UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX LEAGUE HELPS THE LESS FORTUNATE
Thanksgiving Tithing Project to Benefit
Eastern Orthodox Foundation
By Melanie Nakonachny

The delegates of the 59th Annual U.O.L. Convention reinforced the need for the organization and its membership to serve the less fortunate. They set a specific goal to sponsor at least three projects to help individuals in need. The first of these projects allows you as Ukrainian Orthodox League members and chapters, to make an impact on the individuals who reside at the Eastern Orthodox Foundation in Indiana, PA.

Since its founding in 1966, the foundation has assisted over 10,000 individuals by offering them food, clothing, shelter and additional assistance. They are dedicated to helping those who are mentally impaired, handicapped, addicted, troubled, and those who simply need a place to stay.

Chapters and individual members are being called upon to save the receipts for all expenses that they incur in preparing for Thanksgiving Day – food, tablecloths, centerpieces – and donate 10% of the amount spent to the Eastern Orthodox Foundation. Junior and Senior U.O.L. Chapters are also requested to make a donation to this worthwhile cause.

All donations should be made out to the Ukrainian Orthodox League and sent to Financial Secretary, Oleh Bilinsky, 703 Pine Ridge Road, Wallingford, PA 19086. One check will be presented to the Eastern Orthodox Foundation on behalf of all our membership.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we hope that you will take a moment to give thanks to our Lord for all that He has given us. We are called upon to feed the hungry, cloth the naked and care for the sick. The Eastern Orthodox Foundation has worked diligently to serve God and His people for 40 years. We hope you will help support such a worthy cause.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melanie Nakonachny (MelanieNak@aol.com) or Emily Kominko (cutelilcheesebal@aol.com).

JUNIOR U.O.L. GIVES $7,550.00 TO UKRAINIAN GIFT OF LIFE

A check in the amount of $7,550.00 was presented to Katherine A. Kuzma and Theodore Kurman, representatives from Ukrainian Gift of Life, Inc., by Katya Carman and Melanie Nakonachny. This generous donation resulted from a Jr. U.O.L. Fund drive, with matching funds by the Jr. U.O.L. Executive Board, and donations from the Jr. U.O.L. Convention.

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The 60th UOL Convention Yearbook will contain a very special section that will include pictures of married couples who were brought together as a result of their involvement with the Ukrainian Orthodox League.

To be included, you must submit a 3” x 3 1/2” photo (that will not be returned), maiden name, original hometown of each, date of marriage and name of church.

Forward to: 60th UOL Convention Yearbook, 206 Christopher Cir., Pittsburgh, PA 15205 (412) 276-1130

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A SPECIAL SECTION FOR SPECIAL COUPLES
**V. REV. VOLODYMRY BUKATA AWARD - 2006**

Laurel Shirk
St. John’s Jr. U.O.L. Chapter, Johnson City, NY

The Very Reverend Volodymyr Bukata Memorial Award for 2006 was presented to Laurel Shirk of the Junior Chapter in Johnson City, NY. Laurel is very active in her parish. Not only is she the past Junior UOL Chapter President, she also served as Secretary for two years. Laurel also participates in Sisterhood projects, dances in the church dance group, and plays in the Johnson City Basketball League. She attends Church School and teaches Church School. She has been a member of the Junior UOL for six years. As chapter president she made Junior UOL spirit t-shirts, organized bowling and ice-skating for the juniors and seniors, and organized many fund-raising projects. She also organized church cleaning and actively recruited Junior UOL members throughout the year.

Laurel is also active in many school organizations including the Spirit Club, Chorus, Concert Band and Honor Society. She has volunteered at Lourdes Hospital and at a Soup Kitchen.

Laurel’s chapter advisor described her as “a shining example of an Orthodox Christian showing enthusiasm for both her faith and Ukrainian culture.”

