On July 22, 2009, people from all over the country began to arrive in Youngstown, Ohio for the 62nd Annual Senior UOL and 48th Annual Junior UOL Convention. After everyone settled into the hotel and attended Great Vespers, business sessions commenced at 6:00. Later that night, we joined our friends from Sts. Peter and Paul’s Parish in Youngstown for Hospitality Night - filled with food, fun, and friends. Everyone seemed to have a good time as we enjoyed a little relaxation after an evening of work.

The next morning, Thursday, July 23, 2009, we gathered together again to celebrate Divine Liturgy before starting our activities for the day. Following breakfast, the Juniors and Seniors parted ways to continue with their individual sessions. During the business sessions, the Juniors worked in their committee groups to review last year’s report and discuss this year’s issues. Later in the day, Chapter Challenge Teams were formed and the competition began. The evening event of the day was the Aloha Hawaiian Luau, held in the Grand Pavilion at the hotel. Everyone wore their tropical attire and danced to music played by a live band from the Bahamas. Members of Sts. Peter and Paul parish waited patiently at the door to properly welcome the members with leis. It was truly a fantastic event and everyone really enjoyed themselves. We found it difficult to leave when the night was over.

Friday morning commenced with an Akathist in the Chapel Room, and then the Juniors and Seniors were back at work again. Committees finished up their reports for the year and elections were held. The convention body also had the pleasure of listening to keynote speaker, Dr. Gayle Woloschak, who educated everyone about the history of the Ukrainian Orthodox League. Her presentation was extremely informative and helped the Convention body to appreciate the organization we have today. As sessions for the 48th Annual Junior UOL Convention closed, the Junior members seemed to be eager to get to the Ukrainian themed evening (complete with dancing from the Kyiv Dance Ensemble in Carnegie, PA). The Hospitality Event of the evening, hosted by the Junior and Senior Chapters of Maplewood, New Jersey, helped to excite the members about Holy Ascension’s Convention in Maplewood next year.

On Saturday, July 25, we arose again for an Akathist in the morning. Throughout the day, a variety of stimulating workshops were held for the members to attend, including a presentation on the “Journey to the Priesthood.”
UOL Member Stephen Haluszczak Publishes Book

Submitted by Dr. Stephen Sivulich

UOL member Stephen Haluszczak recently published the book, Ukrainians of Western Pennsylvania — Images of America. Stephen is well known for his work in the Ukrainian community of Western Pennsylvania which includes the Ukrainian Self Reliance of Western Pennsylvania Federal Credit Union, The Ukrainian Cultural and Humanitarian Institute, his church, Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Carnegie, PA), and other community organizations. He has been a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA since he was a teenager. Born in Carnegie, both his paternal and maternal grandparents immigrated to the United States from Ukraine before World War I. Stephen considers the research and preparation of this book to be a “labor of love.” Given the task before him, it surely involved much labor and love for his Ukrainian heritage on his part, in conducting extensive research and acquiring many pictures.

The book brings to life the evolution of immigrants from Ukraine to Western Pennsylvania. Most Ukrainian immigrants to Western Pennsylvania arrived before World War I and worked in coal mines and steel mills. This immigration movement occurred in four waves: 1878 to 1914; the 1920’s; 1948 through 1950’s; and 1992 to the present. Today an estimated 100,000 residents of Western Pennsylvania trace their heritage to Ukraine.

The author presents an outstanding pictorial review of the life of Ukrainians in Western Pennsylvania. His pictures emphasize the special significance that religion played in the life of these immigrants, both Ukrainian Orthodox and Ukrainian Catholic, with the inclusion of three current church hierarchs born in Western Pennsylvania: Metropolitan Constantine of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, born, respectively in Pittsburgh and Sharon, PA; and Archbishop Robert Moskal of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the USA, born in Carnegie, PA. Equally important, the book, while an historical documentation of Ukrainian life, provides an enjoyable read for the relatives of original Ukrainian immigrants, and for those whose roots are solely in America and who are proud of their Ukrainian heritage. The elaborate display of more than 230 photos in this 127 page book also highlights Ukrainian culture, Ukrainian organizations, and the involvement of Ukrainians in the community.

