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UOL Retreat 2017 - Bethlehem, PA



On April 1, 2017 we were blessed that one hundred and forty eight faithful gathered in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania at the St. Francis Center for Renewal. For over a decade the Ukrainian Orthodox League has been sponsoring a Lenten Retreat in the Bethlehem area.

We were thrilled that over one hundred faithful from our Ukrainian Orthodox Church participated in the retreat. This was the highest attended retreat with extra seats needed in the chapel to accommodate our group.

This year our retreat was truly a Pan-Orthodox event with members from the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and The Orthodox Church in America.

In addition, the UOL worked with ACRY, and Fr. William George and Fr. William Bennett, clergy from the American Carpatho-Russian Diocese, led a program for children.



This year the retreat was entitled "Peace be with you all" and it focused on the Divine Liturgy. The day started with morning prayers and breakfast. The morning included direct instruction on the meaning of each element of the Divine Liturgy. We were blessed to have Fr. Anthony Perkins and Fr. Michael Danczak provide instruction about the Divine Liturgy.

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Saint Vladimir's Juniors Spring into Action! **Submitted by Natalie Swan**

Have you been wondering what the Philly Juniors have been up to? Well, wonder no more! During the Lenten Season, the juniors held a lock-in for kids ages 11-16. A few of our activities were playing "Chapter Challenge," watching Godspell, playing soccer, and attending evening prayers. Everyone who came had an awesome time and we can't wait until next year's lock-in!!!!

Next, the juniors helped to make Palm Crosses that we handed out on Palm Sunday. Using teamwork, we made over 200 crosses and had very few left over! We were also busy that day hiding over 1,000 Easter eggs for the annual Egg Hunt! Over 30 kids got to find



eggs filled with delicious candy. After the Egg Hunt occurred, we hosted our annual Salad Fest which is a major fundraiser used to send delegates to the convention and campers to DCSC and TC. This year at Salad Fest we had a least a dozen different salads ranging from Caesar salad to fruit salad.

Lastly, on Good Friday, the juniors along with the children from the church, helped to decorate Jesus' tomb with flowers. We also put together 14 baskets to be blessed and then delivered to the shut-ins of our parish. Doing all this work is tiring but fun. It also lets us know that we are helping the church and its people. We can't wait to do it all again next year!!

St. Thomas Weekend in South Bound Brook **Submitted by Michael J. Komichak**

Each year on the weekend following Pascha, the UOC of USA welcomes thousands of people to the Metropolia Center in South Bound Brook for the St. Thomas Weekend Pilgrimage. For many years, the UOL has played a central role in augmenting the resident staff to handle the large crowds during this major two-day event.

This year, the UOL crew consisted of volunteers from Holy Ascension Maplewood, St. Demetrius Carteret, St. Vladimir Philadelphia, St. Nicholas Troy, and Sts. Peter and Paul Youngstown. The volunteers endured chilly temperatures and a light but persistent rain on Saturday while performing their duties; thankfully Sunday brought milder weather. Over the weekend,



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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT John Holowko



Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Khrystu!

The June edition has arrived, and with that, one last opportunity for me to test myself to see if I can write something that draws your attention.

I recently had a conversation with one of my sons (pick one) and hope he forgives me for touching on part of it—don't tell him or them, as I doubt he or they read Dad's article, anyway. Relationship issues was the topic and I was trying to provide some useful advice that he might listen to. I asked him what was important to him, without judgement—were their two sets of values aligned or were they in conflict? With much hindsight, I told him that they needed to be on the "same page" with respect to what they consider the important things in life to be. I provided him some questions, such as the importance he places on his Faith and other things you might expect. He, in turn, asked me the same question. To my surprise, while he knew Church life was one important part of me, I don't think he realized how important and personal I consider my Faith to be to me. I went on to elaborate and explain some things and he said to me that he never heard me describe it in such a fashion. It was a great conversation, one that I will cherish—but made me realize that I fell short in demonstrating or discussing it sufficiently, previously. I bring this up for two reasons: (1) surprisingly, serving as President has made me so more conscious of the very thing that I hold so dear, thank you for that; and (2) it has also helped me crystallize the distinction of our Faith vs. the League and its role, the very mantle on which the League is built upon. It made me realize, moreover, that it is not enough for us as a League to say we serve as a bridge between parishes or are dedicated to the Church. Friendships change, people and structures change, our Faith, however, should not. Without a strong anchor in our Faith, and opportunities for education in our Faith or for it to manifest itself in worship, kindness, deeds and compassion, the other items can simply fall off, with at times little noticeable impact - in the short term that is.

