

You are cordially invited to the...

72nd ANNUAL UOL CONVENTION at **ALL SAINTS CAMP**
Emlenton, Pennsylvania

AUGUST 1-4, 2019 **1-4 СЕРПНЯ, 2019**

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6

“Привчай юнака до дороги його, і він, як постаріється, не уступиться з неї.”
Прпловіті 22:6

Ласкаво запрошуємо вас...

72-ГУ ЩОРІЧНУ КОНВЕНЦІЮ УІЛ на **ОСЕЛІ ВСІХ СВЯТИХ**
Емлентон, Пенсільванія

Reverend Fathers, Pani Matkas, Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Christu!

It is with great excitement that I write to you about the 72nd Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention being held at All Saints Camp in Emlenton, PA from August 1 - 4, 2019.

This year's convention theme is:

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What could be a more meaningful theme for a convention that is being held at our beautiful All Saints Camp – the joy and pride of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A., where thousands of our youth have prayed, learned our Faith and played together. As members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, we will gather at our camp for the first time to hold a memorable and historic convention.

As at every convention, we will begin with prayer at the truly beautiful and awe-inspiring St. Thomas Chapel which is located on the banks of the Allegheny River and has been the center of prayer at the camp for 11 years now.

The Convention Committee has been hard at work planning this year's convention and working to blend the Convention and All Saints Camp experiences into something wonderful and unique. We recognize that not everyone embraces outdoor living so, to accommodate everyone, we have reserved a block of rooms at the Foxburg Inn, 10 miles away from the camp. Additionally, we will be offering housing at All Saints Camp for a minimal cost.

Our Ukrainian night will take a bit of a modern twist with Ukrainian themed food trucks. The banquet and ball will be a typical formal evening held at the Grove City Country Club. While at this year's convention, take some time to disconnect from the rest of the world and simply relax and enjoy a slower pace of life at All Saints Camp. For those UOLers who enjoy shopping during the convention, the huge Grove City Outlet Mall is only a short drive from the camp.

Attached you will find the registration information for this year's convention. We have also established an online registration site to allow you to register and pay via credit card. ([Online Registration](#)) I strongly urge everyone to take advantage of the early registration discount.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, I find myself looking ahead to the beautiful Paschal service and to this portion of St. John Chrysostom's Paschal Sermon:

If anyone has labored from the first hour, let them today receive the just reward.

If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let them feast.

If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour, let them have no misgivings; for they shall suffer no loss.

If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour, let them draw near without hesitation.

If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour let them not fear on account of tardiness.

For the Master is gracious and receives the last even as the first; He gives rest to him that come at the eleventh hour, just as to him who has labored from the first.

These words are a testament to our Lord's forgiveness, acceptance, and welcoming nature. For me, I believe that these words can be taken beyond just the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. They are a message and an opportunity for each of us to reach out and welcome back those individuals who have strayed from an active parish life. Ask yourself, "Who do I know (family and/or friends) that was once active in the life of our Church but has drifted away?" Now take a few minutes to call, text or message them and let them know that you are thinking about them and would love to see them back in church on Sunday morning. The reality is that an invitation may not be enough or maybe they are looking for more of an active parish life outside of Divine Liturgy. Take the time to also invite these people to a coffee hour, parish UOL activity or even the UOL Convention at All Saints Camp. A person is more likely to come back to Church because of personal connections and a rekindled friendship may be all it takes.

It was the forward thinking of the UOL in the mid 70's that has allowed this convention to take place at All Saints Camp. It determined that we would need our own camp in order for our camping programs to achieve their aims for the youth of our Church. It is because of the hard work of the UOL and its members that All Saints Camp has become such a vital part of the future of the UOC of the USA. Let this year's convention be a catalyst to bring current and former UOLers back together. Let us approach this year's convention with open arms and big dreams to strengthen the UOL and to ensure that our youth know that they have a spiritual home within the UOC of the USA.

I pray that the rest of your Lenten journey is peaceful and full of prayer. I look forward to seeing everyone from August 1 – 4 at this summer's UOL Convention at All Saints Camp.

With love in Christ,

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