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UOL Regional Event - Snow Tubing January 2nd



In early January a group of UOL members from multiple parishes went snow tubing at Blue Mountain. Juniors, Pre-Juniors, Young Adults and Seniors met at the snow tubing center and enjoyed a fun but very cold day on the mountain. It was wonderful that we had members from Allentown, Northampton, Johnson City, Philadelphia, South Bound Brook and Scranton.

The UOL is continuing to build regional ties between parishes. There are two ways that we can develop regional ties:

- 1) Planning regional UOL events and inviting UOL members and all members of area chapters to these events. The plan is to have quarterly regional activities for juniors and seniors to encourage socialization. Currently established regions are east coast chapters and Western Pennsylvania/Ohio.



- 2) Encourage individuals to attend parish events for local events. One way to encourage participation is for parishes to share the dates of their parish events (for example, picnic, anniversaries).

Be sure to send us information about your parish events so that we can encourage individuals to attend. It would be wonderful for us to support our local parishes with events.

Just send information about your events to nsufler@aol.com and we can share with everyone.



79th UOL Convention

Palos Park, IL

July 29, 2026 – August 2, 2026

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St. Mary New Britain CT Submitted by Teresa Linck

We may be few in number, but we keep busy. We hosted a free luncheon for the Parish's Annual Meeting. We asked for donations for the Camp's Living Waters and the people were generous. Six of our 13 members were elected to the Parish Board.

In November we made two collections. One collection was for new clothes for children in the orphanages in Ukraine. Six boxes were sent. The other was for Samaritan's Purse. It is an organization that gives children around the world (including Ukraine) shoe boxes of Christmas gifts. We collected crayons, toothbrushes, soaps, small toys and many other items. And then we went and packed up the boxes with members of other churches that collected, also. Together we packed over 500 boxes. This is us and some of the boxes.

Many of us worked at our Parish's Winter Festival. It was very successful. We hosted breakfast for our Parish's St. Nicholas Day Program. We are busy getting donations of soups for the Souper Bowl. Because of conflicts, we will be hosting ours on February 1st. We are planning a breakfast for May.



St. Vladimir UOL Philadelphia Submitted by Andrea Swan

Greetings from frigid Philadelphia! We hope everyone is staying safe and as warm as possible! Here in Philly, we have been very busy in this month of January! A shout out to Ed Zetick and David Sembrot for being the sponsors of our Ice Cross which we have blessed to coincide with Theophany. Father Taras Naumenko and Father Ivan Tchopko presided over the blessing of our ice cross on our church lawn. Following the blessing, we held a memorial service to commemorate the one year anniversary of Julian Naumenko's repose who touched so many of our lives within our parish family and beyond! While it is customary for us to hold a breakfast after the blessing of the Ice Cross, the breakfast was also to honor Julian's legacy. All the proceeds collected from the breakfast have been donated to the Shining Lights Scholarship Fund in memory of Julian. We would like to thank the Bohlen family for preparing the breakfast.



MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Natalie Bilynsky



Glory to Jesus Christ!

I recently had the opportunity to represent the UOL at the Metropolitan Council. In preparation for the meeting, I was reflecting on the UOL and the role that the UOL has played within the UOC of USA. It is amazing that nearly eighty years ago our predecessors had the remarkable foresight to develop a lay organization within the Church with the goal of keeping our youth close to the Church.

In many ways the challenges identified nearly eight decades ago, have continued and perhaps even gotten more complex. The vision and structure identified many years ago, of developing an organization to connect our parishes with each other as a way to support and inspire each other and our youth is remarkable. I am grateful for their awe-inspiring vision.

As an organization, the UOL connects us to the larger Church family beyond our local parish communities. It encourages regular involvement in the life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, nationally, regionally and locally. While our parishes might be small, united and together we are strong. It is essential for us to work together to be a family in Christ, supporting each other and our youth.

One of the beautiful things about the UOC of the USA is that it is in fact very diverse. Different immigrations, different knowledge of Ukraine, cradle Orthodox, converts – all are one family in the UOC of USA. The UOL is the lay organization that helps to build the bonds focusing on the Church and our youth. If our Church is going to thrive – we must focus on ways to encourage our youth to remain in the Church and this is the major focus of the UOL.

The motto of the UOL, "Dedicated to our Church - Devoted to its Youth" encourages us to develop as one family in Christ. In the last few years, the UOL has reflected on the strategies that have been successful in building our community around the Church – at a parish, regional and national level. With societal pressures that increasingly pull individuals away from the Church, perhaps more than ever, the UOL can be a resource for all of our parishes and all of our faithful.

I would challenge you to think about what organizations we have that connect you with other parishes. Where do you get to meet others of the same faith, to talk about issues related to an Orthodox parish? Where do you and those who are the cornerstone of your parish go to get inspired with new ideas? Where do you recharge, get inspired from other Ukrainian Orthodox faithful? How do you connect with other parishes? How are you part of the bigger picture of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA? The UOL is the place for that.

In the last few years the UOL has sponsored regional activities to foster fellowship between our parishes. We are sponsoring regional events so that our juniors (and those older than juniors) can also have time together. This is particularly helpful for our youth where we are able to build fellowship between parishes. The UOL can also serve as a conduit for your local parish to invite neighboring parishes to your events. The closer the bonds we can develop within and between our parishes the stronger the network we build for our youth.

In addition to regional events, the UOL has actively worked to develop bonds between UOL members where there is no chapter. With advances in technology, it has been possible to have virtual coffee hours where members can socialize while they are miles away in different states. Our hope is to build upon this network between members.

Being in the UOL is an opportunity to interact with members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA from other cities, learn what they are putting into action in their parishes, and foster life-long friendships. I encourage you to reach out to UOL members that you miss and encourage them to participate in our UOL events. I hope that you consider attending our UOL Retreats, one in Western PA on March 21st and in the Philadelphia area on March 28th.

I also hope that you plan to attend the UOL Convention in Palos Park July 29-August 2nd. If you have not been to a Convention recently, our focus has shifted. We now incorporate a workshop structure where we focus on the issues and challenges facing our UOC of USA parishes. We have had many meetings with the Palos Park Chapter and we are so excited about the Convention.

