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56th Annual U.O.L. Convention – PALOS PARK, IL



WASYL PYSH GIVES \$10,000 TO TEENAGE CONFERENCE

An obvious highlight of the banquet and ball at the 56th Annual UOL Convention was the announcement of a \$10,000 gift specifically designated for the Teenage Conference held at All Saints Camp in Emlenton, PA.

The current Teenage Conference is the outcome of a conference that began at Camp Kon-O-Kwee, a YMCA Camp, in Zelionople, PA. Originally a program of the UOL, it is now administered by the UOC Office of Youth Ministry.

The founder of the Teenage Conference said prior to beginning of "Camp Kon-O-Kwee", if other churches sponsor camps for their youth, why not have a camp for our Ukrainian Orthodox Youth?" He proceeded to find a location that would be suitable for such a camp/conference, and then he proceeded to visit Ukrainian Orthodox Churches in the Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio Region recruiting campers and generating support for what became known as the "UOL Camp Kon-O-Kwee Teenage Conference."

The founder and perpetual philanthropist of the Teenage Conference, as well as providing financial support to many other church-related projects was and is Mr. Wasyl Pysh. His generosity is legendary and annually he visits All Saints Camp and the "TC".

Mr. Pysh was in attendance at the 56th UOL Convention and received a standing ovation during the convention banquet.

The Church and League express thanks and appreciation for his longstanding and generous support.



Wasyl Pysh presents check to Archbishop Antony, Consistory President

56th U.O.L. Convention 2003 Palos Park, IL

"Abounding With Love, Fellowship and Fun"

They came from across the country by plane, train and auto—from San Diego and Minneapolis, from Pittsburgh and Carnegie, from Boston and Carteret, and from Philadelphia, Wilmington and Youngstown, and of course from Parma—next year's convention host. They also came from Coatesville, Ambridge, Northampton, Minersville, Minneapolis, Chicago, South Bound Brook, and many other cities. They arrived at O'Hara and Midway airports, the train station and via a circuitous route when they became lost near the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Oak Brook, IL.

Then they convened at the Hyatt Regency, a "moderate" drive from Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Palos Park, IL. On **Wednesday**, the Senior and Junior Executive Boards met for lunch in an effort to discuss mutual issues and concerns about the Ukrainian Orthodox League. It was a unanimous feeling by junior and senior officers that getting together for a casual lunch helped greatly in learning more about individual members. Business commenced immediately with respective senior and junior Executive Board Meetings. Metropolitan Constantine joined the seniors for their meeting.

Audits of the national financial records were conducted throughout the day. **Convention Registration** began at 1:00 PM and continued throughout the day. Following Vespers at 4:30 PM, the official opening of the 56th Annual Convention was called to order by UOL President, Daria Pishko, with junior and senior conventioners participating. Welcome remarks were offered by: Daria Pishko, Sr. UOL President; Anya Priester, Jr. UOL President; Father Taras Naumenko, 56th Convention Spiritual Advisor; Noreen Neswick and Anatol Bilyk, Convention CoChairs; Faith Neswick and E.J. Roviario, Jr. Convention Co-Chairs, and Metropolitan Constantine. Attendance at the opening sessions included: 2 Hierarchs, 10 Sr. Board Members, 34 Sr. Delegates, 2 Sr. Alternates 27 Sr. Guests, and 5 Clergy—total Sr. registration was 80; 7 Jr. Board Members, 39 Jr. Delegates, total Jr. registration was 46; and total convention registration was 126.

The Metropolitan said: "God is good to us—he brings us back together. It has been 56 years and I've been to most of the conventions. . . . Where there is no UOL Chapter, there is no future. In most cases, it is not only the responsibility of the laity, but that of the priests and bishops. . . . The success of the UOL is the consequences of love-of love of Christ." Archbishop Vsevolod commented: "Listening to Metropolitan Constantine . . . it came to my mind . . . God has taken a chosen people and planted them in a promised land—that they should grow, multiply and flourish, and become the good vineyard. So you (this convention) will grow and flourish in the community where you have been planted. Do it with love."

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lynn M. Szafranski

Members of the UOL:

It is with great pleasure that I greet you as the newly elected President of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA. And it is with equal pleasure that I introduce you to the 2003-2004 Senior Executive Board:

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To the out-going Executive Board members, I thank you for your past service and wish you a successful year with your local chapters. I look forward to seeing all of you in Parma, Ohio.

