On Thursday, July 23rd 2015, the Junior and Senior members of the UOL traveled to Northampton, Pennsylvania for the 68th Annual UOL Convention. After the Junior and Senior executive boards had their pre-Convention meeting, the Juniors and Seniors gathered together to commence their first business session together. We heard from the convention chairpersons, Martha Misko and Linda Winters, the spiritual advisor, V. Rev. Bazyl Zawierucha, and the Junior and Senior Presidents.

Then we split up into separate Junior and Senior meetings and began our sessions. The Juniors voted on a big change for the national executive board, by combining two of the positions into one secretary position for the coming years of the board. We split up into committees with just the Juniors to come up with new ideas for next year. We then combined back with the Seniors to have joint committee sessions to end the business sessions for the evening. Everyone then met in the hotel chapel for evening prayers before heading to hospitality night hosted by Northampton!

The next morning, July 24th, the convention body gathered at the chapel in the hotel for Divine Liturgy. After brunch the Juniors commenced their second business session. We started the day with a Hierarchal address from His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and he then did our first round of Chapter Challenge. We then split into the junior committees to finish up our ideas and then moved into joint Junior/Senior groups to finish up those reports. We were then blessed to have the opportunity to hear Justina Mills talk to us about her job as intern for the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and her project “Pray for Your Patron Saint.”

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Marijuana gives its user a sense of expanded consciousness and supposed brilliant insights. The fact is that while the brain seemingly is stretched and depth of understanding is enhanced, the person is actually in a state of delusion. To base your life and its direction on “feelings” is daft but to do so at the prompting of drug-induced “insight” is even more so!

In the 1960s I knew a psychologist who began using LSD in her counseling practice and she was amazed by the revelations from her patients, who used this stuff. Initially this was considered a breakthrough, but then you had people who had bad “trips,” some ending in suicide. Some so flipped out that their minds and lives never returned to normal. This chemical concoction wildly scrambles the mind and odd things come out. Scripture contrasts true prophecy which comes from God and does not need medicinal enhancement and is 100% accurate, to prophecy derived from drugs and medications which is rarely even vaguely accurate.

MAY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GUIDE US IN OUR LIFE AND IN OUR DAILY TROUBLES.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Michael J. Komichak

Remembering the past while preparing for the future

Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Khrystu! The Senior and Junior National Executive Boards held their fall meetings a little earlier than usual this year in order to better prepare for a very busy year ahead. The meetings took place at the UOC of USA Metropolitan Center in South Bound Brook, NJ on Saturday August 22, hosted by the St. Sophia Seminary UOL chapter. Two of the important items discussed were the League’s plans for participating in the upcoming Holodomor famine-genocide memorial dedication, and the appointments of the various UOL Commission and Committee chairs for this year.

Next month a truly historic event in the life of our Ukrainian community will take place in our nation’s capital. On Saturday November 7 at 2 PM, a memorial to the 10 million victims of the 1932-33 Holodomor genocide in Ukraine will be dedicated in Washington, DC. The memorial is located on a very prominent site across the street from Union Station not far from the U.S. Capitol building.

In conjunction with the dedication, a display inside Union Station chronicling the history of the Holodomor will be open to the general public for two weeks beginning November 1. The display is in a high-traffic area through which thousands of people pass every day. A reception at the display will occur on Friday evening November 6 at 7 PM. A memorial concert will take place on Sunday November 8 at 2 PM in Lerner Auditorium on the campus of George Washington University. Details of all the weekend’s events can be found at www.ukrainegenocide.com.

If you are able to travel to participate in the dedication, I encourage you to attend. Busses to the event and overnight hotel accommodations in the Washington, DC metropolitan area are being organized in many cities. This will be the largest gathering of the Ukrainian-American community since the dedication of the monument in Washington, DC honoring Taras Shevchenko over 50 years ago. An event of this scale may not occur again in our lifetime. It is especially important for you to bring your children. They will always remember being a part of history, and they will help increase public awareness of the dedication and the story of the Holodomor by carrying a description of their experiences back to their friends and classmates.

The UOL has formed a special Holodomor memorial committee chaired by Daria Pishko Komichak to encourage and facilitate maximum attendance and participation by the UOC of USA parishes. Daria is also the Executive Secretary of the national committee that has worked for the past decade to make this memorial a reality. Please keep Daria (dapia@aol.com) and your chapter liaison informed of your parish’s and chapter’s plans to be a part of this event.

