

Centennial Celebration Committee

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The UOL is excited about the possibility of the Ecumenical Patriarch visiting the celebration. It would help increase attendance of the UOCofUSA, other Orthodox jurisdictions, and even the non-Orthodox community members and be a memorable experience for all who visit.

The UOL should encourage and prepare a 24 hour rotating service schedule, modeled after a monastery, either at the Memorial Church or the seminary chapel for ease of access during the celebration. One of these services should be to pray for the youth. The services should include the entire spectrum of liturgical services as served in monasteries- not just liturgies.

A women's rally section should be created in order to show what women can do in the Church. This would increase knowledge and understanding of women's vocations in the church as well as highlight the lives of those pioneer women who helped to establish the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Serving others is a fundamental part of being an Orthodox Christian; to this end, the celebration should include community service projects. In addition to advertising existing projects in our parishes, the UOL would also hold projects at the celebration including but not limited to making sandwiches for soup kitchens, prayer beads for hospice centers, cards and candles for the Ukrainian suffering, care and hygiene packets for battered wives, mothers, children, and men, taking a scheduled bus to a Ronald McDonald hospital and spending time with the children, and supporting local charitable initiatives. Any of these projects can be taken and implemented in the local parish communities.

In order to increase awareness and knowledge of American-based mission service in the church, we recommend advertising existing UOL, Diocesan, and OCMC projects in America as well as spearheading new ones.

The Archive Project should have an area showcasing the results of parishes that have already, by the time of the celebration, finished scanning and archiving their records. The documents should be presented in a multimedia format.

Different major parts of the UOCofUSA should have a wall dedicated to them; for example, there should be a wall with all the past presidents of the UOL (Jr and Sr), a wall about camp's history and present, a wall about the altar boy conference, etc.

The centennial should be a celebration of the UOCofUSA present and past. The stories of those who came before can be presented by troupes of actors to deliver powerful, memorable experiences. Children of the UOCofUSA can also perform; this would have the additional benefit of increasing attendance to include those children's families.

In the interests of public relations and advertisement, the UOL should contact Guinness World Records for the world's largest Kolomenka and the world's largest choir singing the responses during a service.

Ukraine has a rich culture with folklore and fairy tales; the UOL should hire a real storyteller and have him or her perform traditional stories in English to draw in the largest audience and educate the greater community.