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**UOL CONVENTION 2010
Maplewood, New Jersey**

63rd Annual UOL Convention Maplewood, New Jersey

Senior and Junior UOL delegates and guests gathered in Morristown, New Jersey for the 63rd Annual UOL Convention. The Convention, planned by the Senior and Junior UOL Chapters of Holy Ascension, Maplewood, New Jersey, was a huge success both in terms of business sessions and in planned activities. Typically the Convention is a time to review the accomplishments of the past year and to make plans for the upcoming year. This year the Convention Body set a different plan with a target of setting goals for the next decade. This task, aptly named "the 2020 Vision," is described in a separate article that outlines the accomplishments of the committees. In addition to the business sessions, the UOL Convention is a great way to rekindle friendships and to make new ones.

On Wednesday, July 28, 2010, both the Senior and Junior National Executive Boards held their pre-convention meetings. Registration was opened on Wednesday and coordinated by John Holowko. Throughout the Convention the Registration room was wonderfully helpful with directions and suggestions for restaurants, and was always welcoming. The cultural room, combined with registration, allowed for individuals to see wonderful items such as the fantastic cultural contest entries and to participate in a raffle for beautifully decorated baskets. The committee also had a full display of graphic designs that depicted the Holodomor, the Great Famine in Ukraine.

The first official event of the Convention was evening prayers led by His Eminence Archbishop Antony. Following evening prayers, everyone joined the Maplewood Chapter in the hospitality room. The hospitality room was crowded with UOL members catching up with old friends.

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"2020 Vision" at this Year's UOL Convention Submitted by Michael Komichak

The business sessions at the 63rd Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention held in Morristown, New Jersey during the last week of July 2010 took a new approach in planning for the League's future. The Convention delegates assembled in small strategy groups to discuss the UOL's strengths and weaknesses, and used this as input to describe an organizational vision for the UOL. In accordance with that vision, delegates discussed goals for the UOL to pursue over the next decade. Each strategy group presented its findings to the full Convention body, and the common themes were synthesized by consensus into a general strategic direction for the League.

The articulation of a fully developed strategic plan for an organization such as the UOL is a difficult and time-consuming task, one that is beyond the scope of any single Convention. Using the collective wisdom of the delegates as expressed at this Convention, and with the continuing guidance of the Holy Spirit, the UOL National Executive Board (NEB) will build upon the foundation laid at this year's Convention and develop such a strategic plan over time.

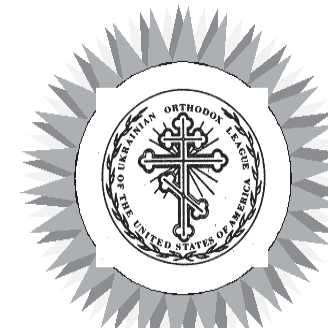
The vision discussed at this year's Convention provides a direction for the future that underscores the need for growth, progress, and improvement rather than simply maintenance of the status quo. Based upon an outline adopted by the Convention delegates, and in accordance with the UOL mission statement from the UOL Handbook, the "2020 Vision" for the UOL can be stated as:

"The Ukrainian Orthodox League (UOL) is a national organization of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC) of the USA with local chapters in every parish and to which most parishioners choose to belong. The League actively supports the clergy of the UOC of USA in fulfilling their role as our spiritual leaders. The UOL nurtures the spiritual lives of our members through Christ-centered educational and social activities that promote faith, fellowship, and fun. Being acutely aware of our responsibility to future generations, the League places special emphasis on developing the God-given potential of our youth within the context of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. The UOL is the center of competence for training current and future lay leaders of the

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Start making plans for the 64th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention

hosted by the Sr. and Jr. UOL Chapters of the
St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral
Philadelphia, PA
July 27-31, 2011



Come celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL!

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SENIOR CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Senior Chapter Achievement Award is presented to the Senior Chapter that has shown the greatest achievement in terms of accomplishing the aims and goals of the UOL during a one-year period of time. At the Convention President Oleh Bilynsky presented the Senior Chapter Achievement Award to the St. John the Baptist Senior UOL Chapter of Johnson City, New York.

This year's Chapter Achievement Award recipients have worked tirelessly both for Our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the UOL. Just a few of the chapter's many projects included: sponsoring a local Lenten Retreat, hosting a Father's Day breakfast, volunteering at a soup kitchen, honoring their parish veterans, holding an Orphanage Awareness Sunday, visiting shut-ins on Thanksgiving Day, caroling to shut-ins, collecting books for a jail ministry, hosting an Agape meal after Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, and sponsoring a pot-luck meal and discussion group on confession. Chapter members also actively participated in all aspects of Church life, and served as, among other things, parish board officers, church schoolteachers, altar servers and readers, Ukrainian Festival chairs and choir members.



The Chapter's main focus is on Missions and Care Giving, and as such they try to do as many activities as they can in order to reach out to those in need, in their parish, in their local community and beyond. They also try to organize activities within their parish that bring their parish members together as a parish family for fun, fellowship and prayer, and in line with that, they have always supported their Jr. UOL with as many projects as they can.