**V. REV. VOLODYMRY BUKATA AWARD – 2006**

(RUNNER-UP)

Ginny Ulbricht
Sts. Peter & Paul Jr. UOL Chapter, Youngstown, OH

The Very Reverend Volodymyr Bukata Memorial Award for 2006 was presented to Virginia (Ginny) Ulbricht of the Junior Chapter in Youngstown. Ginny has been a member of the Junior UOL for over ten years. She sings in the church choir, attends and teaches Church School. Ginny assists the Sisterhood, Senior UOL Chapter and Youth Ministry with their functions and activities.

Nationally, Ginny has attended the National Convention and Teenage Conference each year. She also served as a delegate at the first National Youth Sobor.

In school, Ginny is active in the Drama Club, Concert band, Jazz band and Marching band. She has volunteer experience with over one hundred hours of service.

The vice-president of the Junior chapter writes Ginny “leads by example, especially for the younger members of the church. Ginny shows gentle and kind leadership that exemplifies a Christian attitude and willingness to serve wherever needed.”

**JUNIOR CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD--2006**

St. John Jr. U.O.L. Chapter, Johnson City, New York

The Junior Chapter Achievement Award is presented to a Junior Chapter that has shown the greatest achievement in terms of accomplishing the aims and purposes of the UOL during the past year. This year St. John Jr. UOL Chapter in Johnson City, NY was presented with the Junior Chapter Achievement Award during the 59th Annual UOL Convention in Coatesville, PA.

The very active junior chapter members from Johnson City made many donations in the last year including $475 to Katrina Hurricane Relief and $110 to the Ukrainian Gift of Life.

The Johnson City Junior Chapter sponsored many fundraising activities including a Holiday Bake Sale, Pancake Breakfasts and weekly coffee hours. Additionally, they sponsored many social activities including bowling, ice skating and movie nights.

Most impressive was that the chapter’s projects reached out to the seniors of the parish. They made valentines and Thanksgiving gifts for shut-ins in the church. They also cleaned the church school rooms and the museum.

Their advisor writes “Our Junior Chapter continues to exemplify the importance of doing for others as shown by their numerous activities and projects. They are small in number but have accomplished a lot for their church and community.”

Jr. UOL Chapter Officers: PRESIDENT, Patrick Scannell; VICE PRESIDENT, Lauren Hatala; SECRETARY, Molly Hatala; TREASURER, Adam Hatala; REPORTERS, William Ferrante and Mikayla Klym; ADVISORS, Pam Scannell, Beth and Phil Harendza.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHNSON CITY JUNIOR U.O.L!**

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**A MESSAGE FROM MARK...**

Mark Meschisen, Jr. U.O.L. President

Glory to Jesus Christ!  Glory Forever!

I pray everyone is having a wonderful autumn season! The leaves changing colors is a reminder to start getting ready for the winter months and holiday season.

So, in preparation for the winter months, be sure your chapter is on top of all their obligations to the board. The deadline for Dues and Rosters was September 30th. Please be sure you get them in to Financial Secretary, Patrick Scannell, if you have not already. I thank those chapters who submitted theirs on time and ask those who didn’t to make haste and get them in to minimize your late fines.

Also, if your chapter has yet to send an election report form for this year, be sure it is sent to Corresponding Secretary, Natasha Halewski, as soon as possible.

The Junior U.O.L. National Executive Board held their Autumn Meeting in Johnson City, NY on the weekend of October 6-8. The meeting was held jointly with the Senior Executive Board and graciously hosted by the Senior and Junior UOL Chapters of Saint John the Baptist. We wish the Saint John’s Chapters much success in planning the 61st and 47th Conventions respectfully.

As we approach the holiday season I pray that the joint Senior/Junior Christian Caregiving and Missions Committee will have a successful Tithing Project. We will all need to help to make it truly successful. I also pray that all of your local chapter projects during the holiday season, like Saint Nicholas Day celebrations and community outreach programs are a great success.

I wish you all a blessed holiday season!

I humbly remain...

