PRESIDENT’S COLUMN
Daria A. Pishko

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

I am excited to say that I’m honored to have the opportunity to serve as your President for a third and final year. Once again this year I intend to use this column to share my thoughts and perspectives regarding the UOL and its activities. I’m flattered by the many positive comments that I have received during my travels over the last two years from readers of the UOL Bulletin who tell me how much they enjoy this column. I hope that this year’s activities will prove to be just as interesting and that by year’s end we all will feel most accomplished.

For those of you who unfortunately had to miss it — we had a wonderful Convention in Boston! The Convention Committees were interactive and constructive. The religious services were prayerful and uplifting. I thank all the delegates who came to the convention this year prepared to contribute the ideas and thoughts of their chapters.

The number of participants at our Annual Convention continues to grow with a total of 236 registrants this year and over 323 people attending the banquet and ball. Sandra Kondratiuk and her Convention Committee members, both junior and senior, are to be commended for hosting such an outstanding function.

In Memory of “9-11”
We Will Never Forget!

“I Will Never Leave You Nor Forsake You”
(Hebrews, 13:5)

“Reflections on 9-11”
Fraternity, unity, and brotherhood
People rushing in to help their fellow Man
Holy war, I just don’t understand
I try not to blame, but it is all so insane
Shouts for help coming from every which way
Wake-up and Twin Towers fall down
My birthday is forever changed
Appalled by the terror of what could happen
We must protect our freedom at all costs
I thought I went back in time when they first attacked
We were caught off-guard by the terrorists
We were threatened by outsiders in our own “backyard”
Innocent victims lost their lives because of terrorists’ greed
Panicked faces, piercing screams, devastation from sea to shineless sea
Those known and loved are now safe in a better place
I don’t know what to say

(Written by members of Sts. Peter and Paul Jr. UOL, Palos Park, IL, First Place Winner, UOL Creative Arts Contest – 2002)
We feasted on a luxurious brunch and continued our business sessions in the afternoon. Thursday evening, we boarded our buses to visit the USS Constitution, the oldest commissioned battleship in the US fleet. (See Len — we really were paying attention!) We all took a tour of the ship for a look-see and a brief history lesson and then proceeded to the Commander's Club to enjoy a New England style buffet. Plenty of “chow-da”, steamed mussels and cornbread. That was just to tease you over until dinner — which was a full buffet followed by a “make-your-own” ice cream sundae bar. The DJ and door prizes added a lot to the evening.

Friday morning began with an address by Hieromonk Joshua (Anna) who has just been authorized by our diocese to spearhead a missionary effort for our Church in the North and South Carolina area. Father Joshua is a moving and inspirational speaker. He provided us much food for thought on the topic of Evangelization. Specifically, how each of us through our actions and thoughts can influence others to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. It was a great opportunity to get to know Father Joshua a bit better and to pause in self-examination as to how we can improve ourselves to better influence others.

We completed our business sessions on Friday afternoon giving the seniors an evening on their own. But not before stopping by the Hospitality Night sponsored by the 56th Annual UOL Convention Committee of Sts. Peter & Paul's Senior and Jr. UOL Chapters of Palos Park, Illinois. There was plenty of great pizza and drinks, a few “Blues Brothers wannabes” and quite a few “Men in Black”. Wondering what I’m referring to? Come to Palos next year July 23-27, 2003 to find out!

Once again this year, the members of the Jr. UOL League sang the responses to Thursday’s Divine Liturgy under the direction of Laryssa Sadoway. This is the second year, of what I hope will be a long-lived UOL tradition. Our children have demonstrated that they are quite accomplished singers when given the opportunity, many having been well-groomed in their home parishes and supported by instruction and experiences from our encampment programs. I would like to convey my sincere thanks to the Jr. UOL League and to Laryssa Sadoway for bringing this dream to fruition.

