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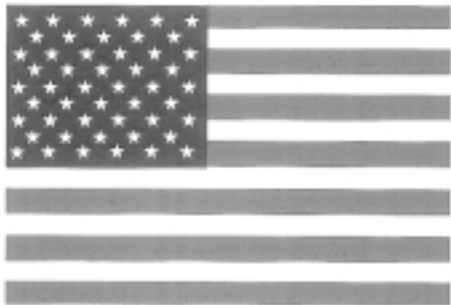
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*In Memory of “9-11”
We Will Never Forget!*



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

“Reflections on 9-11”

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

(Written by members of Sts. Peter and Paul Jr. UOL, Palos Park, IL,
First Place Winner, UOL Creative Arts Contest – 2002)

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN *Daria A. Pishko*



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

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

end we all will feel most accomplished.

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

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

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

Following the opening sessions, the convention attendees were treated to a Hospitality Night reception hosted by the St. Andrew's UOL Chapter. They truly outdid themselves by providing a grand assortment of appetizers, drinks and snacks. No one went back to their room hungry, in fact— I even witnessed a few taking a bag "to go"! I send my compliments to the Hospitality Room Committee for such a grand showing.



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



We feasted on a luxurious brunch and continued our business sessions in the afternoon. Thursday evening, we boarded our buses to visit the USS Constitution, the oldest commissioned battleship in the US fleet. (See Len — we really were paying attention!) We all took a tour of the ship for a look-see and a brief history lesson and then proceeded to the Commander's Club to enjoy a New England style buffet. Plenty of "chow-da", steamed mussels and cornbread. That was just to tie you over until dinner — which was a full buffet followed by a "make-your-

own" ice cream sundae bar. The DJ and door prizes added a lot to the evening.

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



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



Saturday morning began with the celebration of the beautiful Akathist Hymn to Our Lady of Pochiav. Following the Akathist Hymn, we settled down once again to be challenged by thoughts of Father Joshua. His down to earth demeanor and powerful faith work together to motivate each of us to follow our calling to set an Orthodox Christian example for others to follow. We were inspired by his words and many stayed around following his presentation for questions and additional feedback. We are thankful that Father Joshua journeyed to Boston to be with us and pray that he is successful in his mission to organize our faithful in the Carolinas.



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



On Sunday, the final day of the 55th Annual Convention, God blessed us with cool weather and sun shining skies. We celebrated a beautiful Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the St. Andrew's Parish in Jamaica Plains, Massachusetts.



As we approached the banquet table to share the Eucharist that Sunday, I reflected on how fortunate we are to be able to share this experience together each year. Each of us, young and old, new friends and old, left that Parish that day with a renewed spirit, fortified and ready to carry out our motto "Dedicated to its Church - Devoted to its Youth" for one more year. Let's all join together to ensure that the 56th year is even more successful than that last. Let the light of Christ that illumines our hearts guide us throughout the year.



Until next month, I remain,
Yours in Christ's love,
Daria A. Pishko

The UOL Wants You!

JR. UOL PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Anya Priester

Glory to Jesus Christ!



The newly elected Junior National Board is looking forward to a great, productive year. With two returning officers and four officers who are new to the national board, we have a great amount of geographic variety that will serve us well. Our six new officers are from many different parishes: As president, I am from Boston, MA; Vice President, Alex Korda, is from Palos Park, IL; Treasurer, Alex Brzyski, is from Philadelphia, PA, Financial Secretary, Natalie Beck is also from Palos Park; Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Bowman is from Charlottesville, VA; and Corresponding Secretary, Colleen Scannell, is from Johnson City, NY. Not only will we be able to more easily keep in contact with chapters all around the country, but we will also be holding meetings in different places. It was exciting to see that fifteen convention delegates decided to run for national office, and this promises an enthusiastic future for the Junior League.

The Convention in Boston this year was very successful for juniors. With 68 junior delegates in attendance, our committees had great discussions and presented interesting and thoughtful ideas for the upcoming year. There were many great ideas especially relating to religious education for teens, communication, and fundraising. The junior delegates seemed to really enjoy their time in Boston, and I would like to thank the Boston Committee for a fantastic week. There were all sorts of great activities for the evenings and free time such as visiting the U.S.S. Constitution, attending a theater production, walking around Quincy Market, and the banquet and ball!

