The Jr. U.O.L. started the new Church year by selling “I Love UOL” t-shirts at our Church picnic in August. It was also our membership drive and we gained two new members. We are now 16 members and growing! In September, we met again to plan our new calendar year. The newly elected board were introduced. Elected as presidents of the Junior Chapter are Natalka Serdiuk and Andrew Powers, with Michael Powers and Yarema Petrusha as vice-presidents, Elizabeth Jones as secretary and John Van Hoef as treasurer.

October brought us much joy, as we were busy preparing cards, banners and wreaths for His Eminence Archbishop Antony’s and His Grace Bishop Daniel’s visit on our Feast Day Celebration. Many members of our Chapter are also members of the Ukrainian school at St. Mary’s and they danced, and performed for the Bishops, as well. We really enjoyed their visit to our Parish! We were also able to do some fundraising in October. Our parishioners enjoyed buying Yankee Candle products. In November, we enjoyed meeting at Shield’s Pizza to have some fun before the start of the busy Christmas season.

Our December plans include having a Christmas Store, hosting Friendship Hours, a Christmas tree decorating party, a donation drive for Orphans in Ukraine, and a donation drive for St. Herman’s House. We look forward to doing many more activities in the New Year!

As you are well aware, a significant amount of time at the 60th and 61st UOL Conventions was spent discussing the UOL web-page. In fact, at the Conventions, a specific fund was established to fund this project. The National Executive Board has been working to get the web-page up and running.

At the Board meeting in Philadelphia in September, Aleksandra Hucul reported that Joshua Oryhon has volunteered to be the webmaster. She also stated that she is working to upload information onto the site.

The web-page was custom designed by Orthodox Web Solutions, a web design and hosting company for use by Orthodox Christians. Orthodox Web Solutions offers many predesigned templates for parish websites and has designed several Ecclesiastical websites, such as that of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

The UOL web-page will feature information on the history of the Ukrainian Orthodox League, its Commissions and Committees, a Chapter Directory, updates and links to information about the Annual UOL Convention, as well as access to UOL publications, downloadable documents such as scholarship applications, and various other resources.

In the future, the UOL Handbook will also be accessible through the web-page. The web-page will be officially launched in January 2009.

As Orthodox Christians we are taught to give charity and love to all. In cooperation with the St. Andrew’s Ukrainian Orthodox Society, an organization that works hard in serving the less fortunate in Ukraine, we have the opportunity to help others. Because of the kindness and charity of the members of the U.O.L., last year an outstanding $6,900 was donated to the St. Andrew’s Society. At the 2008 Convention it was decided that the Souper Bowl Sunday project would once again be donated to St. Andrew’s Society.

In 1991 Saint Andrew’s Society was established to support the spiritual rebirth of the people in Ukraine and the efforts in charitable outreach. This organization provides humanitarian assistance to poor families, orphans, elderly, and handicapped people by offering daily soup kitchens. The society also organizes the visitation of St. Nicholas for the orphans throughout various cities in Ukraine, spreading the holiday joy. St. Andrew’s has published books and educational pamphlets to the faithful, seminarians, and priests at no cost. The Ukrainian Orthodox seminaries have received countless supplies and equipment on their behalf. The seminarians have received scholarships, in addition to computers and printers. Along with these great offerings, the organization has raised over $100,000 to benefit St. Michael’s Cathedral and Monastery in Kyiv, Ukraine.

On February 1st, numerous people across the country will gather to enjoy Super Bowl Sunday. After counting your many blessings and enjoying a wonderful holiday, this is a perfect opportunity to give to those that are

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I am a fervent convert to Orthodoxy, but one seeming defect in my parish has me troubled. I have boys that I want to be able to observe Orthodox men as spiritual role models. Yes, men in our church are on the Parish Council and have League positions, but their visible and active presence and participation in the services and sacraments seems lacking. I don’t want to be hypercritical, but I don’t want my boys to get the impression that church and a spiritual life is merely a “woman’s thing.”

That in some Orthodox Christian cultures, women seem the dominant spiritual force in a parish is sad and runs counter to the heritage we have received from the early church. It is true that many Protestants, especially among the pentecostals, have an excellent record of strong male spiritual leadership by example within congregations and that is to their credit. Where have we gone wrong? What is the authentic tradition that we should draw from as a template?