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Our sessions began in unison on Wednesday evening. Although the entire convention seemed a little empty without him, we truly felt the absence of His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine during opening sessions. (Especially when it came time to choose a pitch for singing!) We were pleased to hear a daily update on his progress from his Eminence Archbishop Antony and prayed continuously for his health and well being. We welcomed two new chapters at this year’s convention, Holy Ghost UOL Chapter of Coatesville, Pennsylvania and St. Mary’s Senior UOL Chapter of Rochester, New York. It was great that they had the opportunity to get to know the whole UOL family a little better and hopefully, will be inspired to bring more of their members with them in subsequent years.

Following the opening sessions, the convention attendees were treated to a Hospitality Night reception hosted by the St. Andrew’s UOL Chapter. There was plenty of great pizza and snacks. No one went back to their room hungry, in fact— I even witnessed a few taking a bag “to go”! I send my compliments to the Hospitality Night committee for such a grand showing.

After dinner, the Jr. UOL Program Chairman and President of Sts. Peter and Paul’s Senior UOL Chapter gave us a brief history of the Sts. Peter and Paul UOL Chapters, Carnegie, PA. Special Assistant Editor, Alice Sivulich, of 206 Christopher Circle, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, presented an annual tally of the Jr. UOL Chapter of Palos Park, Illinois. There was plenty of great pizza and drinks, a few “Blues Brothers wannabes” and quite a few “Men in Black”. Wondering what I’m referring to? Come to Palos next year July 23-27, 2003 to find out!
Saturday morning began with the celebration of the beautiful Akathist Hymn to Our Lady of Pochiav. Following the Akathist Hymn, we settled down once again to be challenged by thoughts of Father Joshua. His down to earth demeanor and powerful faith work together to motivate each of us to follow our calling to set an Orthodox Christian example for others to follow. We were inspired by his words and many stayed around following his presentation for questions and additional feedback. We are thankful that Father Joshua journeyed to Boston to be with us and pray that he is successful in his mission to organize our faithful in the Carolinas.

The Banquet and Ball was a huge success with seating up to capacity. The program went smoothly under the capable direction of Dr. Alec Danyilevich as Master of Ceremonies. The Burya Band from Toronto had the whole crowd jumping. Our Juniors and young adults treated us to a marvelous display of their Ukrainian dancing talents with a marathon Hopak. Fun was had by all.

On Sunday, the final day of the 55th Annual Convention, God blessed us with cool weather and sun shining skies. We celebrated a beautiful Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the St. Andrew's Parish in Jamaica Plains, Massachusetts.
The UOL Executive Board recognized Alice (Bilewicz) Sivulich with its highest award for sustained service on the national level at the 55th Annual Convention held in Boston, MA, July 17-21, 2002.

The Distinguished National Service Award was established in 2000 to recognize a member of the Senior UOL who truly exemplifies a superior sense of dedication and devotion to the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, and who has contributed excellent and sustained service to the UOL on the national level.

This award is only presented when the National UOL Executive Board, by a two-thirds vote, determines that a qualified nominee meets all of the criteria which exemplifies qualities, sustained service, and substantial accomplishments at the national level, and which have had a positive impact and furthered the mission of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA.

ALICE SIVULICH

You have been a dedicated and devoted servant to the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church for many years.

You began your distinguished career with the National UOL Executive Board in 1966 as 2nd Vice President and Chairman of the Junior League Commission. Once was not enough as you continued to advise the juniors in your home parish, Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Carnegie, PA, and Hammond, IN.