I am very pleased with the success of the Travel Grant that last year's board established with a portion of the donation that Mr. Wasyl Pysh presented to the Junior League. Two of the three grants that were awarded this year brought delegates to the convention who ran for national office. This identifies the success of the Travel Grant, as it helped delegates to attend the convention and they added greatly to the enthusiasm and success of the Jr. UOL.

I would like to thank the four outgoing board members; John Meschisen, Megan Beck, Andrew Sadoway, and Evhen Kondratiuk, for all their dedication to the League, and wish them the best of luck with school next year.

Anya Priester
Jr. UOL President

MONESSEN SR. UOL CHAPTER NEWS

"After 47 Years—Still Going Strong!"

The Monessen Sr. UOL Chapter sponsored a luncheon on June 30th in the social hall at St. Nicholas Church. The event, planned as a surprise to honor Fr. Victor Trotskyj, church pastor, was attended by all parishioners.

Helen Proch, chapter secretary, announced the purpose of the gathering and spoke of the many admirable qualities of Fr. Victor in his service at St. Nicholas parish during the past three years. In appreciation, Charlotte Grimsley, UOL president, presented Fr. Victor with a monetary gift from the chapter. The parishioners honored Father with the singing of Mnohaya Lita, praying for his good health for many many years.

Rose Saksun, who has served as Treasurer of the UOL Chapter for 35 consecutive years, was also honored. The chapter received its charter in 1955 and has remained active for all 47 years. Although members elected for the offices of president, vice president, and secretary, have changed over the years, the exception has been Rose Saksun as treasurer. She has been dedicated, conscientious and helpful in her service. Rose was given a monetary gift by President Charlotte in appreciation of her longstanding efforts. Everyone applauded her service and wished her "Many Blessed Years".

Helen Proch, Secretary

ALICE SIVULICH HONORED

The UOL Executive Board recognized Alice (Bilewicz) Sivulich with its highest award for sustained service on the national level at the 55th Annual Convention held in Boston, MA, July 17-21, 2002.

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

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



Archbishop Antony, Alice Sivulich, Daria Pishko

Ukrainian Orthodox League of the U.S.A. Distinguished National Service Award - 2002

ALICE SIVULICH

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

You began your distinguished career with the National UOL Executive Board in 1966 as 2nd Vice President and Chairman of the Junior League Commission. Once was not enough as you continued to advise the juniors as 1st Vice President during 1970-73 and were also the UOL Delegate to the Council of Eastern Orthodox Youth Leaders of the Americas (CEOYLA). From 1966 until the present, you have been on the Board, associated with the Board or in some manner assisted with national UOL projects. Elected as the first woman president (1975-1978) you eventually held every board office except Auditor: 1st and 2nd Vice President, Past-President, Chair of the Sobor Committee, Treasurer, Church-League Relations, 2nd Vice President a second time, Director of Public Relations, Chair of the Education Commission, Financial Secretary, Chair of the Membership Committee, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. You also served as Co-Chair of the Northampton Convention and were a Counselor at the UOL Teenage Conference—during the Camp Kon-O-Kwee Era and were active with the Western-PA UOL Region. Your efforts in the past have resulted in the UOL awarding you Orthodox of the Year Runner-Up and the Metro J. Baran Award for outstanding service to the youth.

As Chair of the Education Commission, your accomplishments were most noteworthy. You established a commission comprised of eight educators from Northampton, PA and published two outstanding booklets: "Andrew's First Holy Confession", and "Annie's First Holy Communion". You also planned, organized and personally implemented a series of workshops: "Contemporary Issues in the Orthodox Church" which were conducted in Newark, NJ, Carnegie, PA, and Hammond, IN.

Perhaps equally significant is your ongoing service when not holding an official office with the League. In your home parish, Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Carnegie, PA you are a longstanding member of

A MESSAGE FROM CHAPTER AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS!

It's that time of year again. Time to tally up your membership list and send your dues to the National Financial Secretary Kathryn Bailly. But do we focus too much on getting our list finalized so early in the year and forget to reach out for new members?

If so, try taking the two-step approach:

Step one, send in the \$125 annual chapter dues and the \$20 per chapter member for the "Old Faithful" that you know will be renewing their membership this year. Don't forget to add the names of your college-aged young adults. (Chapters are encouraged to sponsor membership for their college-aged students as an incentive to keep them in the information loop and active through maintaining their membership.) Get the basics in before the September 30th deadline and ensure that no late fines are imposed.

Step two, plan a membership recruiting drive as part of your annual program. This year's Membership and Chapter Development Committee at the Convention recommended October 2002 as "Membership Recruitment Month." **You can add names to your membership list throughout the year without penalty.**

HOW TO DO IT!

