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We are in the process of opening the application window for the Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to a UOL member who is in good standing and must also currently be or previously have been active in their Junior Chapter. You are only eligible to receive the scholarship once. The recipient of the LSSK Scholarship will be selected based upon the following criteria:

1. A Junior UOL member in good standing; a past Junior UOL member enrolled in or about to enter a program of advanced education but not beyond five (5) years from high school graduation.
2. A record of outstanding performance in service to the Ukrainian Orthodox League and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.
3. Academic performance in high school.
4. Involvement in extracurricular and civic activities.
5. Be of high ethical and moral character.

We highly advise starting to work on your application now, so it is fully prepared when we start accepting applications in May. Each applicant will be required to complete four different forms. The set of forms can be found on the UOL Website uolofusa.org

Forms for the Scholarship, along with all the rules and regulations are also being sent to your parish priest and to your Junior UOL advisor.

There are FOUR forms to be completed:

APPLICANT’S FORM
SPIRITUAL ADVISOR FORM
JUNIOR CHAPTER ADVISOR FORM
SCHOLASTIC ADVISOR FORM

An official copy of the applicant’s High School Transcript must also be submitted.

LSSK Scholarship

It is hard to believe that in a few months we will be gathering in Philadelphia for the Annual UOL Convention. It will be here before we know it. But before then, we have some great things to look forward to. I hope you had a chance to sign up for the Praying Your Way Pater Group.

If you’re unfamiliar with the idea, you sign up to read the Book of Psalms over the course of Great Lent. This is an opportunity for reflection while highlighting the importance of prayer and reconciliation in our daily lives and in preparation for Pascha. Our retreats help strengthen our character and our community.

In addition to the beautiful services that our church offers, the UOL offers retreats to further deepen our faith. This year’s retreats will offer an opportunity for reflection while highlighting the importance of prayer and reconciliation in our daily lives and in preparation for Pascha. Our retreats help strengthen our character and our community.

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In addition to the annual scholarship opportunities, we have other opportunities for our members to participate in more services, is a great way to prepare yourself for Pascha. These opportunities for more focused prayer and fasting are given to us as a discipline so that we are fully prepared to behold the new Creation: The Risen Lord. If you hesitated to sign up this year, there’s always next year.

In the meantime, I wish you a peaceful Lenten journey. I pray the Day when everything changed, changes you. Recommit yourself to God and His Church, get involved in the ministries that your parish offers, and join others in working to leave something better for future generations. And when the ‘day without evening’ finally arrives I look forward to saying together with all of you, “Christ is Risen!”

I remain, Yours in Christ,
Matushka Laryssa
MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT
Mia Zetick

Слава Ісусу Христу!

On behalf of the Executive Board of the National Jr. UOL, I hope everyone is having a prayerful Lenten season. It is so important to reflect on our faith and devotion to God during this time.

Since Lent has now started, so has the Juniors’ Great Lent Giveaway! This year, we are coming together to raise scholarships for youth refugees to attend All Saints Camp. All Saints Camp is an amazing place that everyone should have the chance to experience. As Juniors who have almost all attended ASC, we feel very strongly about this. Please consider donating to this wonderful cause. Agitha Harendza, the Vice President of the Junior National Executive Board, along with our advisor Pani Matka Bethanette Harendza, and Mrs. Natalie Kapechek have worked extremely hard to coordinate this. We hope that everyone is able to contribute to this worthy cause.

I am looking forward to coming together again at the UOL Convention, this year in Philadelphia. If you are not already planning on going, I highly urge you to reconsider as this is an enlightening and memorable experience. I hope to see you all there!

As always, feel free to contact me at miazetick@gmail.com or at 2676255686. I am happy to answer any and all questions regarding the Junior National Executive Board.

In Christ, Mia Zetick

Annual Fund Drive
Submitted by Teresa Linck

The Annual Fund Drive is an important fund raising initiative that allows the UOL to support and fund all the special projects we hold near and dear. Projects that allow us to promote the Orthodox Faith, support the goals and missions of the UOC of USA, involve our youth and have activities that keep them involved in their faith and Church, and preserve our Ukrainian heritage and culture. It also allows us to pursue new directions in which to help our Church and our youth.

There are three categories to which you donate: UOL Projects, Lynn Sawchuk -Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship Fund and the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund. You will see an envelope in the Bulletin so you can mail in your donation or you can go to our website and donate there.