We see from the scriptures that Jesus was in the local synagogue daily and used the opportunity to preach. Within the Jewish tradition, there are morning and evening services in the synagogue, but they can only go forward if the men are present. In Jewish life, this made sense for several reasons. First, the man takes spiritual responsibility for his family and is present in the synagogue to pray for them. In line with this, please plan on attending this year’s UOL Convention, which will be held in Youngstown, OH on July 22-26. While the convention is important for discussing projects and setting goals for the next year, I feel its most important aspect is that it serves as a “family reunion” for UOL members. Just as any family misses even one member’s absence at a family reunion, any UOL member who does not attend the Convention will likewise be sorely missed.

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The Christian Caregiving and Missions Commission is wrapping up the Tithing Program, and hopefully you have already contributed to this worthwhile project. If you have not, it is still not too late to make a contribution to this annual project. This year’s donations will benefit our Mission parish in Las Cruces, NM. Also, hopefully you have participated (or will participate) in our Soup Bowl Sunday project, which raises funds to benefit the St. Andrew Society’s soup kitchens in Ukraine. This project raised more than $6,900 last year, and if you have not yet participated please contribute to this worthy cause. Anyone wishing to contribute (to either project) should send donations directly to UOL Financial Secretary Alexis Oryhon.

Now is also the time to make your donations to the UOL’s Annual Fund Drive and the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund (MJSF). Donations to the Annual Fund Drive will be used to support all of the UOL’s activities, such as (to name but a few) the UOL Bulletin, the Youth Commission’s activities with our Preteens, Juniors and Young Adults, and the various projects of the Education Commission. Among other worthy causes, the MJSF helps support our seminarians and provides grants to clergy wishing to further their education.

Materials for the 2009 UOL Essay Contest will be in the mail to chapters and parishes shortly, and please encourage all parishioners (the contest is not limited to UOL members) to participate in this annual event. For additional information please contact UOL Essay Contest Chairwoman Shirley Skocypec.

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Lastly, the winter meeting of both the Junior and Senior National Executive Boards will be held in South Bound Brook, NJ (and hosted by the newly reconstituted South Bound Brook chapter) on January 17, and the spring meeting will be held in Youngstown, OH on May 16. As always, everyone is welcome and I encourage anyone who is in those areas, both Juniors and Seniors, to attend those meetings.

Yours in Christ,
Oleh V. Bilynsky

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

I pray that you and your family had a blessed Nativity season, full of happiness in the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and that the New Year brings you good health and prosperity. As we turn the page to a new year there are a number of UOL activities that everyone should be aware of.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Oleh Bilynsky
Looking for a great way to ring in the New Year? How about a registration packet for the 2009 Sr./Jr. UOL Convention in Youngstown, Ohio?

Plan ahead to attend the convention and extend the excitement of the New Year into July with our many events and activities at the beautiful, historic Avalon Inn Resort in Youngstown, Ohio. Come join us and let’s ring in the “New Year” together! See you there!

Contact Kevin Thomas at KMT627@aol.com or Robert Mark @ ram4123@aol.com for more information and visit the Avalon Inn Resort’s website at www.avaloninn.com to book a room and see the amazing amenities the resort has to offer! Check out our new church website with a link for the Sts. Peter & Paul 2009 UOL Convention with the “Trust in the Lord with all your HEART” icon at www.stspeterpauluc.org for all the latest!

**Sts. Peter & Paul Youngstown, Ohio -- Proud of our Veterans!**

Submitted by Diane Senedak

The Youngstown Jr. UOL Chapter hosted a brunch for the Veterans of the parish. The program pointed out the importance of Veterans and the freedoms that we have today. The Sr. UOL President Walter Duzynny, Jr. UOL President Josh Auden as well as the National Jr. UOL Vice President Eric Perankovich, were part of the presentation ceremony. The honored Veterans present were Joe Ewanish, Ken Senediak, Richard Proch, Walter Duzynny, William Sywyy, Nick Guila, Walter Malsy, Steve Rappach, Charles Senediak, Nick Tennenick, Steve Havrylyuk, Ben Minhey, and Michael Woloschak. The service ended with our choir singing God Bless America. We are very proud of each and every one of our men and women that gave of themselves so unselfishly to help keep our country free.

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I trust that everyone had an enjoyable and loving holiday season and a spectacular Thanksgiving and Christmas. As we commence the new year, let us appreciate the past one as we glorify God for all of the endless opportunities He provided for us. I pray that He may guide us in the coming year, to unify us in His strength as we continue forward in our work. As we kick off the new year, let us remain focused on the purpose of the U.O.L.: to show dedication to our Church, and display devotion to our youth and all those in need of God’s grace and love throughout the year. On that note, I have a few reminders and thank yous to extend.