I know that you all join me in extending thanks and appreciation to the Sr. and Jr. UOL Chapters of Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, IL for a most enjoyable convention. A successful convention requires a tremendous amount of planning, both in a long term sense and last minute arrangements-so I offer a very special THANK-YOU to convention co-chairs, Noreen and Anatol! I know that all who attended the convention had a great time and much of that was due to their outstanding planning and effective working with members of the convention committee.

During the convention, a number of long term goals were recommended by the committees. I look forward to working with many of you and having a productive year.

Once I have received approval of committee and commission chairperson appointments, I will advise the membership.

Sincerely,

Lynn M. Szafranski



Natalie and Alexis - "Burgers on the Bus"



Jr. UOL President's Column

Natalie Beck

Glory to Jesus Christ!

I am so happy and honored to be writing in the *UOL BULLETIN* as President of the Jr. U.O.L. My name is Natalie Beck and this will be my third year as a National Jr. Board member. For the past two years, I have served as the financial secretary for the juniors; however, I am very ready and eager to lead them as President. I am also blessed to have an astonishing board with which to work for the 2003-2004 year:



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| Jr. League Advisor | Dr. Natalie Bilynsky-Philadelphia |
| Spiritual Advisor | Fr. Taras Naumenko-Palos Park, IL |

The 42nd Jr. UOL Convention was full of working and planning, as well as having a good time. From a magnificent luau, to visiting the Weeping Icon, to the ever-elegant Banquet and Ball, the juniors were able to experience wonderful hospitality while staying in Palos Park.

There were so many great ideas being hatched during our sessions. We are already busy with planning our first meeting as a new board. We have so much to do, and I am so excited to dive right in and get working. I hope that you all are having a wonderful summer, and I can't wait to begin this year! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to a very productive year.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,
Natalie A. Beck

JR. CHAPTER NEWS FROM: St. Vladimir's Jr. UOL, Philadelphia, PA

This year has been a very busy one for the Jr. Chapter in Philly. We have been working here all year so we can go to the convention and have a blast. We all come to church almost every week and hold the coffee hours after church. In May, the juniors came to church on a Saturday and made huge egg casseroles to prepare for a breakfast we were holding the next day in honor of veterans. They turned out awesome and everyone seemed to enjoy.

We have been holding a food drive and an empty ink cartridge drive also to raise extra money so we can send more delegates to the convention. As a reward for all of our hard work this year, we are planning to take a trip to Hershey Park towards the end of the summer.

We hope everyone is having an awesome summer!
In Christ's Love,
Alex Brzyski



Members, St. Vladimir's Jr. UOL Chapter

ALEXIS SAWCHUK Sts. Peter & Paul UOL Chapter, Carnegie, PA METRO J. BARAN AWARD

The Metro J. Baran Award is presented for "outstanding service with the youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church". The award was instituted to honor the memory of Metro (Jimmie) Baran for his many years of dedicated service and untiring efforts in working with the Juniors of the UOL. This award may be presented annually, but is not necessarily an annual award. It is to be presented only when the National Executive Board feels an extraordinary candidate has been nominated. The purpose of the award is to honor a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church who:

- Has done truly outstanding work with the Junior members.
- Has exhibited untiring efforts and devoted duty in service to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and its youth.
- Has unselfishly given his/her time and energy in directing, counseling, training and or educating the Junior members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.
- Exceeds all others in working with the youth in preparation for their role as future church Leaders.



*Alexis Sawchuk, Sts. Peter & Paul UOL Chapter, Carnegie, PA
Metro J. Baran Award*

The winner of this year's award is Alexis Sawchuk of Saints Peter and Paul Senior UOL Chapter in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. Alexis has been a Junior UOL Advisor, church school teacher and Secretary of her Senior UOL Chapter.

Her chapter president notes that "the Metro J. Baran award is not solely about the "offices" a nominee holds, but about what the candidate does in serving, monitoring, advising, mentoring, teaching, modeling and working with the youth!"