“Annie’s First Holy Communion”, and “Annie’s First Holy Communion”. You also planned, with the Western-PA UOL Region. Your efforts in the past have resulted in the Sobor Committee, Treasurer, Church-League Relations, 2nd Vice President a second term, Director of Public Relations, Chair of the Education Commission, Financial Secretary, Chair of the Membership Committee, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. You also served as Co-Chair of the Northampton Convention and were a Counselor at the UOL Youth Conference—during the Camp Kon-O-Kwee Era and were active with the Western-PA UOL Region. Your efforts in the past have resulted in the UOL awarding you Orthodox of the Year Runner-Up and the Metro J. Baran Award for outstanding service to the youth and parish, and have for years coordinated Bag Lunches for the Pittsburgh Homeless. And even with a very demanding professional life as Assistant Vice President for Student Life at Duquesne University and making time daily as caregiver to an aging mother, you find time to visit the sick on a regular basis. You abound with energy and enthusiasm.

UPL President, Daria Pishko, in nominating you said: “. . . Alice had the daunting task of serving as Advisor to the Jr. UOL Executive Board of which I was an officer. Alice has been a role model for me throughout my life. Her focus and conviction have served as a shining example of how one is to conduct themselves in the role of a national officer. She has always been positive, constructive, calm and supportive. She allows you to do your job but was always there if you questioned yourself or needed a hand. She has a vision for the League that enabled it to grow to the benefit of the greater Church. I’ve always admired Alice’s ability to share her opinion in a straightforward and frank manner, and her ability to be objective in discussions and not to over let differences of opinion affect her relationships with the parties outside of the discussion.”

You have provided ongoing and invaluable service to the National UOL Executive Board during the past thirty-three years and you have ALWAYS assisted substantially with every UOL and UOC project in which your husband, Steve, has been involved, for example: Establishment of the LSSK Scholarship, LSSK Scholarship Fund Raising (for twenty years), UOL Youth Ministry Fund Drive, and UOL BULLETIN proofreading and bulk mailing since 2000. And currently, you assist him with every facet of the UOC Office of Development.

Alice, you have established a magnificent record of service to the League and Church. You exemplify the League’s motto: “Dedicated to Our Church—Devoted to Its Youth”. You have given tirelessly and without complaint or fanfare over these many many years. In admiration and gratitude for your exemplary and sustained service, and your many accomplishments, the UOL recognizes you with the UOL NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD 2002 on this day, July 20, 2002.
FIRST UOL LENTEN RETREAT

This First UOL Lenten Retreat, sponsored by the UOL Young Adult Committee and conducted at St. Sophia Seminary in South Bound Brook, NJ was open to all UOL members. Twenty individuals participated in the retreat. The weekend was a testament to what the UOL is all about. UOLer’s ranging in age from nine (pre-junior) to plus-70 gathered together as a family in Christ to prepare for Great Lent. Fr. Stephen Hutnick from Johnson City, NY served as the retreat leader and did a wonderful job.

Saturday began with the beautiful Akhathist to the Elevation of the Cross. Fr. Stephen presented lectures in the Seminary Chapel on the retreat theme, “Pick up your Cross: Sacrifice in our lives”. One session in particular concerning the sacrifice of a parent impacted the participants and they spoke about it throughout the day.

A decoupage icon/cross project was conducted so that the participants could take their project home as a focus and reminder of what we learned during the weekend. The day concluded with vespers and a very nice family-style dinner. After dinner we played a getting-to-know-you game and then had a spontaneous sing along.

On Sunday, the remaining participants, with our Sr. UOL President, celebrated the Divine Liturgy (English) with the members of St. Andrew’s Church at the Seminary Chapel served by His Eminence, Archbishop Antony. The meaning and awesomeness of the weekend was cemented by the humbling asking of forgiveness by His Eminence on that Forgiveness Sunday.

We were blessed to have lunch on Saturday provided by Holy Ascension Chapter of Clifton, dinner on Saturday (quite a gourmet dinner) provided by St. Demetrius Chapter of Carteret, and brunch on Sunday by His Eminence and the parishioners of St. Andrew’s.

I believe for a first time that this retreat was a raging success. The numbers were small but the love and enthusiasm of the participants was quite evident during the retreat and upon their departure. This was especially noticeable, as they all sang out as they left, “see you at the next one”, which was quite encouraging. It was truly a family in Christ and our UOL was able to make that happen.