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UOL of USA and its parishes. The UOL is the lay interface to the other canonical Orthodox through our selfless service to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and by our support for the Church's work and its many charitable initiatives. The UOL and its members continually pray for God's blessings on our Church and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the conduct of all of our endeavors."

It is my opinion, that the UOL currently falls short of this vision. By setting goals, by choosing appropriate ways, and by applying the necessary resources to achieve those goals, this is a vision that the UOL hopes to realize over the next decade.

With this vision in mind, the Convention delegates began the process of establishing goals for the League. Based on the ideas generated by the Convention body, by the year 2020 the UOL will:

- *Establish a strong UOL chapter or UOL presence in every parish of the UOL of USA
- *Develop and implement programs to train effective, Christ-centered lay leaders of the UOL of USA and her parishes
- *Support our Hierarchs and clergy by continuing to nurture, promote and fund vocations, as well as provide assistance to those who choose to serve our Holy Orthodox Church

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Martha X Misko



It is with great pleasure and humility that I greet you as the newly elected President of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA. The VISION FOR 2020 that was set forth by the 2010 Convention Body in Morristown (Maplewood), NJ, has presented to all of us a necessary, daunting, and, yet, exciting path toward growth and stability for our Church and our UOL.

The Fall meeting of the Senior and Junior UOL National Executive Boards is being scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2010, in Northampton, PA. At this meeting the Senior Executive Board will be defining, prioritizing, and preparing strategies for the VISION FOR 2020, as well as laying the plans to continue the support of the UOL's successful projects.

The following appointments to Commissions and Committees have been made and approved to ensure that the UOL will accomplish its goals for the coming year:

Junior UOL Adviser	Alexis Oryhon
Christian Care-giving and Missions	Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny
Vocations and Clergy Support	Pani Matka Linda Oryhon
Youth	Oleh Bilynsky
Education	Tabitha Houck
Ways and Means	Pam Scannell, Natalie Bilynsky
UOL Bulletin Editor	Natalie Bilynsky
Awards	Martha Misko
Constitution/Handbook	Natalie Bilynsky
Membership	Pam Scannell
Public Relations	John Meschisen
UOL Archives	Emil Skocypec
All Saints Camp Delegate	Eric Senedak
LSSK Scholarships	Daria Pishko Komichak

Much appreciation must be given to the Senior and Junior UOL Chapters of Holy Ascension Parish in Maplewood, NJ, for hosting an outstanding 63rd Annual Convention. All the spiritual, business, and social events were well-planned, up-lifting, and very enjoyable! Congratulations to Convention Co-Chairs Michael Komichak and Aleksandra Hucul, Spiritual Advisor Father Oleh Hucul, the Convention Committee, and everyone from Maplewood who contributed to the Convention's success!

Congratulations are also extended to the 2010-2011 Junior UOL National Executive Board headed by re-elected President Taylor Gladys and Spiritual Advisor Father Anthony Perkins. The Junior UOL has always been enthusiastic about working for the well-being of itself and our Church. I know that this year's Junior UOL will be no exception.

I remain yours in Christ,
Martha X. Misko
President

2010-2011 Jr. UOL Chapter Membership Dues and Chapter Rosters Submitted by Gregory Markiw

The annual membership dues payments and roster forms have been mailed out to all Jr. UOL Chapter Presidents, Sr. Advisors and Spiritual Advisors. The deadline date for both forms is September 30, 2010. The chapter and membership dues are the same as they were last year. Annual chapter dues are \$60.00 per chapter and membership dues are \$5.00 for each member of your chapter.

These forms should be returned to Financial Secretary, Greg Markiw promptly. Chapters that turn in late forms will be assessed a late fee of \$1.00 a day with a maximum of \$15.00 per month. Some chapters like to include their Chapter Project Donation at this time too.

Please make your checks payable to: *'The Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA'*.

Each chapter is also asked to return a current chapter roster. It is very important that all the information on these chapter rosters be completely filled in and accurate.

Contact Financial Secretary, Greg Markiw at 412-221-5045 or marq2036@verizon.net if you have any questions.

Philadelphia UOL Convention 2011

July 27-31, 2011

Believe it or not, it is almost ten years since you last attended a UOL Convention in Philadelphia. Yes, St. Vladimir's Philadelphia is on the ten year Convention plan (1991, 2001, 2011). Part of our strategy is that it takes us ten years to think of ways to top our last Convention.

So, it is time for you to start thinking about your return to the City of Brotherly Love! Some things might seem a little like déjà vu. Yes, Mark Bohan and Lynn Szafranski are once again tag-teaming as your Convention Co-Chairs.



They did such a good job last time – we decided the job was theirs ten years later.

We will be staying in the heart of Philadelphia, on Broad Street at the Double Tree Hotel, a beautiful hotel in center city that is easily accessible to all of the tourist and travel attractions of Philadelphia. Just steps away from theaters and art centers, and walking distance from all of the historic areas of Philadelphia.