Yours In Christ,
Mark Meschisen

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**THE MEMORIAL SERVICE (PANAKHYDA)**

Published by the UOC Consistory
Prepared by Markian Komichak, Parma, OH

(South Bound Brook, NJ) The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA recently published the next in the series of Liturgical Music Books. This compilation, The Memorial Service (Panakhida) is based on the traditional Kyivan chant, as sung in most of our parishes and contains all of the responses in the order of the service. The parallel English and Ukrainian format (on facing pages) is designed to give a cantor or a group of singers the greatest amount of flexibility when singing the responses.

Years of research and analysis of previously published texts and music, in Ukrainian, Slavonic and English, was made adapting the music for ease and simplicity of usage by congregational singing or mixed choir. This edition was prepared by Markian Komichak, Musical Director of two choirs at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Parma, OH. The Memorial Service Book follows the well-received Music to the Divine Liturgy, published in 2002.

Cost of the Memorial Service Music Book is $8.00 each and the Liturgy Book is $8.00. These books may be purchased at the UOC Consistory, St. Andrews Book Store, 135 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08880, phone (732) 356-0090, or email: Consistory@uocofusa.org.

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**NEWS FROM SOUTHSIDE**

**PITTSBURGH JR. U.O.L. CHAPTER**

by Lara Haluszczak, Vice President

Glory to Jesus Christ!  Glory Forever!

Hello from Southside, Pittsburgh!

I am glad to announce our new chapter board and report on a few activities that we have had so far this year. Our new board is as follows: Alya Kocelko as PRESIDENT, Lara Haluszczak as VICE PRESIDENT, Roman Perlzidlo as SEC- RETARY, and Taylor Gladys as TREASURER.

Our chapter kicked-off the year with making Salvation Army Lunches. During each Lenten period, our chapter and parishioners, and those from the McKees Rocks and Carnegie parishes collect the supplies needed to make bag lunches. The lunches are passed out to the homeless in the Pittsburgh community.

This past Sunday we had our first chapter meeting, so look for updates to come on our future activities, including a spaghetti dinner and cabin fever dance!
CARNEGIE SR. U.O.L.
CHAPTER NEWS
St. Peter and Paul Parish, Carnegie, PA

Although the Sr. and Jr. Chapters are busy planning and preparing for the 60th UOL Convention, we’re keeping busy helping with St. Matrona’s Cookie Walk, the continued renovation of our church hall and the planning for our Annual Pysanky Sale which is our chapter’s major fund raiser. UOL members also serve in a variety of parish leadership roles.

Future UOL Members — “Starting Young”

Danielle Walewski, Ivan Hove, Kristine Rozum, Miakela Kapeluck, Demetrius Hove, Victoria Svinidle, Anna Svinidle, and Aaron Trondle

Our “pre-juniors” are already being trained for future tasks in the church and UOL. Recently Danielle and Miakela helped with preparing food for Carnegie Days. Kristie, Victoria and Anna helped decorate cookies for St. Matrona Society Cookie Walk which is scheduled for December 9th. Ivan, Demetrius and Aaron help with our Sunday 60th Convention 50:50 Raffle by picking the winning tickets, and on occasion making interesting remarks about their important role.

Autism Speaks
Sebastian’s Steamers Fund Drive—2006

Paul Onufrey, Sebastian Leis (holding the recognition plaque), and Sarah Dorning

Sue Leis and other UOL members assisted with the Autism Fund Drive, for which the Carnegie group received a recognition plaque for their efforts in raising money and participating in the Pittsburgh Autism Walk.

WALK FOR AUTISM RESEARCH
Step by step we’ll find the missing pieces

SEBASTIAN’S STEAMERS
SILVER LEVEL SUPPORTER
2006 PITTSBURGH WALK

U.O.L. ANNUAL FUND DRIVE
2005-2006

by Linda Winters, Chairperson

The Ukrainian Orthodox League would like to sincerely thank the following people for “Ensuring the UOL’s Future” by their contributions:

UOL Projects:
Walter and Nina Samijlenko (In Honor of Pani Matka Mary Ann Nakonachny), Marilyn Druash (In Memory of Nicholas Druash), V. Rev. Daniel Rohan (In Memory of Michael & Mary Ivanchak), Karen & Stephen Sheptak (In Memory of Andrew D. Kalinik), Teresa Linck (In Memory of Anna & George Tizio), Peter & Karen Konchak (In Memory of John Konchak), Sonia Otto (In Memory of Natalie Toth), Natalie Jaresko (In Memory of John Jaresko), Nikolay Shapoval (In Memory of Andrea P. Shapoval), John & Eva Meyer (In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. William Kuzbyt, Sr.), Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Meyer (In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. William Kuzbyt, Sr.), Mr. & Mrs. John Meyer, Jr. (In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. William Kuzbyt, Sr.), Anna Bellesi (In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. William Kuzbyt, Sr.), Ronald & Dorothy Smolen (In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. William Kuzbyt, Sr.), Stephanie L. Mehler (In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. William Kuzbyt, Sr.), Mary Chmiel (In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. William Kuzbyt, Sr.), Jerry & Debra Burgan (In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. William Kuzbyt, Sr.), Daria and Michael Komichak (In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. William Kuzbyt, Sr.).

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Total Donations to UOL Projects: $3,150.00

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Total Donations to LSSK: $3,725.00

MJSF Scholarship Fund:
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Total Donations to MJSF: $3,725.00

Total Donations as of May 31, 2006 $8,420.00

Your support throughout the year is vital and greatly appreciated as we strive to fulfill the League’s Mission and continue to be “Dedicated to Our Church and Devoted to Our Youth”.

[Image of people for “Ensuring the UOL’s Future”]
VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL
IN PALOS PARK
“A Great Success”

Our vision of a successful Church School Camp for 2006 has been realized, and for this we give thanks to God for all the blessings bestowed upon us as we planned and carried out this mission. A special thank-you to our teachers Janet Milton, Faith Neshew, Lilly Napamura and PM Laura Naumenko. We also express sincerest thanks to the UOL for their financial support. The camp cost about $16.00 per child. We thank Fr. Taras for his spiritual guidance and enthusiasm for all the projects, to the parents for supporting and driving their children, to Dennis Koranda and Markian Masur who participated in the camp but also helped with many activities. Most of all we thank the twenty children who participated. These children exemplify all that is the best about families that are Christ-centered. They are truly wonderful examples of what Orthodox Christianity is all about.

Participants in Palos Park Church School Camp-2006

Each day began in church with Fr. Taras serving Moleben. Many of the children participated by reading the responses. After church, the younger children had lessons on the ABSs of Orthodoxy, while others focused on the Miracles of Christ. Our lessons included Biblical references read aloud, the children colored the icons related to each miracle, and the younger children colored pictures which represented a letter in the alphabet. This was followed by a craft project. Each morning and afternoon, a snack and drink were provided by the UOL and the Bertucci family. On Thursday, due to rain, we held indoor games: twister, basketball, darts, golf, hopscotch, tic-tac-toe, four square and balls for throwing and catching. We also watched a Veggie Tale video and on Friday an animated video about Helen Keller. Fr. Taras gave an explanation of how to make Proshoras and then the children participated in making the dough and each was given dough to make his/her own. Each child painted his/her own clay flowerpot so they could plant flowers on Friday. Thursday’s activities ended with a water balloon toss and other outdoor fun. Pani Laura and Faith also did face and arm painting.

Friday’s activities included making crosses and preparing an icon of choice in a frame with the scripture verse: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son” Dr. Gayle Woloschak prepared questions and answers for a Team Challenge. During a Story Time, children chose many books from our library and read to each other. The day ended with each child choosing a sidewalk square to create something related to the church.

Many of the church school camp participants were able to stay for the Family Picnic which was sponsored by the UOL. We also conducted a small food drive with the proceeds going to a local Food Pantry. We definitely will have Church School Camp again next year.

A special thank-you to everyone.

The piñata challenge was part of the fun and games!

ALL SAINTS CHAPEL FUND DRIVE
UOL Fund to Furnish Chapel

General Fund . . . By now, you may have seen the list of individual icons and appointments included in the design of the chapel’s interior, and several have already been sponsored. However, please don’t allow this list to over-shadow the great need for donations to the fund in general, especially in these early months of our fund raising campaign.