"Our candidate devotes an inordinate amount of time assisting and coordinating the minute details of the Chapter's many projects. She is one who enjoys working with youngsters. She is one who assists with organizing projects but involves the juniors in a learning participation. She is one who teaches "Roberts Rules" but does not confuse the youngsters or burden the meeting. She is the one who walks five miles in a fund drive—when it's raining. And she is the one who goes bowling, tubing and gets pizza for the juniors in an effort to keep them active and interested in every church/league related activity."

When asked to describe their advisor, the junior members said, "She helps with everything. She helps with fundraising and always works with us. She reminds us what to do. She is really great."

His spiritual advisor writes "She has become an important part of our children's lives; a leader in our church school projects and chapter activities. Her success is based not only on her personality and talents but her ability to motivate and involve other people with her enthusiasm, faith and spirituality. "



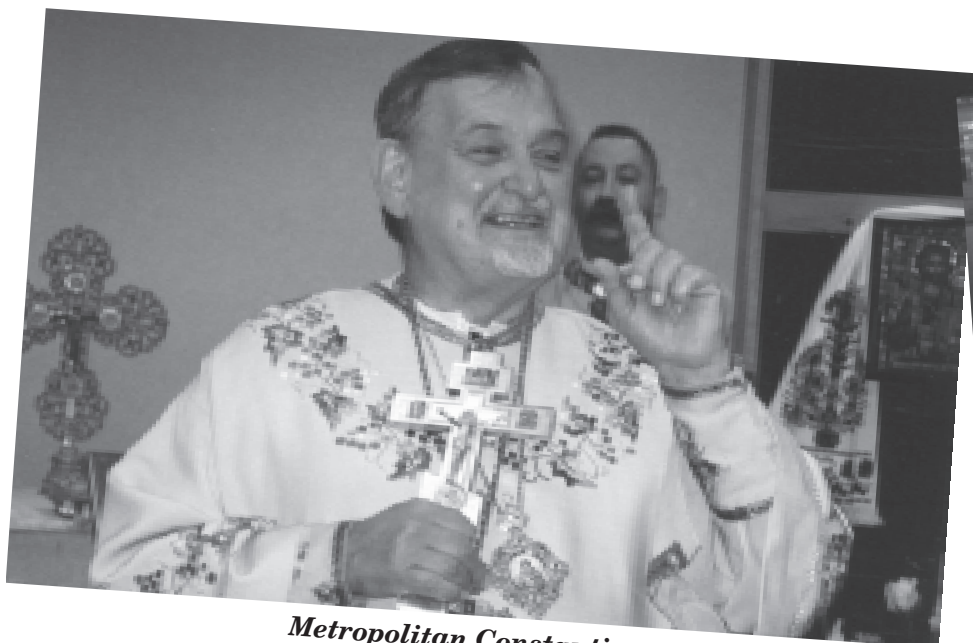
Jr. & Sr. Executive Board Lunch



Wednesday Lunch for Jr. & Sr. Officers



Palos Park Hospitality Night



Metropolitan Constantine

56th U.O.L. CONVENTION.....

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The flavor of the convention was emphasized by Daria Pishko as she repeated the convention theme ***“Let all that you do be done with love”*** (1 Corinthians 16:14). The UOC Office of Youth Ministry’s theme for the past year, ***“We are family”***, was attached to the convention theme. It was noted that the importance of combining these two themes was that this will be demonstrated ***“through our actions here at the 56th UOL Convention”***. The juniors were excused to begin the **42 Jr. UOL Convention**.

The initial business involved the convening of CONVENTION COMMITTEES; **Group A:** Christian Caregiving and Missions (Jr. and Sr. Members), Youth (Jr. and Sr. Members); **Group B:** Clergy Candidate, Constitution, Nominating, Resolutions, Membership and Chapter Development. The groups were scheduled to meet at different times to permit maximum participation by the various delegates. The individual committees were charged with considering issues relevant to their particular committee, making suggestions for the Executive Board to implement, establishing a limited number of priorities, and suggesting appropriate staffing and budget requirements. Final approval for all committee reports is made by the convention delegation. The traditional HOSPITALITY NIGHT was hosted by Sts. Peter and Paul UOL Chapter, Palos Park, IL. Delicious foods and beverages in a comfortable hotel suite set the scene for enjoyable fellowship, making of new friends and renewing old acquaintances.

