters to reach out to all peoples of their local communities, including new immigrants from Ukraine and Eastern Europe, to become faithful and active members of our Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox League.

15. We continue to encourage each UOL Chapter to adopt a nursing home and/or prison near its parish and spend time each month visiting its residents – especially those bound to their rooms.

16. We recommend that the Metropolia Council of the UOC of the U.S.A. inform all parishes about plans for increasing: (A) the spiritual growth of our church, (B) the education of our Orthodox faithful, and (C) the current fiscal challenges, and encourage parish participation in such.

17. We express deep sympathy to the family of John Demianiuk who was wrongly accused of being a Nazi collaborator during World War II but proven innocent of all such charges. We pray that he rests in a peace that he did not experience during his final two decades of his life here on Earth. May his memory be eternal in God’s Heavenly Kingdom. Vichnaya Pamyat!

18. We abhor the senseless destruction of human life which occurs so frequently in our society today as exemplified by the recent murder of twelve (12) people and the injury of dozens more in the theater attack in Aurora, Colorado and the daily violent murder of our young in our inner cities in our country. We must question all forms of media, including television, movie industry, video gaming, and internet, among others that seem to provoke this violent behavior on the part of sick individuals.

19. We support the return to prayer and the sacredness of life as it is being taken away by the tendencies of secular society.

20. We abhor and condemn the senseless deaths of innocent people in Syria and other countries and pray for the resolution of the conflicts.

21. We resolve our support for the religious freedom throughout the world’s countries especially for our Holy Orthodox Church in Turkey and totally support all efforts to this end by the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.
nomination committee for the election of a new president of the Consistory, should it become necessary. Bishop Daniel, speaking on behalf of the Council of Bishops, then nominated His Eminence Archbishop Antony who very humbly accepted this calling. A pious procession commenced entering the hall led by the subdeacons and seminarians followed by an assigned priest with a silver chalice that was placed on the Tetrapod in front of the delegation. The vote proceeded calling each lay and clergy delegate up by name to present their mandates and receive a ballot to be cast and placed in the chalice. This process was prayerful with the intention that the Holy Spirit would guide each mind and heart to His will.

After the vote Bishop Daniel led the procession out to count the nearly 200 votes cast. A 20 minute break and refreshments followed. The assembly reconvened and the procession returned with the results. Bishop Daniel announced that:

“It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to the delegates to this Holy Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA to elect on this 6th day of October in the year of our Lord 2012, on the 27th anniversary of his episcopal consecration and the 40th anniversary of his priestly ordination, to the office of Metropolitan of the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, Metropolitan-elect Antony as well as the new Consistory President His Grace Bishop Daniel.”

The Ukrainian Orthodox League prayerfully congratulates His Eminence Metropolitan-elect Antony as well as the new Consistory President His Grace Bishop Daniel.

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP ANTONY

The ruling hierarch of the Eastern Eparchy and Locum Tenens of the UOC of USA! AXIOS!”

The delegation then exclaimed Axios! Archbishop Antony immediately came forward and offered a humble acceptance of the will of the Holy Spirit and he was then vested and a thanksgiving service was served. The sessions concluded with a unanimous vote cast for His Grace Bishop Daniel as President of the Consistory following the recommendation of the nominating committee. Bishop Daniel spoke eloquently in accepting this new role. He then offered the benediction and the Sobor was called to a close.

A delicious buffet banquet was then offered as the delegation passed the evening forward and offered a humble acceptance of the will of the Holy Spirit and he must show overall responsibility. At the end of the Book of Proverbs, we see the meditation on what a perfect wife is and we see that she shows initiative and has business sense and she is in no way a slave or doormat.

Male and female alike cooperate in a symphony or harmony, each providing an active, if differing, example of spirituality for their offspring. The early church reflects that males and females actively participated in the Liturgy and sacraments. Our list of saints gives many examples like St. Basil, whose family produced many examples, male and female, of exemplary lives of spiritual leadership to be emulated.

In modern times, a husband who does not go to church or shows no spiritual leadership is heading the family, yet in reality is shirking his duty. It is no wonder that through poor example that we have the sickness of so many dysfunctional families.

In our Orthodox matrimonial coronation, each is crowned to the other and the goal is the reward of everlasting life in heaven. Yoked together, both should be pulling equally for the same spiritual goal. A society where men see faith, prayer and practical spiritual life as being solely a woman’s occupation skews this view where each should be exemplifying an individual spiritual leadership. It is a grave misconception if men in an Orthodox parish embrace “political leadership” of a church community, yet are skitterish about any outward showing of spirituality through participation in the Liturgy and the sacraments.

All we can do is to pray that the men in our parish come to take their proper position as spiritual heads of their families and learn to lead by good example.
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SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013
Guest speaker: Dr. Gayle Woloschak
Villa Maria Retreat Center
Villa Maria, PA
(N.E. OH / W. PA...15 min from Youngstown, only 1 1/4 hours from Cleveland & Pittsburgh)

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