With Love in Christ,
Natalie

**79th Annual UOL Convention
July 29, 2026 to August 2, 2026
Palos Park, Illinois**

It has been 25 years since the UOL Convention has been in Palos Park and we are so excited to return to Palos!

The Convention Theme is "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Romans, 12:12). For sessions, we will be looking at ways that technology can assist our chapters and parishes. This will include discussion about the ways that technology can help your parish but also address some of the dangers associated with relying solely on technology.

Sessions for the Convention will start on Thursday, however, we hope that UOLers come early to see the sites in the Chicago area.

Convention Events

Wednesday evening we will have a wonderful hospitality night and time to gather and reconnect.

Thursday following Divine Liturgy we will enjoy a brunch and sessions will begin.

Thursday will be fun for everyone! Juniors will enjoy a trip to a virtual reality center. Later that day everyone will have a delicious dinner at Tradycja Polish Fusion restaurant and enjoy a comedy show.

Friday is Ukrainian Style at the parish hall. Pack your best Ukrainian Wear! There will be prizes for best dressed! The night will include a fashion show, dancing and a wonderful Ukrainian menu.

Saturday - Banquet and Ball at the Hotel Event Center. Enjoy a wonderful dinner, banquet and bring your dancing shoes.

Sunday - Following Divine Liturgy UOL members will enjoy brunch at the parish hall.

Hotel information

Homewood Suites by Hilton 16245 S La Grange Rd.,
Orland Park, IL 60467

UOL Convention rate of \$174 per suite/night.

Reserve your room by June 15th to lock in your rate

Includes: suite with kitchenette, breakfast and free parking.

Use the following link to reserve your room:

www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ukrainian-orthodox-league-convention/

UOL Convention Basket Raffle

We invite all chapters, Junior and Senior, to join the UOL Basket Raffle! Have your Chapter create a basket of goodies (value of \$50.00 or more) to be raffled at the Convention. If you are not able to make a basket, please consider donating a gift card.

Some ideas for Basket themes are:

Wine lover's basket, Chocolate dream basket, Scratch off lottery tickets basket, Bath and body products basket, Beer lover's basket, Movie basket, Cooking utensils / cook book basket, and Christmas basket.

Please let us know by July 1 of your participation in this event. We are asking for support from all of our UOL Chapters, Senior and Junior. Should your Chapter not be able to deliver a basket or gift card, please consider sending a \$50 donation – check payable to "Sts. Peter & Paul UOL - 79th UOL Convention". Your participation in the Raffle and your donations will help to make this 79th Convention a financial success for the entire Ukrainian Orthodox League. We sincerely appreciate your generous support!



For more information about this UOL fundraiser please contact: Andrea Swan aps6@comcast.net 610-306-6854

MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Tatiana Korotinsky

Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory to Jesus Christ!

On behalf of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League, I would like to extend warm greetings to everyone during this meaningful season in the life of our Church. Whether we are reflecting on the joy of the Nativity or preparing our hearts for Great Lent, this time calls us to slow down, step back, and refocus on our relationship with Christ.

Great Lent gives us the opportunity to look inward and strengthen our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting, and service. Attending Church more regularly, deepening our daily prayers, and helping those around us are simple yet powerful ways to grow closer to God. Fasting may look different for each person, but its purpose remains the same, to teach self-discipline, humility, and trust in the Lord. I encourage everyone to remain involved in the life of the UOL and the Church through parish activities, service, and fellowship. During Great Lent, this could also include finding simple ways to give back, whether through alms giving or helping those in need. Chapters might also consider hosting an agape soup supper following a Presanctified Liturgy service as a meaningful way to gather in fellowship.

The youth are not only the future of the Church, they are an important part of its present. It is essential that young people feel welcomed, supported, and encouraged as they build a strong foundation in their faith. Our parishes, families, and mentors all play a role in this journey, and leading by example can have a lasting impact on the lives of our youth.

I encourage everyone to remain involved in the life of the UOL and the Church through parish activities, service, and fellowship. These experiences strengthen our faith, bring us closer together, and remind us of the importance of our Church community.

With love in Christ,
Tatiana Korotinsky



Maplewood Junior UOL Chapter Is Back! Submitted by Danylo Kondryshyn, Maplewood Jr. UOL Chapter President and National Junior Board Secretary

After more than a decade, the Maplewood Jr. UOL chapter has been reinstated! The Jr. Chapter held elections on December 25th, and the results are Danylo Kondryshyn as President, Charlie Alex as Vice President/ Secretary and Alex Mykhaylyuk as Treasurer/ Financial Secretary. Matthew Dubas is serving as Jr. Chapter Advisor and Father Sviatoslav is serving as our Spiritual Advisor. Though our Jr. chapter is small, we have plenty of activities planned in the future, such as helping make and serve soup for Souperbowl Sunday and helping at Maplewood's annual Ukrainian Day celebration!

As a chapter, we sold raffle tickets for the Jr. UOL 50/50 fundraiser, raising a total of \$392 over the course of the month of January. We hope that the reinstating of the Maplewood chapter can help start a pattern of defunct chapters beginning activities again. We can't wait to see everyone at Convention this year, and we hope you will support our chapter throughout the upcoming years!



**Love in Action Before Great Lent:
St. Sophia Seminarians Raise Over \$1,000 for the UOC of USA
Soup Kitchen Ministry
Submitted by Subdeacon Mykola Stefanyk**

February 8 — the Sunday of the Prodigal Son — marked a deeply meaningful moment in the Church's spiritual journey toward Great Lent. This preparatory Sunday calls the faithful to reflection, repentance, and a renewed awareness of God's boundless mercy. The Orthodox Church, in her pastoral wisdom, begins guiding hearts weeks in advance, gently turning minds away from worldly distractions and toward a life centered on prayer, humility, and love for neighbor. It was within this sacred context that the Saint

Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary chapter of the Ukrainian Orthodox League organized the charitable outreach initiative known as "SOUPer Bowl Sunday." What unfolded that day was far more than a fundraiser — it was a living expression of faith, fellowship, and service.