On Thursday night we are planning a wonderful Night at the Museum, where we will be going to the Franklin Institute (the science museum of Philadelphia). As part of your package you will be able to see the wonderful exhibits and even walk through a human heart.

You might remember the 2001 Convention Talent Show and David Letterman hosting the Late Show – well, we are taking it up a notch. On Friday evening Philadelphia is going Hollywood! Yes, we will be hosting the first ever UOL Academy Awards – The Oscar's. Well, it is really Oscar's Ukrainian cousin – Ostap. We will have all of the highlights associated with the Academy Awards. Come early and see if your handprints and footprints fit those of UOL celebrities. Come and see the UOL walk of fame with stars for famous UOLers! We will have the red carpet with paparazzi! And it wouldn't be an Award show without the pre-show red carpet hosted by our own Joan Reechka (river in Ukrainian). We will have Ostaps for a variety of categories including best UOL Competition, Best UOL Chaperone and Most Prepared UOL Convention Host. The highlight, however, will be the naming of best Varenyky/Pierogies. Yes, it has been talked about for many Conventions, but finally your chapter could have the bragging rights for best pierogies and an Ostap to show for it. We will have more details about entering in the next UOL Bulletin.



On Saturday we will celebrate the accomplishments of the UOL at the Annual Banquet and Ball. The evening will be in the beautiful DoubleTree banquet room with a delicious dinner and wonderful dancing.

Additionally, as you know from the multiple ads in the UOL Bulletin, Philadelphia will be the host of the 50th Junior UOL Convention and is planning a reunion event. Our hope is to get representation from all Junior Boards to come to our convention. We are planning special events for the reunion and are collecting pictures, addresses and e-mails to plan a huge reunion. It is hard to believe that the Juniors are turning 50 – but Philadelphia is the best place in the world to celebrate the Junior UOL's 50th birthday. If you would like to assist in the planning of the reunion, have pictures or just want to be sure to be part of the mailing list – please contact Natalie Bilynsky (nsufler@aol.com) or Andrea Karbiwnyk Swan (aps6@comcast.net).

For more details about the Philadelphia Convention 2011 – turn to this spot in the next UOL Bulletin. We can't wait to see you in Philly!



NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT Taylor Gladys

Glory to Jesus Christ!

It is truly my distinguished honor to represent the Jr. Ukrainian Orthodox League as National Executive Board President again. I love serving the League and the Church, and I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all of those who attended UOL functions in the past year. It is when we work together that we can achieve success, and I feel that we have done just that. In addition, I look forward to working with everyone again.

The Annual Convention in Maplewood, New Jersey was an extravagant event. Thank you to the UOL Chapters of the parish, and especially Mr. Michael Komichak and Ms. Aleksandra Hucul for their hard work and preparation for this event. Everything, from Church, to business sessions, to evening events was absolutely wonderful and I would like to commend the 2010 Convention Committee on their diligent work.

Congratulations to Lesia Mahlay, this year's only graduating senior from the National Executive Board. Working with you this past year was truly a pleasure, and I would like to thank you for always going above and beyond in all of the work you completed for the League. Good luck in college; you will be in our prayers!

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Father Anthony Perkins and Melanie Nakonachny. Being Advisors to the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League is not an easy job, and you both offered your service in sincerity and love. Thank you for all you have done for us this year, and your dedication will not be forgotten. You will always be in our prayers!

Lastly, I would like to extend a special "thank you" to Ethan Rock and Jessica Roach. Being on the Board with you was a wonderful experience, and I really appreciated all of the time, effort, and dedication you put in to fulfilling your duties. May God bless you and guide through all of your coming successes and endeavors.

Now, it is my distinct honor to introduce the Junior National Executive Board for the 2010-2011 year:

Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Fr. Anthony Perkins of Woonsocket, RI
Senior Advisor: Ms. Alexis Oryhon of Johnson City, NY
President: Taylor Gladys of Pittsburgh, PA
Vice President: Julian Burgan of Pittsburgh, PA
Recording Secretary: Josh Bourgerly of Woonsocket, RI
Corresponding Secretary: Katie Zimmerman of Allentown, PA
Financial Secretary: Greg Markiw of Carnegie, PA
Treasurer: Nicholas Holowko of Maplewood, NJ

The new Board members are already hard at work and looking forward to all they can accomplish in the coming year. I am confident that we have an extremely productive year ahead of us, as we commence our work for the Glory of God.

At our first "post-convention" meeting in Maplewood, the Board members were assigned a list of liaison chapters and committees. These are as follows: Taylor Gladys: *Pittsburgh, PA, Johnson City, NY; Pysh Travel Grant Committee*

Julian Burgan: *Palos Park, IL, Parma, OH, Southfield, MI; Christian Care Giving/ Missions (GLG) Committee*

Josh Bourgerly: *Boston, MA, New Britain, CT, Woonsocket, RI; Membership & Chapter Development Committee*

Katie Zimmerman: *Allentown, PA, Coatesville, PA, Northampton, PA; Yearbook, Website Committee*

Greg Markiw: *Carnegie, PA, Youngstown, OH; Culture/ Education Committee*

Nicholas Holowko: *Carteret, NJ, Maplewood, NJ, Philadelphia, PA; Fundraising (Raffle) Committee*

The first official meeting of the new Board has been set for October 2, 2010 in Northampton, Pennsylvania, in conjunction with the Senior National Executive Board. Please feel free at any time to contact us with comments or questions!

