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## Philadelphia - 54<sup>th</sup> Annual U.O.L. Convention – In Philly Style!

St. Vladimir Senior and Junior chapters of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA hosted the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention, July 18 – 22, 2001 at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel in Philadelphia. The theme of this year's convention was "Now you are the light in the Lord: Walk as children of the Light" (Ephesians 5:8).

In attendance were the Hierarchs of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA: His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine, His Eminence Archbishop Antony, and His Eminence Archbishop Vsevolod.

250 delegates and guests attended business sessions during the day, along with various religious and cultural workshops. The Keynote Address was given by Reverend John Abdalah of St. George Parish, Pittsburgh, PA and was entitled "Holy Mystery of Confession – Reconciliation". The Christian Caregiving and Missions Commission of the UOL combined efforts with the Office of Missions and Christian Charity to conduct a workshop featuring Ukrainian Christian Charities and outreach programs. Jessica Burgan, former Junior UOL National President, described her recent participation in the Orthodox Christian Missions Center's ("OCMC") mission trip to Brazil to help with the construction of a new Ukrainian Orthodox Seminary and to perform missionary work with Bishop Jeremiah. Jessica was one of seven members of the Ukrainian Orthodox churches in North America that participated in the OCMC mission trip.

### UOL CONVENTIONS SCHEDULED THROUGH 2006

Just a few years ago, it was difficult to find chapters to host the annual convention. At the 54<sup>th</sup> Convention excitement abounded with bids being placed until 2006 as follows: 2002 - Boston, MA; 2003 - Palos Park, IL; 2004 - Parma, OH; 2005 - Northampton, PA; and 2006 - Youngstown, OH or Clifton, NJ. Great...it's become a bidding war to host the UOL Convention.

### SENIOR OFFICERS ELECTED

The **National Executive Board Senior UOL 2001-2002: President** —Daria A. Pishko, Chatham, NJ; **First Vice President** — Helen Greenleaf, Parma, OH; **Second Vice President** — Jonathan Patronik, Wilmington, DE; **Recording Secretary** — Melanie Nakonachny, Parma, OH; **Corresponding Secretary** — Laryssa Sadoway, Boston, MA; **Financial Secretary** — Kathryn Bailly, New Britain, CT; **Treasurer** — Dr. Gayle E. Woloschak, Palos Park, IL; **Auditor** — Denise Spoganz, Carteret, NJ. V. Rev. John Nakonachny of St. Vladimir Parish in Parma, OH was reappointed by His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine to serve as **Spiritual Advisor**. Dr. Stephen Sivulich of Carnegie, PA will continue as **UOL Bulletin Editor** and Natalie M. Kapeluck of Carnegie, PA will serve as **Youth Commission Chair**.

### JR. OFFICERS ELECTED

The **Junior National Executive Board 2001-2002: President** – John Meschisen, Woonsocket, RI; **Vice President** – Andrew Sadoway, Boston, MA; **Financial Secretary** – Natalie Beck, Palos Park, IL; **Corresponding Secretary** – Anya Priestner, Boston, MA; **Recording Secretary** – Megan Beck, Palos Park, IL; **Treasurer** – Evhen Kondratiuk, Boston, MA. Reverend Taras Naumenko of Ss Peter and Paul Parish in Palos Park, IL was reappointed by His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine to serve as **Spiritual Advisor** to the Junior League.

### BANQUET AND BALL HIGHLIGHTS

Convention social highlights included: dining and dancing with the fish and sharks at the New Jersey State Aquarium on Thursday evening and the "First UOL Talent Show of the New Millennium" on Friday Evening. Jim Sawchuk served as the very colorful "David Letterman" host and teamed with local DJ Al Shinn to provide entertainment between the acts of a variety of talented contestants. The winner in the Junior category was Eric Dusenek of Ss Peter & Paul Junior UOL of Palos Park, IL. There was a three-way tie in the Senior category; Laryssa Sadoway—St. Andrew Senior UOL, Boston, MA, Alexis Oryhon—St. John Senior UOL, Johnson City, NY and Natalie Bilynsky—St. Vladimir Senior UOL, Philadelphia, PA.

On Saturday evening, the Grand Banquet and Ball were held at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel with music provided by Paul Kauriga and his Orchestra. The award winners for 2001 were as follows: **Senior Chapter Achievement Award**—Holy Ascension Senior UOL Clifton, NJ; **Very Reverend Protospesbyter Stephen Hallick-Holutiak Senior Recognition Award** – Pauline Osad of St. Vladimir Senior UOL Chapter in Parma, OH; **Metro J. Baran Award**—Michael Fesnack of St. Vladimir Senior UOL Chapter, Philadelphia, PA. For the second time in its history, the UOL presented its **Distinguished National Service Award** to Bohdan Hryshchshyn, Ss. Peter and Paul Chapter, Carnegie, PA. Mr. Hryshchshyn was honored for over 50 years of service to the Ukrainian Orthodox League and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