Following the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony entered the Pokrova Sisterhood Hall accompanied by the parish priest, Fr. Vasyl Pasakas and Dobr. Oksana; Protodeacon Pavlo Vysotskyi with Dobr. Valentyna; and Deacon Andrii Akulenko with Dobr. Alexis. The gathering began prayerfully. Metropolitan Antony offered a blessing over the food and over all present, reminding everyone that acts of charity are themselves sacred offerings pleasing to God.

As the prayer concluded, the hall came alive with warmth and joyful anticipation. Tables were filled with steaming pots and containers of freshly prepared soups, festive kanapky, homemade desserts, coffee, and warm beverages. The comforting aromas created an atmosphere that felt both celebratory and deeply communal. Rather than rushing through the event, parishioners chose to sit together in the hall, sharing meals, stories, and laughter. Conversations flowed easily. Old friends reunited, families gathered, and seminarians mingled with parishioners. The scene reflected the beauty of Orthodox community life — fellowship nourished not only by food, but by shared faith and mutual care. The spiritual meaning of the Prodigal Son Sunday resonated throughout the gathering. Just as the Gospel speaks of return and reconciliation, the day became an embodiment of generosity — hearts opening not only toward God, but toward those in need.

Informational posters displayed how the Church transforms donations into concrete assistance through the soup kitchen ministry of the St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Society. Brochures allowed participants to learn more about how their contributions would provide meals, dignity, and hope to countless individuals facing hardship. Only after enjoying time together did many parishioners begin selecting soups to take home. Containers were carefully filled — some purchased multiple portions to share with family and friends. Particularly moving was the sight of people intentionally preparing meals for elderly parishioners unable to attend that day. In this simple act, the Gospel command to love one another was lived out in a tangible and heartfelt way.

Days of preparation had made the event possible. Seminarians, clergy families, and parish volunteers worked tirelessly — chopping vegetables, stirring pots, reviving cherished family recipes, and experimenting with new flavors. Their efforts resulted in a remarkable variety of soups prepared with love: Solyanka by Dobr. Olena Shak; Cheese soup by Struk Vitaliia; Mushroom soup by Dobr. Valentyna Dovban (Vysotskyi); Zakarpattian borscht by Olena Shtelen; Borscht with pampushky by Svitlana Morozovskyi; Pasta fagioli by Dobr. Oksana Pasakas; Hot and Sour soup by the seminarians; Chili by Natalia Lischuk; and Pea soup by Tanya Bobko. The festive table was beautifully completed by traditional wedding-style kanapky and homemade desserts, lovingly prepared by dedicated parish volunteers. The kanapky were crafted by Dobr. Alexis Akulenko, Dobr. Oksana Pasakas, Dobr. Valya Dovban, Anna Krykh, and Svitlana Morozovsky, while sweet desserts were generously provided by Vira Gorbach, Maria Wasyliv, and Dobr. Oksana Pasakas. Together, their offerings added warmth, beauty, and joy to the gathering — a reminder that even simple acts of generosity become blessings when shared in love.

As the event drew to a close, Metropolitan Antony and Fr. Vasyl Pasakas addressed the gathering with words of gratitude. They thanked everyone for their generosity and announced the joyful result — over \$1,000 raised to support the Church's soup kitchen ministry. Reflecting on the day, Metropolitan Antony remarked: "We often spend generously when dining out without much thought. Today, each person offered what they could — and together we accomplished something far greater. This generosity will nourish thousands. This is the Church alive — loving, serving, and bringing hope." The faithful departed with full hands and uplifted hearts — strengthened by fellowship, inspired by service, and reminded that true preparation for Lent begins with mercy and love. As Great Lent approaches, this gathering stands as a powerful testimony that repentance blossoms into generosity, and faith becomes visible through compassionate action. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless all who served, gave, and participated, and guide us to continue doing works pleasing in His sight.



**St. Vladimir's Junior UOL
Submitted by Tatiana Korotinsky**

Over the past few months, the Junior chapter at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Cathedral has been blessed with many opportunities for fellowship, service, and spiritual growth. In December, our Junior chapter spent a day together in Center City, where our pre-juniors, juniors, and young adults enjoyed an ice skating outing along with a walk around the city and a delicious lunch. This event allowed our parishioners to connect and strengthen relationships in a fun and welcoming setting.

During the Nativity season, our youth choir demonstrated its talent by singing carols to welcome Saint Nicholas. In addition, our juniors participated in caroling throughout various neighborhoods in Philadelphia, spreading joy and sharing the spirit of the season with the local community.



Our chapter planned a regional retreat held in the Pocono Mountains. Young adults had the opportunity to stay over in the Poconos, while others joined for a day of tubing. This gathering brought members together from across the region and created lasting memories through shared experiences. As we look ahead, our chapter is excited to prepare for Soup-er Bowl Sunday on February 8th, an event that brings our community together for fellowship and connection.



Sunshine and Blue Skies - ASC Fall Festival 2025 Submitted by Chris Mills

People from Emlenton and nearby communities and parishes were welcomed to All Saints Camp's 1st Fall Festival with plenty of sunshine and blue skies! The weather was fabulous for this kick-off event for All Saints Camp's 50th Anniversary in 2028! The small but mighty committee, as with all new events, was worried about weather, people attending and if the event would work at ASC. The people came and had a fantastic time and are looking forward to a repeat event!



The guests enjoyed walking the campus, eating Ukrainian cuisine, buying items from the bake sale or just relaxing and listening to live music throughout the day! The ASC volunteers continually heard comments like, "Wow, this is great!" "Didn't know this place was here!" or "We always wondered

what this place looked like."

The kitchen was open and pierogies, stuffed cabbage, halushki, kielbasa, hot dogs and sauerkraut were served. People were then able to obtain a complementary coffee, tea, or lemonade and make dessert purchases from our bake sale table in the Dining Hall. On the Dining Hall porch, there was a 50/50 Raffle, a few raffle baskets,



ASC Merchandise, and a table of craft items from UCHI. Under the pavilion, guests enjoyed music by Michael Spak and local musicians Dan Murphy and Friends.