Stephen’s dedication of this book to his parents, Paul Haluszczak and Marlene Kapeluck Haluszczak, for giving him the “gift of identity and the love of heritage,” is followed with a wealth of knowledge and photographs about the immigration from Ukraine, and the valuable contributions of the Ukrainian immigrants to American society in Western Pennsylvania. The four chapters of the book provide a photo survey about the major periods of immigration, the important role of the church in the lives of immigrants, the immigrants’ determination to preserve the Ukrainian culture, and the immigrants’ contribution to the American melting pot in their Western Pennsylvania communities.

Stephen Haluszczak is to be highly commended for accepting the gargantuan task of preparing this book. It will surely serve as a valuable historical and cultural resource for years to come, especially in making our Ukrainian youth aware of our cultural heritage. It is a must read for all Ukrainians and other ethnic groups, and not only for those in Pennsylvania.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Olel Bilynsky

By the time you read this the Sr. Executive Board will have held its first meeting, and all of its members will have outlined their plans and goals for the upcoming year. As I have done the last two years, I would like to make an increase in membership, in both the number of active UOL chapters and the total number of UOL members, one of my goals for the upcoming year. Last year we managed to increase our total membership, just barely, but not the number of active UOL chapters (the only added chapter was the newly rejuvenated chapter in Pittsburgh). This year we are off to a flying start, with the newly rejuvenated chapters in Woonsocket and South Bound Brook, and I would like to see that momentum continue and carry us forward throughout the upcoming year.

I intend to work closely with all of our Board members, especially our Chapter Development Chairperson, Emil Skocypec, and Natalie Bilynsky (Membership Chairperson), who will focus on our members at large, to increase the total number of both UOL chapters and U.O.L. members. We can’t do it alone however, so I ask all of you to help in this effort.

As was requested last year, please take time to reach out not only to past members who are no longer active but also to those parishioners who have never been members of the U.O.L, and invite them to join (or rejoin) the U.O.L. Our Chapter Development and Membership Chairpersons will, among other things, be sending out letters to potential new members, but a personal invitation is always preferable. A personal invitation not only gives you the opportunity to extol the virtues of the U.O.L, but also gives you the chance to answer any questions the “invitees” may have.

As I have often said, in my humble opinion the strongest parishes of our Church are those that have the largest and strongest U.O.L chapters, and thus by increasing our own membership we are also helping to make our Church both strong and vital. If every parish in our Church had not only a U.O.L chapter, but a strong and active U.O.L chapter, there is no doubt in my mind that our Church would not only be stronger, but would have a bright and unlimited future.

Yours in Christ,

Oleh V. Bilynsky

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where many of our own parish priests spoke about how they came to their callings. After the workshops concluded, everyone enjoyed a little free time at the hotel. Many Juniors went swimming and began to get ready for the Banquet and Ball, to be held after Great Vespers that evening. The Banquet and Ball was exceptional this year. After the speakers were finished and the awards had all been distributed, the U.O.L. members enjoyed yet another talented, live band. The evening was a great success and everyone was disheartened thinking of their departure the next morning.

As all good things must come to an end, the 62nd Annual U.O.L. Convention concluded on July 26, 2009 with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Youngstown. The new National Executive Boards took the oath of office immediately following liturgy, and everyone proceeded to the Church hall for their farewell brunch, until next year. On behalf of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League, I’d like to thank the Hierarchs, Fr. John Harvey, the Convention Chairpersons, and the U.O.L. Chapters of Sts. Peter and Paul (along with their entire parish) for the wonderful hospitality they put into the Annual Convention this year. It was truly sensational and a huge success!
At the 62nd Annual Ukrainian Orthodox Church Convention hosted by Sts. Peter and Paul Junior and Senior UOL Chapters of Youngstown, Ohio, the UOL awarded scholarships totaling $5,100 to three Junior UOL members whose dedication to their Church and her League have distinguished them from their peers. Since the LSSK Scholarship Fund was established in 1975 in memory of Lynn Sawchuk and Sharon Kuzbyt, the UOL has awarded 130 scholarships totaling over $146,450.

Criteria considered by the Scholarship Committee include: 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 service to the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox League; academic achievement in high school; involvement in extracurricular activities; and of high ethical and moral character. The 2009 LSSK Scholarship recipients are Zachary Kapeluck, Arianna Rock and Michael Nemeth.