***Attention Junior Chapters: please don't forget that roster forms, chapter dues, and membership dues should be mailed in by September 30! All of these items may be sent to Greg Markiw (Financial Secretary). All chapters should be receiving further instruction about these forms in the mail soon.

I pray for yet another fun, productive, and successful year and that God may bless us and grant us all that we need to move forward for His Church and the Jr. Ukrainian Orthodox League.

Yours In Christ,
Taylor Gladys

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Thursday morning His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine, along with His Eminence Archbishop Antony and His Grace Bishop Daniel co-celebrated Divine Liturgy. The chapel was large and beautifully adorned. The choir led by Markian Komichak sang like angels.



Following Divine Liturgy, all members joined for a full brunch including both breakfast and lunch items. That afternoon the



Convention business sessions started with President Oleh Bilynsky calling the 63rd Annual Convention to order. The pledge of allegiance was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. All UOL members participated in a moment of silence in honor of UOL members of Blessed Memory. Business sessions were opened with greetings by President Oleh Bilynsky, Junior UOL President Taylor Gladys, Spiritual Advisor Fr. Hucul and Convention Co-Chairpersons Mickey Komichak and Aleksandra Hucul. Also, His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine addressed the joint Senior and Junior Sessions.



Each group had a spokesperson who reported to the larger group. The smaller groups were also asked to identify a vision for 2020, a plan of where the UOL should be in ten years.

As part of the Business sessions, the Convention body also approved the 62nd Annual UOL Convention Minutes, reviewed the Annual Report for 2009-2010, and the Audit Report, and reviewed and approved the Financial Report for 2009-2010 that also included the acceptance of a 2010-2011 Budget. During the sessions the new UOL brochures were handed out to all members. The color UOL Brochure is available in both English and Ukrainian. Copies of the brochure are available to all chapters.

During sessions President Oleh Bilynsky presented Protodeacon Ihor Mahlay, President of St. Andrew's Society, with a check for over \$2,000 to the St. Andrew's Society, for soup kitchens in Ukraine. These funds were raised as part of the UOL's Souper Bowl Sunday fund-raising project.

A highlight of the Convention was Michael Nakonachny's SOS (Save Our Structures) campaign for All Saints Camp. He spoke eloquently about the need for funds to make improvements and renovations within cabins. Each delegate was provided a color brochure that outlined items and funds needed for the repairs. After the presentation many Convention delegates sponsored cabins and buildings at All Saints Camp.



Pre-Teen activities were coordinated by Kira Haluszczak Senedak. The pre-teens participated in projects that focused on learning more about Orthodoxy. The pre-teens were a wonderful group who participated in all evening events, dancing and enjoying the festivities of the Convention. The pre-teens also prepared a lovely birthday gift for his Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine.



On Thursday evening the entire delegation boarded buses to New York City.



The bus ride to New York City was filled with singing. Ukrainian songs are a wonderful way to enjoy an hour ride through New York City rush hour traffic. Pani Matka Steliac and the young adults from Maplewood led the singing and it was amazing how many songs

they knew. The bus ride was really worth it. The views of New York City from the boat were amazing. The skyline and the Statue of Liberty provided beautiful backdrops for pictures. The weather was warm and the views were a once in a life-time



experience. While on the cruise we enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner. Those who braved the swaying of the boat also danced, however, most enjoyed the ride, enjoying the views and wonderful friends.

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Friday sessions continued with the presentation of reports and a highly competitive chapter challenge competition, where junior teams competed answering questions about our faith. Their

knowledge of our faith was impressive. The most valuable player, however, was clearly Orest Mahlay, who answered a difficult question without having the multiple choice options. When he had brought victory to his team, he thanked his Sunday School teachers and All Saints Camp for teaching him.

An enthusiastic presentation was made by the Philadelphia UOL Chapter for the 2011 Convention. Mark Bohan, convention co-chairperson, spoke to delegates and guests about the plans for the Convention and played a video presentation that highlighted the attractions of Philadelphia and the plans for each night. Philadelphia had a large group attending the Convention and made it clear that next year will be a wonderful Convention.



Sessions started winding down with the election of officers, those individuals challenged to fulfill the goals set at this UOL Convention. The Officers of the Senior UOL Executive Board – 2010-2011:

- President- Martha Misko, Northampton, PA
 - First VP- Alexis Oryhon, Johnson City, New Jersey
 - Second VP- Emil Skocypiec, South Bound Brook, NJ
 - Recording Secretary- Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny, Parma, OH
 - Corresponding Secretary- Tabitha Houck, Coatesville, PA
 - Treasurer- Oleh Bilynsky, Philadelphia, PA
 - Financial Secretary- Pam Scannell, Johnson City, NY
 - Auditor- Eric Senedak, Pittsburgh, PA
- His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine appointed Very Rev. Myron Oryhon as Spiritual Advisor. Additionally, the Editor of the UOL BULLETIN will remain Natalie Bilynsky.