A HUGE thank you to all ASC volunteers for setting up and running the event. Most importantly, a THANK YOU to our kitchen and bake sale donors who without their donations the event would not have been possible! Will we have a 2nd Annual ASC Fall Festival?



Stay tuned and mark your calendars for the 50th ASC Anniversary weekend coming June 10-11, 2028!



UOL Young Adult Weekend Submitted by Thomas Sheptak

Several Young Adult UOL members recently returned from a successful three-day retreat filled with fellowship and spiritual growth. Located in the heart of the Poconos, Mr. and Mrs. Bilynsky kindly hosted a Young Adult UOL getaway at their house. Time was spent learning new games, exploring nature and making lasting memories.



On the last day, Saturday January 3rd, the retreat concluded with an exciting UOL outing. The Young Adults met up with other members from surrounding churches. Together, we enjoyed a day of snow tubing and laughter at Blue Mountain Resort.

The experience provided a deeper connection with one another and a deeper connection with our faith. The Young Adult UOL members were able to create a bond further than just their home parishes.



UOL Member Zoom Coffee Klatch Submitted by Shirley Duffy

Join us for a Zoom coffee klatch for UOL members, family, and friends they would like to invite on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 10:00 AM EST. It's a great way to connect with family and friends from other parts of the country or even near you that you haven't seen in a while. Our discussion topic, in keeping with this year's UOL Convention theme, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12 is: Three ways you have been constant in prayer through the good times and bad times in your life.

After an icebreaker of introductions and discussion, we will open the floor to participants' questions. Please RSVP by email or text to shirleykduffyesq@gmail.com, 412-518-0912, or by regular mail, Shirley Duffy, P.O. Box 7959, Pittsburgh, PA 15216, by Wednesday, February 25, 2026.



I will send you the Zoom link a day or so before the Coffee Klatch. If you do not have a smartphone, tablet, or computer, you can attend this event using a dial-up phone. We will send instructions.

The Zoom call will open at 9:30 AM EST for those who want to have some time to catch up with family and friends, then we'll start with introductions and discussion at 10:00 AM EST.

**SS. Peter & Paul Senior UOL – Wilmington, DE
Submitted by Sonia Patronik**

The Senior UOL chapter of SS. Peter and Paul parish in Wilmington, Delaware, kept extremely busy during the last 2 months of 2025 and into early January with educational, fundraising, and outreach activities.

On November 22, we hosted a spiritual retreat entitled “The Life and Spiritual Legacy of St. Nektarios of Aegina.” After a continental breakfast and then a Moleben to St. Nektarios, attendees viewed the 2021 movie “Man of God,” which detailed the challenges he faced and the good works that brought him sainthood. Then Very Rev. Protopresbyter Milorad Orlic of St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church (Philadelphia) spoke about the life and legacy of the saint. Fr. Milorad and Wilmington parish priest/chapter advisor Very Rev. Stephen Hutnick led a discussion on St. Nektarios, the film, and points from Fr. Milorad’s presentation such as how we cannot find salvation without God, passions are not necessarily bad if we use them to do good, and love should be our way of life. It was a very inspiring day for everyone there--local chapter members and parishioners, as well as participants from other parishes and UOL



chapters.

When the Nativity Fast began late in November, chapter members volunteered and took turns making soup for the fasting period. Each week of the 6-week Fast a different chapter member made at least 10 quarts of a vegan soup, which was sold in quart containers that Sunday after Liturgy. This was a fundraiser, but it also provided meatless meals to help keep the Fast during the weeks before the Nativity.

We ended the year by organizing our annual Christmas cookie sale. Thirteen chapter members and parishioners each volunteered to bake at least 5 dozen cookies from their own recipes, then members met to box the donated cookies in 1-pound and ½-pound assortments. The boxes were sold after Liturgy on St. Nicholas Day and were also sold to non-parishioners via our pyrohy sale. It’s one of our chapter’s major fundraisers and resulted in 18 varieties of cookies totaling 48 pounds. This year’s cookies were exceptional, and the event was a near sell-out. The bakers have fun sharing their talents for a good cause, and customers enjoy having home-baked cookies for the holidays.

After rejuvenating ourselves in early 2026 (except for handling weekly coffee hours after Liturgy), we’re looking forward to more activities in 2026, starting with more soup sales in Lent.

**Keeping the Water Flowing so
All Saints Camp Keeps Growing
Submitted by Marianne S. Carmack**

*Help Support a Ministry of Faith, Formation, and Community
from SS. Peter & Paul Senior UOL Chapter Youngstown*

At the July–August 2025 Convention, our Hierarchs and National Board encouraged the faithful to renew their shared sense of responsibility for All Saints Camp—an enduring achievement of the Ukrainian Orthodox League and a living testament to the UOL’s mission to nurture the spiritual growth of its youth and foster their lifelong participation in Christ’s Church.

Participants were invited to see the camp not just as a recreational venue, but as a sacred ministry sustained by two vital pillars: long-term infrastructure investment and ongoing program support that shapes the spiritual lives of campers.



A major point of concern was the urgent need to replace the camp’s aging 38-year-old swimming pool. With increasing unreliability and currently on life support, the pool now poses a threat to both our campers’ experience and the essential rental income that helps support camp operations.

Responding to Immediate Needs and Building for the Future

Convention delegates were encouraged to take practical steps within their parishes to help reduce the debt incurred for replacing the camp’s outdated water filtration and distribution plant, while also supporting other operational needs and Archdiocesan camping programs. Importantly, the debt for the new water system must be retired before financing for a new swimming pool can proceed.

The key focus is on supporting the “Living Water” Campaign—a top priority—as well as to address infrastructure needs, operational and program support. Parishes and chapters are encouraged to organize fundraisers, share information, promote camp events, and strengthen engagement through collective participation in camp events and awareness initiatives.