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie M. Kapeluck, Chairman
UOL Youth Commission

VERY REVEREND PROTOPRESBYTER
STEPHEN HALLICK-HOLUTIAK
SENIOR RECOGNITION AWARD - 2002

PANI-MATKA MARY ANNE NAKONACHNY

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 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 his lifelong role in the formulation and development of the League.

This year’s recipient is Pani-Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny of St. Vladimir’s Senior UOL Chapter, Parma, Ohio. She has been her chapter’s corresponding and recording secretary and Convention Registration Chair; serves on the parish Library Committee, is a member of the Sisterhood, parish choir, Parish 75th Anniversary Committee, is a Vacation Bible School Teacher and has been a member of the National UOL Executive Board serving as Auditor, Membership Committee Chair and member of the LSSK Scholarship Committee.

Her Chapter’s vice president and chair of the nominating committee wrote: “Often awards are presented to obvious leaders or "Chiefs", but we all know that it is the dedicated, trustworthy, and reliable "Indians" that are the foundation and force behind all successes. Our candidate is both a quiet leader and an outstanding "Indian" worker who is always there to fill in the gaps, take up the slack, and make sure that whatever needs to be done is accomplished with excellence. The time and energy that this person quietly gives to our parish and chapter is often unnoticed, yet always makes a huge difference in the final outcome of any project or endeavor. Very often behind the scenes, this reliable and hard-working chapter member is so unassuming and busy with doing things for the parish and chapter, working full-time outside the home, being a wife and mother that she is unaware of the fact that she is indeed our own "Energizer bunny" that keeps things working smoothly and gives support to anyone in need.”

UOL BULLETIN DEADLINE
The deadline for each edition is the 5th of the prior month:
September, October, November, January/February, March, April, and June.

OCTOBER - UOL BULLETIN
The October issue will highlight the Jr. UOL Convention, Jr. Awards, etc.
UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX MISSIONS: OUR FUTURE
By Fr. Gregory Czumak, Four Evangelists Ukrainian Orthodox Mission, Bel Air, MD

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you ..." We have all heard this, Christ's final command before His Holy Ascension, many times. Yet, how often have we, the Ukrainian Orthodox here in the United States, assumed that it somehow does not apply to us? There are millions of Americans who call themselves "Christian", and so we imagine that the work of evangelization and mission has already been completed; we need not concern ourselves with it. But, is this truly the case?

If simply calling yourself "Christian" was sufficient, then perhaps such an attitude might be warranted. But, sadly, in our society today, that label is used by many who, at best, only have a superficial understanding of what it actually means to be "Christian", as the Church has always understood it, and, at worst, have twisted it to apply to any number of heretical notions. But we are Orthodox Christians. By the grace of God, we are living components of the Church, the Body of Christ, in which Holy Tradition, the fullness of the Faith once delivered of the Saints, is guarded, preserved, and passed on to each succeeding generation, the express purpose of which being the sanctification and salvation of souls.

If this is, indeed, the case, how can we justify an indifferent attitude toward fulfilling Christ's mandate? Remember, He said that we are not only to baptize in the name of the Holy Trinity, but also to teach all of the nations to observe all things that He has commanded us. And that teaching, in its entirety, is only found within the Orthodox Church.

Unfortunately, however, the history of our Archdiocese in the last 25 years has shown that, all too often, we have left this pearl of great price, for which countless people have sold everything in order to obtain, hidden, buried in the ground. The alarming report of our numerical decline given at our last Sobor bears witness to this sad fact. There are now more Greek Orthodox in any single major U.S. city than there are faithful in our entire Archdiocese. And as long as our focus remains solely inward, intent on preserving our cultural post, as proud as it may be, rather than outward, fulfilling Christ's command, this disturbing trend will continue.