- Junior UOL Executive Board – 2010-2011:
- President- Taylor Gladys, Pittsburgh, PA
 - Vice President- Julian Borgan, Pittsburgh, PA
 - Recording Secretary- Joshua Bourgery, Woonsocket, RI
 - Corresponding Secretary- Katie Zimmerman, Allentown, PA
 - Financial Secretary- Gregory Markiw, Carnegie PA
 - Treasurer- Nicholas Holowko, Maplewood, NJ
- His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine appointed Rev. Anthony Perkins as Spiritual Advisor to the Junior Board.

Sessions ended late afternoon on Friday, leaving the evening for celebration. Friday night was a fun filled Ukrainian Vechornytsia where UOLers both young and old learned Carpathian dances. One could summarize the instruction as line dancing Ukrainian style. The dance floor was full all night with everyone learning how to dance.



Dinner that night also reflected the Ukrainian theme with varenyky and other delicious items.

Later that evening, everyone joined a fantastic Hospitality Night sponsored by the Philadelphia Senior and Junior Chapters. Always the life of the party, the Philly crowd was quite entertaining, with lively conversation and a delicious menu. The main attraction was a Philadelphia soft pretzel in the shape of "Philly 2011." With



no sessions the next day, everyone enjoyed a fun, but late evening in the Hospitality room.

Saturday morning started with morning prayers. The free day allowed time for Convention delegates and guests to go to new York City. Some went to the Ukrainian Village and Museum. Others went to the Bible Museum and saw an exhibit with icons from Ukraine. Others toured historic Morristown, New Jersey seeing historic forts and buildings. Others relaxed at the pool or went shopping at a local mall.



Saturday evening was elegant and inspiring.

Mickey Komichak served as Master of Ceremony. President Oleh Bilynsky spoke and presented Senior Awards, including Chapter of the Year to Johnson City, New York and the Father Hallick-Holutiak Award to Andrea Karbiwnyk Swan (for a full description of the award winners please see pages 2 and 6). As part of the banquet Junior



UOL President Taylor Gladys presented the Junior Chapter of the Year to Woonsocket, RI. LSSK scholarships were presented to Lesia Mahlay, Anastasia Markiw, Daria Gapon and Olenka Zharsky (Junior award winners and LSSK winners will be highlighted in the next issue of the UOL Bulletin).



Once the banquet was complete everyone enjoyed a night of dancing. The band, Hrim, wowed the crowd with an extensive repertoire including both Ukrainian and American music. The dancers, however, wowed the band with an excellent Hopak and a full dance floor the whole night.

On Sunday morning everyone gathered at Holy Ascension Church in Maplewood to greet our Hierarchs, His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine, His Eminence Archbishop Antony and His Grace Bishop Daniel. UOL



Executive Board Officers and Parish representatives also greeted the Hierarchs

with the traditional bread and salt. At the conclusion of the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy the officers of the National Executive Senior and Junior Boards took their oath of office. Following Divine Liturgy, everyone was invited to a delicious banquet at the parish hall. Inspired



and strengthened by the Convention, UOLers said their goodbyes.

The Maplewood Chapter and Parish are to be commended for a fantastic Convention. Special thanks to Mickey Komichak and Aleksandra Hucul, Convention Chairpersons, and Spiritual



Advisor Fr. Oleh Hucul for all of their hard work. If you missed this year's Convention, it is not too early to start making plans for 2011. We look forward to seeing you at the Convention in Philadelphia!

2010 Very Reverend Protopresbyter Stephen Hallick-Holutiak Award Winner Andrea Karbiwnyk Swan



The Very Reverend Protopresbyter Stephen Hallick-Holutiak Senior UOL Recognition Award was presented to Andrea Karbiwnyk Swan of St. Vladimir, Philadelphia, PA. This year the presentation of the award was quite emotional, as President Oleh Bilynsky read words written

by Father Frank Estocin of blessed memory. The words written in honor of parishioner Andrea Karbiwnyk Swan were: "The parish family of St. Vladimir, which I have the honor to serve, has many God-given treasures, men and women of faith, whose very lives proclaim the message of the Gospel and the glory of God. One of these treasures is Andrea Karbiwnyk Swan, a spiritual daughter of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and this Holy Parish whom the undersigned highly recommends for this year's Senior UOL Recognition Award. In all that she does, from the most humble of services to that of joining the choir in responding to the Liturgy, Andrea accomplishes with a sense of spiritual nobility, which enhances the lives of others in the parish family. In all of her services, Andrea allows Christ to work through her for the edification of us, who are called to oneness in Christ in this holy parish family. Personally, I count it a blessing to work with Andrea in matters, which pertain to the parish and UOL Chapter and wholeheartedly recommend that she be seriously considered for this year's Senior UOL Recognition Award."