This invitation extends beyond financial contributions. It calls for a renewed spirit of communal stewardship and spiritual investment, so that All Saints Camp may continue to thrive as a place of faith, fellowship, joy, and formation for generations to come—a vision wholeheartedly endorsed by SS. Peter & Paul Senior UOL Chapter.

Recent Progress and Ongoing Support

Since the convention, SS. Peter & Paul’s Senior UOL Chapter in Youngstown through the Grace of God is happy to report that we have been able to make significant grants to All Saints Camp infrastructure and programs, including the purchase of a new tractor, support for Diocesan camping programs scheduled this summer, and another grant to the Living Water Campaign. We also especially wish to acknowledge the dedicated members-at-large and chapter members who, before, during, and after the Convention, made substantial donations, investing in the camp’s future and fulfilling our mission.

The Enduring Value of All Saints Camp

The encouragement offered at the Convention serves as a reminder that ministries like All Saints Camp do not sustain themselves automatically. Their survival depends on each generation’s conscious effort to receive, care for, and renew what has been entrusted to them. The camp stands as a tangible witness to what faithful vision, sacrifice, and long-term stewardship can achieve when the Church acts not only for today, but with the spiritual formation of future generations in mind.

Supporting All Saints Camp is not simply a matter of maintenance or preservation—it is an act of continuity. It ensures that the nurturing environment which shaped past leaders and faithful servants remains vibrant and accessible for those who will follow. Recognizing that All Saints Camp functions as an extension of parish life, where prayer, community, and responsibility shape habits of faith that endure into adulthood and service. Supporting the camp strengthens the bonds between parishes and generations and renews the Church through shared stewardship.

Although progress has been made in reducing this debt we are hopeful that through the Grace of God, our prayers and intentional actions of individual members and each chapter, we will be able to not only celebrate one another, but our support for All Saints Camp when we gather in Chicago for the UOL Convention.

Lenten Retreat
March 28, 2026
“Taste and See that the Lord is Good”
Psalm 34:8
*Retreat will focus Communion
and the Communion prayers*



Speakers:
Fr. Anthony Perkins
Fr. Roman Marchyshak

Basilian Spirituality Center
710 Fox Chase Rd,
Jenkintown, PA 19046

Retreat registration:
\$45 for adults (early bird rate) - \$55 after 3/15/26
\$35 for adolescents (aged 13 to 18) - \$45 after 3/15/26
Free for children 7 to 12- \$25 after 3/15/26
Registration includes breakfast, lunch and snacks.
For more information contact: Oleh or Natalie at nsufler@aol.com
call – 610-892-7315

2026 UOL Annual Regional Retreat
“Rejoice in Hope, Be Patient in Tribulation,
Be Constant in Prayer”
Ohio/Western Pennsylvania
March 21, 2026
Submitted by Marianne S. Carmack, Chair

Saint Paul offers a simple but demanding vision of Christian life: *“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”* (Romans 12:12). These words describe how faith is lived not in theory, but in the realities of daily life—within families, parishes, workplaces, and the quiet responsibilities we carry for one another.

Christian hope is not optimism or positive thinking, but trust rooted in the Resurrection of Christ—a confidence that suffering and loss do not have the final word. Patience allows that hope to endure when answers are slow, relationships are strained, or circumstances remain unresolved. Prayer gives both hope and patience their breadth and depth, keeping the heart turned toward God when strength feels thin.

This retreat can be life-changing because it helps these virtues move from words into lived practice. It offers space to slow down, reflect, and recognize how patience can replace frustration, how prayer can steady the heart in illness or grief, and how hope enables us to remain present rather than withdraw. Through shared reflection and the disciplines of Great Lent, participants are invited not simply to observe the season, but to let it reshape how they live, love, and serve—long after Lent has passed.

The retreat unfolds as a gentle but intentional journey. It begins by grounding us in **hope rooted in the Resurrection**, helping us see how patience in tribulation is *not passive endurance*, but a faithful steadiness shaped by trust in Christ’s victory over death. From there, we turn inward to **constancy in prayer**, discovering prayer not as an occasional practice, but as the steady rhythm that forms perception, nurtures discernment, and sustains us through both joy and suffering—especially through the spiritual disciplines of Great Lent. Finally, the retreat draws these threads together through **apostolic wisdom for daily life**, showing how hope, patience, and prayer are meant to shape real relationships, parish life, ministry, vocation, and service, so that Christian life flows from interior formation rather than activity alone. Together, these sessions invite participants to experience Great Lent not simply as a season on the calendar, but as a path that renews how we live in Christ every day.

Participants will take away:

A clearer understanding of how hope, patience in tribulation, and prayer function in real life

Practical insight into living Great Lent beyond fasting rules and services

Greater steadiness in times of stress, loss, or uncertainty

Renewed attentiveness to relationships and shared responsibility

A deeper sense of discipleship rooted in everyday faithfulness

Invitation to Exploration

We invite you to embark on a journey of exploration—delving into Saint Paul’s call to “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer” not only as personal virtues, but as values to be discovered and cultivated together. This retreat encourages you to engage these themes within the context of community and fellowship, inviting honest questions, shared reflection, and mutual support. As you participate, you are called to deepen your understanding and develop practical actions that foster hope, patience, and prayer—so these virtues take root not just in individual hearts, but flourish in the life of our community, shaping how we live, serve, and care for one another every day.

Zeffy for Donations **Submitted by Joe Goodge**

As of February 1st, the UOL has made a conversion from Tithely to Zeffy for accepting donations. While Tithely has served its purpose, the UOL NEB made the decision that Zeffy was a better platform to serve our needs. The primary reason for the decision was that Zeffy is 100% free for the UOL to use. The charges Tithely assessed on each transaction are gone! So when you pay for your membership or donate to one of our various projects through Zeffy, the UOL receives 100% of the donation. Additionally, Zeffy offers us the ability to operate fundraisers, raffles, promote events and more. The functionality of the Zeffy platform is very clean and user friendly. The method used to donate is still the same. There will be a donate button on our website. All you need to do is click on the button and you will be taken to the Zeffy website.