Thank you to Alexis Oryhon, Jared Burgan, and Arianna Rock for their work with the Thanksgiving Tithing Program. I hope it was successful in benefiting our mission parish of the Holy Cross in Las Cruces, New Mexico. If you missed your chance to donate, it’s not too late! Contact Arianna Rock with any questions.

The annual Great Lent Giveaway Project this year is spearheaded by Financial Secretary, Ethan Rock. In cooperation with the Office of Youth Ministry, the Junior Board decided to take on an Inter Orthodox Christian Charities project involving the production of “health kits” for those in need. These kits will include little necessities such as band-aids, soap, and combs. Further information about this project will be sent out to your chapter soon.

Yet another upcoming event is the 2009 Essay Contest. Please encourage all of the youth at your church to participate! The contest is a phenomenal way to educate and evaluate their understanding of our church and faith. This rewarding experience is truly something they will not want to miss out on.

The Jr. UOL’s annual raffle is also coming up fairly soon. This fund raiser has always been one of the largest and most successful projects of the Junior League. Please don’t delay - the purchasing of these tickets helps to maintain and support the Jr. UOL.

Furthermore, the Jr. UOL plans to host a “Bring-a-Friend-to-Church Day” in February. In the past, this has proven a fun way to share the Orthodox faith and allow our friends to experience one of the most important aspects of our lives.

Lastly, there are a few retreats and fun activities planned for the coming months. Keep your eye out for information regarding the All Saints Camp and Bethlehem, PA Lenten Retreats, which exercise great ways for us to enjoy and learn about our faith.

I pray that all of the chapters and members of the league have a happy and safe new year. Thank you for all of your commitment and dedication. Keep up the good work!

Yours In Christ,
Taylor Gladys

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**JUNIOR UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX LEAGUE**

**PYSH TRAVEL GRANT 2009**

The Pysh Travel Grant was established to help chapters and members attend the UOL Convention in an effort to:

- Recruit new members
- Develop new chapters
- Reorganize old chapters

If you are in need of financial assistance to attend the Annual Jr. UOL Convention in Youngstown, OH, the Pysh Travel Grant is here to help!

Simply complete the application sent to your chapter, or contact Taylor Gladys (TEGladys@aol.com) for an additional application. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2009.

A maximum of $300 may be awarded in 3 grants per year to either a group or individual applicants.
Membership Pledge - Submitted by Helen Greenleaf

In November 1993, Helen Greenleaf (First Vice President of the National Executive Board in 1993) spoke these words as she presented the charter to the Wissahickon Senior Chapter. Her words, spoken over 15 years ago, still ring true regarding the importance of UOL membership.

I hope that her words will inspire you to reach out to others who are not members of the UOL and encourage them to join. Additionally, as we enter the New Year I hope that you set a personal resolution to work harder for our Church and her League.

Webster’s definition for the word busy is: occupied in some activity characterized by much action or motion. When asked “How are you?”, it doesn’t seem to matter if you’re a student, parent, grandparent, employed full or part-time, or retired, the answer always is – “I’m so busy, I have so much to do.”

I am no exception and at times fantasize about spending the day in front of the television eating bowls and bowls of food while watching Oprah, Dear Abby and psychiatrists aside, one of the purposes of the UOL is to connect members and chapters to one another. A UOL chapter and member in Rhode Island, Ohio, Minnesota or New York is not alone and isolated from other Ukrainian Orthodox Christians. Regardless of where we live, there is a mutual and precious bond between Ukrainian Orthodox Christians. The UOL has created a wonderful network which crosses many geographical lines and brings us in touch with one another.

I’d like to give you two examples of this network in action. When my daughter Julie left home and St. Vladimir’s in Parma for the University of Pennsylvania, we gave the UOL network a try. Not only did St. Vladimir’s chapter in Philadelphia welcome her, but for four years they provided her rides to church, friendship, caring, a variety of holiday foods and goodie bags as well as spiritual and emotional nourishment. Father Frank Estocin and the chapter embraced her and gave her a church home away from her church and her home.