### WASYL PYSH GIVES JR. UOL \$10,000

A special highlight of the Banquet was the presentation of a \$10,000 check to the Jr. UOL Executive Board from Mr. Wasyl Pysh—founder of the UOL Teenage Conference and longstanding philanthropist to the UOL. Mr. Pysh's generous contribution was given with a challenge to the juniors to use the money for projects which they consider very important for the youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*Daria A. Pishko*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

I am pleased and honored to have the opportunity to greet you as President of the Ukrainian Orthodox League for the ensuing year. I am buoyed by the enthusiasm that was generated by our deliberations in Philadelphia and excited by the prospects of some ambitious goals for the coming year. But first my — **Convention recap:**

Of the 22 active chapters in the League, 19 were represented at the Convention. We missed seeing Lyndora, Sharon and McKees Rocks this year and hope to encourage them to definitely plan to meet us in

Boston next July. There were attendees from our inactive chapters in Johnson City, Pittsburgh and Woonsocket, so we are hopeful that they too may be enthused as a result of our deliberations and activities in Philly and become encouraged to refocus their parish efforts on the UOL and its goals over the course of the next year. There were many familiar faces at this year's convention and a few new ones for me. It was a pleasure to finally meet Vera Muzychka, Mary Woroniak and Judy Miller from St. Mary's in Allentown and Louise & Boris Mussienko from St. Andrew in Silver Spring, Maryland. I hope to see them annually at future conventions.

The Philadelphia Convention Committee headed by Lynn Szafranski and Mark Bohlen truly outdid themselves. They put together, and successfully advertised, a religious, historical and entertaining program and the members of the UOL responded. Over 208 participants registered for the entire Convention.

Convention sessions opened Wednesday evening and were followed by a Philly hospitality room, a low-key start to an agenda full of activity. There was plenty of food and refreshments to share with new and old friends.

Thursday morning began with an inspiring Divine Liturgy served by His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine. Our thanks to Markian Komichak of St. Vladimir's in Parma, Ohio for organizing the music and conducting the choir of volunteers for the Divine Liturgy. The serenity and unity developed in this first Divine Liturgy truly set the tone for constructive and creative deliberations.

Thursday evening at the Camden Aquarium started with a relaxing ferry ride across the Delaware, and was followed by dinner and dancing with the fishes. It was a wonderful social occasion. Whether you were socializing on the patio overlooking the Delaware River enjoying a comfortable July evening or jumping to the tunes of "Philly's own" Al Shinn, our DJ for the week, everyone seemed to enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

On Friday I thought, how can you top this? But they did! After a prayerful Vespers service at the St. Vladimir's Cathedral Friday evening, we gathered in the church hall for the "First UOL Talent Competition of the New Millennium". The evening was filled with home grown talent, including Jim Sawchuk and Al Shinn as David Letterman and Paul Schaffer, our hosts for the evening. The youngest entrant was 5 years of age and the oldest? Well, enough said. Choosing a winner was difficult but the entire show and all the affiliated activities were a lot of fun. The evening was filled with pizzas, munchies and drinks along with some mean Boston Creme Pies, served to accompany Boston's presentation advertising the 55<sup>th</sup> UOL Convention sponsored by St. Andrew's Junior and Senior UOL Chapters of Boston, Massachusetts to be held in July 2002. We extend our compliments to Natalie Bilynski and her chapter members for an innovative and entertaining evening.

Wow, I thought, we're on a roll! Saturday... what will it bring? The morning began with a presentation directed to our Junior League members by Father Taras Naumenko who spoke of the history and symbolism of the Divine Liturgy. Liturgy was served by Father Steve Repa, who also focused his sermon on information that would increase our understanding and enjoyment of the Divine Liturgy. Responses were sung by the members of the Junior League, directed by Laryssa Sadoway, former Junior UOL president and assisted by Father Charles Baxter. It was a prayer comes true — a Liturgy for the youth, by the youth. The entire experience was uplifting. The music was beautiful and the service inspiring. As the attendees participated in the sacrament of Eucharist together, it felt as though we truly had climbed to a summit and were now able to rejoice together in all of God's glory as one family in Christ.

The Juniors went back to work while the Seniors had already finished their deliberations for the week. We reconvened to attend a presentation on Ukrainian Christian Charities that was a joint effort by the Office of Missions and Christian Charity, Father-Deacon Ihor Mahlay, Director and the Christian Caregiving and Missions Commissions, Melanie Nakonachny, Co-chair. Our thanks to the organizations who sent materials and or representatives and displays for this presentation. They were: The United Ukrainian Sisterhood, Children of Chonobyl, St. Andrew's Society, Ukrainian Gift of Life, Help us help the Children and the IOCC/OCMC. Fr. Deacon Ihor gave an overview of

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## IN MEMORY: Past UOL Board Member William Sadowitz



Johnson City, NY - Bill Sadowitz fell asleep in the lord on June 9, 2001 at the Willow Point Nursing Center in Vestal, NY. He had been at the nursing center for four years following a second stroke.