Thursday commenced with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Constantine, Archbishop Antony and several priests and deacons in the convention chapel located in the hotel. The participation in Confession and Communion as always was a highlight of the Convention. A brunch was served at the hotel, with bountiful amounts of food that provided seconds or more for the hearty eaters.

Business sessions continued with the approval of the 55th Convention Minutes, review of the UOL Annual Report, Report of the Audit, Financial Reports and a reconvening of the Convention Committees. Business sessions were adjourned at 4:00 PM with great anticipation of attending ***Polynesian Night*** at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish hall. One of the most outstanding and enjoyable activities ever held at a UOL Convention was in store for convention participants and local guests. This included a performance by ***“Those Funny Little People”***, the fantastic performance of the “multitalented” Dr. Harry Oryhon as auctioneer of fourteen beautiful pysanky (designed by Mrs. Olga “Ollie” Cwain) that generated a profit of \$609. Then there was the great performance by the fabulous DJ, **Nick Demchenko** who is a member at St. Andrew’s parish in Bloomingdale, IN. His antics not only energized the young and mature on the dance floor, but was entertainment for the spectators. Finally, the elaborate and delicious buffet dinner added to a most enjoyable evening of fellowship and fun. A Small Compline was held at 10:30 PM at the hotel.

Friday began with an Akathist at 7:30 AM, followed by business sessions at 8:00 AM. Committee reports and final annual reports were completed by 10:00 AM when juniors and seniors boarded buses to visit the Weeping Icon, and later travel into the city and/or onto the beach. The evening social was a Hospitality Night by 57th Convention Host, St. Vladimir’s Sr. Chapter of Parma, OH. An array of desserts and beverages were provided in the “Parma style”. 57th Convention Chair, Melanie Nakonachy, was present to remind all that she was “the convention chair” for next year’s convention. A 10:30 PM Small Compline followed the evening festivities.

Saturday began with an 8:00 AM Moleben, followed by an educational lecture, “Love and the Sacrament of Marriage”, by Father John Chryssavgis. Father Chryssavgis discussed the various dimensions of marriage in a manner that captured the attention of even those who were not initially

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Thursday Brunch

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interested in a lecture on a Saturday morning. Business sessions continued with committee reports, approval of the 2003-2004 budget, election of officers, unfinished business, future convention bids at which time Melanie Nakonachny reminded the delegation that she was "the chair" for the 57th Convention in Parma, Ohio, and final adjournment. Credentials at the closing session: 95 Sr. registration and 63 Jr. registration for a total of 158.

Late Fines were assessed to delegates who arrived late for any session. Michael Nakonachny served as a diligent Sergeant-At-Arms and all money collected will be donated to All Saints Camp as so designated by the convention body. However, when an additional \$10.00 was presented to "Auctioneer" Dr. Harry Oryhon for inclusion with the late fine money, he encouraged a higher bid and the race was on. A total of \$346.00 will be donated to All Saints Camp. Immediately following the closing of the convention, the new and old senior Executive Boards convened the first Executive Board meeting for 2003-2004.

Saturday Evening included 5:00 PM Vespers, social hour at 6:00 PM, and banquet at 7:25 PM. Atty. Mark Masur from Palos Park and President of Sts. Peter and Paul served as master of ceremonies and moved the program effectively. In addition to the presentation of awards, it was announced that Mr. Wasyl Pysh was making a \$10,000 contribution to the Church to be used specifically for the Teenage Conference.

Highlights of banquet presentations included:

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| Father Bukata Award (Jr.) | Eric Senedak, Youngstown, OH |
| Jr. Chapter Achievement | Sts. Peter & Paul, Youngstown, OH |
| Spirit Award | Sts. Peter & Paul, Palos Park, IL |
| UOL BULLETIN Award | Sts. Peter & Paul, Youngstown, OH |
| Sr. Chapter Award | Sts. Peter & Paul, Carnegie, PA |
| Fr. Stephen Hallick Award | Paul Haluszczak, Carnegie, PA |
| M.J. Baran Award | Alexis Sawchuk, Carnegie, PA |
| LSSK Scholarships: | Eric Senedak, Youngstown, OH |
| | Nicole Sencio, New Britain, CT |
| | Kira Haluszczak, Pittsburgh, PA |
| | Anya Priester, Boston, MA |
| | Joseph Gnat, Youngstown, OH |