Zachary Kapeluck of Sts. Peter and Paul Junior UOL Chapter of Carnegie, Pennsylvania. Zachary has served as President and Treasurer of his local Junior UOL Chapter. He is an altar server, member and assistant instructor of his local Ukrainian dance group, the Kyiv Dance Ensemble, and a Pyvanka writer. He has attended Teenage Conference, UOL Lenten Retreats, and UOL Conventions. He is an active volunteer in all of his parish’s activities. He has also participated in the American Cancer Society’s “Relay for Life” for the past four years. His Chapter Advisor writes, “Zachary’s passion and dedication to our Church is amazing. . . his leadership skills have been a plus in guiding our younger members. It has been a pleasure serving with Zachary.” His Spiritual Advisor writes, “Zachary is a young man full of potential, academically, culturally, and as a member of our Church family. He is a participant and volunteer out of personal interest and satisfaction in all manner of activities—school, parish, and his community. We can see him go far as he blossoms into adulthood.”

Zachary is also actively involved in his school and community. He is a member of the National Honor Society, his high school chorus, the select Guys Ensemble and a lead performer in his high school’s musicals. He is an apprentice for the Southwest Ballet Company and a performer with the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater School. His scholastic advisor writes, “Zachary has always displayed articulate social skills, intelligence, creativity, assertiveness and maturity. He is innovative and continues to make a significant impact in school as well as his community. Zach’s spirit and personality are always willing to go above and beyond the call of duty.” Zachary will attend Point Park University in the Fall.

Arianna Rock is a Junior UOL member-at-large and a member of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church in New Castle, Pennsylvania. Arianna served as National Corresponding Secretary of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League. As a member-at-large, her activities with other youth in our Church has been limited to her active participation in our Church encampments, both Diocesan Church School Camp and Teenage Conference, and attendance at the National UOL Conventions. Her Senior Advisor writes, “As a camper, Arianna has served as a true role model for both young and old. She keeps a positive attitude, making her a joy to be around. . . During the past year, she has been a model board member. She has made the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League a top priority in her life. . . . She truly embodies the purpose of the award and what Lynn and Sharon strived for.” Her Spiritual Advisor writes, “In a time when the values the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox League hold so dear are disregarded by so many youth, it is heartening to see a young woman with so much talent devote herself to these values and institutions such as our UOC and UOL.”

Arianna is also actively involved in her school and community. In addition to her involvement in her parish and the League, she is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Spanish Club, Watch Club and the varsity golf, softball and fast-pitch baseball teams. Arianna will attend Westminster College in the Fall.

JUNIOR UOL - T-shirts!

This is the last chance to have your very own Jr. UOL T-shirt! There are only 15 medium long sleeved shirts left. There are also 3 large short sleeve and 2 medium short sleeve shirts left.

Long sleeved shirts are $17.00 and short sleeve shirts are $12.00. Don’t be left out!

To Order shirts, contact Ethan Rock by e-mail at: ejrock7@aol.com.

Very Rev. Bukata Memorial Award 2009 - Joshua Bourgery

Joshua Bourgery of St. Michael’s Parish in Woonsocket, Rhode Island was selected as this year’s recipient of The Very Reverend Volodymyr Bukata Memorial Award. At age 15, Joshua has already put an immense amount of effort into the Jr. UOL, and has shown a considerable level of commitment to the Church.

In his parish, Josh served at the altar and assisted with the decoration and maintenance of the Church on a regular basis. His involvement with Ukrainian Kitchen Work Sessions at his Church was greatly appreciated by his parish. Josh also remains extremely active within his Jr. UOL Chapter, of which he is currently the President. Under his leadership, the Jr. UOL chapter at Woonsocket recruited new members and achieved many accomplishments throughout the past year.