My second example has to do with the UOL Convention that was planned and sponsored by six chapters in Western Pennsylvania. Together they met, discussed and decided that by combining their talents and efforts, the work would be easier and the end result better than if one of the chapters did it alone. Their Convention theme was “In fear of God in Faith and Love draw near.” Obviously, the UOL Chapters and members of the Western Pennsylvania Region have already done so. We as Ukrainian Orthodox Christians are so fortunate to have this network that has been created by the Ukrainian Orthodox League.

Throughout our diocese there is a great concern about the vitality of our churches. Attention has to be given to declining church attendance, the shortage of priests and seminarians, increasing the commitment to our Church and making it financially sound, encouraging pride in our Ukrainian culture and of course the future of our youth.

One way or another, all these issues affect all parishes, yet they can not be resolved by priests alone or in the offices at South Bound Brook or by a single parish or a few individuals. We will start getting answers and positive results when we combine all of our resources, and work on feasible solutions together as one national family in Christ for the benefit of ALL Ukrainian Orthodox Christians and parishes. The opportunity to do this is at our Annual “Family Reunions” which Harry Oryhoni (UOL President, 1993-94) uses as another name for our Annual UOL Conventions.

Besides getting important work done during the business sessions, the Convention also gives us the opportunity to get together for fellowship, fun, inspiration, renewal and reassurance that on our journey through life, we as individuals and parishes are not alone and that together we have the power to do so very much for our Church and its future – our youth. Throughout the year and especially at our “Family in Christ Reunions” the beauty of the Ukrainian Orthodox League is that each chapter and member receives free faith lifts and a never-ending supply of Christian Love and Fellowship.

Helen Greenleaf (center) pictured with UOL President Oleh Bilinsky and Melanie Nakanouchy, UOL President 2004-2007
In October, November and December, 2008, our Senior and Junior UOL Chapters were very busy hosting and assisting in various Cathedral functions. On Sunday, October 26th, we held a Bake Sale to benefit our general treasuries. Our chapter members, along with fellow parishioners, helped to clean our Cathedral on Saturday, November 22nd.

In October, November the Juniors reached out to the younger “pre-pre Junior” age group from 2 to 6 and had a costume party. The Juniors planned games for the group which consisted of every princess costume you can imagine. With a room full of lovely princesses the games were fun and the treats very much enjoyed by the young girls.

The Juniors also visited Brendan Looby who has been attending boarding school in New Hope, PA. After Divine Liturgy we travelled to New Hope and had a lovely meal with Brendan at a local diner. Brendan is doing well in school but who can resist a group of UOL’ers coming to visit.

The Cathedral Christmas Bazaar took place on Saturday and Sunday, December 6th and 7th. Natalie Sufler Bilinsky, Senior Chapter member and Editor of the UOL BULLETIN, is the Chairperson of this annual event. Our Senior and Junior Chapter members donated their time and efforts to work with our parishioners at the various tables and in the kitchen. The annual Christmas Bazaar is one of the two major Cathedral fundraisers for the year. It was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who donated their time, energy and support.

Our up-coming sponsored events include: Junior Chapter Cookie Walk - Sunday, December 21st; Christmas Caroling to our shut-in parishioners - Sunday, January 4, 2009; Theophany-Ice Cross Blessing and Breakfast - Sunday, January 18, 2009; Malanka - Saturday, January 24, 2009. For those who haven’t yet made their Malanka plans the Philly Malanka is a great event! We hope to see you there.

On Sunday, November 23, 2008, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, the clergy at St. Vladimir’s Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral introduced 5 new boys to the ranks of altar servers at the Cathedral.

Each boy was presented with an icon as a gift from the Senior U.O.L. Chapter and a Certificate of Recognition signed by the clergy. Special prayers were read for their health and well-being and they were blessed with Holy Water.

We hope to see you there.

In the Eastern Orthodox Church, throughout the world and even in America, it is appropriate and common for laymen to greet clergy, whether priests or bishops, by making a profound bow and saying, “Father Bless” while placing their right hand, palm up, in front of their bodies. The priest then blesses them with the sign of the cross and then places his hand in theirs, offering the opportunity to kiss his hand. Orthodox Christians kiss the priest’s hand not only to honor their spiritual father confessor, but in veneration of the Body of Christ which the priest handles during the Divine Liturgy as he prepares Holy Communion. (The bow is frequently omitted.)