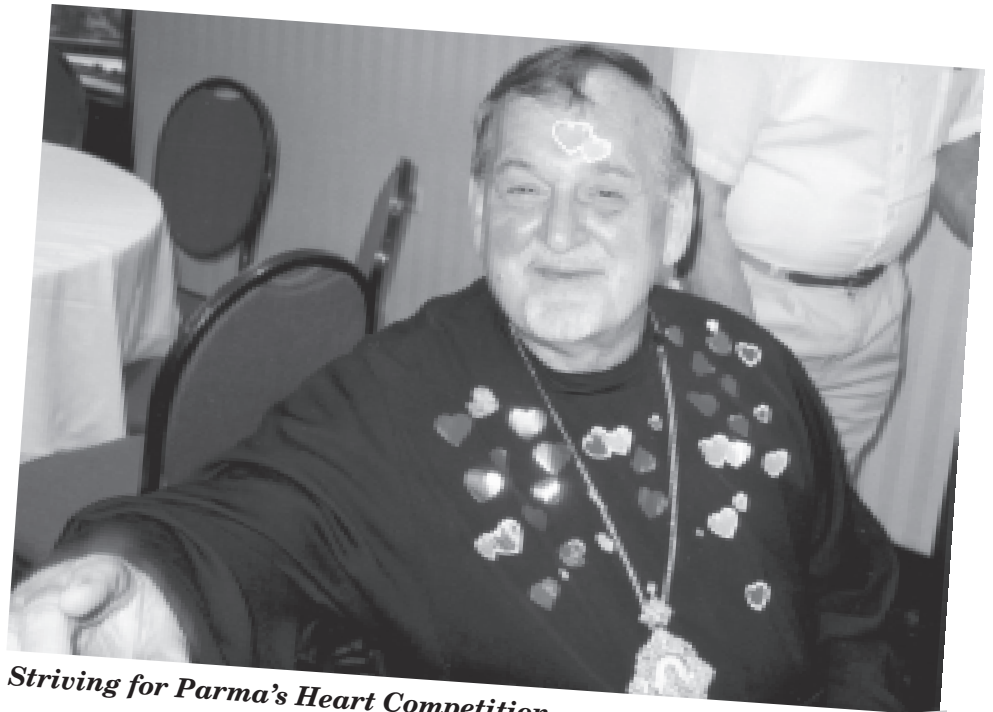
Dancing, and fellowship and fun continued into the night with the traditional Grand Ball.

An Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Palos Park, IL, followed by a scrumptious luncheon concluded the 56th Annual UOL Convention. Travel began early Sunday morning for many, while others weathered a nasty storm that hit Chicago around noon and followed others through Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Flights were delayed to Pittsburgh and points East due to the storm and heavy air traffic. Metropolitan Constantine was forced to remain in Chicago for an extra day because of a cancelled flight, others sat in the plane on the tarmac and listened to the regular announcements of delayed departure given by the pilot.

Other highlights of the Convention:

- "Harry's Shrimp Tacos"
- "The Oak Brook Shopping Center, with its many 'upscale' stores"
- "Navy-Pier" and "the Beach"
- "Visiting the Weeping Icon"
- "The desserts at the Parma Hospitality Night"
- "Walking the Mall"
- "Competing for most 'Parma Hearts'"
- WHOOPS! "The three to four inches of rain on Sunday"
- WHOOPS! "The four-hour wait in a plane on the tarmac!"
- WHOOPS! "The Metropolitan's cancelled flight to Pittsburgh"