According to Josh’s spiritual advisor, Father Anthony Perkins, “He works tirelessly and without need or expectation of praise or reward.” The Junior UOL is grateful to have such a determined and dedicated member, one who we thought deserved the recognition of “Junior Orthodox of the Year.” Congratulations Josh on this wonderful achievement!
2009 UOL ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS
150 ENTRIES FROM 17 PARISHES
12 FIRST PLACE AWARDS
12 SECOND PLACE AWARDS
32 HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS

St. Mary Cathedral, Allentown, PA
Natalie Schnitz, Second place, 7th grade, age 12
Katie Zimmerman, Second place, 9th grade, age 15
Nikolai Partuch, First place, adult

St. Vladimir Parish, Ambridge, PA
Caterina Nase, Honorable mention, preschool, age 6
Cameron Cousins, Honorable mention, kindergarten, age 6
Anna Swindle, Honorable mention, 2nd grade, age 8
Victoria Swindle, Honorable mention, 4th grade, age 10
Danielle Pontius, First place, 8th grade, age 14
Michael Kochis, First place, 10th grade, age 16

St. Sophia Parish, Bayonne, NJ
Paul Schirta, Honorable mention, 1st grade, age 6
Jessica Tanious, Second place, 1st grade, age 7
Joseph Gulick, Second place, 2nd grade, age 7
Maria Schirta, First place, 2nd grade, age 8
Robert Lee, First place, 3rd grade, age 9
Anastasia Lee, Honorable mention, 5th grade, age 11

St. Andrew Parish, Boston, MA
Alexander Banadyga, Honorable mention, 2nd grade, age 7
Stephen Little, Second place, 3rd grade, age 8
Anna Welting, Honorable mention award, 10th grade, age 16

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Carnegie, PA
Brandi Rohal, Second place, 8th grade, age 13

St. Demetrios Cathedral, Carteret, NJ
Melissa Obizan, Honorable mention, 1st grade, age 6
Janeane Link, Honorable mention, 8th grade, age 14

St. John the Baptist Parish, Johnson City, NY
Owen Hatala, Honorable mention, preschool, age 3
Stamatia Dimitrius, Honorable mention, 4th grade, age 10
Maria Zanky, Second place, 5th grade, age 11

St. Volodymyr Chapel, Kerhonkson, NY
Victoria McMeekin, First place, 4th grade, age 9
Andrew McMeekin, First place, 6th grade, age 11

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Lyndora, PA
Eric Prokoschak – Honorable mention, 7th grade, age 13

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Palos Park, IL
Clare Rolando, Honorable mention, preschool, age 3
Kayla Drewo, Second place, kindergarten, age 6
Joranne Zvonek, Honorable mention, kindergarten, age 5
Alexis Naumenko, First place, 1st grade, age 7
Dominic Saunders, Second place, 1st grade, age 7
Alex Masur, Honorable mention, 6th grade, age 12
Hannah Masur, Second place, 6th grade, age 12
Veronica Korando, Honorable mention, 7th grade, age 12
Markian Masur, First place, 9th grade, age 15
Dennis Korando, Second place, 10th grade, age 16

St. Vladimir Cathedral, Parma, OH
John Komirko, Honorable mention, 9th grade, age 15
Melanie Hahol, Honorable mention, 9th grade, age 15

St. Vladimir Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA
Michael SanAntonio, Honorable mention, preschool, age 5
Larissa SoniGo, Honorable mention, preschool, age 5
Natalia Swan, Honorable mention, preschool, age 4
Mia Zetick, Honorable mention, preschool, age 2
Madeleine Zetick, First place, kindergarten, age 6
Natalie SanAntonio, Honorable mention, 4th grade, age 9
Peter Korchorak, Honorable mention, 8th grade, age 14

St. Vladimir Parish, Pittsburgh, PA
Cyril Shepkat, Honorable mention, 2nd grade, age 8

St. Mary Protectress Cathedral, Southfield, MI
Lesia Powers, Second place, 4th grade, age 9
Mikey Powers, First place, 5th grade, age 11
Andrew Powers, First place, 7th grade, age 13

St. Michael Parish, Woonsocket, RI
Nick Perkins, Honorable mention, 8th grade, age 13
Kurt Eichom, Honorable mention, 9th grade, age 14

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Youngstown, OH
Thomas DeLuca, Honorable mention, 2nd grade, age 8
Dea Walkowicz, Honorable mention, 2nd grade, age 8
Jeffrey Biedak, Honorable mention, 4th grade, age 10
Alyse Mounce, Honorable mention, 8th grade, age 14

This year’s Chapter Achievement Award was given to St. Mary’s Junior UOL Chapter in Southfield, Michigan. Starting off as a new chapter in the league, Southfield’s resume already holds numerous accomplishments.