Aside from preparing for the Holodomor memorial dedication in Washington, DC, the NEB is making plans to organize the other projects and activities leading up to the 69th Annual UOL Convention this summer in Coatesville, PA. The following individuals have volunteered to serve as chairs of the various NEB Commissions and Committees:

**Commissions**
- Christian Caregiving and Missions: Paní Olena Sendeha
- Education: Janice Meschisen
- Public Relations: Karen Ferraro
- Ways and Means: Alexander Shevchuk
- Youth: Daria Pishko Komichak

**Committees**
- All Saints Camp Delegate, Awards: Christine Mills
- Annual Fund Drive, Tribute Fund: Nina Coker
- Archives, Essay Contest: Teresa Linck
- Constitution, Handbook: Daria Pishko Komichak
- LSSK Scholarship: Alexi Oryhon Schumacher
- UOL Bulletin: Natalie Bilinsky

Please remember to keep the lines of communication open so that the NEB and the other UOL chapters know what your chapter is doing in your parish and in your local community. Whether it is a description of your trip to the Holodomor dedication, or highlights of your Thanksgiving community outreach project, or a photo from your Souper Bowl Sunday fund raising event, we would love to read about your chapter in an upcoming issue of the UOL Bulletin!

Yours in Christ,
Michael J. Komichak
**Sunflowers for Convention**

More than just a pretty flower, the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine and has become a cherished symbol of our heritage. If you share Holy Ghost’s fondness for sunflowers, please plant sunflower seeds in the spring, photograph the plants when they are in full bloom and mail the photos to the address below. All photos will be displayed at the convention and prizes will be awarded.

Send your photos to:

Carol Bentley
818 Barley Sheaf Road
Coatesville, PA 19320

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**GOALS OF THE UOL**

- Promoting active participation in all aspects of the Orthodox faith and supporting the Church.
- Developing and maintaining programs and projects which educate members and promote dedication and commitment to the Church, Her teachings, traditions, and missions.
- Providing opportunities for the development of leadership skills and responsibility among the youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.
- Providing and promoting information on Ukrainian heritage and history to the general public and establishing means which ensure the continuation of cultural awareness and pride within our membership.

The cornerstone of the UOL is the chapter. I know that there has been some discussion on having an increased focus on chapters at large, not affiliated with a chapter. While I think that this is important for areas that do not have parishes, it is essential that parishes form chapters. The essence of the UOL is the community and family that is built within a chapter. Indeed, the very beauty of the UOL is the community that is developed within the chapter. The UOL chapter creates a family in Christ. One where individuals get to know each other, work together, care for each other, pray together, and learn about our faith together. The chapter becomes the nuclear family – the nuclear community with ties to other communities (other chapters).

In addition to the connections that are formed within the chapter, the UOL is a unique organization within the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA that creates bridges between parishes. Given the history of the UOL in building community, the UOL can be used to build networks, so that everyone can share best practices and lessons learned.

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**NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR UOL**

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Committees: Technology Committee and Annual Raffle

**Secretary**

Sophia Dobronos

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**Financial Secretary**

Orest Mahlay

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

It’s already October and the Jr. UOL is off to a great start. We held our first meeting on August 22nd in South Bound Brook, New Jersey. The Junior Board set a goal for the year. That goal is to recruit six new chapters, and try to get at least one member of each chapter to this year’s annual convention.

The Juniors really enjoyed being in South Bound Brook for the Ukrainian Independence Day Celebration.

Here is an updated list of this year’s board member’s liaisons and committees. Feel free to contact them with questions, concerns or ideas throughout the year.

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Hopefully, everyone has been able to hold their first meetings at your home chapters and has had elections. If you have yet to turn in your election report forms please turn them in to our Secretary, Sophia, as soon as possible. Please feel free to look at the committee reports from convention to get some new ideas to further your chapters as a whole. All of the committee reports are available on the UOL website.

Every chapter should have turned in their dues and roster to our Financial Secretary, Orest Mahlay, by now. If you have not, please do as soon as possible. The deadline was September 30th. The forms are online on the UOL website.

Please use the website throughout the year to stay updated on events going on throughout the year, or like the UOL facebook page and the new Junior UOL twitter account @jrUOLoftheUSA.

I pray that you all have a successful year. Feel free to contact me or any of the other board members throughout the year with questions, updates or for anything.

We would love to hear from you. I will continue to pray for you this year as I hope you all will for the entire board, including me.