Bill served on the UOL National Executive Board for many years during 1960-1970 as Auditor and chairman of several committees. His wife, Julie, also served on the Board. Both were mentors to Dr. Stephen Sivulich.

He was an active member of St. John's Parish, Johnson City, NY, serving on the Church Board, Memorial Center Board, as an officer of the UOL Chapter, and singing in the Church choir. Bill and Julie often drove groups of teenagers to Camp Kon-O-Kwee (UOL Teenage Conference),

UOL Conventions and other League and Church activities, and served a surrogate parents to hundreds of youngsters.

Memory eternal, Uncle Bill.

## HIERARCHS PROVIDE GUIDANCE AT 54<sup>TH</sup> UOL CONVENTION



**Archbishop ANTONY, Metropolitan CONSTANTINE, and Archbishop VSEVOLOD**

**JR. PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

*John Meschisen*

Glory to Jesus Christ!!!

Greetings and Salutations!!!! My name is John Meschisen, and I was elected president of the Jr. UOL at the 40th annual convention in Philadelphia a few weeks ago. I inherited the Jr. UOL in perhaps its finest hour to date. President Alexis Oryhon, whipped the Jr. UOL into immaculate shape, and I plan to keep up her legacy.

This year's convention was the best to date I believe! The Juniors were wine and dined all week on Tasty Cakes, pretzels, and cheese steaks. On Wednesday, hospitality night was held, and new friendships were made, and old ones strengthened.

Thursday night, we all had the privilege, of experiencing one of the coolest activities in convention history. A dance inside of an aquarium!! Dancing around the sharks and rays all night put everyone on cloud nine. Friday night we all were treated to the comic event of the new millennium, a recreation of the Late Show. This recreation was the backdrop for the first UOL talent show of the millennium. No one envied the judges who had to pick winners, because so many wonderful and God given talents were on display. After, many laughs were had by all; it was time for the serious stuff, the final two rounds of "Chapter Challenge". The heavily favored board team stormed through the first few rounds, and was expecting a glide to the championship. But the board hit a brick wall, when it encountered four lovely ladies from Palos Park, and one extremely intelligent cousin of mine from Clifton. Well after an epic battle, the board came through on top to claim the title!!

On Saturday the much-heralded banquet and ball occurred. The ladies looked radiant, the boys looked dapper, and the table was set for an unforgettable evening. Dinner was great, and dancing was spectacular. The following morning Divine Liturgy followed by a farewell brunch brought another fun filled and spiritually enlightening week to a close.

I would now like to introduce my comrades in arms for this year.

Jr. UOL Executive Board: Spiritual Advisor – Rev. Fr. Taras Naumenko, League Advisor – Dr. Gayle Woloschak, League Advisor – Denise Spoganetz, Vice President – Andrew Sadoway, Recording Secretary – Megan Beck, Corresponding Secretary – Anya Priester, Financial Secretary – Natalie Beck, and Treasurer – Evhen Kondratuik.

Because of the unfathomable generosity of Mr. Pysh, the Jr. UOL has an unbelievable opportunity to expand on membership. We plan to put a monumental effort into expanding the league to a size never before seen. I could not have hand picked a better group of people to help me accomplish this task.

That is all for now.

I will remain through Christ, most affectionately yours,  
John D. Meschisen



**YOUNGSTOWN JR. CHAPTER NEWS**

Contrary to popular belief, the Jr. UOL Chapter from Youngstown, OH is still alive and kicking. The last few months our chapter has gone through a, well let's call it a "constructive" period. And during this "constructive" period, many things have been not only thought up but are now ready to be activities our chapter will sponsor. One of these activities is a car wash to help raise money for our chapter and the museum being built in South Bound Brook. Hopefully we can get enough support to help out both causes.

The 54th Convention is approaching fast and the Youngstown Juniors are going to be well represented with many of the members participating. We hope to learn about the future plans of the whole Jr. UOL organization.

Many of our members are also waiting to attend All Saints Camp where there is a week of fun and learning with fellow Ukrainian teenagers. We hope this year will be a blast like years in the past.

As you all know, the school year ended and graduating seniors are honored all over America. In that light, congratulations to everyone that graduated from high school, college, or any other academic association. A special congratulation goes to our Jr. UOL Chapter's President, Jason Senedak, who was awarded a special scholarship from the Youth Ministry of our parish. Good luck Jason, and good luck in the years to come.

Eric Senedak  
Reporter



*Jason Senedak and Pani Matka Doris Olynyk*

**JASON SENEDAK  
RECEIVES PROTOPRESBYTER  
WILLIAM T. OLYNYK  
2001 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

*Anyone can sympathize with the sufferings of a friend, but it requires a very fine nature to sympathize with a friend's success.*

*– Oscar Wilde*

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The UOL also awarded six **Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt Memorial Scholarships** totaling \$6,300. This year's recipients were Alexis Oryhon, Johnson City, NY, David Paunesku, Palos Park, IL, Laryssa Sadoway, Boston, MA, Katherine Tulley, Johnson City, NY, Jason Senedak, Youngstown, OH and David Misko, Northampton, PA.

The Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League presented the following awards: **Junior UOL Spirit Award**—St. Andrew's Junior UOL Boston, MA; **Junior UOL Bulletin Award**—St. Vladimir Junior UOL Parma, OH; **Very Reverend Father Bukata Award Winners** (tie) Jason Senedak, Youngstown, OH and Nadia Kit, Johnson City, NY; **Very Reverend Father Bukata Award Runner-up**—Lindsey Korda, Palos Park, IL; **Junior Chapter Achievement Award** (tie) Sts. Peter and Paul Junior UOL Palos Park, IL and St. John Junior UOL, Johnson City, NY.

The Convention concluded on Sunday with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Farewell Luncheon at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Philadelphia.

The UOL would like to thank to the members of the St. Vladimir Junior and Senior UOL chapters, Convention co-chairs Lynn Szafranski and Mark Bohon and Spiritual Advisor V. Rev. Frank Estocin for hosting a wonderful and successful convention.



*Youngstown Youth Ministry Group  
Dr. Dynah Fedyna, Kevin Thomas, Robin Thomas,  
Jason Senedak, Chris Burlock, John Burlock  
and Yvonne Mark*

## 54<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL UOL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that:

1. We are grateful for the presence of His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine, His Eminence Archbishop Antony, His Eminence Archbishop Vsevolod at this 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the UOL and we acknowledge unequivocally their leadership of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church.
2. We continue support in accordance with sacred scriptures and Holy Tradition, the call of His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine, for all UOL members to continue to set aside one hour beginning at noon Eastern Standard time every Wednesday for fasting and prayer, beseeching the Almighty for unity of the church.
3. We rejoice in the Sobor decision to construct a New Historical and Educational Complex, which will include a new museum dedicated to the memory of His Holiness Patriarch Mstyslav, an Archive and Research Center, a National 1932-33 Genocidal Famine Memorial, the Ukrainian Cultural Center and the historic Fisher and Heatherington homes.
4. We rejoice in the forthcoming 10th anniversary of Ukraine's independence on August 24th and pray for her continued success in returning our Motherland to the glory which once was hers through sound economic reform and the rule of law.
5. We rejoice in the continued progress by His Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew in the unification of the Ukrainian Orthodox jurisdictions in Ukraine into a canonically recognized Autocephalus Church. We are grateful to our Bishops, Metropolitan Constantine, Archbishop Antony, and Archbishop Vsevolod, who have maintained an active role in this process.
6. We value the God-given sanctity of human life. We advocate the careful use of technology, but we are appalled at the current research, which misuses conceived life for medical research. Research that destroys human life at any stage is deplorable.
7. We encourage responsible stewardship of God's created world and all forms of life and encourage our membership to fully comprehend God's command for mankind to have dominion over all created beings—without their senseless destruction.
8. We encourage our membership participation in the first Sobor of our Church (October 10-14, 2001) in this first Century of the new Millennium. We encourage all UOL members to actively support the continual growth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, discussion before and after the Sobor, careful selection of delegates, evaluation of issues and consideration and sharing of all ideas.
9. We remind our members to pray for those who suffered the effects of the nuclear accident in Chernobyl on April 26 1986, who, 15 years after this tragedy, still need our spiritual, moral and financial support.
10. That President Bush's Faith Initiative Commission be informed that it is the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America, which represents the interests of the overwhelming majority of Ukrainian Orthodox faithful in the USA and therefore, should be the jurisdiction participating fully in the initiative.
11. We rejoice in the ordinations and elevations of UOC clergy during the past year: Rev. Fathers Paul Martin, Volodymyr Zelinsky, Gregory Czumak, and Joshua Anna (also tonsured to the monastic orders) and Rev. Deacons Michael Danczak, Bohdan Peshko, Mark Phillips and Dennis Lapushansky.
12. We express our sincere sympathy to the families of Father Ihor Miroshenko, Dobrodiyka Walaria Borowsky who passed away since our last Convention.
13. We extend best wishes to our Spiritual Father His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine who, by the Grace of God, will be celebrating his 65th birthday on July 29. We pray to the Almighty grant him many many years to serve and protect our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church and to lead our Ukrainian Orthodox League to greater accomplishments. Na mnohi lita, Vladyko.
14. We rejoice in the safe return of our league members—Jessica Burgan, Father Harvey, Mike Sally, and Bethany Neal—who participated in the Orthodox Christian Mission Commission Mission to South America. They helped build a seminary and conducted missions to various parish communities in the colonies of Brazil. We encourage other members of our church to join in missionary work helping others according to the teachings of Christ. We hope to continue to support to the seminary and all other missionary work.
15. We thank all the members of St Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish and UOL Chapter of Philadelphia, PA for hosting the very successful 54<sup>th</sup> Annual UOL Convention, especially Convention Chairs Lynn Szafranski and Mark Bohlen and Father Frank Estocin.