Every donation is greatly appreciated, and will be acknowledged in the same spirit it is given . . . to the glory of God and His Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church!

Hey 2006 Campers! Have you been collecting your Chapel Change? If you have been, then your jars must be pretty full! With the holidays coming, it can be quite a temptation to “dip in” for Christmas shopping. Here’s how to avoid that problem:

1. Convert your change to a check or money order payable to “Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA.
2. Mark the memo “Chapel Change” and your encampment (TC, DCSC, etc.).
3. Mail it to: Mrs. Debra Burgan, 228 Harding Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011
4. Start filling your jar again, and remember to ask your family to help!

WE’LL KEEP TRACK OF THE DONATIONS COMING IN FROM EACH ENCAMPMENT.

Pledge Card Information: for a complete list of icons and items, or any information on the UOL Chapel Interior Fund contact: Diane Schederak, 899-792-6199, dkskenny@aol.com
Debra Burgan, 973-340-7552, deburgan@aol.com

(Provisions for this article were supported by the UOL)

Dedicated to our Church . . . Devoted to its Youth

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CMD CORNER . . .

UOL CHAFTER & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
by Daria Pishko Komichak, Chairperson

HOW DOES YOUR CHAPTER RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS?

We’d like to share your ideas with the other members of the League as to how your chapter reaches out to new members. Although the September time frame is the “kick-off” for most chapters’ membership drives since the annual dues are due on September 30th, chapter activities throughout the year should continue to outreach into our parishes to welcome new UOL members.

HERE ARE NEW AND OLD IDEAS THAT WE’D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU.

Our Parma Chapter has a potluck dinner as its annual membership drive event.

This year, the Maplewood Chapter is celebrating its 50th Anniversary, having received its charter in February 1956, with a commemorative dinner and membership drive.

WHAT ABOUT A FAMILY GAME NIGHT?

Bring board games and snacks to the church hall for an evening of Junior/ Senior camaraderie. Invite parish members and friends from outside the parish to experience a “UOL Family” event.

HOW ABOUT SPONSORING A PARISH PICNIC OR RELIGIOUS RETREAT?

We’d like to feature your chapter’s successful membership drive efforts in the coming months. I invite you to send your ideas to dapia@uol.com so that I may incorporate them into our future CMD CORNER column.

Wishing you all of God’s blessing and much success in your outreach to new UOL members . . .

JUNIORS JOINING THE SENIOR U.O.L. CONGRATULATIONS!

The UOL would like to welcome these 2006 High School Graduates to the Senior Ukrainian Orthodox League: Joe Zimmerman from St. Mary’s UOL, Allentown, PA; Aliisa Clayton, Kimberly Deli, Natalia Hlushko and Kelly Meka from St. Demetrius UOL, Carlisle, PA; David Bentley from Holy Ghost UOL, Coatesville, PA; Laurel Shirk and Chris Youmans from St. John’s UOL, Johnson City, NY; Caleb Rochelle from Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Northampton, PA; Krysten Beck, Alex Hryn, Will Martin, and Matthew Behr from Sts. Peter & Paul UOL, Palos Park, IL; Bohdana Komichak, Laryssa Kopystynsky, Becky Nasb, Max Ostropalchenko, and Ryan Smith from St. Vladimir’s UOL, Parma, OH; Matthew Bohen, Mark Ferraro, Mark McNulty, Maria Misiuk, Nicole Panasiuk, Meliana Tryprenko from St. Vladimir’s UOL, Philadelphia, PA; Jordan Gladys from St. Vladimir’s UOL, Pittsburgh, PA; Katya Carmen, Member-At-Large from Warren, NY.

The Chapter and Membership Development (“CMD”) Committee appreciates that the transition from Junior to Senior UOL can seem like a big jump at first but encourages our Senior UOL Chapters to welcome these juniors with open arms and hearts. A few suggestions for facilitating these transitions are:

• Approach these transitioning Junior UOL members and invite them personally to join your chapter. How about covering their membership dues for them while they are in school?
• Keep college students from your parish in your thoughts and prayers. Let them know you are thinking of them by sending them your Sunday Bulletin, making their addresses available so that chapter members can send them cards and letters and perhaps a care package during finals week or periodically throughout the year.