One of the best things I did this past year was to attend several Lenten retreats. People wanted that pause, people wanted spiritual peace, people wanted to learn, people wanted to know why and people wanted to build relationships with our Sister Churches of our common Faith. From a Spiritual perspective, I believe we, in several ways, are on the right path. In addition, I recently attended the Metropolitan Council Meeting and again, I walked away with some optimism. New mission parishes are being formed such as in California, Tennessee and Wisconsin. For those that are engaged, clergy and laity, and truly wanting to make things better for others, many people right in your own parish need help, thank you.

With great sadness, we pray for the soul of Father William George of ACROD, our Sister Church. Father William was kind enough to help us with our Bethlehem Retreat this past year. He will be missed; may his Memory be Eternal!

We also pray for the healthy recovery of **V. Rev. Bazyl Zawierucha** of our Northampton, PA. parish. "Fr. Baz" has served our Church in so many valuable ways. We need you, please be well!

Reminders:

* It's June. I hope you and your Parishes strongly consider sending your children to All Saints Camp (ASC), even if it is just for a week, or a short visit as a family to see what it can offer you;

* You have been asked to archive your local UOL history. I do hope you have been working on it, along with helping your own parish archive its own history—it's due! All questions, scans, pictures can be directed to our Church Archivist, Dr. Michael Andrec. He needs your information as soon as possible;

* Are you trying to send your Youth to the Convention? Seriously; the Juniors, like the Seniors, are making changes to the overall platform of how it is run in order for it to be more spiritually rewarding for them, with their specific needs in mind. I attended the most recent meeting in Allentown—they have great ideas! I also had the added benefit of learning what a Geofilter was (look it up).

* Do you have "Parish Champions" to help your Churches benefit from the undertakings of the Strategic Plan. The Plan is not something we should all be waiting around for to be completed—it is a process with improvements and

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UOL CONVENTION

Rhode Island, Home Away from Home

July 26-30, 2017

“Discover Beautiful Rhode Island,” Rhode Island, “The Ocean State,” Rhode Island, the thirteenth, of the original thirteen colonies, and Rhode Island, Home of the 70th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention!

What a great slogan! We at Saint Michael UOC in Woonsocket, Rhode Island cannot wait to showcase our great state during our upcoming convention. We have been busy making plans for speakers, meetings, church services and fun! We have taken on the challenge to “be bold” and have come up with some ideas that we hope will carry into future conventions!

We have structured this convention to be “all inclusive,” so you can spend more time with family and friends without having to leave the campus of our convention. Daily breakfasts are included, so that you can enjoy your breakfast without the hassle of running around trying to find a restaurant, or wondering if you’ll make it to your meeting on time. Our breakfasts will then work themselves into a working meeting, where you will be able to finish without rushing, while the meetings start.

What else can you expect? Well, at Wednesday’s hospitality hour, be prepared to sample some of RI’s specialties. From coffee milk to calamari, there will be something to please all that attend. And did we mention the camaraderie? There’ll be plenty!!