But there are signs of hope, seen primarily in the recent establishment of new Mission Parishes. The majority of our parishes were established in inner cities, where most of our parishioners originally lived. But this is no longer the case. More and more people have been, and continue to move into newly developing communities, communities with no Orthodox presence. And we, as an Archdiocese, have been all too slow to respond to this development. The time has come for that to change. We must begin immediately to exercise foresight; we must target these new neighborhoods, and we must act.

We must all be willing to take the chance, to make the effort, to begin new parishes in such areas.

And we must realize that in order to do so, we have to be prepared to embrace any and all who come to our doors. The infusion of new blood, of non-Ukrainian blood, is essential to our survival, let alone our growth. We should never forget our heritage, but, at the same time, we must not let it interfere with our duty, our responsibility, as Orthodox Christians. Missions and evangelization is not a matter of choice for the Church, but a divine command. Christ did not say, "make disciples of the nations if you want, baptize and teach if you wish." It will not be easy. Starting from scratch, with no church building, no liturgical items, little funding, battling inertia, and unwillingness to change, all of these elements must be overcome. But our parents and grandparents overcame these obstacles, and more, when they built the churches that we now have. We, too, can succeed, provided that we focus on building the Kingdom of Heaven, and not of an earthly kingdom or institution, that is passing away.

Support our Missions, pray for them, be willing to sacrifice that new ones can be founded and may succeed. But do all things for the glory of God, and, by His grace, we shall see our children's children proudly proclaim that they are Ukrainian Orthodox Christians.

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THE TRIDENT
The National Coat of Arms of Ukraine
by Elizabeth Mitchell

The national coat of arms, flag, and anthem are attributes of a sovereign state. In past issues of the UOL BULLETIN, we discussed the Ukrainian anthem and flag, which leaves us with the exploration of the trident (tryzub).

Most of us recognize the trident as a national symbol of Ukraine, but did you know the trident is also a military and religious emblem, heraldic symbol, a state emblem, a monogram, and simply a decorative design? The trident was the symbol of Poseidon, sea god of Greek mythology. It has been found in different societies, including the Greek colonies of the Black Sea, Byzantium, and Scandinavia.

The oldest examples of the trident discovered by archeologists on Ukrainian territory date back to the 1st century A.D. At that time, the trident probably served as a symbol of power in one of the tribes that later became part of the Ukrainian people. The trident was stamped on the gold and silver coins issued by Prince Volodymyr the Great (980-1015), who perhaps inherited the symbol from his ancestors as a dynastic coat of arms and passed it on to his sons, the Prince Sviatopil, Yaroslav the Wise and others.

The widespread use of the trident in the Principally Era, in numerous materials and on various objects, suggested that the people perceived it not only as the family insignia of the princes, but as a national state symbol.

The trident appeared not only on coins but also on the bricks of the Church of the Tithes in Kyiv (986-996), the tiles of the Dormition Cathedral inVolodymyr- Volynskiyi (1160), and the stones of other churches, castles and palaces. It was also used as a unique pattern on ceramics, weapons, jewelry, seals, and manuscripts.

After the fall of the Kyivan Principly State, the use of the trident as the princely family coat of arms ceased. In the 12th century, the image of St. Michael the Archangel began replacing the trident in Kyivan Rus. Because the saint symbolizes the struggle for goodness and truth, the people chose St. Michael as the patron saint of Kyiv and the country it ruled in their struggle against the enemies of the Christian faith. Thus, for six centuries the Archangel Michael served as the coat of arms of the city of Kyiv, and the Kyiv region. In the 14-15th centuries his image appeared on the city of Kyiv and district flags. In the period of the Kozak state from the 16-18th centuries, St. Michael was depicted on Kozak and Zaporizonian standards and flags, and on the insignia of Hetman Bohdan Kimelnytski. The saint's image appeared on flags, postage stamps and the standard of the commander-in-chief of the Ukrainian fleet until 1918 when Ukraine was liberated from the Russian Empire.