Yours in Christ,

Kateryna Kocelko

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Holodomor Memorial Dedication
N. Capitol Street & Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

Submitted by Daria Pishko Komichak

The Holodomor was a devastating, politically-engineered famine in Ukraine in 1932-33. On October 13, 2006, President George W. Bush signed HR562, sponsored by Rep. Sander Levin (D-MI), which granted the government of Ukraine the opportunity to erect on federal land in the District of Columbia a memorial to the victims of the Holodomor. The site for the memorial was approved on October 2, 2008.

In September 2012, final design plans for the “Field of Wheat” concept were approved by the Commission of Fine Arts and National Capital Planning Commission. The Holodomor Memorial was designed by Ukrainian American architect Larysa Kurylas.

In 2003, on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Holodomor, President Bush issued a statement which read in part: “The world must teach lessons from this dark chapter in [Ukrainian] history to future generations and prevent atrocities like this in the future...It is because of this, that the Ukrainian-American community considers it extremely important that a monument to the millions of innocent victims of this Famine-Genocide be built in our nation’s capital...[that] would serve as not only a memorial to those who perished, but also as a tool to help educate the global community about such heinous crimes.”

Now finally, on November 7, 2015, the Memorial will be dedicated at an event sponsored by the US Committee for Ukrainian Holodomor-Genocide Awareness 1932-33 and the Embassy of Ukraine. Ukrainian-Americans from across the country are planning to attend this historic celebration.

At the 68th UOL Convention in Northampton, Pennsylvania, the delegates recommended that the UOL take an active role in coordinating and encouraging support and attendance of this event. Details will be disseminated over the coming weeks through our parishes and Chapter Presidents.

We encourage all UOL members to participate.

Quilt Raffle – 2016 National UOL Convention
Sponsored by the Holy Ghost UOC

Senior and Junior UOL Chapters – Coatesville, PA

To be raffled off at the 2016 National UOL Convention: An original, signed quilt, queen/king size, entitled “Lightening Strike.” Created by: C. Joyce Horst. Value: $1,465.00

C. Joyce Horst is a talented quilter whose creations have been commissioned for Pennsylvania’s Governor’s Mansion, the United States White House and have been featured in Hollywood movies. The quilt entitled ‘Millenium’ was raffled off to benefit the Breast Cancer Society and raised $30,000 for the cause.

Holy Ghost will have raffle tickets available beginning September, 2015. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Saturday night Banquet and Ball at the 69th Annual UOL Convention in 2016.

Tickets are $5 each or 3 for $10
To purchase tickets, please contact Carol Bentley
Phone: (484) 678-3675
Email: lebentley@gmail.com
Mail: 818 Barley Sheaf Road Coatesville, PA 19320

Please visit HolyGhostuoc.org/2016

Holy Ascension UOL Celebrates Summer!
Submitted by Michael J. Komichak

Holy Ascension in Maplewood, NJ held its Senior UOL Chapter Annual meeting on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the home of the Shevchuk family. Especially in the summer, our chapter likes to combine our meetings with a fun event such as a picnic. This not only makes the meeting more enjoyable for our chapter members, but holding a picnic allows us to encourage non-UOL members to participate. We always invite everyone in the parish to attend.

At this meeting, the Maplewood Chapter elected the following officers: Alexander Shevchuk, President; Gary Markowitz, Vice President; Oksana Shevchuk, Secretary; and Jack Roditski, Treasurer. We took a group picture, which became our chapter’s submission to this year’s Northampton Convention ad book. Head chef Halya Shevchuk, assisted by sous-chefs and party staff George, Alex, Kostyk, and Oksana, served up an array of tasty and healthy homemade picnic fare. Everyone in attendance appreciated their hospitality.

We got our UOL business done somewhere between the grilled hamburgers and the dessert course. As for the moral of the story — make it fun, and people will come!
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how we need to continue to follow the right path. The Juniors then presented
their committee reports for approval from the Junior Convention body.

We then met back together for the
Convention picture with the entire
Convention body. Everyone then
went for lunch with the pizza
buffet that everyone loved so
much. The Juniors then proceeded
to hold their elections for the
upcoming year.

We then combined with the
Seniors to present the Junior
Reports to the Senior Convention
Body along with the combined
Junior-Senior reports. The Juniors
then had their final round of
Chapter Challenge in front of the
entire Convention body. We then
closed the 68th annual UOL with
the annual singing of the
Ukrainian National Anthem.

