



71st Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention

July 25 – July 29, 2018

South Bound Brook, New Jersey

*"For I know the plans I have made for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11*



**It's the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the UOC of USA and the
71st Annual UOL Convention, and you're invited!**

Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

The Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA is excited to hold its 71st Annual UOL Convention in conjunction with the kick-off of the Centennial Celebration of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in South Bound Brook, New Jersey.

We have negotiated a very favorable nightly rate of only \$89 per room + tax for UOL Convention attendees at the FairBridge Hotel in Somerset, New Jersey on Davidson Avenue right up the street from our Metropolia Center. Reserve your hotel room by June 25, 2018 to ensure your spot at this reduced Convention rate. Bring the whole family—come early or stay late after Convention and enjoy an affordable vacation in the New York City area!

The UOL Convention business sessions will begin at 7PM on Wednesday, July 25 in the Ukrainian Cultural Center, followed by a "Hospitality Night."

On Thursday July 26, we will continue and complete our business sessions for 2018. Note that since we will conclude our UOL business sessions on Thursday, if you or your UOL Chapter has a specific business item you wish to cover at this Convention, please contact John Holowko at president@uolofusa.org to ensure that it can be addressed in this accelerated schedule.

Thursday evening everyone will enjoy a family style barbeque and dance at the Pokrova Social Center. Also on Thursday evening the Ukrainian History and Education Center will host the opening reception of their Centennial Exhibit "Ukrainian Orthodoxy in the New Land: 100 Years in the United States of America." Tours of the exhibit will be available Thursday evening and throughout the remainder of the Convention. Separately, the UOC of USA Strategic Planning group will be getting together on Thursday evening to discuss their several initiatives. In addition to attending the Centennial events, we anticipate that many of the Strategic Planning participants will attend some of our UOL events, especially the Friday UOL-sponsored conference.

On Friday July 27, the UOL will hold an important conference entitled "Learning from Our Past to Prepare for Our Future." The seminar begins at 10AM (following prayers at 9AM) and finishes at 5PM. This seminar is also open to participants of the Centennial Celebration, under separate registration.

The Centennial Concert on Friday evening and Centennial Banquet on Saturday afternoon hosted by the UOC of USA will celebrate this major milestone in the life of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Please note that these two Centennial events are NOT included as part of the UOL Senior or Clergy

registration packets. All UOL delegates and guests are strongly encouraged to attend these historic Centennial events. **RESERVATIONS FOR THESE TWO EVENTS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE UOC of USA by calling (732) 356-0090.** However, through a special arrangement with the Centennial Committee, Juniors registered for the Junior UOL Convention will be provided Centennial Concert and Banquet tickets with their registration packets at no additional charge!

Saturday evening, July 28, the UOL will host a social event and dance at the at the FairBridge Hotel beginning at 7PM. We will present the annual UOL awards at this event.

Following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Sunday, the UOL Convention events will conclude with the traditional Farewell Lunch at the Pokrova Social Center.

As with all UOL Conventions, ample time has been set aside for worship and spiritual reflection. In particular, three Divine Liturgies will be celebrated during this year's Convention: Thursday morning, Saturday morning, and Sunday morning.

Even if you cannot make it to this year's Convention, you can still show your support for the UOL by purchasing an ad in the Convention Yearbook. Yearbook ads are due June 3, 2018.

As in years past, any of our full-time Seminarians may attend the UOL Convention at no cost to them. Your donation to "Sponsor a Seminarian" allows these future spiritual leaders of our Church to experience the UOL first-hand and to carry that positive experience with them throughout their pastoral service to our Church.

You can also make a donation to co-sponsor a specific Convention event, such as the Friday Seminar or the Sunday Farewell lunch. Please see the enclosed registration form to make your donation.

Senior, Junior, and Family Registration payments postmarked by June 15, 2018 qualify for Early Registration discounts. The enclosed registration and ad forms are also available online at uolofusa.org.

There is a lot going on this year during our Convention, and you and your family will want to be a part of it! Questions? I invite you to participate in a short conference call on Wednesday May 30 at 8PM EDT. This call is designed to review our plans and to answer any questions you may have. Even if you don't have any questions, call in anyway and hear what other attendees have to say. To join the teleconference, call 1-857-232-0159 and enter the Conference Code: 328353.

The UOL is important to the future of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and the Annual UOL Convention is important to the future of the UOL. Come to New Jersey this summer to be with your UOL family and to celebrate the historic occasion of the Centennial of the UOC of USA. This summer, let's worship together and create a stronger, growing Ukrainian Orthodox Family. See you at the Convention!

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