By law, in March of 1918, the Ukrainian National Republic decreed the national coat of arms of Ukraine to be the Golden Trident of Prince Volodymyr the Great and has been used officially by all state organs, on passports and documents.

The trident should be displayed in every home reflecting our rich cultural, historical, and religious heritage. When worn as jewelry or imprinted on clothing, the trident should be displayed with reverence and pride. Treasure it as your inheritance from Saint Volodymyr, Equal to the Apostles, who brought Christianity to Ukraine in 988.

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UOL FISCAL YEAR AND DEADLINES 2002-2003

JULY
1 Start of new fiscal year

MID-JULY
Annual Audit and National Executive Board pre-Convention meeting

AUGUST
5 UOL Bulletin (Sept.) submission deadline
27-29 National Executive Board Fall meeting – South Bound Brook, NJ

SEPTEMBER
30 DEADLINE: CHAPTER & MEMBERSHIP DUES & INITIAL MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS

OCTOBER
1 Chapter Membership drive – invite more people to join your chapter!
5 UOL Bulletin (Nov.) submission deadline

DECEMBER
5 UOL Bulletin (Jan./Feb.) submission deadline
4 Essay Contest – first mailing
(TBA) National Executive Board Winter meeting

JANUARY
5 UOL Bulletin (Mar.) submission deadline
4 Annual Fund Drive mailing

FEBRUARY
5 LSSK applications mailed to chapters
(TBA) National Executive Board Winter meeting
28 Essay Contest – second mailing

MARCH
5 UOL Bulletin (Apr.) submission deadline
30 Chapter Election and Delegate forms mailed
UOL Awards Applications mailing

APRIL
30 DEADLINE: CHAPTER PROJECT CONTRIBUTION
Convention registration forms mailed
DEADLINE: Essay Contest entries
(TBA) National Executive Board Spring meeting

MAY
5 UOL Bulletin (May) submission deadline
31 DEADLINE: LSSK applications

JUNE
1 DEADLINE: All Annual Reports – Chapter, National Executive Board and Junior Executive Board – due to Corresponding Secretary
15 DEADLINE: Chapter Election reports due to Corresponding Secretary
DEADLINE: Delegate forms due to Convention Committee
DEADLINE: CONVENTION REGISTRATION PAYMENT

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56th ANNUAL UOL CONVENTION GOES TO CHICAGO
“Let all that you do be done with Love”
(Cor. 16:14)

Palos Park, IL – The 56th Annual UOL Convention will be held in Chicago July 23 - 27, 2003 and hosted by UOL chapters at Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Palos Park. The convention theme will be “Let all that you do be done with love” (Cor. 16:14).

Publicity for the event began at this year’s UOL 55th Convention in Boston. During business sessions, Palos Park UOL members distributed small candy hot dogs urging delegates to come to Chicago for the real thing. Palm-size icon cards with next year’s convention theme were also given to delegates and guests.

A Hospitality night on Friday offered Chicago-style pizza, honey-mustard pretzels, cookies and plenty of cool refreshments. Travel brochures advertising Chicago and the convention site were on-hand. videotaped highlights of Chicago’s famous sites were shown on TV, and blues music played in the background. Palos Park members wore fedoras and dark sunglasses, depicting the famed Blues Brothers look from the movie.

At the Banquet and Ball on Saturday, fortune cookies were included at each place setting. Two fortunes were given – (1) “There is travel in your future. See you in Chicago at the 56th Annual UOL Convention.” and (2) “You will travel far and wide to visit friends in Chicago at the 56th Annual UOL Convention.”

Door prize winners from the Hospitality night were also announced. Pani Matka Linda Oryhon of Endicott, NY won a free convention packet for 2003, and Betty Ann Wayewoda of Easton, PA won a Chicago baseball-style jersey.

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