They monetarily supported a multitude of projects, including the donation of money for Saint’s Day ribbons and their purchase of corsages for the First Holy Communion children. Around Christmas, they donated candy for the children and distributed paper icons depicting the Nativity to their parishioners. Later in the year, at Pascha, the chapter organized Easter Baskets to give to the elderly of their Church. In addition, they contributed to local soup kitchens and participated in the Thanksgiving Tithing project. All together, the chapter has selflessly given over $5,000.00 to charities over the course of this past year. They also hosted numerous coffee hours at their parish and made clothing donations to the orphanages in Ukraine.

These are just a few of the many projects Southfield’s chapter has completed this year, and we hope there are more of these awards in their future. Congratulations, Southfield! Keep up the good work!

Great Lent Giveaway Hugely Successful!
Submitted by Natalie Kapeluck Nixon

Each year, the youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church work together to help those in need through the Great Lent Giveaway, which is sponsored by the Consistory Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and the Jr. UOL. The 2009 recipient of the Great Lent Giveaway was the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) Emergency Kits Project. IOCC is an agency of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in America (SCOBA).

The Emergency Kits Project allows individuals and organizations to assemble one pound zip-lock baggie sized care packages of school supplies, baby items, children’s items, clean-up buckets or health kits. The Great Lent Giveaway committed to assembling Health Care Kits. Ten Jr. UOL Chapters and Parish Youth Groups assembled over 700 Health Care Kits to benefit those who have experienced a natural disaster or are involved in an ongoing development program. The project culminated at the UOL Convention where Juniors brought their completed packages ready to be distributed to those in need.

In the Love of our Lord, our youth banded together to provide 700 individuals a boost when they are down! In addition to assembling the kits, parishes were asked to utilize the IOCC Activities for Children and Teenagers to learn about IOCC, world poverty and the consequences of natural disaster. Your Jr. UOL Chapter or Youth Ministry Program may contribute on an ongoing basis to this worthy program or make use of their Youth Activities by utilizing their website at www.iocc.org.

Would You Like to be / have a Prayer Pal?
At the U.O.L. Convention, one of the recommendations of the Youth Committee was to establish a cross-generational Prayer Pal Program. Once your name is submitted, it will be assigned to another participating individual, who will pray for you – for your health and wellbeing, your family and any special requests that you may have. In turn, you will be assigned a prayer pal for whom you will do likewise. You may, or may not, let

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Over the Memorial Day weekend, All Saints Camp was full of excitement for the Ukrainian Orthodox League’s Annual Young Adult Retreat. The pool was open, the riverfront yearned for canoeing, the kitchen smelled delectable, and the new chapel beamed like a precious gem. All of these things, put together, created an atmosphere of enthusiasm, but for some reason I was a little nervous to come out for this weekend at camp. I was one of the three international campers whose home country wasn’t celebrating Memorial Day? No. Was I the non-Orthodox guest of someone who tagged along for the weekend? Nope. So if I wasn’t one of those four people, who may have actually had reason to be a bit apprehensive for the weekend, what made me uncomfortable? I had simply never been to our camp before. I was nervous that this young adults retreat would be a group of people that had known each other from “Mommy and Daddy and Me” camp through “TC” and wouldn’t be so inclined to include a newcomer into their group. I couldn’t have been more WRONG!

Even though I missed all the introductions and getting-to-know-you games on Friday night because of a late arrival, I fit into the group right upon awakening. As soon as my roommates lethargically got out of bed we made quick introductions as we stepped into the chapel in the Millennium building. Everyone read morning prayers as a group and was invited to the mess hall for breakfast. As we finished up breakfast we were told of some tasks that needed to be taken care of on the grounds. I thought that people would stick together in groups of their friends but instead went to where their talents suited the projects. We had people removing and disposing of old toilets, power-washing the cabins, cleaning gutters, and painting. By the conclusion of the service projects I felt fully at home and couldn’t believe this was my first All Saints Camp experience; I fit right in.