The new and old Junior boards then met to establish what their jobs are and
what needs to be accomplished in the coming year. Everyone gathered in the
Chapel for Vespers. It was then time to get ready for the banquet. Once the
banquet started the speeches and awards were then given out along with the
presentations of the new executive boards. After dinner was over, the night
continued with dancing and lots of excitement.

After an amazing evening, everyone woke up Sunday morning and attended
Divine Liturgy led by His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, His Grace Bishop
Daniel and many reverend fathers, deacons and seminarians. It was beautiful
to be able to gather together to pray for the coming year. After the service the
new executive boards were sworn into office in front of everyone. Everyone
then proceeded to the church hall for the farewell brunch and to say their
goodbyes to friends.

On behalf of the entire Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League, I would like to
thank the Hierarchs, the Convention Chairpersons, Martha Misko and Linda
Winters, and the entire Convention Committee for the effort they put into this
year’s convention. It was a huge success! So many amazing memories were
made at Convention this year, and I cannot wait until next year!

Saints Peter and Paul Junior UOL Chapter- Youngstown, OH
Submitted by Kateryna Koceiko

Saints Peter and Paul of Youngstown, Ohio was awarded the Junior Chapter
Achievement Award for the second year in a row. They really set an example
for the rest of the league of what it means to be a chapter in the Ukrainian
Orthodox League. Youngstown truly exemplifies what the UOL stands for.
The chapter has nine members, which is a decrease from last year, by one.
Of their members, three sing in the choir, six participated in the essay contest,
all attend church school, four do Ukrainian dancing, one member is on the
National Executive Board and two serve in the altar. The Chapter was busy
with many fundraising activities such as their annual Slavic Festival, bake
sales, and 50/50 raffles. They are also very active with the precious angel
campaign and many breakfast fundraisers. The junior chapter members
also participate in many church events and social activities. The chapter
has made many donations such as “Souper Bowl Sunday,” to the special
fund for relief in Ukraine, and to the Great Lent Giveaway.

Saints Peter and Paul chapter was a great role model this year on how a
junior chapter should participate. Congratulations on this achievement and
I hope you continue to participate as much as you have been. Good Luck
for next year!
At the 68th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention in Northampton, PA, the Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt Memorial Scholarship Committee awarded three scholarships to outstanding Junior UOL members whose dedication to the Church and her League distinguished the recipients from their peers.

The scholarship was established in 1975 to perpetuate the memory of two lovely, dynamic young women whose untimely deaths left an indelible mark in the life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. In the last forty years, the UOL has awarded 148 scholarships totaling over $175,000.

The Scholarship Committee considers the following criteria when reviewing applicants: being a current or past member of the Junior UOL; enrolled in or about to enroll in a program of advanced education; a record of outstanding performance in the service to the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the UOL; academic performance in high school; involvement in extracurricular activities and be of high ethical and moral character. This year we awarded three deserving high school seniors with scholarships totaling $3,350.00.

Elizabeth Little, from Boston, MA, has been an active member in her Jr. UOL chapter, serving as President since 2011. She has been instrumental in organizing the Jr. UOL’s participation in their annual Youth Lenten Workshop, the “Souper Bowl” Sunday collection, Mt. Hope Cemetery Clean-Up and helped in any way possible during parish dinners and sales. Elizabeth is a well-respected young member of her parish, is a role model to all of the children and a true leader of Christ’s teachings. Her school guidance counselor stated “Her intelligence, combined with her perseverance, will make her very successful in any field she chooses.” Elizabeth’s course load was very rigorous, taking many Honors and AP courses throughout her high school career and excelling above a 4.0 GPA. She was also inducted into the National Honor Society. Elizabeth’s future plans include attending Bentley University in Waltham to study International Business with a minor in Spanish.

Andrea Linck, from Carteret, NJ, exhibits orthodoxy by leading as an example. She gives of herself, whether it is serving as President of her local chapter or holding a National Office on the Jr. Executive Board. This young lady did an outstanding job in leading and teaching the younger members about the responsibilities within the Jr chapter. Andrea also had the opportunity to complete two mission trips and once she returned home, she was enthusiastic to share everything the group accomplished. This deserving candidate participated in a rigorous college preparatory program where she excelled in all areas, while staying active in many school and community organizations. She was inducted into the Italian National Honor Society, Tri M Honor Society, and participated in marching band, concert band, jazz band and chorus. Andrea will be attending the University of New Haven and majoring in National Security Studies.