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each of the organizations and described their efforts in providing aide to Ukrainians in various parts of the world. Jessica Burgan of Holy Ascension UOL Chapter in Clifton gave a presentation about her mission trip with the OCMC to the Ukrainian Seminary in Brazil. The details of her experiences were enjoyed by all. The convention program culminated with an address by our keynote speaker, Reverend John Abdalah from St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh, PA. Father John's talk, entitled "The Holy Mystery of Confession – Reconciliation", was very thought provoking. It challenged each of us to examine our practice of Holy Confession and invited us to "take it to a new level" to be more meaningful as we grow to better know our spirituality and ourselves.

Saturday evening's Banquet and Ball was a smashing success with over 270 participants. The banquet hall was beautifully illumined by candlelight reminding us of the convention theme "You are the light of the Lord. Walk as children of the light." The music was toe-tapping making it hard to stay in your seats until the banquet program was complete. (Just ask Elana Mussienko and Julianna Simao.) There were many wonderful deserving Junior and Senior UOL members honored at the banquet. (The recipients and details described other areas of this issue.) The Ball that followed was surely gala! It was great to see so many people dancing, young and old. My compliments to the "Hopak" dancers who displayed their Ukrainian dancing skills for a marathon of songs that went on until the band could not play anymore. . . (although the dancers still had more steps left in their show!)

Sunday morning's Divine Liturgy was glorious, with all three of the hierarchs participating. The brunch that followed was another St. Vlad's UOL creation and allowed everyone to speed home filled and satisfied.

I would like to thank our hierarchs, His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine, His Eminence Archbishop Antony and His Eminence Archbishop Vsevolod for spending the entire week with us and sharing in our activities and deliberations. Their guidance and insight is invaluable. As important as their presence at a function such as this is for our faith in general, I must comment on how important it is for the youth of our Church. It's moving to see all three of our hierarchs interact with our Juniors, each in their own special way—the coaching and counseling they give, the pride they have in our Juniors' accomplishments and the respect and love that they receive in return. In my mind, this is an essential element of the foundation that the future of our Church is to be built upon. I'm glad to be part of the organization that provides the laity of our Church the opportunity to know, work with, respect and love our hierarchs—beginning as a Junior and remaining dedicated for the remainder of our lives.

I would also like to thank Lynn Szafranski and Mark Bohlen, as Convention Co-chairs, Father Frank Estocin, as Convention Spiritual Advisor and their dedicated committee members for creating and conducting such a wonderful Convention experience. I hope that the success of this Convention will cause those that enjoyed themselves this year to commit to attending in Boston in 2002 and inspire those who could not attend to make a special effort next year.

### POST CONVENTION NOTES:

Immediately following the Convention, I attended the Metropolitan Council Meeting held in South Bound Brook since the President of the League is a member  
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## FLOWERS OF THANKS FROM THE CO-CHAIRMAN



Mark Bohlen and Lynn Szafranski (Co-Chairs)



Mark Bohlen and Ann Bohlen (Wife)

## DISTINGUISHED NATIONAL SERVICE AWARD – 2001

*Bohdan Hryshchyshn*



*Bo Hryshchshyn and Daria Pishko*

Bohdan Hryshchshyn received the 2001 UOL Distinguished National Service award and his award certificate reads as follows:

"You are commonly known as "Bo" throughout the UOL world. You have been a life-long devoted one to the Ukrainian Orthodox League commencing in your home parish of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA. It is most fitting and ironic that you would return "home" to receive this prestigious award.

Your long-standing commitment and service places you in a select category of servants to our Church and our League. After being active at the local and regional levels of the UOL, you were elected to the National Executive Board in 1954 as an Auditor and then President where you served from 1958 to 1960. Following one year as Past-President, you remained on the Board until 1981 as Director of Public Relations, Convention Coordinator, Camp Liaison, President of Western PA Region and CEOYLA Delegate.

Your move from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh was a loss to your "Philly Family", but a blessing to Sts. Peter and Paul UOL Chapter in Carnegie, PA and the Western PA Region. You quickly became President of the Region and were very instrumental in the purchase and establishment of All Saints Camp in Emlenton, PA. In recognition of your exemplary service to our youth on the local, regional and national levels you received the Metro J. Baran Achievement Award for 1981. In addition, you served three three-year terms on the Metropolitan Council of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A.

While you dedicated and devoted service to the Ukrainian Orthodox League goes without saying, your commitment and exemplary service as Director of All Saints Camp for over twenty years is indeed legend. The camp facilities have progressed in quality and use under your outstanding management. And this service necessitated an almost daily commute from your home in Pittsburgh to Emlenton, a distance of 100 miles. This would not have been possible without the cooperation and constant support of your wife, Mary. Since leaving the position of Camp Director, you continue to serve as Camp Manager.