Don’t forget those in the military or away at College!

These suggestions are appropriate for members of the military or students of continuing education whether or not they are studying away from home. Knowing that their parish is thinking of them will encourage them to participate in your UOL activities as time allows.

Juniors Joining the Senior U.O.L.

CONGRATULATIONS!


PLEASE SUPPORT THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX LEAGUE’S ANNUAL DRIVE FOR THE: UOL PROJECTS, LYNN SAWCHUK/SHARON KUZBYT SCHOLARSHIP, AND METROPOLITAN JOHN SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH
AND FOSTER THE UOL’S MISSIONS

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Ukrainian Orthodox League is a national volunteer organization of members in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. who are committed to:

♦ Promoting the Orthodox Faith
♦ Supporting the goals and missions of the Church
♦ Developing the potential and active participation of our youth
♦ Preserving our Ukrainian heritage and culture

“Dedicated to Our Church—Devoted to its Youth”

DONATIONS TO UOL PROJECTS WILL BE USED FOR:

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SUPPORTING THE YOUTH COMMISSION’S ACTIVITIES WITH PRETEEN, JUNIORS AND YOUNG ADULTS.

OUTREACH THROUGH THE CHRISTIAN CARE-GIVING AND MISSIONS COMMISSION TO THE NEEDY IN OUR PARISH FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND SISTER EPARCHIES IN SOUTH AMERICA AND UKRAINE.

CONTINUATION OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION PROJECTS AND SERVICES

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DONATIONS TO THE LYNN SAWCHUK/SHARON KUZBYT SCHOLARSHIP FUND WILL:

♦ PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO CURRENT OR FMR UOL MEMBERS OR THOSE IN THEIR PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES AND COMMITTED TO THEIR FAITH.
♦ NURTURE THE FUTURE LEADERS OF OUR PARISH.
♦ ENCOURAGE YOUTH TO STRIVE TO THEIR ULTIMATE POTENTIAL AS IT BENEFITS THEIR MOTHER CHURCH AND HER LEAGUE.
♦ FOSTER THE UOL’S MOTTOS: “DEVELOPED 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.
♦ UPHOLD THE UOL’S MOTTO: “DEDICATED TO ITS CHURCH”

Please complete this form and mail to:

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RELIGION: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
by Fr. John W. Harvey
St. Michael Church, Woonsocket, RI

Q: An in-law recently visited us and deigned to come to church with us, since there was not an evangelical church of her particular flavor in our town. I just knew that she would find something to find major fault with and was surprised, when she whispered to me that a good bit of our services seemed to be properly scripturally based. When it was over though, I saw by her facial expression that she had found something to confirm her original presuppositions that Orthodox are really just pseudo-Catholics and semi-pagans. She saw an icon of St. Nicholas that apparently had little pictures around it of miracles (mostly sea rescues) that he had wrought. She also asked about the phrase, “Most Holy Theotokos, save us.” She asked if that was Jesus, and I said, “I think it is Mary.” With that “aha” exclamation I know she went home with the smug feeling that she had bested me and had shown those dumb Orthodox a thing or two. I was not equipped to give any explanation that would satisfy her. Help!

A: First thing, may I say that many of our evangelical brethren have some hardened presuppositions about us and our practices and like to lump us in with the Roman Catholics even though our approach may be completely different. Even with the most cogent explanation, with scriptural and early church references, certain things will not sway them. Saints and relics, let alone icons are beyond the comprehension of most. For our own sakes, let us get our own position straight in our minds.