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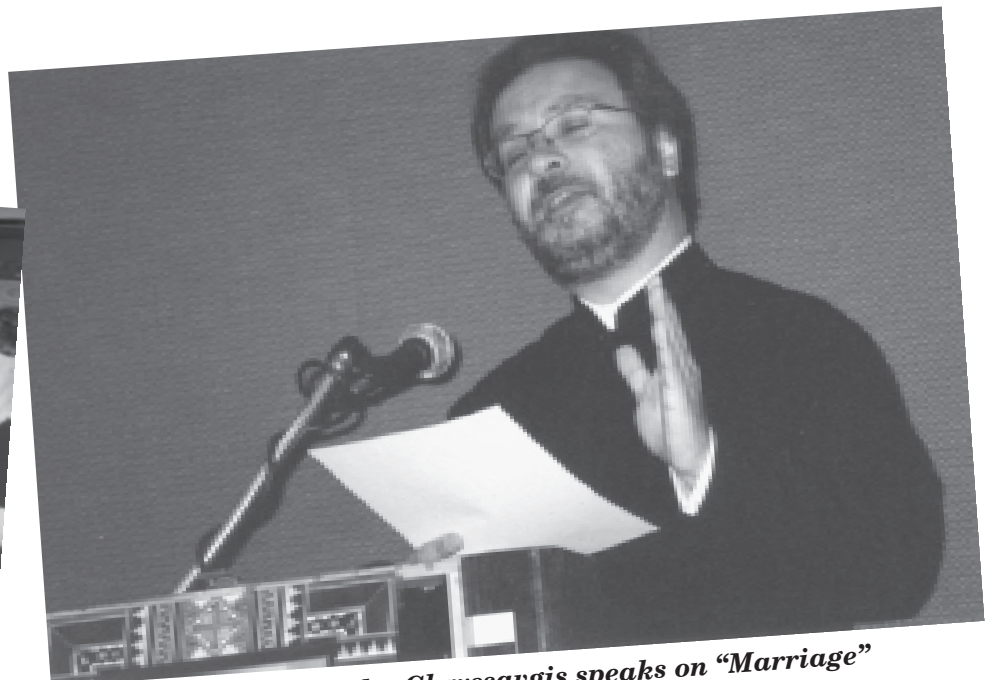
Striving for Parma's Heart Competition



Metropolitan Constantine, Archbishop Antony and Archbishop Vsevolod



Shirley Skocypec with Hammond, IN, friends: Timothy and Courtney Krolak



Fr. John Chryssavgis speaks on "Marriage"



Thursday Brunch

CONVENTION – A PHOTO REVIEW.....

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Convention cochairs, Noreen Neswick and Anatol Bilyk and their entire committee, in addition to the Palos Park parishioners, are to be **commended** for an outstanding convention. They have established a real challenge for St. Vladimir's UOL Chapter in Parma, Ohio, and next year's 57th Annual UOL Convention. **Convention Chair, Melanie Nakonachny, invites you to plan ahead-they're getting ready for you!**



"Those Funny Little People"



Harry and Yvonne Oryhon "At their best!"

PAUL HALUSZCZAK
Sts. Peter & Paul UOL Chapter, Carnegie, PA
VERY REV. PROTOPRESBYTER
STEPHEN HALLICK SENIOR
RECOGNITION AWARD



Paul Haluszczak, Sts. Peter & Paul UOL Chapter, Carnegie, PA
Very Rev. Protopresbyter Hallick Senior Recognition Award

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

This award was instituted in 1957 as the Orthodox of the Year Award and its purpose is 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 the lifelong role of Father Hallick in the formulation and development of the League.

The recipient of the UOL Senior Recognition Award for 2003 is Paul Haluszczak from Saints Peter and Paul Senior UOL Chapter of Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

Paul has served in various roles and offices in his parish and chapter for well over 20 years. He has served as a parish board member as well as the custodian, a choir member for over 50 years and a member and officer of the All Saint Camp committee for over 10 years. He has served on the Chapter Sunshine Committee for over 10 years, taking the time to remember the shut-in or ill with cards and good wishes on behalf of the chapter. This is typical of his diligence and devotion, volunteering to accomplish the "low profile" assignments that often receive little notice or much appreciation.

His Spiritual Advisor writes "Our parish and chapter are proud to nominate our candidate as he is special, quiet, unassuming individual. He is generous with himself and the gifts he has received from God. He is active in a variety of organizations and committees, rarely complaining, always applying himself, making things happen, keeping them successful and honest."