Lunch, prepared by our chef Cindy Haluszczak, was as delicious as breakfast and even though we had all just finished manual labor on the camp grounds, there was no hesitation in doing dishes and cleaning up. When everything was cleaned up we returned to our camp, participated in Vespers, served by Fr. Paisius McGrath with the choir under the direction of Fr. John, and then went down to the dining hall for dinner. By this meal I was sure that I misread the flyer for the weekend. I was being fed like royalty at every meal. There’s no way I could have read $35 as the cost of that meal. While the fire faded out so did our group, each going off their separate way. Around midnight there were thoughts of going to bed but we recalled what His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine said to us earlier about preparing for church, “It is not only the priest who must perform proskomedia, but each one of us as we get ready for Liturgy. Our proskomedia doesn’t start when we make the sign of the cross as we enter the church on Sunday morning. Our proskomedia starts at home, saying our prayers before bed, adorning our best clothes on Sunday morning, and keeping the mindset that we are about to enter into God’s house – before we get there.” With these words fresh in our memories we began our proskomedia and said evening prayers before turning in.

Sunday morning turned out to be another beautiful day of sunshine and perfect temperatures. Divine Liturgy was celebrated by His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine in the awe-inspiring, newly consecrated, St. Thomas Chapel. It was during the Divine Liturgy that I was asking myself why I had never come to this camp before. I couldn’t believe that my latest excuse was that I thought I’d feel out of place. With the choir singing, I looked around at the magnificent beauty of the chapel and realized that I didn’t want to be anywhere else and felt more comfortable, I felt bliss.

Liturgy was followed by yet another feast of far too much great food and a discussion led by His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine on Mariology and the Season of the Living Waters. With more great words of wisdom in our heads we were off on our own for more free time. I went, with a group of seven others, canoeing on the Allegheny River. Although tired from the sun and paddling upstream we came back and had an impromptu discussion with Fr. Deacon Dennis Lapushansky about non-Christian faiths vs. Orthodoxy and some of his seminary studies. Then it was time to begin preparing our meal for the great iron chef cook-off challenge.

We finished our meal just in time for dinner. All the foods were introduced along with the chefs. “Team Amazing!” ended up taking the title of Iron Chef by a very close margin. Their entry included: taco dip, chicken, homemade stuffing and peach cobbler, which were all quite tasty. I must say that the peach cobbler was out of this world – especially with the special sauce. When dinner was over and pictures of the winners were captured we all proceeded outside for a group shot. His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine even agreed to sit on the lawn mower for the picture on the condition that we actually use the photo and not store it away somewhere. When our group photo was taken we moved onto the volleyball court and Melanie Nakonachny moved into the driver’s seat of the lawn mower. We had a competitive and fun game while Melanie mowed, taking breaks to admire her handiwork. Laryssa Tschaiokowsky took her turn at the wheel and, while learning why lawn mowers have headlights, mowed the rest of the field. When it was too dark to see the ball we moved into the Millennium building for a white elephant gift giving game. Newly installed camp manager, Duke Eric Senedak, came in with a wheel from the lawnmower’s blade deck that Melanie had somehow knocked off and not noticed. He added the wheel to the pile of gifts and we proceeded to have a jubilant time exchanging gifts. When everyone had their gifts we cleaned up and went our separate ways, eventually ending up in bed for the night.

Monday morning came too fast. After morning prayers and yet another delectable breakfast we cleaned up our personal gear as well as the Millenium building, said our goodbyes, and hit the road. A few people stayed for the next weekend which would be a “work weekend.” I hope they got to eat as well as I did.

So there you have it; a lengthy compilation of the events of a Memorial Day weekend at All Saints Camp. If you’ve been before, I’m sure this was all review for you. If you haven’t been before, I want to know: WHAT’S YOUR EXCUSE? See you next year.
Michael Nemeth
of St. Vladimir’s Senior UOL Chapter of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania has just completed his freshman year at Gettysburg College. As a Junior UOL member he served two years as National Treasurer of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League and two years as treasurer of his local chapter. He was an altar server and constant volunteer, whether needed in the church kitchen or tending the church grounds. His Spiritual Advisor writes, “From the most menial to the most strenuous tasks, Michael is always ready to help, and does . . . . He does not flee responsibility and, by his actions, honors his family, parish, Church and himself.” His Chapter Advisor writes, “In addition to his abilities as a leader in our church, Michael is a thoughtful and conscientious young man. He is always polite and a wonderful role model for younger members in the UOL and our Church.”