Thursday morning will start with Divine Liturgy, followed by a delicious brunch buffet. We will head to a full day of meetings before boarding the bus (or taking your cars) to Woonsocket, to visit our temple. We are still in the reconditioning process, but oh, how far we have come! After our visit, we will travel a very short distance to The Village Haven Restaurant where we will be able to feast on family style chicken, in true Rhode Island fashion. Dietary restrictions? Please let us know... we can accommodate! Our dinner will be accompanied by a family friendly pirate themed show, so be prepared Matey! You don’t know what you may find....

When we return to our hotel, there will be a special hospitality night geared toward our Juniors. All are encouraged to attend, but the venue will be a popcorn bar with soft drinks.

Friday brings another busy day. Following our working breakfast and meeting, we will adjourn early and grab a “to go” bagged lunch. Boarding our buses, we will be heading to Newport today, home of the Vanderbilts, among many other socialite families. Driving over the Newport bridge, you will get a great view of the harbors and boats of the rich and famous. A drive along Ocean Drive will then give a beautiful insight into why we love Rhode Island. And our drive will continue on to Bellevue Avenue, where many of the mansions still exist today.

We will tour the Breakers and then be bused to Thames Street where there will be time to shop for many beautiful Rhode Island souvenirs in the quaint section of town. With full bags, we again board our buses to cross the Newport bridge and will be brought to Fort Getty (check our Facebook page) for a traditional Rhode island clambake. Chowder, steamers, lobster and more, we promise you will not leave hungry! We will be treated to some Island Time Steel Drum (pans) music, and maybe even dance to a steel drum polka! Play some beach volleyball or take a walk along the beach. You might even want to wet your toes. After the evening’s festivities have ended, we’ll head back over the Jamestown bridge to our Warwick Hotel, where the National UOL will host the hospitality evening.

Saturday will conclude the days of meetings, and also add a work session to help at. The Woonsocket chapter has chosen to fill backpacks and donate them to a local agency to distribute to less fortunate children before they start school in the fall. Woonsocket’s chapter reminds all chapters to please hold a fund raiser to help defray the cost of items for the backpacks. You can send your fund raiser proceeds to St. Michael UOL. We will purchase the items for the packs to ensure that all items are alike. Time for a short rest, or a dip in the pool before getting ready for our banquet tonight. In addition to our welcomes from church dignitaries, you will be able to dance the night away with music from Brass Attack, RI’s premier dance band. Yes, there will also be Ukrainian music to polka away to.

Sunday will take us to our St. Michael church where Liturgy will be served, followed by a brunch in the parish hall. It will then be time for goodbyes and looking ahead to Convention ’18!

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Orest Mahlay



Glory to Jesus Christ!

I greet you with the Great Feast of Pentecost!

May the Holy Spirit enlighten us and grant us the strength to work for God’s glory and the benefit of His Holy Church.

Gratitude is extended to Father Anthony Perkins and the faithful of Pokrova / Saint Mary parish in Allentown, PA for hosting our spring meeting for the Junior Executive Board during the month of May. We thank you for your warm hospitality and are happy to have prayed together as a community.

As we approach the annual convention, the Junior UOL is continuing to collect for the Great Lent Giveaway, which this year is helping *Zoe for Life*, an organization that offers services to women in crisis pregnancies. Mothers are offered emotional, medical and material help (clothing, baby furniture, food, toys, etc.) and as well women are helped to find other resources and necessities through partnering institutions. Sophia Dobronos (smdobronos@aol.com / 216-789-4129) is coordinating this effort in cooperation with the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (uocyouth@aol.com). We hope that everyone is able to contribute to this important charitable cause.

The Junior UOL raffle tickets are also on sale now. Tickets were distributed by the liaisons and will be collected by the drawing at the Convention in July. Please send all of your tickets and payments to our Vice President, Erica Holowko. If you need more tickets or have any questions feel free to contact Erica at eholowko105@aol.com. We would also like to remind everyone about the Pysh Travel Grant that is available to the chapters. This grant helps cover the costs of traveling to the Convention in July. Please consider applying for this grant so that you can join us for this special gathering. Feel free to contact me for more information.