There is only one thing that we would want our members and donors to understand about making a donation through Zeffy. While Zeffy is 100% free for us to use, you will be asked to tip Zeffy for their services. You are not required or obligated to pay any type of charge. There is an option to elect not to tip. Understandably, this is Zeffy’s way of raising funds to operate their site.

In this day and age, technology is always changing and the UOL needs to move forward with those changes. We feel this will be a good change for the UOL and value your input. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Summary of Convention Workshops

At the UOL Convention we had workshops that encouraged participants to identify projects for the UOL and local chapters. One workshop focused on Religious Education and asked members to identify topics for UOL retreats, Webinars and local parish educational activities. Here are the responses from our Convention participants.

What retreat topics would you be interested in?

- Plan a family retreat – where there is programming for children, juniors and adults.
- Travels of the apostles
- Meaning of the items on the iconostasis
- Early church history
- How to defend our faith
- What is my role in the church
- History of holy places
- Church History
- Christian Family
- Importance of youth in the church
- Importance of Communion
- Importance of Confession
- Calling to the Priesthood
- Orthodoxy vs. Heterodoxy
- End of life, explanation of the funeral service and teaching around death (why no cremation)
- Holy Matrimony
- How are we guided by the Holy Spirit

What webinar topics would you like the UOL to host? Suggestions about length? Day? Time?

Suggested that webinars are 1 hour or broken into sessions that are 1 hour long. If possible have the webinar recorded so that it could be watched later.

- Explain and show the proskomedie
- The importance of Hierarchs in the church
- Understanding vestments
- Holy items on the altar
- Suicide and the Orthodox perspective
- Role of women in the church
- Death and dying
- How to keep our kids interested in church life
- How do we encourage our parents to bring children to church and to keep them actively engaged
- Explanation of the Saints
- Importance of Feast Days
- Fasting – how does it impact us spiritually
- Sacraments
- Maintaining faith in a secular world
- How to pray

What religious education event can be coordinated within your chapter/parish?

- Church etiquette
- How to ask for a blessing
- Education about the Divine Liturgy
- Traditions in the church and their meaning
- Vacation Bible School
- Juniors and Young Adults teaching Sunday School
- Ask parents and volunteers to instruct children and teach their talent/craft
- Bible study- can utilize Zoom
- Have seminarian led educational lecture
- Watch religious movie and have discussion
- Utilize Orthodox Educational videos and have a regular schedule to show the videos
- Proskomedie baking with children
- Young adult discussion with clergy
- Children interview leaders of the parish and print the interview in the Sunday Bulletin

An additional topic identified was ways that the UOL can fundraise for All Saints Camp.

Describe an event the UOL could sponsor to fundraise annually for All Saints Camp.

- Caroling for Camp
- Sponsor an event – potato pancake or nalysnyky fundraiser across the UOC of USA
- Cookies for camp
- Basket Raffle
- Sponsor a Valentine’s Day event – show your love for camp
- Sponsor a dinner for the community
- Donate second collection to camp for the month of October
- Sponsor a fundraiser on “All Saints Day”

Be sure to attend the UOL Convention and participate in discussion about how to support our parishes, encourage youth as well as build relationships with members of the UOC of USA from around the country.

**Senior UOL Awards
Submitted by Anna Anderson**

Each year the NEB accepts nominations for three awards. These awards help each UOL chapter recognize an outstanding member who goes above and beyond to promote God, unity, the youth of our parishes and support for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox League.

The first award is the Very Rev. Protopresbyter Stephen Hallick-Holutiak Senior Recognition Award. Nominees for this award show exceptional dedication in promoting and furthering the goals and accomplishments of the UOL and participating in and promoting parish activities, and attend UOL meetings regularly. (When considering nominees, please remember that members of the NEB are not eligible for this award.)

The second award is the Distinguished National Service Award. This award was established in 2000 by the NEB. Nominees should exemplify a superior sense of dedication and devotion to the Ukrainian Orthodox League both in their parish and on the national level. They must be a member in good standing at the time of consideration. They cannot be considered for this award based solely on their service on the NEB as an officer or president. They must show outstanding qualities for sustained service and substantial accomplishments which, on a national level, had a positive impact and furthered the UOL Mission. Members of the NEB are eligible to be nominated if they meet the criteria.

The third award is the Metro J. Baran Achievement Award. This award was established in memory of Metro J. Baran for "outstanding service with the youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church." A nominee for this award gives unselfishly of his/her time and energy in directing, counseling, training and/or educating Jr. members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Nominees can be a lay person or clergy, league member or non-league member. This award is to recognize with honor a person who exceeds all others in working with the youth of the Church in preparing them for future leadership. (NEB members are not eligible)

Please prayerfully consider nominating dedicated people in your parish for these awards. Award forms are available on the UOLofUSA website. In your search engine, go to the UOLofUSA website then click on resources. Scroll down to awards, and each form will be listed there.

If you have any questions, you can email me at vp2@uolofusa.org. Please send completed forms to: Anna Anderson 908 Stewart Road, Salem, OH 44460. The deadline for the award applications is May 15th.

**All Saints Camp Give \$10 Campaign
Submitted by Shirley Duffy**

Many thanks to Chris Mills, who has put the "fun" back into fundraising. She put a lot of effort and work into the ASC Give \$10 Campaign January 2026, which raised \$4330 and is still counting for the purchase of a new tractor. I participated and had a lot of fun. It was inclusive. People of great means and few means could participate at an asking price of \$10. I had fun thinking about who I would remember or honor without busting the budget. I chose to honor a few educators because they have contributed greatly to our Church and are often taken for granted in our society. Bravo to educators! It was a pleasant diversion to view Chris's summer scenes at the camp on her thank-you posts on Facebook in these gray, cold, and snowy winter days. Bravo, Chris, for making these accolades possible!