Follow the example of this year's Chapter Achievement Award winner, St. Vladimir's Senior UOL Chapter of Parma, Ohio and host a pot luck dinner for the entire parish to enjoy. At the dinner, offer a brief program, religious or cultural and spend a brief moment extolling the merits of the League. **IN-VITE PARISH MEMBERS TO JOIN!** Sometimes we forget to ask!

Have a member that moved out of the area? Send their name and address to Kathryn Bailly so that we can invite them to become a member-at-large! Members-at-large have the same rights as chapter-based members and can also be delegates at the convention!

We're aiming to make the 56th year the biggest year ever. Let's get excited and reach out to our parish community, to our graduating Juniors, to the college-aged and post college-aged young adults. Remember, our Executive Board members are available to visit to support you in these efforts. Just drop Daria a line at dapia@aol.com or call (973) 635-8124.

the choir and serve as a substitute choir director. You also served as a church school teacher, Ukrainian dance instructor, and organized the Ukrainian Folk Singers. You have served on the Parish Board and held every office in your UOL Chapter. You currently coordinate the Sunday UOL coffee hour schedule, organize bake sales for the UOL and parish, and have for years coordinated Bag Lunches for the Pittsburgh Homeless. And even with a very demanding professional life as Assistant Vice President for Student Life at Duquesne University and making time daily as caregiver to an aging mother, you find time to visit the sick on a regular basis. You abound with energy and enthusiasm.

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

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

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



FIRST UOL LENTEN RETREAT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**VERY REVEREND
 PROTOPESBYTER
 STEPHEN HALLICK-HOLUTIAK
 SENIOR RECOGNITION AWARD - 2002**



**PANI-MATKA MARY ANNE
 NAKONACHNY**

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

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

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

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

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UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX MISSIONS: OUR FUTURE

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

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

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

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

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

And we must realize that in order to do so, we have to be prepared to embrace any and all who come to our doors. The infusion of new blood, of non-Ukrainian blood, is essential to our *survival*, let alone our *growth*. We should never forget our heritage, but, at the same time, we must not let it interfere with our duty, our responsibility, as Orthodox Christians. Missions and evangelization is not a matter of choice for the Church, but a divine command. Christ did not say, "make disciples of the nations if you want, baptize and teach if you wish."

It will not be easy. Starting from scratch, with no church building, no liturgical items, little funding, battling inertia, and unwillingness to change, all of these elements must be overcome. But our parents and grandparents overcame these obstacles, and more, when they built the churches that we now have. We, too, can succeed, provided that we focus on the building of the Kingdom of Heaven, and not of an earthly kingdom or institution, that is passing away.

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



THE TRIDENT

The National Coat of Arms of Ukraine

by Elizabeth Mitchell

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

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

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

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

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

After the fall of the Kyivan Princely State, the use of the trident as the princely family coat of arms ceased. In the 12th century, the image of St. Michael the Archangel began replacing the trident in Kyivan Rus. Because the saint symbolizes the struggle for goodness and truth, the people chose St. Michael as the patron saint of Kyiv and the country it ruled in their struggle against the enemies of the Christian faith.

Thus, for six centuries the Archangel Michael served as the coat of arms of the city of Kyiv and the Kyiv region. In the 14-15th centuries his image appeared on the city of Kyiv and district flags. In the period of the Kozak state from the 16-18th centuries, St. Michael was depicted on Kozak and Zaporoshian standards and flags, and on the insignia of Hetman Bohdan Kimelnytski. The saint's image appeared on flags, postage stamps and the standard of the commander-in-chief of the Ukrainian fleet until 1918 when Ukraine was liberated from the Russian Empire.

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

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

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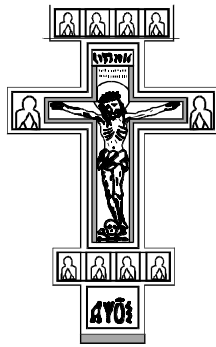
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Розпорядок подій та Богослужень:

- 9:00 - зустріч Ієрахів та Божественна Літургія святого Івана Золотоустого у Церкві-Пам'ятнику.
- 11:30 - посвячення "апостольської стежини молитви."
- 1:00 - святковий обід з концертною програмою.
- 5:30 - вечерня у Церкві-Пам'ятнику.