The Chapter Vice President wrote, "Andrea is the backbone of our chapter and parish. She frequently serves as the chairperson for an event and when she is not the chairperson she works tirelessly to support the chairperson. She is actively involved in all aspects of parish life, serves on the parish board, is a Sunday School Teacher, and a member of the choir. If there is a project at our parish or in the chapter she is always there. In terms of the chapter, Andrea was active as a junior and continued through her young adult years into adulthood. She is now raising her young daughter to be in the church. In one event that Andrea chairs, our summer Thursday evenings at the parish, a member found a newsletter from forty years ago that mentioned that little Andrea was mascot for the dinner, watching the food preparation. While we enjoyed the description in the article about Little Andrea Karbiwnyk, it exemplifies her life in the church. Her participation has remained constant since she was a young child serving as a mascot until now as an adult and parent (whose child's life is centered around the church). She is a shining example for her daughter and for everyone in our parish.

There is not a parish or chapter event that she does not participate in. When the chapter goes caroling to visit the elderly she is there with cookies in hand. When the chapter sponsors a bake sale, she is there. For the Malanka she is the first to come and help set up and there until the end for clean-up. Not only does she help with every event she takes more responsibility than most. She participates in every activity from start to finish. She is the most likely to purchase supplies for the event and the most likely to take the kitchen towels home to wash. While her work is an example of how much she does for the chapter, perhaps even greater is that she does everything with a smile, always. She is one of the most genuinely nice people I know. She is kind, generous, and thoughtful. She is truly an example of Christ's love and a wonderful role model for every member of the UOL." Congratulations to Andrea Karbiwnyk Swan!

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- *Become the guiding force in establishing a new pan-Orthodox organization
- *Create and continue to sponsor activities that incorporate Faith, Fellowship, and Fun
- *Develop opportunities to encourage more active participation and contribution by all members in our chapters, parishes and communities according to their God-given talents
- *Conduct Christian outreach programs for education, evangelization, and service and for humanitarian assistance to our parishes and communities

These goals are a step in the right direction, but much remains to be done to produce a well-defined and sound strategic plan for the next ten years. The UOL NEB will take these and other ideas from the Convention to develop near-term plans that support the ten-year vision. Throughout this process, but especially in the period leading up to the next UOL NEB meeting this October, the UOL NEB welcomes your comments, suggestions, and prayers. Please visit www.uol.orthodoxws.com and share your comments and ideas on this developing plan to the e-mail address under the "Contact" tab. We all pray for God's continued blessing on these efforts so that the UOL can continue to do His work for generations to come.

Palos Park Church Summer Camp 2010 Submitted by Janet Milton & PM Lara Naumenko

Wednesday, June 23 began with heavy rain as our 22 campers arrived under their umbrellas. After everyone's arrival we hurried into church under our umbrellas, of course, to join Father Taras in a short service in which our students also participated. We also sang "Many Happy Years" to Gregory Rolando celebrating his birthday at camp. Back in the hall, we began our theme of iconography with a wonderful book entitled, What is an Icon? Many of our students shared where they have an icon corner in their home and/or also the icons they have in their rooms. We followed this discussion about icons with



a project in which they painted an icon of their own with help from our teenage helpers. They turned out beautifully, and were blessed in church. As this project was completed, students worked on a couple of floor puzzles. Our second project

of the day was making necklaces and backpack pulls. By this time everyone was ravenous, and so we all sat down and enjoyed lunch together. After lunch we had a relay race with four teams trying to balance an egg (not real) on a spoon. Team 1 was the winner. We then went back into church and continued our icon project by counting how many icons are in our church. We kept our 4 teams and



divided up the church with each team being responsible for their section. Teams reported back, and we tallied the results. On our way back to the hall, we enjoyed an active game of dodge ball (the rain was gone, and the sun was out). We ended the day with a Veggie Tale video. As parents came to pick up their children, the success of the day was measured by a first time camper, Jorianne Zvonek, who came crying to her mom saying, "I don't want to go home." Everyone left with a decorated helium balloon and lots of great memories.

On the second day of camp the sky opened up and sun was brightly shining. We began our day with an opening prayer following by completing the icon project that the children worked so hard on. We also learned and rehearsed a new song. After the rehearsal we boarded vehicles for the annual field trip. This year's destination – Southwest Animal Farm! Very few knew that this beautiful treasure is just around the corner from our church. This was a wonderful hands-on experience. The tour guide did a great job explaining about animals and farm life. This spring was a very special time for the farm because they had dozens of newborn animals – ducklings, pigs, calves, sheep, bunnies... All were very adorable and the children had the pleasure to hold and pat them all! Following the farm tour we hopped on a hayrack ride and although it was very bumpy (the kids loved it) we took a ride around the farm and we even spotted a hawk above us. Upon return to church we completed the day with a "Veggie Tail" movie, outdoor games, ice cream and the yearly tradition of getting Fr. Taras drenched in the annual water balloon toss.