The Convention will also see some changes in format, and the Junior UOL will see future changes in its operations. This year we will be hosting more Junior-centered activities, leadership exercises, and spiritually-guided events, as well as activities that foster fellowship and unity among the youth. We hope to see new faces at the Convention, joining those that have participated in the past.

Please feel free to contact me at orest.mahlay@gmail.com or at my number (440) 829-5873. Let me know how I can help with the youth at your parish.

Yours in Christ,
Orest Mahlay

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50th Anniversary Pysanky Sale

Submitted by Christine Mills



The day, April 9, 2017, started with 1,700 Pysanky and specialty decorated eggs for sale at 11:00 AM for the 50th year on Western Palm Sunday. Barely 200 of the cherished Pysanky and specialty eggs remained at 4:00 PM, the end of the sale. The eggs are displayed and as each customer comes through the door, they receive a specialized seller for assistance. At the beginning of the sale, people are wall to wall looking at the eggs and waiting for their turn. For our 50th year, we had some extra special items for our customers. Starting last year, people could purchase a chocolate bar to win a “golden ticket” for special items at the sale. The 50th customer through the door received a free pysanka! We even had decorated pysanky cookies at the bake sale, yes, we know our pysanky! One of the most important special features was a “50th Anniversary Commemorative Book” which discussed our history and provides some of our own design patterns.

An event started in 1967, by a group of St. Peter & St. Paul, Carnegie Sr. UOL members, has expanded and lasted 50 years! Beverly Kapeluck brought the



idea to the Sr. UOL Chapter as a project to help raise funds for different items needed at the parish all those years ago. Proceeds from the Pysanky Sale have always been used towards projects or items for the parish. “A portion of the proceeds from the egg sale has always been used for the betterment of our parish. Just a percentage of the projects paid for from the egg sale were the new altar, the stained glass window of St. Olga (our very first project), refinishing of the domes, renovation of the downstairs hall, new curtains for the stage, and new lighting and flooring for the upstairs hall to become a gym for our youth. 75% of the operating budget of the Sr. UOL Chapter comes from the pysanky sale.” (50th Anniversary Commemorative Book)

Everyone would meet in homes on Friday evenings and write pysanky as a group and make them in their homes for the pysanky sale. Chapter members would go to various local malls and events to sell the pysanky and to begin spreading the word of the beautiful cultural tradition. Once you were old enough to hold a crayon, you were taught how to hold and use a kiska! So seriously, when some of the people from Carnegie say “I have been making pysanky all my life,” it is a true statement! But, the most important feature of the pysanky sale after all this time is the fellowship and memories. Whether it has been from writing pysanky in homes, the church hall, selling in malls, the big sale day, workshops or the challenges to expand and keep the event going with changing times, everyone wants to be together and work for the betterment of the parish.

The pysanka, while it had its beginning in pagan times, evolved its symbols into religious meanings. The writing of pysanky has been handed down for generations. As the founders of the Pysanka Sale learned how to write pysanky, they taught their children, the parish children were taught and families were soon making pysanky together. The tradition was being passed down. The

Sr. UOL Chapter Pysanky Sale volunteers took the concept and expanded it by going out and teaching others (via demonstrations and workshops) the beauty, meaning and tradition of the Ukrainian Pysanky. Today, we have a base of places where we conduct workshops yearly. Our own workshop is conducted at the parish, and we have now expanded to have advanced classes and two workshops on the same day. We continue to spread the tradition, word and faith through our Ukrainian Pysanky writing. A new concept was presented to us this year; a reporter took videos during our workshops and put together a short but beautiful video about our workshop and the sale which they posted on their website. (<https://theincline.com/2017/04/08/why-one->



pittsburgh-church-makes-1500-pysanky-eggs/) The amount of views of the video was breathtakingly unimaginable! Even a simple magazine article posted on Facebook drew the attention of many pysanky admirers (<http://www.northhillsmoonthly.com/2017/04/02/138285/pysanky-easter-eggs-preserving-a-tradition-and-a-culture>) as well as our own Facebook posts. Where there used to be newspaper articles and pictures to advertise the sale, these “social media and internet posts” are the new outlets used to continue the tradition, informing the public of workshops and the sale. Even after 50 years, we still had people saying, “Wow, never heard of this before, and you have been doing this for 50 years?!”