Saints, whether they were martyred outright or just lived exceptionally holy lives are friends of God. Each saint exhibits Christ dwelling in him. Being such close friends with Jesus, in life and in death, we humbly ask them to intercede for us with Jesus on our behalf. It is true that some saints seem with their intercession to have almost specialities under their purview. In this century, St. Nektarios of Aegina seems to be an especially powerful intercessor when it comes to the healing of cancers and tumors. What your relative, no doubt, objects to be a common idea prevalent among Catholic laymen that praying TO a certain saints results in miracles from the saint itself. The mistaken idea being that the saint, like some god or goddess is sitting at some desk in heaven and passing out blessings or healings ON THEIR OWN. The Orthodox view would be rather that as suppliants we ask St. “X” to intercede with the Lord Jesus for a certain favor or healing. If the healing or whatever does occur, it is through that saint’s intercession and NOT that the saint himself personally is granting this boon. Do you see the subtle, but all important difference?

The phrase regarding the Theotokos that was found to be objectionable is one which can easily be misunderstood. It could be better rendered Most Holy Birthgiver of God save us (through your intercession). This is totally foreign to our understanding. For us, Mary is the Birthgiver of God (Theotokos) and by her saying “yes” to God in the Annunciation, has provided the means for God to take flesh and become man. She helped to FACILITATE our salvation, but on her own she has not wrought our saving, for only Jesus, as Son of God, could do this. Again, this is a subtle, but most telling difference! Mary, being intimately tied to Jesus through the maternal connection, is powerful as intercessor, but neither is she personally passing our salvation or healings on her own. Through her, we may claim our salvation as she intercedes for us in troubled times of our life, BUT it is Jesus, and HIM ALONE who has gained salvation for us.

You may not be able to change someone’s presuppositions with such arguments, but at least if you come to realize what your position is, you are better for it as a believer.

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UKRAINIAN MUSIC: Our Rich Cultural Heritage

Ukrainian music. You probably recognize it as soon as you hear it, either during Liturgy, at weddings, or at Christmas with the every popular “Carol of the Bells”.

The history of Ukrainian music is quite interesting. Due to the repeated version by Asian Tribes, the cultural heritage of prehistoric Ukraine is lost to posterity. In medieval times, Ukrainian music originated from two sources: Byzantium to the south and Western Europe. Priests from Byzantium introduced liturgical chants sung in the Old Bulgarian language, and eventually these chants underwent local variations into new Ukrainian melodies which survive until the present time.

Singers emerged in the 12th Century. During the reign of Yaroslav the Wise (1019-1054), choral music flourished, and by the time of the Hetmans, there were orchestras and choirs at the courts of Khmelnytskyi and Mezepaa.

The first liturgical chants were sung in unison by the entire congregation. Later, choirs were formed that sung in two or more voices. In 1566, at the fraternal schools in Liviv, singing was taught with other subjects.

Folk music played a major role in the development of Ukrainian music in general and choral music in particular. As Ukrainian folk songs were created and repeated, they often spread across the land. Folk songs contained themes from various customs, rituals and historical events. Since most of the people were illiterate, there was no written text of the words or music; folk songs were transmitted orally from generation to generation. In this way, the same song acquired versions in word and music.

It was not until the 19th Century that music folklorists published collections of folk songs. Mykola Lysenko was one of the first to use musical notations to record folk songs. Lysenko not only copied folk songs but adapted them for choruses. Also interested in the study and adaptation of Ukrainian music were foreign musicologists Peter Tchaikovsky, Ludwig von Beethoven, and Franz Liszt. Ukrainian folk songs were popular in Germany, France, and Denmark; while Schedryk has become a popular Christmas carol in America under the title of “Carol of the Bells”.

For centuries, our forefathers enjoyed and treasured their rich cultural inheritance of folk music. While visiting Ukraine several years ago, folk songs could be heard at weddings, in the home, or at any gathering of relatives and friends.

Today, in the United States we have somehow lost interest in singing folk songs, but it’s not too late to teach your children the beauty of their cultural heritage. Some of us remember how it was when we were young. A group would form on any given occasion and sing with no music, no director, and perhaps even off key, but certainly from the heart. So let’s get together at the Pittsburgh UOl Convention and sing a few of our favorites. I’ll take the high notes if you promise to help.

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(The above information was provided by The Greater Pittsburgh Convention and Visitors Bureau)

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