Donations to UOL Projects will be used for:

- Support the Youth Commission’s activities with preteens, Juniors and Young Adults
- Outreach through the Christian Care-giving and Missions Commission to the needy in our parishes, communities, and other programs
- Continuation of the Education Commission projects and services…our Lenten Retreats, and the Annual Essay contest, just to name a few
- Promote our Ukrainian culture
- Public Relations

Donations to the Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship Fund will:

- Provide Scholarships to current or former Junior UOL members who are leaders in their parishes and communities and committed to their faith
- Nurture the future leaders of our Church

Foster the UOL’s motto: “Devoted to its Youth”

Donations to the MJSF Scholarship Fund will:

- Provide tuition assistance to seminarians at our St. Sophia’s Seminary
- Encourage candidates to the Holy Priesthood
- Uphold the UOL’s Motto: “Dedicated to its Church”

Use the envelope in this UOL Bulletin to make your donation.

All donations to the Annual Fund Drive will be published in the next issue of the UOL Bulletin.

“Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” - Deuteronomy 6:4

Join in and support the UOL Convention Basket Raffle by donating a basket or making a donation to support the event.

Your participation in the Raffle and your donations will help to make this 77th Convention a financial success for the entire Ukrainian Orthodox League. We sincerely appreciate your generous support!

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It is time to start making your reservation for the UOL Convention!!
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Link for reservation:

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Developing Regional Fellowship in Eastern Pennsylvania UOC Parishes
Submitted by Natalie Bilynsky

As you are aware the UOL has developed a Strategic Planning committee to look at ways to develop our UOL. As we review the list of approximately 90 parishes in the UOC of USA, there are multiple parishes with a limited number of faithful and limited resources. For many faithful, the chapter structure is particularly difficult and having another organization within the parish is not feasible. At the UOL Convention there was initial discussion about alternatives to support individuals where the chapter structure is more difficult because of where they live or the size of their parish. There has been lengthy discussion about how to include faithful who might have difficulty forming a chapter. The National Executive Board and Strategic Planning Committee is not suggesting that chapters should decrease. Instead we are suggesting that there is a strategy to build connections and fellowship in addition to the chapter structure. We have heard for over a decade that it is difficult to form a chapter within some parishes – we want to be certain that members can develop a way to connect.

As part of this strategic plan, we are proposing that for members who are within smaller parishes or not currently affiliated with a UOC parish, there is a possibility of developing the fellowship that is the true essence of the UOL. One suggestion of the Strategic Planning Committee was to foster events that are regional. The first of these events was held in January 2024.

At the end of January members of the Allentown, Northampton and Philadelphia parishes gathered in Northampton for a night of bowling and a time to socialize. It was the first event planned and was lots of fun. The event was for all ages and the bowling alley was even able to accommodate a great little bowler who was under five. We all were impressed with his bowling skills! Following bowling everyone gathered for Vespers at the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Parish in Northampton.

The Northampton Chapter sponsored pizza for the group and it was a lovely consummation of the Virgin Mary Parish in Northampton.

The event could not have happened without the support of Mike Misko and Fr. Oleg Kravchenko who planned the wonderful socialization at the parish hall. Special thanks to clergy Fr. Oleg Kravchenko and Fr. Taras Naumenko for their support and encouragement in planning. They advertised the event and encouraged faithful to attend.

The one great takeaway from the event – it is clear that many are interested in planning events where faithful can gather. We hope you consider planning a social event within your region! We know that our Southeast PA region is planning to do so!
The National Executive Board of the Senior UOL has initiated a new project to support newly ordained clergy. The Vocations and Clergy Support Commission will present a set of vestments to all newly ordained priests. On February 17th, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA ordained our newest priest, Father Andrii Vatrich. At the ordination, Father Andrii was presented with a set of vestments from the National UOL by Dan Gulak from the Maplewood Chapter.

Father Andrii comes to us from the small village of Valyava located in the Chernivtsi region of Western Ukraine. He began going to church in his early childhood with his grandmother who cared about bringing him up with good morals and a strong faith. As he grew older, he became an altar boy under the direction of Father Vitaliy Pavlikovsky. It was Father Vitaliy who nurtured and supported Father Andrii’s love towards God and taught him for ten years while living in Ukraine. Father Vitaliy left for America where he is a priest in New York, and Father Andrii went to study accountancy in college. After his second year of college, he decided to go to the seminary after he graduated from college. However, he changed his major to theological faculty at the university and was accepted to the second year. A year later, Father Vitaliy contacted Father Andrii to let him know that Vladyka Daniel was looking for students. Father Andrii was interested and wanted to try to be accepted as a student of St. Sophia Seminary. He was interviewed and accepted. The next 4 and a half years were spent in the seminary where he was taught well by the professors and Archbishop Daniel himself. After completing the seminary, he was ordained as a deacon, and now as a priest. Father Andrii is married to Anna Hirniak who comes from Mykolaiv located in Eastern Ukraine.