The Pysanky Sale, always held on Western Palm Sunday, has expanded to include other church organizations, making the event a “Parish Family Event.” The Church School sponsors a Basket Raffle that was started to help fund sending children to the summer church camp programs. We had a record basket participation of 48 baskets this year! Every church organization contributes to the day. The kielbasa and butter lamb sales were conducted by Church Ministries this year, keeping the tradition going, while our current youth is too young for a Jr. UOL. The St. Matrona’s Ladies Society sells nut rolls and this year released the 2nd edition of their cookbook in honor of the 50th anniversary of the sale. The day would be incomplete without the food preparation and running the kitchen and Paska sales by the Kitchen Workers.

Don’t worry, we do not lose sight of our faith during the event. A display table with Orthodox brochures is available and Fr. Steve Repa provides church tours and explanations and insights. For the history buffs, our Parish Historical Museum exhibit is open for viewing and the Museum Committee sponsors a Cultural Sales table that also provides religious literature for purchase. The



event holds something for everyone, even if you don’t make the pysanka egg!

We started writing pysanky in January this year, the Christmas decorations were still up and carols were still being sung, but it was a special year and everyone wanted to get busy. Our pysanky writer numbers are smaller than they were years ago, so the few of us have to work smarter and help each other out. Those who outline better, outline the eggs; some take the wax off at the end and help dye the eggs, some help varnish and so on; these are just some of the challenges we face to meet the demands of the sale with our small but strong and dedicated pysanky writers. While we are together, various

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Following lunch, the group was inspired by the words of Fr. Perkins as he focused on how we are called to live as Orthodox Christians.

Later in the afternoon we had three groups. Fr. Taras Naumenko led the first group where participants learned the Tones from the Ukrainian tradition. Fr. Peter Paproski led the second group where participants learned the Tones from the Carpatho-Russian tradition.

Our third group was for the Juniors and our Juniors participated in a Bible scavenger hunt where they looked for clues from the Bible and enjoyed the



beautiful grounds at the retreat center to find the items. We were overjoyed to have a large group of Juniors attend the retreat.

We had two question and answer sessions. One was led by Fr. Anthony, Fr. Michael and Fr. Peter. A second question and answer session was held for our Juniors and Fr. Taras led that group.

We joined together as one family for Vespers. This glorious and spiritually uplifting day ended with dinner at the retreat center. Thank you to our speakers, Fr. Anthony Perkins, Fr. Michael Danczak, Fr. Taras Naumenko, Fr. William Bennett and Fr. Peter Paproski. Soon after the retreat we received the very sad news that Fr. William George passed away. Please keep Fr. William of blessed memory and his family in your prayers.



(Carnegie Pysanky - Continued from page 4)

talks and discussions are held, music is played or even the Penguins hockey game (but that can be a little dangerous for the pysanka). "Hey, where is the sheet?" A sheet has always been put out to track the number of pysanky made by writers and was a common phrase this year. We were so eager to get busy, once the eggs were out, away we went until someone would say, "Hey, where is the sheet?" Then we would all look at each other and go, oh boy....and start counting out how many eggs we were working on. We are not going to know how many pysanky we have made to fill in the "Pysankometer!" The Mayor of Carnegie gave the church a proclamation for the day in honor of our 50th sale in service to the community. Not only is it a proclamation for the community service, but a proclamation for everyone, *each individual*, who receives something or gives something, each time they make a pysanky in their own unique way. As the legend says, while pysanky are being made, evil will be kept at bay, so hopefully, St. Peter & St. Paul in Carnegie will be making pysanky for many years to come!