A similar ritual occurs when an Orthodox Christian approaches an icon for veneration. First the Christian makes a profound bow and makes the sign of the cross twice. Then he approaches the icon more closely, kissing the icon, usually on the representation of Christ’s, or the saint’s hand or feet. Lastly, he makes a final bow and the sign of the Cross. Orthodox theology teaches that honor given to the Virgin Mary ascends to him who was enfleshed by her. This applies to saints’ relics or icons and in this case, to the priest’s hand. Lastly it is also common practice when writing a letter to a priest to begin with the words “Father Bless” rather than “Dear Father” and end the letter with the words “Kissing your right hand” rather than “Sincerely.”

After reading this, please use it as a catalyst to begin a conversation at your chapter meetings about ways to nurture and encourage vocations. We need opportunities to share and brainstorm. It is for all of us to take on this challenge and I am confident that with the Holy Spirit, we can accomplish much.

Please send me your ideas and suggestions : Pani Matka Linda Oryhon, 623 Jennings Street, Endicott, NY 13760.
You Can Help to Nurture Vocations in Our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church!

Please give generously to:

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* First established and awarded by the Ukrainian Orthodox League in 1966
* Provides scholarships to seminarians preparing to enter the Holy Priesthood in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church
* Provides grants to clergy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA
* Many previous recipients are currently serving in the ranks of our clergy

Please send donations to:

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St. John the Baptist Sr. UOL News
Submitted by Pam Scannell

Our Sr. and Jr. UOL and parish family have recuperated from hosting the 61st UOL Convention and have enjoyed the articles and pictures chronicling the events that took place here in Johnson City. We truly enjoyed having everyone visit our city and parish and hope and pray it won’t be so long the next time around.

We held our membership drive in September and are proud to say we have some new members. We are excited that they have decided to join our mission. Our members and other parishioners continue to serve dinner at a local soup kitchen each month. They appreciate our dedication and look forward to giving some of their workers a rest. During November we held a potluck dinner to welcome Africa and Agatha to the Harendra family. It is truly a miracle to have two children embraced into the loving arms of parents who are committed to giving them an environment in which they can flourish and the UOL wanted to celebrate this occasion. The potluck dinner was so well received we decided to host another one on UOL Sunday December 7th.

Our Srs accompanied the Jr. UOL as they visited clients at a local developmental center and worked together for the Thanksgiving Tithing program. We also refurbished the Christmas trees that decorate our Memorial Center with new material and lights.

We continue to busy raising funds with 50/50 raffles and a spaghetti dinner to help supplement our charitable donations. We are all thankful for the help and support we receive from our parish family.

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God is Wonderful in His Saints!

UOC Lenten Retreat

**focusing on Saints**

at St. Francis Retreat Center

in Bethlehem PA

April 3-5, 2009

Speakers include:

* His Eminence Archbishop Antony

Weeked rate includes retreat, lodging and meals.
- $95 for UOL Members
- $105 for non-UOL members
- $60 for Young Adult & Junior UOL members who apply for subsidy

Late registration additional $15

Day rate (Saturday only) $40

Late registration additional $10

Fee for all who register after March 15, 2009.

For more information contact:
Oleh or Natalie Bilinsky at: nlusker@aol.com
Call: 610-892-7315

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Ukrainian Christmas Eve Traditions

Sviata Vechera (Holy Supper) begins with the appearance of the first star, which symbolizes the star of Bethlehem. In preparation for Holy Supper special foods are prepared that follow the fasting guidelines of advent. It is customary to have twelve foods. The Kolach (bread) is placed in the center of the table. The food items eaten are kutia, which is made of wheat, poppy seeds and honey. Some also add walnuts to kutia. It is the first food eaten. In some regions of Ukraine the tradition was to throw a spoonful of kutia to the ceiling. If the kutia stuck to the ceiling it meant that the new year would be prosperous. Other regions of Ukraine had the tradition that if a child sneezed while eating kutia he/she would be given a gift from the hospodar (the host, typically the grandfather). The twelve-course meal typically includes varenky, borsh, a variety of fish, kasha, meatless holubtsi (cabbage rolls), and potatoes. The final course is always uzvar (stewed fruits). In some regions of Ukraine the children of the family would carry the Holy Supper (that is the Kutia and Uzvar) to neighbors and other close family members. They would deliver the Holy Supper to the relatives and in return receive a small gift (typically candy, fruit or nuts). Following the Holy Supper the family would go to church.

On Christmas Day and for seven days after the feast day, the Christian greeting is Kryhytos razhdayetsya (Christ is Born) and the response is “Slavite Yoho” – Glorify Him!