Father Andrii has been assigned to the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Goshen, Indiana as well as Michigan City where he will start his duties in April. We congratulate Father Andrii on all his hard work, dedication and success being ordained as our newest priest. We look forward to working with you and extend our best wishes to you and your wife as you embark on your new journey. May God grant you many years of success and happiness!

The 100th Anniversary of Metropolitan John’s Service to the UOC of USA
Submitted by Teresa Linck
(Excerpt from article on the UOCOFUSA website)

Archbishop John arrived in the United States in February of 1924 and served a First Divine Liturgy in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Holy Ascension in Newark, New Jersey. The Sobor of the Church of America which took place on 11–12 June 1924, elected Archbishop John as Metropolitan. He served this Metropolia until the day of his death. During these years of continual growth of our Church in the United States, the Orthodox Ukrainians of South America were received under his leadership.

During this time there was not only an increase in the number of parishes in the USA, but a Church administration was organized as well, i.e., the Consistory and its various commissions. The continued expansion and organization of Ukrainian Orthodox life in many countries of the free world, especially after the first World War, became possible because of Metropolitan John’s untiring labors in Christ’s Vineyard throughout the USA and Canada. He served Canada twenty-three years, and in the USA forty-seven years.

Five years ago, the UOL pledged $25,000 towards the All Saints Camp Capital Campaign! The pandemic has, as you know, put us behind in our schedule to keeping up with our pledge.

Our project this year is “Just 40 Cents a Day” Just 40 cents a day for the 40 days of Great Lent to help us attain our goal of $25,000. That’s just $16.00.

Help us help them keep the camp a great place to have fun!

Donate on the uolofusa.org website and click on “Donate to the UOL via Tithe.ly” or go to the following link: https://tithe.ly/price_new/www/5/tithe/loginone-time/194312 and be sure to choose the UOL Pledge for All Saints Camp Capital Campaign option.

Or send a check to:
UOL Financial Secretary Oleh Bilinsky
703 Pine Ridge Road, Media, PA 19063
Please put “Just 40 Cents a Day” in the Memo
Svitlana has been a member of our church for a few years coming directly from Ukraine. She sings in our choir and has two beautiful children. She made a bean soup that was cooked to perfection and enjoyed by everyone. She is one of the only cooks who isn’t even a UOL member but always willing to help.

We had an anonymous entry of beef barley soup that I have to admit was my favorite because my sister always makes this when we need some comfort.

I made a squash soup which the children thought was acceptable because it didn’t have any lumpy ingredients. This is always a fun event at our church and we look forward to doing it every year. I appreciate all the effort our parishioners make to raise funds for Ukraine.

Every year the St. Vladimir Junior UOL organizes Souper Bowl Sunday. Our Juniors and their families prepare soup for Sunday. Multiple wonderful soups were prepared for the day.

Maplewood UOL Updates
Submitted by Dan Gulak

Holy Ascension UOL Maplewood, New Jersey, participated in Souper Bowl Sunday by serving 8 delicious soups with bread, rolls and homemade Ukrainian quesadillas. The event was enjoyed by all our Parishioners.

Altar boys enjoying the new fallen snow on Christmas Eve with Daniel, our church reader and secretary to the Junior UOL National Board, with Temur, Arsenii and Thomas. Many parishioners joined us for our Holy Supper after our Christmas Eve Liturgy sponsored by Maplewood UOL.

Be sure to submit pictures and articles about your Souper Bowl Sunday event! It is so wonderful to see parishes across the UOC of USA support St. Andrew Society.
Join in the fun! Take a picture reading your UOL Bulletin! Submit pictures by sending to nsufler@aol.com

Enjoy this collection of hot and cold UOL Bulletin reading. Michael Nakonachny enjoying his UOL Bulletin skiing and riding the ski lift with some tykes in Lake Tahoe.

Oleh Bilynsky enjoys his UOL Bulletin in Aruba.
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A donation to the Tribute Fund is an acknowledgment of a Milestone, Memorial, or Accomplishment, or 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.

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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
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By participating in the sponsorship program you will help to make this 77th UOL Convention a financial success for the entire Ukrainian Orthodox League. By doing so, you enable the UOL to accomplish so much more as a national organization in the coming year.

You have the choice of sponsoring the registration for a seminarian and/or by selecting any event/events listed below indicating the amount that you would like to contribute. Any donation amount will be extremely appreciated!!!

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