In high school, Michael was an exceptional sportsman in both baseball and soccer. His varsity soccer team ranked within the top 10 teams in the country. His scholastic advisor wrote, “Personable, hardworking and athletic are the first words that come to mind to describe Michael.”

Michael will begin his sophomore year of Liberal Arts and Sciences study at Gettysburg College in September.

The LSSK Scholarship Committee congratulates your university’s recipients on their accomplishments and thanks the UOL members, friends and chapters for their support of this worthwhile scholarship. Please remember, donations to support the LSSK Scholarship are accepted at any time and may be forwarded to:

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Scholarship applications for 2010 will be mailed to the Junior UOL Chapters in March 2010 or may be downloaded from the UOL page on the www.uocofusa.org website. Completed applications are due May 31, 2010. All former Junior UOL members entering into or enrolled in continuing education within five years of high school graduation are encouraged to apply.
My name is Taylor Gladys and I am truly grateful to have been re-elected as President of the Junior National Executive Board. I reside in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with my mom, dad, and (when she’s home from college) my sister, Jordan. On Sundays, we attend St. Vladimir’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church on the South Side. At Church, I sing in the choir, attend Sunday school, and currently serve as Secretary of South Side’s chapter of the Jr. UOL. Church is really important to me, as it is a major part of my life.

This year, I am a junior at Woodland Hills High School. At Woodland Hills, I am a member of the basketball team, as well as the Chamber Choir and French Club. I am also involved in various science fairs and other academic activities. Sports and school are an integral part of my life right now.

When I’m not at church, at school, or at sports, I like to kick back and relax with friends. I love listening to music, watching movies, and seeing plays with my best friends. As much as I like to spend my free time at home, my favorite place to be is All Saints Camp. My mom and I were among the first campers at Mommy and Me/Daddy and Me, I participated in five years of Diocesan Church School Camp, and have attended four years at Teenage Conference. For the past three years, I have been a “Big Sister” at Mommy and Me/Daddy and Me camp, as well. Camp has affected my life in several positive ways over the years. Not only do I learn and grow in faith while I’m there, but it’s also the one place where I feel like I can truly be myself and have fun with other people who are just like me. I know I will never forget the important lessons I have learned at All Saints Camp.

I have a feeling that this will be a year full of accomplishments for the Junior UOL, and I hope that I am able to serve the league to the best of my abilities. Through the love and prayers of our Spiritual family, the Junior Board will work extremely hard this year to reach for our goals. Personally, I hope to excite the youth about the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League, and strengthen our chapters. Seeing the induction of new chapters into the league would also be wonderful. I am sure that with the help of the Holy Spirit, we may be able to expand and spread the Good News of Christ to others and continue our service to our Church and to our Holy Orthodox Faith. I pray that the Lord will guide all members of the Ukrainian Orthodox League this year, that we may succeed in all of our endeavors.

Hello! My name is Ethan Rock and I am very excited to be re-elected to the Jr. UOL National Executive Board as your Financial Secretary for the 2009-2010 year. I attend the parish of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church in New Castle, Pennsylvania. I am an altar server for our church and for my grandfather, Very Reverend Protopresbyter William Diakiw.

I am a junior at the Butler Senior High School in Butler, Pennsylvania. I am on the Butler Varsity baseball team. I have many other interests too. I love to archery hunt, fish, and play all sports. Most of all I like to spend time with my family and friends. Especially all of the great friends I have met through our church, the UOL, and friends I’ve met at our All Saints Camp.

I hope that this year 2009-2010 will be another exciting, goal accomplishing year for the Jr. Ukrainian Orthodox League. We as a new board will do our best to serve you, your chapters, and our Ukrainian Orthodox Church. I am very grateful to again be a part of such a great organization. If I can do anything for you please feel free to contact me.

My name is Gregory Markiw and I am the Vice-President of the 2009-2010 Junior National Executive Board. This is my first time on the National Board and I am very excited to be given the opportunity to serve the UOL alongside my fellow board members.