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"Declare among the nations, His works"—Psalm 104:1

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<input type="checkbox"/> Jr. Delegate / Guest	\$275
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For unregistered guests wishing to attend individual events, a limited number of single tickets are available.

Thursday- July 27, 2017

Brunch Only \$45
 Dinner/Show Village Haven \$65

Brunch and Dinner/Show Village Haven \$100

Friday- July 28, 2017

Boxed lunch from hotel, bus trip to Newport, Mansion tour, shopping and bus to Jamestown Fort Getty/Clambake dinner and return bus trip to back to hotel \$110
 Clambake dinner only \$75

Saturday- July 29, 2017

Breakfast \$25
 Lunch \$25
 Banquet \$75
 Banquet children's meal \$25

Sunday- July 30, 2017

Brunch at St. Michael's \$25

For individual tickets or questions contact Janice
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the UOL volunteers processed nearly 1000 cars to collect \$4880 in parking fees, which is used by the UOC of USA to defray the considerable expense of hosting such a large event. The volunteers also raised over \$2100 from the sale of commemorative ribbons and from general donations, which will benefit the UOL's Seminary Van Fund. This amount brings the total raised thus far for the



Van Fund to nearly 40% of our \$16,000 goal.

On Saturday, the St. Sophia UOL chapter hosted its annual Meet the Seminarians picnic. UOL members from Maplewood and Philadelphia brought some desserts and side dishes to add to

the grilled hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the Seminary. New on the menu this year was "chicken shashlik" expertly grilled in an outdoor pit by the Seminarian "chefs" themselves. Donations received from attendees at the picnic came to an amazing \$1330!

After the picnic, many hands made quick work of attaching safety pins to about 2000 ribbons in preparation for next year. Sincere thanks to all the hard-working UOL volunteers who made this year's St. Thomas Weekend Pilgrimage such a success. By the way, if you would like to help next year just send an email to sts@uolnj.org and let us know!



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benefits being implemented and derived along the way at a local level. Are your Councils and Parishes becoming more Pastoral? Actively serving others? Effectively preaching and educating others? Should you really be waiting? And for those that say we can't do it, or are simply complaining about the Consistory and the like, and are unable or unwilling to have constructive, direct and compassionate dialogue, your negativity or passive aggressive nature hurts; you need to be open to change and to discuss it because it is not only about you. Engage with a humble heart and ask, how do we....? Are you acting on God's plans to give us a future?

Our Convention is less than two months away in Rhode Island- please read our articles about it. **June 15th** is the cutoff date for your significant savings on the "all inclusive" package. We will continue to work hard for us to unite as one family and to walk away feeling better than before we arrived, seniors and juniors. Secularism is challenging for us all. Our Keynote topic will focus on this directly and expand on it, as we would like to bring all of you further spiritual growth, time to enjoy the local surroundings, and to align ourselves in an efficient manner with the League's goals for a Spiritually uplifting upcoming year.

One last note. Next year's convention will run concurrently with the 100th celebration in South Bound Brook starting on Wednesday night—two events run simultaneously while complementing each other. Friday evening, "Ukrainian night" planning is already under way. With all that in mind and with the blessing of our Hierarchs the Overarching Convention Theme will be from **Jeremiah 29:11**; For I know the plans I have for you, "declares the LORD," plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Thank you again, for everything.
 Yours in Christ,
 John Holowko

Carnegie Sr. UOL Chapter – FOCUS Pittsburgh

Submitted by Christine Mills

On April 27, 2017, members of the St. Peter and St. Paul Sr. UOL Chapter in Carnegie, PA visited the facilities of one of the most respected ministries in the Pittsburgh area, FOCUS Pittsburgh. FOCUS Pittsburgh is an Orthodox ministry in the Pittsburgh Hill District, run by director Fr. Paul Abernathy. During 2016, the Sr. UOL Chapter conducted \$5 Luncheons during coffee hour, of which the proceeds were collected to benefit FOCUS Pittsburgh. The Chapter members presented Fr. Abernathy with a donation of \$1,500 and



Michael Kapeluck presented an icon he had written. Fr. Paul was greatly appreciative of the donations and our visit, and eager to provide us with a tour and information about the FOCUS ministry.