We would like to thank our 5 teenagers for their extraordinary help with the children: Alyssa and Amber Rak, Emily Mihalkanin, Veronica and Christina Koranda. You were GREAT!!! We thank Lori Zvonek, Pat Ciapinski and Carol Redmerski for helping with rides. Most of all we thank Janet Milton for her unconditional love, dedication and wonderful ideas.

Parma Chapter Honors Graduates Submitted by Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny

On Sunday, June 6th, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Parma, Ohio honored its parish high school and college graduates. In conjunction with the



end of the school year, the parish clergy celebrated the Divine Liturgy with a sermon directed to the youth of the parish. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, graduates were presented with copies of the Orthodox Study Bible as a gift from the Senior U.O.L. Chapter.

Graduates honored this year were Lesia Mahlay and Alex Grossman.

Victims of Genocide Commemorated in Woonsocket, RI Submitted by Erika I. Namaka

On Friday, May 21, 2010, St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Woonsocket, RI hosted an evening commemoration for the victims of the Holodomor, Ukraine's genocide. Although the official date of commemoration of the Holodomor in Ukraine takes place in November, this horrific event in the history of our ancestors is relatively unknown in the United States, and bringing awareness will take more than limiting ourselves to one day per year to really make their memory eternal.

The evening began in our church for a Panakhida memorial service which was concelebrated by our pastor, Fr. Anthony Perkins and the pastor of our neighboring church, Msgr. Roman Golemba of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic



Church. Present at the service were members of both Ukrainian parishes of Woonsocket. It is always a blessing to have opportunities, such as this one, that bring together in worship and remembrance members of both Ukrainian churches of our community. As well as

commemorating the victims of the Holodomor we also remembered on this night the victims of other similar atrocities, such as the Armenian Genocide and the Jewish Holocaust.

For many, the highlight of the night was having our special guest, Prof. Cheryl Madden, present her lecture "Holodomor: Facts then and now." For her research, in particular her work completed for the Shevchenko Society of an annotated bibliography of English resources on the Holodomor, Prof. Madden was recently awarded the Order of Princess Olha by Ukraine's former president Viktor Yushchenko. This special award was personally presented to Prof. Madden by Mrs. Katerina Yuschenko in 2008. The Order of Princess Olha is Ukraine's highest civilian award that can be given to a woman. Prof. Madden's lecture, which included statistics, graphs, maps and quotations from personal testimonies as well as grim visuals, lasted for about one hour. The talk was followed by a series of questions and answers. Having in attendance members of the Greater Boston Committee to Commemorate the Holodomor, as well as members and officials from the Boston branch of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, provided for lively discussion about the potential for further research on the Holodomor and how best to educate future generations on the topic. Members of our Senior UOL and our Lady Sodality graciously provided refreshments for the event.



Prof. Madden returned to Woonsocket on Friday, June 25, 2010, for an interview conducted by Fr. Anthony for his podcast *Orthoanalytika*. To listen to this podcast, *Orthoanalytika* can be accessed via iTunes, or by visiting our parish website www.stmichaeluoc.org and clicking on the link to "Homilies" and accessing the page for July 4, 2010.

Ukrainian Technological Society of Pittsburgh 2009 UKRAINIAN OF THE YEAR DR. STEPHEN SIVULICH

The Ukrainian Technological Society is honored to present the Ukrainian of the Year Award to Dr. Stephen Sivulich, who has distinguished himself by a lifetime of service to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, and by professional accomplishments in teaching, authorship, and administration in the field of higher education.



Stephen Sivulich was born in Dixonville, PA, seventy-three years ago, the second of ten children, to parents of Ukrainian ancestry. The family later moved to Sharon, PA, where he grew up and learned independence and the value of hard work. He served as an acolyte at Saint John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Sharon for nine years; he was a dancer and later an instructor in the parish-sponsored Ukrainian Dance Group.

After service in the U.S. Army, he attended Mount Union College in Alliance, OH, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business and Economics. He began his professional career with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in its merchandise office, and later, he was a college and professional recruiter for Goodyear Aerospace Corporation.

He then attended Kent State University where he earned the Master of Arts Degree in Sociology. During his studies, he was employed as Director of the University's Office of Student Conduct Programs. The Kent State/Ohio National Guard tragedy occurred at this time. He wrote "Lessons from Kent State University – After 30 Years, We Can Still Learn from Kent State" which was published in the Chronicle of Higher Education in 2000. He has also published six other articles on topics related to college students. He earned a Doctor of Education degree in Education Administration from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. During his professional career in higher education, he has held administrative or teaching positions at the University of Pittsburgh, West Virginia University, Chatham College, LaRoche College, Duquesne University, Community College of Allegheny County, Lehigh University, Kent State University, the Lehigh County Community College, William Paterson College, DeSales University, and Allentown (PA) College of Saint Francis de Sales.