It's A Go — Construction To Begin In Spring 2004

Historical and Educational Complex/Museum

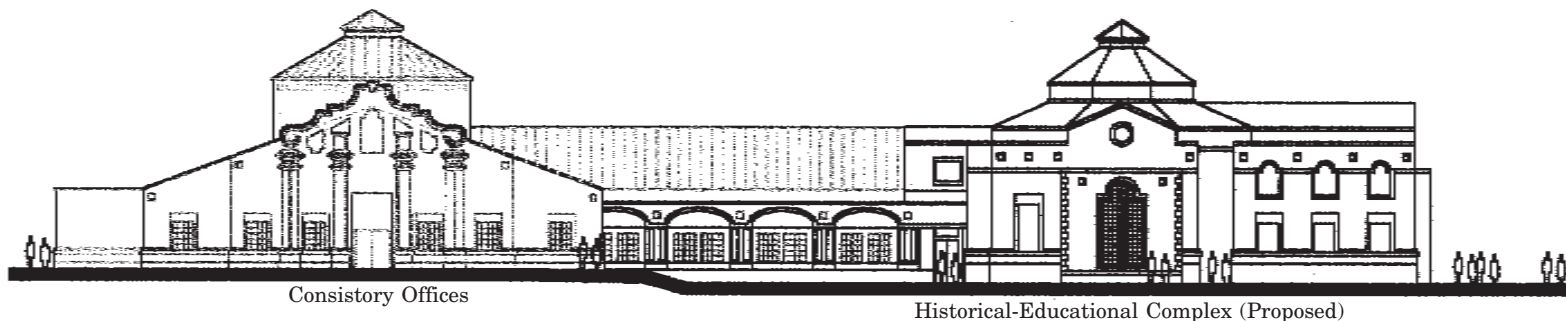
Give According To Your Means... For the Future of Your Church

The Metropolitan Council has approved the construction of the **Historical and Educational Complex/Museum**. The impetus for beginning construction **by spring 2004** resulted from the recent acquisition of steel construction material at a suprisingly reduced cost. This will necessitate minor modifications to the original design of the building; however, it will result in a slightly larger building at a drastically reduced cost.

Currently, approximately \$2.5 million has been earmarked for this very important project. This amount includes nearly \$1 million in contributions that are readily available for site preparation and construction costs. The

balance of \$1.5 million needed for the project will be generated via additional contributions, pledges, and an amount of income from the sale of crypts located in the UOC Mausoleum (S. Bound Brook, NJ). Other sources of financial support are also being solicited from foundations, individuals, planned giving programs, and state and federal funding sources. No money will be taken from the general UOC accounts for this project.

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Visiting the Weeping Icon



Bidding Farewell Anatol Bilyk and Noreen Neswick



Greeting the Hierarchs Lynn Szafranski, Mark Masur, Anya Priester and Daria Pishko

**STS. PETER & PAUL UOL CHAPTER
Carnegie, PA
SENIOR CHAPTER
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2003**

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.

This award is selected from the Annual Reports submitted by each chapter prior to the June 1st deadline.

The 2003 Senior Chapter Achievement Award has been presented to Saints Peter and Paul's Senior UOL Chapter of Carnegie, Pennsylvania at the 56th Annual Convention of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA in Palos Park, IL.

This chapter's 54 members, from all reports represent the backbone of their parish. This chapter and its members implement an active program which includes charitable as well as fund raising activities, year after year. Their involvement this year was intensified by their preparation for the celebration of their parish's 100th Anniversary. The entire Anniversary Committee is comprised of UOL members who have added to their traditional Chapter responsibilities by organizing a series of events to commemorate the religious, cultural and family aspects of the past 100 years.

The highlight of their year, however, has become their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner where they provide a free dinner to parishioners and members of their community whether dine in or take out. This event was originally founded to serve the needy and homeless, however, dinners are delivered to the elderly and shut-in who cannot make it to the hall and to gas station workers and the local police on duty that day. This mission effort has truly grown to exemplify the definition of Chapter Achievement.

Their Spiritual Advisor writes "Our parish would not be what it is today without our UOL Chapter members. . . They provide a leadership role model both spiritually and socially, bringing others along upon their spiritual journey and Christian life. Our parish celebrates 100 years of faith, community and service this year and our chapter is a reflection of our rich spiritual and cultural heritage. They are a product of what every generation was able to pass on, their hopes, their dreams their faith."