Fr. Paul Abernathy stated they are now also a Mission Parish, St. Moses, and he was able to hold Easter Services and he also conducts services daily. During the past year, \$1 million of goods/services passed through their doors for those in need in the community. While food and clothing are the main items provided (Troy Polamalu provides a pizza lunch for the ministry on Fridays!), other services are now being offered such as health, dental and behavioral care.

A “back pack” feeding program started a number of years ago for children on weekends, and has grown from 50 to 2,900. FOCUS Pittsburgh is also starting to help with Employment Relief and Counseling. A capital campaign drive will be starting soon to help begin fundraising to renovate a new bigger site just down the street. For more information about this dynamic Orthodox ministry visit their website <https://focuspghcommunications.wordpress.com/>.

St. Peter & St. Paul Parish have supported FOCUS Pittsburgh for a number of years in various ways by donations of vacuum cleaners, clothing and food for their meal programs throughout the year.

Centennial Celebration 2018 - The UOL's Role

Submitted by John Holowko

The formal and official celebration of 100 years of the UOC of USA will take place on July 28, 2018 at the Metropolia Center. This will be supplemented by other celebrations during the fall of 2018 in different locations across the country. Your Parishes have received requests from the Consistory on this -just ask.

This past convention we discussed and agreed together that all our Chapters take a leading role in the Ukrainian Church records project. This includes the history of your local chapters and the history of your local Church. You need to aim to get this done by the beginning of this summer! Is it on your agenda? What is your plan? Only you know.

We need you to compile, organize, scan pictures, and write narratives about your UOL Chapter History. Recently your Parishes received instructions from the Consistory on this very matter. It will all be published together as part of the celebration.

At our National Cultural Center in South Bound Brook the UOL has an Archives room - many drawers filled with folders and papers—our goal will be to save this information digitally and to make sure this history is preserved properly. At some point, the actual information will properly be displayed in our Ukrainian Historical and Education Center. You need to do the same— **not because we ask you to - but for purposes of remembering and knowing our history - whether it be League or Parish.**

The Nashi Predky project will help you at a local and national level preserve that history digitally, but maybe you can also do something locally that preserves and educates you and your current parishioners about the history of Your Church, visually or in written form. With respect to organizing your records and efficient archiving at the Historical and Education Center contact them at <https://www.ukrhec.org/contact> or 732-356-0132

**Praying Our Way Together
Through the Apostles' Lent 2017**

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God the Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.” (1Thes3:12-13)



Take the Challenge!

Join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ as we read the Prologue from Ohrid, by St. Nickolai Velimirovic, including hagiographies, hymns, reflections, and homilies.

What: Reading from a daily calendar about lives of saints
Where: Wherever you may be with your device
When: June 19, 2017 – July 11, 2017 – Monday through Friday, anytime, at your convenience
Why: “The saints are cleansed mirrors in which the beauty and might of the majestic person of Christ is seen.” (Bishop Velimirovic)

If you would like to take this challenge, please email your name, address, phone number, parish name, and parish address to Janice Meschisen at Bridesong150@gmail.com and more information will be sent to you.

Please Sign up by May 26, 2017!

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Metropolitan Constantine

July 29, 1936-May 21, 2012

The UOL remembers our Beloved

Metropolitan Constantine

Falling Asleep

in the Lord just Five Years Ago.