Greetings from Carnegie, Pennsylvania! My Spiritual Advisor is Fr. Steve Repa. I am treasurer for our local chapter, assist as an altar server and dance as a member of the Kyiv Dance Ensemble.

As a tenth grader at Chartiers Valley High School I play baritone in the Jazz Band, work as technical crew for school plays and musicals, and participate as a member of the school’s mock trial program. I enjoy politics and the great outdoors, as well as spending time with my family and friends.

Our local chapter is very active and I have always enjoyed working as a UOL member during events like Carnegie Days, St. Matrona’s Cookie Walk and the Annual Pysanky Sale. Carnegie Juniors also host coffee hour once a month as well as the Souper Bowl and various other fundraisers throughout the year. The UOL has provided me the opportunity to participate in the Diocesan Church School Camp, and Teenage Conference, as well as religious retreats at All Saints Camp and the Youngstown Lock-In. This summer I worked as a Big Brother at the Mommy and Me / Daddy and Me camp. If you ever need to contact me I can be reached at marq2036@verizon.net.

Meet the Junior Board 2009-2010

Hi! My name is Katie Zimmerman and I am the Junior National Executive Board Corresponding Secretary. I am very excited to begin the New Year and to fulfill all the expectations of the office.

I attend St. Mary’s parish in Allentown, Pennsylvania where Father Myron Orhych is our priest. I am our junior chapter president and love being active in the church.

I live in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania and attend Southern Lehigh High School. I will be a sophomore this school year. I was on the winter and spring track and field teams as a freshman and plan on being on them all throughout high school. I enjoy ceramics and take classes at Southern Lehigh. I also enjoy gymnastics. I have done it for about 7 years. Some other hobbies I enjoy are art, listening to music, fishing, and hanging out with my friends.

I have attended Diocesan Church School Camp, Teenage Conference, and recently attended Mommy & Me / Daddy & Me as a counselor for my first year and have been attending and coming back every year. I am having the privilege to attend an amazing camp every summer and look forward to it every year. I encourage people to go because you have a great time and meet friends last a lifetime.

I hope to meet each and every one of you in the near future. Feel free to contact me at gymnastzimm94@gmail.com.

Hi! My name is Lesia Mahlay and I am the newly elected Recording Secretary of the Junior National Executive Board. I am a parishioner at St. Vladimir’s Cathedral in Holmdale, New Jersey, where I serve as the President of the Junior UOL chapter. I attend Sunday School and help out at many church functions. I am a senior at Beaumont School, where I am involved in National Honor Society, Latin Club, and Pre-Med Club, to name a few. Outside of school, I am very active in the Ukrainian community of Cleveland. I am a member of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization, Kyiv Dance, Hryhory Kytasty School of Dance, Hryhory Kytasty School of Dance, and plan on being on them all throughout high school.

A big part of my daily life is charity work and service to others. For the past two years, I have gone on the “On the Road Mission Trips sponsored by our Ukrainian Orthodox Church. In the summer of 2008, I traveled to St. John the Compassion Mission in Toronto, Canada and in 2009 I traveled to one of our own mission parishes, St. Anthony of the Desert, in Las Cruces, New Mexico. In my own community, I visit and donate to St. Herman’s House of Hospitality in Cleveland. I also volunteer for Zoe for Life! and at the Zoe House located in Parma, for the Fund to Aid Ukraine, St. Andrew’s Society, and the Orphanage Fund at my own church.

Throughout the year, I enjoy traveling and camping. I have traveled with my family all over the United States, camping at many National Parks. I have also traveled in Ukraine, where I was able to firsthand witness our beautiful culture. But my favorite place to camp and relax is All Saints Camp in Emlenton, Pennsylvania. I have attended Diocesan Church School Camp and Teenage Conference since I was eight years old. Besides church camp, I go to All Saints Camp for Kozbarska Sich Bandura Camp in August and Family Fest in September.

I look forward to being on the board this year and being able to work with the other members. Along with holding the position of Recording Secretary, I am also the chair for the Christian Caregiving and Missions Committee. I hope to do all that I can for the Board and continue to serve our Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

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