And now, even after more than fifty years of superb service and in your "golden years", the gait in your step may have slowed, but your pace has retained a youthful exuberance. "Active" is an inappropriate word for your current activities. You are very involved with parish life at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, having served on the Parish Board as Auditor for many years, singing in the choir, being an active member of the UOL and the Parish Museum Committee. You also chair the Cultural Sales operation of the parish. At the same time, you obviously fear having "spare time" as you are currently President of the Ukrainian Selfreliance Credit Union of Pittsburgh, an officer of the Ukrainian National Association and a member of the Ukrainian Technological Society.

"Bo" you embody the high ideals in our League motto: "*Dedicated to our Church - Devoted to our Youth*". You are truly a legend in your tireless and sustained service to the Ukrainian Orthodox League. For all of the above, and much much more, the UOL presents to you the **UOL DISTINGUISHED NATIONAL SERVICE AWARD for 2001** and in so doing, extends profound thanks and appreciation for your many years of service and accomplishments."

## VERY REV. PROTOPRESBYTER STEPHEN HALLICK-HOLUTIAK SENIOR RECOGNITION AWARD 2001

*Pauline Osad*  
*St. Vladimir's Chapter, Parma, OH*

The Very Reverend Protopresbyter Stephen Hallick-Holutiak Senior Recognition Award is presented to the most deserving Senior UOL member for outstanding work in the UOL and his/her church.

This award was instituted in 1957 as the Orthodox of the Year Award and its purpose is to recognize a layman for his/her outstanding work in accomplishing the aims and goals of the League. In 1991, it was changed to the Senior Recognition Award. Beginning in 1995, the award has been given in the name of Father Stephen Hallick-Holutiak to honor the lifelong role of Father Hallick in the formulation and development of the League.

This year's recipient is vice president of her senior UOL chapter, director of the Sunday School Program, a member of the choir and parish sisterhood. Her chapter president writes "this person is a special individual to our church and our League. To our candidate, no task is too large or too small. . . she gets us all motivated and is the fire that keeps us going. . . . She lives the motto "*Dedicated to our Church - Devoted to its youth*" and has instilled her love of her church in her children and grandchildren."

Congratulations to Pauline for her exemplary efforts with the UOL and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.



*Pauline Osad and Daria Pishko*

## CHAPTER-OF-THE-YEAR CONTINUES HARD WORK

After receiving the prestigious 2001 Chapter Achievement Award at this year's UOL Convention in Philadelphia, the Holy Ascension Chapter (Clifton, NJ) is back hard at work.

The latest project being undertaken by the chapter is an event to support the two orphanages in Ukraine, adopted by our Church in the USA, that serve the children who are victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. These orphanages are in Zaluchya and Znamyanka, Ukraine and are facilitated through the Children of Chernobyl Relief Fund Based in Short Hills, NJ.

The event is a **1940's - USO Dinner-Dance** to be held on Friday, November 9, 2001 at 7:30 PM at the Mountainside Inn, 509 Hazel Street, Clifton, NJ. A live band, the Anthony St. James Orchestra from Upper Montclair, NJ, will entertain with *sounds of the 1940's* as well as our traditional "Ukie" favorites and some contemporary music as well.

There will also be games and prizes awarded and those attending are encouraged to wear 1940's vintage clothing, although this is entirely optional. A sumptuous hot and cold buffet will be served—and beverages are included.

Tickets are available for a donation of \$35.00 for adults and \$18.00 for children age 10 or under.

Chapter member, Nadine Drost, is chairing the event and promises a good time for all. "This is our chance to come out and do something for the children who have been affected by the world's most horrible nuclear accident," she said, "this is our duty as members of the UOL."

For tickets and information contact Richard Jendras at 201.437.024, or email at [Ukiebay@aol.com](mailto:Ukiebay@aol.com) by October 15, 2001.

## 16<sup>TH</sup> SOBOR OF U.O.C. OF U.S.A.

### October 10-14, 2001

### South Bound Brook, NJ

"Sanctify them in the Truth: Thy Word is the Truth" (John 17:17)

*"The new millennium is upon us and we have much to accomplish to ensure that our descendants will have continued spiritual nourishment from our Holy Orthodox Church/the Body of Christ. We must be "Sanctified" to fully comprehending the Word of God as the Truth!"* (His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine in his letter to the faithful 1/25/2001 calling the 16<sup>th</sup> Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA to convene.)

The 16<sup>th</sup> Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA is to take place in our Metropolia Center in South Bound Brook, New Jersey, October 10 - 14, 2001. Sessions will be conducted at the Holiday Inn, on Davidson Avenue Somerset, New Jersey and also at the Ukrainian Cultural Center. Each parish in good standing is entitled to two lay delegates plus their pastor. Guests are also welcome to attend to observe the deliberations and to participate in the associated activities.