Christmas Carols are an integral part of Ukrainian Christmas. With books full of verses and melodies the carols (kolядky) are sung from Christmas until the celebration of Epiphany. Ukrainian carols are quite different from the many secular carols we hear on the radio today. Instead of reindeer and Santa Clause, the traditional carols tell the whole Christmas story. The words are meant to educate people about the details of the Nativity of Christ.

Translation of God Eternal (Boh Predvichny) From Hymns of the Eastern Orthodox Church (UOL Songbook)

God Eternal is born this day
He has come from above
To save us with His Love
And was greatly pleased.

In Bethlehem there He was born
The Messiah Christ child
And our Lord Savior mild
Given to us this day.

Glory to God. Let us all sing
Honoring worshipping
Son of God Christ the King
To Him Glory be.

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All Saints Camp Lenten Retreat

March 27-29, 2009

Living an Orthodox Life in a Secular Society

All Saints Camp, Millennium Building

Emlenton, PA

For more information contact:

Diane Senedak
DKSenny@aol.com 330.792.6899

Melanie Nakonachny
MelanieNak@aol.com 440.842.3820

UOL Members: $90.00  Non-UOL Members: $100.00  Day Rate: $30.00
($60.00 for Young Adult and Junior UOL members who apply for a subsidy)
On Saturday, October 11, 2008, the Holy Ascension – Clifton, NJ Chapter of the Ukrainian Orthodox League hosted their eighth annual dinner-dance fundraiser, in support of the orphanages in Ukraine sponsored by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, at the Grand Chalet in Wayne, NJ. These orphanages are located in Zaluchya and Znamyanka and house and care for children who are afflicted with numerous birth defects and other maladies, and for all intents and purposes are abandoned by society.

The theme of this year’s function was “Coming to America,” in honor of Columbus Day, and also as a way of celebrating our immigrant backgrounds. Over 100 attendees were greeted by “immigrant teddy bears” as the centerpieces on the tables, each bearing a suitcase from their country of origin, waiting to pass through Ellis Island. His Eminence Archbishop Antony and His Grace Bishop Daniel were seated at a table with students from St. Sophia’s Seminary with the Ukrainian Immigrant teddy bear. The menu consisted of a five course meal representing foods from different parts of the world. The attendees danced the hours away to the tunes from different countries provided by the Anthony St. James Orchestra.

The Chapter has worked very hard for the last eight years on this project and has contributed over 25 thousand dollars toward our Church’s Orphanages in Ukraine. This chapter, which has labored so diligently, in conjunction with the Parish, to remain loyal to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA for the past ten years, takes great pride in remembering our ancestral homeland of Ukraine, and her less fortunate children in the orphanages.

“TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART”

Pre-school/Kindergarten
Draw a picture of someone you trust.

Grades 1 and 2 (2 sentences and a picture)
Draw a picture of someone you trust, and tell why.

Grades 3 and 4 (3 or 4 sentences, a picture can also be included)
Explain what “TRUST” means to you.

Grades 5 and 6 (35 - 50 words)
Tell why “Trust in Our Lord” should be important to all of us.

Grades 7 and 8 (75 - 100 words)
Name a person in the “Old Testament” who trusted God and how this trust was shown.

Grades 9 and 10 (125 - 200 words)
In the “New Testament” what female figure provides us with an example of total trust in God and how that trust was shown?

Grades 11 and 12 (200 - 400 words)
How do the main figures, with the exception of Jesus Christ, in the Christmas story, exhibit behavior of “Trusting in the Lord”, and how we might emulate this trust?

Adult 18 and over (500 words)
In the “New Testament”, what pagan demonstrated total trust?

Describe the event and how it might influence your life.

CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Entries must be postmarked by May 31, 2009
NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE.

2. NO NAMES ON THE FRONT OF ANY ENTRY.

3. All entries must include the following information:
Participants’s first and last name, grade, age, name and address of parish, including city and state.

4. Drawings no larger than 12 x 18 and NO NAMES on the front of drawings. Please attach a COVER PAGE or use the BACK of the drawing for the information listed above.

5. Written entries must be on 8 1/2” x 11” paper. Include a cover page with the identifying information listed above. Entries for 9th grade and above must be printed or typed.

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED FOR CONTENT, CREATIVITY, and NEATNESS.

Mail entries to:

UOL ESSAY CONTEST
C/o Shirley Skocypec
135 Davidson Avenue
Somerset, NJ 08873-1358
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.

The UOL sincerely thanks the following for their recent contribution:

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