Shrine of the "Transfiguration"
каплиця "Преображення"

Schedule of events and services:

- 9:00 - Greeting of the Hierarchs and Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in the Memorial Church.
- 11:30 - Blessing of the Apostolic Prayer Trail.
- 1:00 - Jubilee Agape Feast: concert and banquet.
- 5:30 - Vespers - Memorial Church.

БУДЬТЕ УЧАСНИКОМ СВЯТКУВАНЬ!

Вступ на бенкет: \$ 25.00 для дорослих \$ 10.00 для молоді

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Be a Part of the Festivities!

UOL FISCAL YEAR AND DEADLINES 2002-2003

JULY	1	Start of new fiscal year	MARCH	5	UOL Bulletin (Apr.) submission deadline
MID-JULY		Annual Audit and National Executive Board pre-Convention meeting		30	Chapter Election and Delegate forms mailed
		Annual UOL Convention			UOL Awards Applications mailing
AUGUST	5	UOL Bulletin (Sept.) submission deadline	APRIL	30	DEADLINE: CHAPTER PROJECT CONTRIBUTION
SEPTEMBER	5	UOL Bulletin (Oct.) submission			Convention registration forms mailed
	27-29	National Executive Board Fall meeting – South Bound Brook, NJ		(TBA)	DEADLINE: Essay Contest entries
	30	DEADLINE: CHAPTER & MEMBERSHIP DUES & INITIAL MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS	MAY	5	National Executive Board Spring meeting
OCTOBER	1	Chapter Membership drive – <i>invite more people to join your chapter!</i>		31	UOL Bulletin (June) submission deadline
	5	UOL Bulletin (Nov.) submission deadline			DEADLINE: LSSK applications
DECEMBER	5	UOL Bulletin (Jan./Feb.) submission deadline	JUNE	1	DEADLINE: UOL Awards applications
JANUARY	4	Annual Fund Drive mailing			DEADLINE: All Annual Reports – Chapter, National Executive Board and Junior Executive Board – due to Corresponding Secretary
	4	Essay Contest – first mailing		15	DEADLINE: Chapter Election reports due to Corresponding Secretary
(TBA)		National Executive Board Winter meeting			DEADLINE: Delegate forms due to Convention Committee
FEBRUARY	5	UOL Bulletin (Mar.) submission deadline			DEADLINE: CONVENTION REGISTRATION PAYMENT
	28	LSSK applications mailed to chapters			
		Essay Contest – second mailing			



Jr. and Sr. Delegates Cheer: "End of Sessions!"

56TH ANNUAL UOL CONVENTION GOES TO CHICAGO

"Let all that you do be done with Love"
(Cor. 16:14)

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

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

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

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

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

For convention information contact:

Noreen Neswick, Chairman; 18242 Murphy Cir., Tinley Park, IL 60477; Phone: (708) 429-6097; neswickk@sbcglobal.net; or

Anatol Bilyk, Co-Chairman; 705 South Vail Ave., Arlington Hts., IL 60005; Phone: (847) 392.7142; akbilyk@attbi.com.

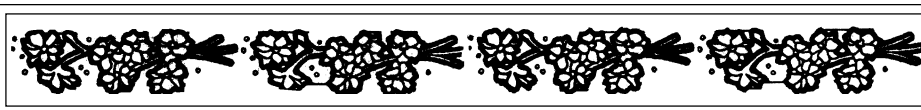
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July 23 - 27, 2003

We welcome you
to visit us in
Chicago!

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Sts Peter & Paul
Ukrainian Orthodox Church
in Palos Park, IL*



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In Honor of our Dad, and Mom too, on his 46th anniversary of ordination into the priesthood on June 17.

In Honor of Laryssa Sadoway for her service as an officer of the 2001-2002 National Sr. Executive Board, and Andrew Sadoway who served on the Jr. National Executive Board of 2001-2002.

In Blessed Memory of Elizabeth Marion Dwyer

In Memory of Mr. Steve Pavlik, Sr., Ambridge, PA. MEMORY ETERNAL!

In Memory of Eugene Zalewski

In Honor of Lorissa Andrijenko, Andrew Kompanijec, Marie Kompanijec, and Fr. Philip for their great representation of all Members of the Rochester, NY Senior UOL Chapter at this year's UOL Convention in Boston, MA.

PARMA YOUTH REMEMBER VICTIMS OF FAMINE



***Member of the Parma Jr. UOL participated in the
2nd Annual Commemoration of the Man-Made Famine in
Ukraine (1932-33) at the Famine Monument -
St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Parma, OH***

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