Juliana Leis, from Carnegie, PA, has been a member of her Jr UOL chapter for 9 years, serving as President and Vice-President, and served on the Jr. National Executive Board. She is an active participant in many areas of her parish’s life. Her spiritual father said “enthusiasm, dedication and tenacity in her work, are inspiring to others of a good and loving spirituality in church and prayer.” This young lady’s extracurricular and community activities resume is remarkable, and she still managed to hold a GPA above a 4.0. Juliana won national recognition at PRIDE (anti-drug, anti-alcohol, anti-bullying community group) in three categories. She was also a participant in The Girl Scouts of America from Kindergarten to her senior year. In the fall, Juliana will be attending Kent State and majoring in English and French Studies.

Lynn Sawchuk - Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship

The Scholarship was established in 1975 to perpetuate the memory of two lovely, dynamic young women whose untimely deaths left an indelible mark in the life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Please continue to support our mission to honor Lynn and Sharon’s memory by making a donation.

They can be mailed to: Financial Secretary - Alexander Shevchuk
1 Glenbrook Court
Whippany, NJ 07981-2313

Submitted by Alexis Schumacher

The LSSK Scholarship Committee, on behalf of all donors and past recipients, congratulates Elizabeth, Andrea and Juliana on their accomplishments and wishes them the best of luck in the future! We thank the UOL members, friends and chapters for their support of this worthwhile scholarship.

Please remember that donations to the LSSK Scholarship are gratefully accepted at any time.

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Thank you for your generous support!”
Meet the National Junior
Ukrainian Orthodox League Executive Board

Hello, my name is Kateryna Kocelko and I am blessed to have been reelected as President of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League National Executive Board for the 2015-2016 year. I am very excited to be working on the board for the fourth year. I live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

I attend Saint Vladimir’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church in South Side, Pennsylvania. At Saint Vladimir’s, I sing in the church choir, attend church school, teach church school, read the epistle and am treasurer of our junior chapter. I am also very active in church events such as festivals and fundraisers. I also have danced with Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble since I was three and now I teach the younger students.

This upcoming school year I will be a Senior in high school. I attend Keystone Oaks High School. I have played flute in concert band since fourth grade and I am a dancer in our marching band. I have been active in my Girl Scout troop since first grade and I still am. I have competed in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science for the last four years.

I am also a member of my school’s student senate, academic team, pep club, science club, National Honors Society and many other clubs. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my friends, being with family and attending Pittsburgh Steelers games.

Every year since I was eight I have attended either Diocesan Church School Camp or Teenage Conference. I have also been a “Big Sister” at the Mommy and Me/Daddy and Me encampment, and I love every moment I spend up at All Saints Camp.

I hope to serve the Junior UOL and the Church with as much dedication and love as the people before me. Please pray for all of us as we set out to accomplish God’s will this year. I hope that we are as successful this coming year as we were in the past year.

Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns throughout the year. If you need to contact me my email is kidcutie25@yahoo.com, I will try to respond as soon as possible. I pray that the Lord will guide us all on the right path this year.

My name is Erica Holowko and I am the newly elected Vice President of the Junior National Executive Board. It is an honor to serve and I look forward to a productive year. I am a new member of the St. Demetrius Chapter in Carteret, N.J. I have attended All Saints Camp many times for Mommy/Daddy and Me, Church School Camp, Teenage Conference, and Family Fest.

I also served as a big sister during the last session of Mommy/Daddy and Me. Through Camp, I have met many great friends. If you have not attended Camp in the past you should, for so many reasons, including the friends you will meet. Labor Day you will usually find me at Family Fest.

In school, I am a new freshman at Randolph High School, and when not engaged with my schoolwork, I actively participate in playing field hockey and lacrosse for my school. You may also know my three older brothers Nick, Andrew, and Chris; it’s about time the girl in the family had a chance to contribute. So between Church, School, Hockey and friends, life is active and fun. I really am looking forward to this opportunity.

I anticipate a very meaningful and productive year working on the Board this year, and being able to enjoy my time with the other members while focusing on the goals of the League. I also plan to learn from others.

Please email me through the UOL Web Site or directly with any ideas or concerns. You will find many updates there during the year. Though, I will certainly be in touch with many of you.

Hi, my name is Kira Kuzmenchuk and I am very excited to begin my second year as the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League National Executive Board Treasurer. I am also now the chairperson of the Fundraising and Cultural committee. I live in Coatesville, Pennsylvania with my parents and my two brothers. I go to the Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Coatesville. I joined the Junior UOL as a whole, as well as participating in Ukrainian dancing. On Saturdays, I attend the Taras Shevchenko Ukrainian School – the parish Ukrainian School. My other interests include the Eurovision Song Contest and current events in Ukraine.