May his Memory be Eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

If you are in need of financial assistance to attend the Annual Jr. UOL Convention in Woonsocket, RI, the Pysh Travel Grant is here to help! A maximum of \$300 may be awarded in 3 grants per year to either a group or individual applicants. Simply complete the application sent to your chapter, or contact Orest Mahlay (orest.mahlay@gmail.com) for an additional application.

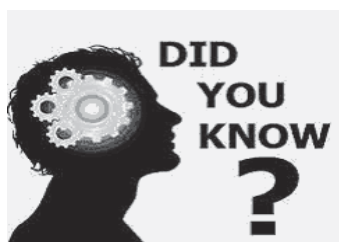
The deadline for applications is June 15th 2017.

Family Fest 2017

Looking for a fun and relaxing way to spend your Labor Day weekend? Hoping to reunite with some old camp friends, and also make some new ones? Come to All Saints Camp in Emlenton, Pennsylvania! You can stop by for a day, or stay for the whole weekend. This free weekend will be held from Friday, September 1 - Monday, September 4, 2017. If you are planning on attending, or have additional questions, please contact Cathy Bucharew at (717)303-8651 cbucharew@gmail.com, or Eric Senedak at (412)390-8261 emsenedak@gmail.com.

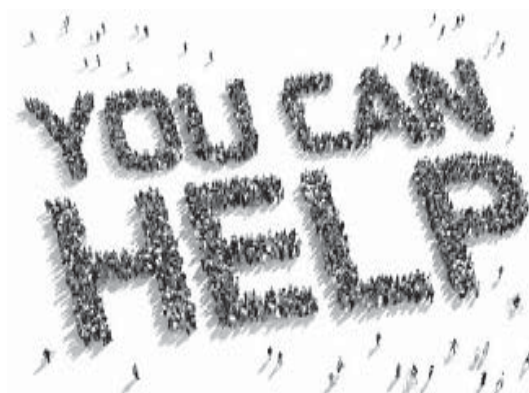
*Please be advised that everyone under the age of 18 needs to be accompanied by a parent or guardian while at Family Fest.

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that this year's convention packet cost includes **every meal-is thus all inclusive-** those extra meal costs eliminated this year.

Take advantage of the Pre-registration date and save; **June 15** it ends.



Years ago, everyone wanted to be on the UOL Board. If you believe the UOL is important and you want to help or make changes, we ask you to **consider coming to the Convention and running for a position.** People engaged for the right reasons can change

things, make things better and inspire people. When you are at that Convention fill out that nominee form.

We want and need ideas!

UOL TRIBUTES

UOL Tribute

A donation to the Tribute Fund is an acknowledgment of a Milestone, Memorial, or Accomplishment, or is a Special Recognition of an individual or group. Your much-appreciated contribution is used to support and further the Mission of the Ukrainian Orthodox League.

All donations are published in the UOL Bulletin.

Donor	Occasion/Tribute
Lesky Family	In loving memory of our sister, Julie Cholowski from brother Joe, sisters Catherine (Shaffer) and Helen (Maslankowski). Memory Eternal!

Have you been wanting to honor or thank someone special? The tribute fund is the ideal way to honor someone or commemorate a special event! It is very easy to submit a Tribute. Don't put it off -- send your tribute today!!

To submit your Tribute: Submit a card that includes your Name and Address, the Name of the Person to Receive the Tribute, the occasion of the Tribute (for example In Memory or To Honor), and the Name and Address of the person to whom an acknowledgement card should be sent. For a contribution of \$20 or more, the name and occasion is printed in the UOL Bulletin.

UOL Tributes should be submitted to:
Natalie Bilynsky 703 Pine Ridge Road
Media, PA 19063.
Please make check payable to Ukrainian Orthodox League.

Would you like us to visit in 2019?

Prior to our summer months, talk amongst your chapter members-can you host a convention? It is much work —but so rewarding in so many ways for the parish family! You will get the help you need. Interested? Ask questions! Make a bid at this year's convention!



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