Activities actually begin on Monday, October 8 with a Clergy Conference. A meeting of the Permanent Council of Ukrainian Orthodox Bishops outside of Ukraine as well as a meeting of the Metropolitan Council are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 9.

After Divine Liturgy on Wednesday morning, deliberations will begin and will consist of presentation of reports, committee deliberations and workshops. There will be a Cultural Concert on Friday evening and Banquet on Saturday evening. The Sobor will conclude with the celebration of a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 14 commemorating the Feast Day of the Protection of our Most Holy Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary ("Pokrova"). Liturgy will be followed by a brunch at the Cultural Center.

Delegate packages were mailed to each parish the first week of July. Delegate should be registered prior to September 15. Delegate/alternate registration packets are \$250 prior to 9/15 and \$300 after. The packets include eight meals at the Cultural Center, the Friday evening concert, the banquet and all registration materials. Hotel reservations at the Holiday Inn must be made prior to September 24 to obtain the group rate of \$95 per night (two-double beds) and the group name: UKR should be mentioned when making a reservation.

Guests may register for the whole Sobor or per day, at a rate of \$25 per day without meals. A limited number of meals will be available for purchase each day prior to 10:00 a.m. Banquet reservations must be made prior to Friday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m.

A Sobor Committee was convened at the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual UOL Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The committee proposed and the Convention Body ratified the following recommendations:

1. That the UOL Convention Body urge their local chapters get involved on the local parish level to ensure that the most qualified delegates from their parish are chosen.
2. The UOL strongly urges that the Sobor once again acknowledge, confirm and give support to His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine, His Eminence Archbishop Antony and His Eminence Archbishop Vsevolod as Hierarchs of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. It is suggested that this be affirmed in the opening remarks of the UOL President to the Sobor.
3. We strongly urge that UOL members attend the Sobor as delegates and/or guests to educate themselves and become involved in the administration of our Church.
4. We ask that the National Board continue promoting the UOL with an information table to educate Sobor participants on the UOL program, goals, membership, and history.
5. We encourage that Chapter Spiritual Advisors hold a Moleben at each parish before the Sobor so that League members can pray with their fellow church members. Chapters should invite their parish Sobor delegates to an open chapter meeting as soon as possible after the Sobor to report on the results of the Sobor.
6. We ask that the UOL banner be present at Divine Liturgy and in the processions from the Memorial Church to the Cultural Center and that this banner be displayed in a prominent area.

The President of the League, as a member of the Metropolitan Council will have delegate status at the Sobor. Helen Greenleaf, UOL 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, was elected by the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention to serve as the UOL's delegate. The Executive Board is preparing the required information for dissemination to the Sobor delegates and is seeking assistance for various assignments throughout the week. Any UOL member planning to attend (and we are encouraging many to do so) and interested in helping please contact either Daria A. Pishko or Helen Greenleaf.

**For more information or questions regarding attending the Sobor, please contact the Consistory office at (732) 356-0090 or by e-mail @ consistory@uocofusa.org.**

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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ber of the Metropolitan Council. There were many positive things to report but given the length of this article already, I'll plan to detail them in my next column.

Lastly, please be reminded that the Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA will be held in South Bound Brook, New Jersey from October 10 through October 14. (See article this issue.) I encourage all members of the League to be certain that their parishes will be well represented at this important conference, and if at all possible, consider volunteering to serve as a delegate themselves. Also, please note that guests may participate in the Sobor activities and are invited to attend.

I am looking forward to a challenging year. Although we have not formally set our individual goals for this year as yet, I would like to see members of the Executive Board visit all of the chapters this year. As such, I ask each chapter to keep that in mind when establishing your activities calendar this year. Please let me know when you would like to host an Executive Board member (or group of members) for an event or an informal get together. Until next month, I remain,

Yours in Christ's love,  
Daria A. Pishko

## THE GOLDEN GATES OF KYIV

Elizabeth Mitchell, Staff Writer

I first learned of the Golden Gates many years ago when I attended the Pittsburgh Ukrainian Festival and saw a replica of them being used as a food stand. They were about 20 ft. high and 10 ft. wide with a central arch painted in gold. Someday, I thought, I would do research on the Gates. What I found was quite interesting.

The Encyclopedia tells us the Golden Gates, also known as the Golden Gate, is one of the most architectural and historical monuments of the Kievan Rus' period. Located in the southwestern part of ancient Kyiv, the Gates were constructed in 1037 during the reign of Yaroslav the Wise and about the same time St. Sophia Cathedral was built.

And how did the Golden Gates look during those distant times? According to archeologists, the structure was a huge rectangular tower built of brick and stone, with an arch approximately 82 ft. long, 25 ft. wide and 39 ft. in height. The Gates were an impenetrable fortress to protect the City from invaders.