I look forward to this upcoming year because I believe this new team of juniors can bring about the changes needed to attract new members. Contacting parishes with potential chapters, reaching out through social media, and transitioning towards more Ukrainian language can help bring about the results needed for our growth. If you have any suggestions or questions, contact me at orest.mahlay@gmail.com. Also, follow the new Junior UOL Twitter@jrUOLoftheUSA.

Hi, I'm Sophia Dobronos, and I'm excited to be the new Secretary for the National Jr. Board! I live in Brecksville, Ohio, and I have one brother, Mike, and a dog named Max. I love spending time with my whole family, and they are very important in my life. I attend St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Parma, Ohio. I am in a Ukrainian dance ensemble, Kashan, and have danced since I was five!

I'm a sophomore at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, so I'm almost halfway done!! I also play lacrosse for my school. Outside of school, I wake up at 5AM and workout at Crossfit with my Aunt and Uncle. It's hard, but I love the challenge! One thing I love to do is watch sports; I'm obsessed with it! I watch every Cavs, Browns, and Ohio State Game, and I know a lot from my family.

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Pryvit! My name is Orest Mahlay and I am very excited to join the National Executive Board as your Financial Secretary. I live in Broadview Heights, Ohio with my parents, grandfather, cat, and six chickens. I belong to Saint Vladimir Cathedral in Parma and participate in serving at the altar, parish fundraisers, cultural activities, and of course all UOL events. During the past few years I have been junior chapter president and love to work with our English and Ukrainian speaking youth.

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Meet the National Junior
Ukrainian Orthodox League Executive Board

My name is Kira Kuzmenchuk and I am very excited to begin my second year as the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League National Executive Board Treasurer. I am also now the chairperson of the Fundraising and Cultural committee. I live in Coatesville, Pennsylvania with my parents and my two brothers. I go to the Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Coatesville. I joined the Junior UOL as a whole, as well as participating in Ukrainian dancing. On Saturdays, I attend the Taras Shevchenko Ukrainian School – the parish Ukrainian School. My other interests include the Eurovision Song Contest and current events in Ukraine.

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My name is Erica Holowko and I am the newly elected Vice President of the Junior National Executive Board. It is an honor to serve and I look forward to a productive year. I am a new member of the St. Demetrius Chapter in Carteret, N.J. I have attended All Saints Camp many times for Mommy/Daddy and Me, Church School Camp, Teenage Conference, and Family Fest.

I also served as a big sister during the last session of Mommy/Daddy and Me. Through Camp, I have met many great friends. If you have not attended Camp in the past you should, for so many reasons, including the friends you will meet. Labor Day you will usually find me at Family Fest.

In school, I am a new freshman at Randolph High School, and when not engaged with my schoolwork, I actively participate in playing field hockey and lacrosse for my school. You may also know my three older brothers Nick, Andrew, and Chris; it’s about time the girl in the family had a chance to contribute. So between Church, School, Hockey and friends, life is active and fun. I really am looking forward to this opportunity.

I anticipate a very meaningful and productive year working on the Board this year, and being able to enjoy my time with the other members while focusing on the goals of the League. I also plan to learn from others.

Please email me through the UOL Web Site or directly with any ideas or concerns. You will find many updates there during the year. Though, I will certainly be in touch with many of you.
UOL Tribute

A donation to the Tribute Fund is an acknowledgment of a Milestone, Memorial, or Accomplishment, or is a Special Recognition of an individual or group.

Your much-appreciated contribution is used to support and further the Mission of the Ukrainian Orthodox League. All donations are published in the UOL Bulletin.

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It is very easy to submit a Tribute.

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Submit a card that includes your Name and Address, the Name of the Person to Receive the Tribute, the occasion of the Tribute (for example In Memory or To Honor), and the Name and Address of the person to whom an acknowledgement card should be sent.

For a contribution of $20 or more, the name and occasion is printed in the UOL Bulletin.

UOL Tributes should be submitted to:

Natalie Bilynsky   703 Pine Ridge Road  Media, PA 19063.

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October 24, 2015

Philadelphia, PA

Come learn country line dancing!

Dress as a cowboy or cowgirl!!

Or perhaps a horse!

Come and have fun in the City of Brotherly Love (the heart of country?!?!?)! Enjoy dinner, dancing and fun!!

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