Shortly after graduating from Mount Union College, he began his lifelong association with the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA (laity organization), serving on its National Executive Board from 1962 to 2005 in the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Auditor, Chairman of Fund Raising, and Chairman of Archives. He served as Chairman of the Fund Drive that led to the purchase of the former YMCA camp in Emlenton, PA, now All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church Camp. He founded the Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt Memorial Scholarship for college students who are members of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League. He has served as editor of the national UOL Bulletin publication. Since 1998, he has served as Director, Office of Development, of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, charged with fund raising for the \$7 million Education and History Complex at the church headquarters in South Bound Brook, NJ. He has been recognized for his work with the Orthodox of the Year Award in 1973, and the Distinguished National Service Award in 2000, both by the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA.

Locally, he serves as President of the Church Board of Directors at Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, in Carnegie, PA, where he also supervises (and works along side of) the kitchen workers (bakers and pierogie pinchers), and directs the Thursday Senior Coffee Hour. He weekly visits home bound members of his church, and assists in the Salvation Army Bag Lunch Program, a parish mission project. He was the Flood Restoration Coordinator for the parish, which sustained \$500,000 in damages from the September, 2004 flood in Carnegie, PA. He currently serves as President of the Saints Peter and Paul Senior Ukrainian Orthodox League Chapter, which sponsors the Annual Pysanky (Easter Egg) Sale, which introduces many Americans to this traditional Ukrainian cultural art.

The Ukrainian Technological Society is honored to present the 2009 Ukrainian of the Year to Dr. Stephen Sivulich in recognition of his professional accomplishments, his contributions to the perpetuation of Ukrainian heritage, and his humanitarian achievements.

All Saints Camp S.O.S. Campaign Improving Our Camp One Building at a Time

The Save Our Structures Campaign (S.O.S.) is a program established by our All Saints Camp committee to ensure the continued maintenance and improvement of all the buildings that make up our beautiful camp complex.

The camp was first purchased 32 years ago, under the leadership of the dedicated clergy and laity of Western Pennsylvania, our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. and the Ukrainian Orthodox League. Since then, the work of fundraising and maintaining the camp and its buildings has been done by a few dedicated individuals – people who have given most generously of their time and money. Times have changed. Many of our older volunteers are no longer able to help. And everyone's busy lives have further cut into the number of volunteers willing to devote their time and energy to the upkeep of the camp.

The camp committee has embarked on a plan to obtain both financial and physical support to not only maintain, but improve All Saints Camp and its facilities. The committee is reaching out to all parishes of the entire Diocese of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and its members, urging them to undertake the maintenance and upkeep of individual structures.

Both material and physical help are needed. One hope is that parishes and organizations will work to raise the funds necessary, as well as arrange for "work weekends" when everyone can spend time at the camp making the necessary improvements. Parishes that are a distance from the camp can participate by being sponsors.

Members of the camp committee are willing to make presentations to individual parishes and to meet and speak to anyone who is willing to assist with this program. For more information, please contact Michael Nakonachny at 440.503.3151 or SOS@allsaintscamp.org with any questions. May God bless you for your assistance!

All Saints Camp Work Weekend

WANTED:

A few good men, women and children to participate in a work weekend at All Saints Camp in Emlenton, PA

September 24-26, 2010.

Work to be done:

- *Cleaning
- *Electrical work
- *Grounds maintenance
- *and much more
- *Cooking for the workers
- *Painting
- *Plumbing

If you plan on participating in this work weekend please R.S.V.P. so that we can anticipate your arrival. For more information about this weekend or to arrange a future work weekend for your parish or group please contact: Michael Nakonachny (440) 503-3151 info@allsaintscamp.org



The Junior UOL is turning 50!
We will be celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the Junior UOL Convention at the UOL Convention in Philadelphia in 2011!

To begin our preparations we are looking for the addresses of all Junior Executive Board Members and former Junior UOL Members.

Please e-mail addresses and phone numbers to nsufler@aol.com or send to Natalie Bilynsky 703 Pine Ridge Road Wallingford, PA 19086

Save the date July 27 to July 31, 2011

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Contributor	Occasion
Pani Matka Irene Estocin	Thank you Emil and Shirley Skocypec! Thank you for all the special care and concern during Fr. Frank's funeral.
Irene Nestor	In loving memory of my dear mother Anna Deskevich. Vichnaya Pamyat! Memory Eternal!
Dori, Stephen, Michael and Lynn Nemeth	In honor of Michael and Olga Hryshchyn's 55th Wedding Anniversary! Mnohaya Lita!
Carol Bentley	In honor of Walter and Lillian Maskula. Thank you for your dedication and generosity to the Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Holy Ghost's Senior UOL Chapter.
Phil and Beth Harendza	In honor of Bill and Julie Sadowitz. Thank you for your passion and energy for the League. May we keep this passion always.
Carol Bentley	In honor of Janet Gbur for your dedication to the goals of the UOL.
Mickey and Daria (Pishko) Komichak	In memory of George Shaffer. Vichnaya Pamyat!
Kay Lesky Shaffer	In loving memory of my husband George. May his memory be eternal!

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