Convention 2026



Guest Speakers
Rev. Fr Timothy Paproski
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Warren, Ohio
Rev. Fr. Yuri Bobko
SS. Peter & Paul UOC, Lyndora, PA
Youth Program
Rev. Fr. John Charest
SS. Peter & Paul UOC, Carnegie, PA
Host Pastors
Rev. Fr. John Charest (Western, PA)
Rev. Fr. Mykola Zomchak (Ohio)



Saturday, March 21, 2026
Schedule:
8:15 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:15 AM Morning Prayers/Morning Session
12:30 PM Lunch
1:15 PM Afternoon Session,
followed at 3:30 PM with Vespers & Confessions
Children & Youth Program
(Preschool & Elementary and Middle School & High School Students)
River Valley
Community Resource Center
320 Shenango Street
Pulaski, Pennsylvania 16143 (724) 652-6184
Registration
Adults \$30.00 ■ College Students \$20.00
Registration by March 16, \$30.00
Youth (Ages 10 to 18) Free
For more information or to request a registration form, call Shirley Duffy at (412) 518-0912 or send an email to shirleykduffyesc@gmail.com
<https://www.uolofusa.org/>



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2026 UOL Essay Contest

The topics for the 2026 essay contest are:

Pre K and Kindergarten:

After creating the Earth, God created humans. He made Adam and Eve and gave them the beautiful Garden of Eden in which to live. In the garden there were many flowers, bushes and trees but one tree was very special. God told Adam and Eve they were never to eat from the fruit of that tree, but we all know they did not listen. Please draw a picture of the Garden of Eden and do not forget the Special Apple tree.

Grades 1 and 2:

Jochebed was Moses's mother. She was a servant. When she gave birth to Moses, she needed to hide him from the evil ruler Pharaoh. She put him in a basket near the river and hid him in the tall grass, so she could go and visit him and take care of him. One day Pharaoh's daughter found Moses and she took him to live with her. Jochebed was one of her servants and she was able to take care of Moses and make sure he was safe. Please draw a picture of Moses in the basket hidden in the tall grass by the river and write two to three sentences on why it was so important that Moses be kept safe.

Grades 3 and 4:

In John 13:34-35 Christ says "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." As Orthodox Christians, what do you understand this passage to mean? Please write 50 to 100 words explaining your answer.

Grades 5 and 6:

When we say the *Lord's Prayer*, we not only praise God, but we ask him for things. One thing we ask for is protection. In which lines of the *Lord's Prayer* do we ask Him for protection and why is it important for us to do that? Using your teachings as an Orthodox Christian please write 75 - 150 words explaining your answer.

Grades 7 and 8:

The theme for this year's UOL Convention is from Romans 12:12 – "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation and continuing steadfastly in prayer;" Using your teachings as an Orthodox Christian, explain what these words mean to you. Please write 150 - 200 words to explain your answer.

Grades 9 and 10:

When we say *The Lord's Prayer*, we say "Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven." As Orthodox Christians, what do we understand these words to mean? Please write 200 - 275 words explaining your answer.

Grades 11 and 12:

In Hebrews 11:1 it says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." In your teachings about being an Orthodox Christian what have you learned about faith and hope? (Hint: Keep reading the rest of Hebrews 11). Please write 250 to 500 words explaining your answer.

Adults:

Is there a connection between our beliefs as Orthodox Christians and Environmental Stewardship? Please write 500 or more words explaining your answer.

CONTEST GUIDELINES AND RULES

1. **Entries must be postmarked by April 30, 2026.**
2. **NO NAMES SHOULD BE ON THE FRONT OF ANY ENTRY.**
3. All entries must include the following information on the **COVER PAGE**.
 - a. Participant's first and last name
 - b. Age and grade in school
 - c. The name and address of participant's parish, including city and state
 - d. Parents of minors (under 18 years of age) should sign a permission slip and attach it to the entry. In the event their child wins first place, we would like to publish the entry in the UOL Bulletin. If a permission slip is not attached, the entry will not be published.
 - e. Drawings no larger than 12" x 18" and **NO NAME ON THE FRONT OR BACK OF THE DRAWING.**
 - f. Written entries must be on 8 1/2" x 11" papers. Include a cover page with the identifying information listed above. Entries for 9th grade and above must be typed or printed.

Emailed entries must be scanned in and emailed. **DO NOT TAKE PHOTOS OF ENTRIES.** Emailed entries must be submitted no later than 7:00 PM on the deadline date.

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED FOR CONTENT, CREATIVITY AND NEATNESS.

Mail entries to: UOL Essay Contest
c/o Teresa Linck
413 Juniper Lane
Cheshire, CT 06410

Or email entries to tlinck.essays@gmail.com

No entries will be accepted after the posted deadline.

Annual Fund Drive

Please support the Ukrainian Orthodox League's Annual Drive for UOL Projects, Shining Lights (formerly LSSK) and Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund

Donations to UOL Projects will be used for:

- *Publication of the **UOL BULLETIN**
- *Supporting the Youth Commission's activities
- *Outreach through the Christian Care-Giving and Missions Commission
- *Continuation of the Education Commission projects and services
- *Public Relations and other administrative necessities

Donations to the Shining Lights (formerly 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
- *Provide tuition assistance to our clergy and seminarians for higher education

Please take a moment and use the enclosed Envelope to make your donation today!! Thank you for your continued support!!

Support the education of a Junior UOL Member - donate to the

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1976 - The first scholarship was awarded

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UOL Financial Secretary
703 Pine Ridge Road
Media, PA 19063

Or via Zeffie on the UOL Website: www.uolofusa.org/annualfunddrive

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79th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ e-mail: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Representing: _____ (Chapter / Parish / MAL)

Early Registration Discount (postmarked before June 15th, 2026)

- Senior Delegate/Guest \$300
- Clergy (Priests, P. Matkas, Deacons) \$275
- Jr. Delegate/Guest \$275
- Pre-Junior \$100
- Family Registration* \$1050
- Weekend Registration**\$220

Registration Prices (after June 15th)

- Senior Delegate/Guest \$325
- Clergy (Priests, P. Matkas, Deacons) \$300
- Jr. Delegate/Guest \$300
- Pre-Junior \$125

Registration includes: Wednesday Hospitality Night, Thursday Brunch, Thursday Evening, Friday Evening, Banquet and Ball, Sunday Farewell Brunch.