### THE GOLDEN GATES



*Golden Gate: remnants*



*Golden Gate: restored*

The splendor of the Gates was accented by the Church of Atonement built above the tower. The Gates may have been named for the roof of the church which was possibly covered with gold or for the Golden Gates of Constantinople.

Historical records show that in 1048 the French King, Henry I, sent a delegation to Kyiv asking King Yaroslav for his daughter's hand in marriage. The Gates were opened for the first time on this occasion.

In 1240, the Gates were partially destroyed by the Mongols; however, they remained in use as a portal until the middle of the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

In 1648, after their victory over the Poles, which meant freedom for Ukraine, Hetman Bohdan Khmelnytsky and his army made their triumphal entry into Kyiv through the Golden Gates. In 1912, Mykola Iwasuk gained fame for his painting of Khmelnytsky's grand entrance into the city. Today, the painting appears in museums throughout Ukraine and wherever Ukrainians make their home.

Because the Gates were not protected from the weather, they soon began to deteriorate, and in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century, the remnants of the ancient Gates were buried in earth and replaced with new ones. The territory around the Gates was enclosed in a fence of wrought iron, however, with time the ancient masonry being exposed to wind and precipitation further deteriorated. The ruins were excavated in 1832 and last restored in 1980.

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"The Golden Gates have not sunk into oblivion. Today, sections of the reconstructed rampart house an exhibition hall and a stairway leading to the crest with an excellent view of the city. Their builders meant them to stand forever; and so they will, restored to their original beauty, as our forebear message to many generations to come."

*(Internet: Newwell, Paul, "The Golden Gates of Kyiv"; and Encyclopedia of Ukraine)*

**SENIOR CHAPTER  
ACHIEVEMENT 2001**

*Holy Ascension Chapter, Clifton, NJ*



*Richard Jendras, Chapter President, and Daria Pishko*

The Senior Chapter Achievement Award is presented to the Senior Chapter that has shown the greatest achievement in terms of accomplishing the aims and goals of the UOL during a one year period of time.

This award is selected from the Annual Reports submitted by each chapter prior to the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Holy Ascension's 22 members represent an increase of 56% from the previous year. The chapter's program of activities for the year was based upon a theme of "Feast Day Fellowships" where the chapter members and parishioners would gather for Vespers on the eve of the Feast Days of the Church and follow Vespers by sharing a religious movie, presentation and meal. The chapter also hosted a successful Lenten Day of Recollection that was open to all Orthodox parishes in their region.

The Spiritual Advisor writes "Our UOL chapter members have been a cornerstone in the continuing life of our parish. Our UOL chapter leadership and members are always full of ideas, ambition and dedication that work in harmony with the initiatives of the National UOL programs and life of our parish."



*Holy Ascension Chapter*

**WASYL PYSH GIVES \$10,000 TO  
JR. UOL EXECUTIVE BOARD**



*Mr. Pysh and Jr. Executive Board 2001-2002*

The Jr. Executive Board received \$10,000 from Mr. Wasyl Pysh, founder of the UOL Teenage Conference and philanthropist of the UOL. He challenged the juniors to use the money for projects which they consider very important for today's youth.

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July	1	Start of new fiscal year
Late July		Annual Audit & Nat'l. Exec. Board pre-Conv. Meeting Annual UOL Convention
August	1	Chapter Membership Drive
	5	UOL Bulletin submission deadline (Sept. issue)
September	5	UOL Bulletin submission deadline (Oct. issue)
	8	National Executive Board Fall meeting, Youngstown, OH
		DEADLINE: CHAPTER & MEMBERSHIP DUES & MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS
October	5	UOL Bulletin submission deadline (Nov. issue)
	10 - 14	16th UOC of USA Sobor, South Bound Brook, NJ
December	5	UOL Bulletin submission deadline (Jan./Feb. issue)
January	8	Essay Contest - first mailing
	(TBD)	National Executive Board Winter meeting
February	5	UOL Bulletin submission deadline (March issue)
	28	LSSK applications mailed to chapters Essay Contest - second mailing
March	5	UOL Bulletin submission deadline (April issue)
	30	Chapter Election and Delegate forms mailed UOL Awards Applications mailing
April	30	DEADLINE: CHAPTER PROJECT CONTRIB. Convention registration forms mailed
	(TBD)	DEADLINE: Essay Contest entries National Executive Board Spring meeting
May	5	UOL Bulletin submission deadline (June/July issue)
	31	DEADLINE: LSSK applications DEADLINE: UOL Awards applications
June	1	DEADLINE: All Annual Reports - Chapter, Nat'l. Exec. Board & Junior Exec. Board
	15	DEADLINE: Chapter Election reports due DEADLINE: Delegate Forms due DEADLINE: CONVENTION REGISTRATION PAYMENT

### UOL BULLETIN DEADLINE

*The deadline for each edition is the 5<sup>th</sup> of the prior month:  
September, October, November, January/February,  
March, April, and June*

**"Whatever you do, do all for  
the glory of God"**

*(1 Corinthians 10:31)*



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