*Sts. Peter & Paul U.O.L Chapter, Carnegie, Pa
Sr. Chapter Achievement Award 2003*

UOL AWARDS MJSF GRANTS-IN-AID FR. CHARLES BAXTER AND FR. ROBERT HOLET

The UOL designated a portion of the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund (MJSF) to be used as grants-in-aid for clergy seeking to continue their education in religious studies and other areas relevant to our Church. Applicants must be under the supervision and spiritual support of their bishop in order to qualify. Fr. Charles Baxter, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Youngstown, OH, was awarded a grant-in-aid of \$600 for his studies in Clinical Pastoral Education through the Spiritual Care and Education Center. He is continuing studies on how to help and spiritually support those who are receiving clinical care for their illnesses and physical needs. Fr. Robert Holet of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Charlottesville, VA, a mission parish of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, received two awards of \$500 each for his pursuit of a Doctor of Ministry degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The UOL supported his studies in Religious Education and Ecclesiology and Canon Law. Clergy interested in additional information about the MJSF grants-in-aid should contact: Clergy Candidate Commission Lynn Szafranski, Chair 7 Oneida Ave., Waretown, NJ 08758.

UOL FISCAL YEAR AND DEADLINES 2003-2004

SEPTEMBER	5	UOL BULLETIN Deadline (Oct Issue)
	30	DEADLINE: Chapter & Membership Dues and Membership Rosters
OCTOBER	5	UOL BULLETIN Deadline (Nov. Issue)
	[TBD]	National Executive Board Fall Meeting
NOVEMBER	1	Annual Fund Drive Mailing
DECEMBER	5	UOL BULLETIN Deadline (Jan./Feb. Issue)
JANUARY	8	Essay Contest - First Mailing
	[TBD]	National Executive Board Winter Meeting
FEBRUARY	5	UOL BULLETIN Deadline (Mar. Issue)
	28	LSSK Applications mailed to chapters Essay Contest - Second Mailing
MARCH	5	UOL BULLETIN Deadline (Apr. Issue)
	28	Chapter Election and Delegate forms mailed UOL Awards Applications mailed
APRIL	30	DEADLINE: Chapter Project Contribution Convention Registration Forms mailed
		DEADLINE: Essay Contest entries
	[TBD]	National Executive Board Spring Meeting
MAY	5	UOL BULLETIN Deadline (Jun. Issue)
	29	DEADLINE: LSSK Applications
JUNE	1	DEADLINE: All Annual Reports; Chapter National Executive Board, and Jr. Executive Board - to Corresponding Secretary
	15	DEADLINE: Chapter Election Reports to Corresponding Secretary
		DEADLINE: Convention Delegate Forms to Financial Secretary



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Occasion

In Honor of Elizabeth Bailly's graduation from Quinnipiac University, CUM LAUDE.

In Honor of all the hard working and dedicated staff and volunteers at All Saint's Camp.

In Blessed Memory of Stephania Kotenko, sister of Pani Matka Maria Norton, New Britain, CT, who fell asleep in the Lord on May 25, 2003

In Honor of Jeremy M. Oryhon's graduation from Rush University's Medical College on June 14, 2003 with best wishes as he begins his residency in Orthopedic Surgery in New Orleans. CONGRATULATIONS!

In Memory of Frances Wyzinski.

In Memory of Stella Szymanski, who fell asleep in the Lord on May 31, 2003. She was a member of Holy Ghost parish, Coatesville, PA. MEMORY ETERNAL.

In Honor of Elizabeth Bowman with warm congratulations on her graduation from high school.

In Memory of Pauline Pender of St. Mary's parish and Sr. UOL Chapter, New Britain, CT.

In Blessed Memory of Bishop Paisij. MEMORY ETERNAL.

In Honor of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church's 84th Anniversary and existence in Trenton, NJ.

In Memory of Donald Grod.

Thank you to Noreen Keswick and Anatol Bilyk and the 56th Annual UOL Convention Committee for a pleasant and memorable convention.

In Loving Memory of Father Franco and Pani Matka Julia Lawry.

Thank you to Michael Nakonachny who, during a hungry moment in our deliberations supplied all the convention delegates with bagels and great toppings. Michael, your thoughtfulness and generosity were greatly appreciated. May God grant you many blessed years!

Thank you to the 56th Convention Committee and especially the ladies in suite 710 who graciously gave up their space and sleep, assisted with setting up for Friday's Hospitality Night and supplemented our food supply. We also extend our appreciation to Fr. Repa for providing Ukrainian bakery and helping us! Our heartfelt THANK YOU to all.

In Honor of the 20th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr. Steve Repa.

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