*The Family Early Registration packet price is for 2 adults & 2 Juniors. Additional Junior Family Members beyond the 2 included in the Family Packet are \$270 each. (Please fill out a separate registration form for each member of your family).

**Weekend registration includes: Friday Evening, Banquet and Ball, Sunday Farewell Brunch.

Banquet Meal Choices: (Please choose one)

- Grilled chicken breast Pan Seared Salmon
- Pasta Primavera Children (under 13)

Please list any dietary needs: _____

Make checks payable to:
“Sts. Peter & Paul UOL - 79th UOL Convention”

Please mail completed forms with payment to:
 79th UOL Convention c/o Faith Neswick
 8410 W. 131st Street, Palos Park, IL 6046

CONVENTION HOTEL RESERVATIONS

**Homewood Suites by Hilton 16245 S La Grange Rd.,
 Orland Park, IL 60467**

UOL Convention rate of \$174 per suite/night.

Reserve your room by June 15th to lock in your rate

Includes: suite with kitchenette, breakfast and free parking.

Use the following link to reserve your room:

www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ukrainian-orthodox-league-convention/



Convention Fundraising Support

Please consider supporting the 79th UOL Convention. You can make a donation to support a Seminarian. Each year the UOL supports our Seminarians to attend the UOL Convention. Sponsorship includes supporting registration, travel and housing. It is essential for our seminarians to attend the UOL Convention, get to know and interact with our faithful. Please consider sponsoring a chapter project or making a donation to support our seminarians attending the UOL Convention.

You can also make a donation to support the Convention events. Please use the following form to make a donation:

- Support for fundraising for the Convention (\$500)
- Sponsor Jr. UOL activity (suggested \$100)
- Sponsor Pre-Junior activity (suggested \$100)
- Sponsor a Seminarian (suggested \$300)

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Support the UOL Convention by purchasing an ad or soliciting ads for the Year. You can get more forms on our UOL Webpage. The UOL yearbook is a great way to let our UOL faithful know more about your business.

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- Inside Front Cover (color) \$200
- Outside Back Cover (color) \$200
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- Full Page “Color” Ad \$195
- Full Page Ad \$175
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- Quarter Page Ad \$45
- Eighth Page Ad \$30

Full Page Ad purchasers receive a “free” copy of the 79th Annual UOL Convention Yearbook.

Copy and/or Additional copies of the 79th Annual UOL Convention Yearbook are \$20.

Photos will not be returned. Reproduction quality cannot be guaranteed.

Pages will be 8.5x11 and divided accordingly.

Please email your ad to: uolyearbook@gmail.com

We will also accept ads submitted via US Mail; **digital ad submissions preferred**

If you require assistance with creating your ad or have questions, please email *Chris Mills* at uolyearbook@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to
“Sts. Peter & Paul UOL - 79th UOL Convention”

Mail all money and/or forms by **June 1, 2026**, to:

**79th UOL Convention Yearbook
 c/o Chris Mills**

641 N. Allerton Court Moon Township, PA 15108

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For Sponsorship please submit Names and Message(s) to Chris Mills to be placed in the Yearbook. Message must be under 15 words. All sponsorships will be listed in the 79th UOL Convention Yearbook.

UOL Bulletin Pictures



Father Kravchenko, Martha Misko, Santa, Elizabeth, David and PM Kravchenko along with UOL Chapter President Michael Misko and Santa take a break to read the UOL Bulletin. Elizabeth Kravchenko sees her name for Honorable Mention in the Essay Contest.



St. Vladimir Juniors and Seniors read the UOL Bulletin under the Love statue in Philadelphia. Hrysha was quite excited to see Junior UOL President Tanya's article.



Fr. Oleg Kravchenko enjoys the UOL Bulletin before snow tubing.



Michael Nakonachny reads the UOL Bulletin at the Everglades.

Join in the fun and take a picture with your UOL Bulletin.
Be sure to take a picture with your UOL Bulletin.
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The UOC of USA Metropolitan Council reads the UOL Bulletin.

Pictured top row: Fr. Richard Jendras, Fr. Gregory Jensen, Fr. Robert Holet, Fr. Victor Wronskyj, Dr. Rebecca Druash, Karen Ferrao, Protodeacon Ihor Mahlay, Victoria Swindle, Brian Cepynsky, and Natalie Bilynsky.

Pictured seated on the bottom row: Howard West, Fr. Stephen Hutnick, Fr. Andrii Pokotylo, Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Elizabeth Symonenko and Fr. Mykola Zomchak.

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Dori Nemeth	In Memory of Donna Wachnowsky, my Camp Kon-O-Kwee/ All Saints Camp partner in "crime and fun!!" May your memory be eternal!

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.

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UOL Calendar of Events 2026

- March 2, 2026 to March 27, 2026
Praying our Way Together for Great Lent.
Join UOC faithful reading the Psalms Monday-Friday during Great Lent.
- March 21, 2026 - Western Pa Retreat
- March 28, 2026 - UOL Retreat focusing on Communion Prayers. Retreat center in Philadelphia suburb.
- April 30, 2026 UOL Essay Contest Entries Due.
- May 24, 2026 Clergy Appreciation Day
Panakhyda for Metropolitan John and collection for Metropolitan John Scholarship.
- July 29 – August 2, 2026 UOL Convention - Palos Park, IL

Be sure to submit a picture of your Souper Bowl Sunday

To be featured in our next UOL Bulletin.

Our next UOL Bulletin will have our center pages with pictures from around our UOC of USA.

To submit your pictures please send to nsufler@aol.com.

The deadline to submit pictures is May 1, 2026.

Thank you to everyone who supported Souper Bowl Sunday!

Start your planning now for Clergy Appreciation Day!

Clergy Appreciation Day is May 24, 2026.

Also plan your fundraising for the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund.

On May 24th plan a Panakhyda for Metropolitan John and collection for the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund.



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We are updating our Bulletin Mailing lists - Please be sure to submit Member at Large Dues or Submit your dues to your chapter. Remember to Submit your Membership Dues. Individual Member dues are \$25.

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