On July 28, 2010, UOL members, Juniors and Seniors alike, traveled to Maplewood, New Jersey for the 63rd Annual Senior UOL and 49th Annual Junior UOL Convention. That evening, members, guests, and clergy kicked back and enjoyed each other’s company in the Maplewood Hospitality rooms. It was so nice to reconvene with all of our friends once again!

The next morning, Thursday, July 29, 2010, the Convention attendees met in the Chapel to celebrate Divine Liturgy. Following breakfast, the Juniors and Seniors proceeded into business sessions to commence their meetings. Everyone was graciously welcomed to Maplewood by our Convention Committee Chairs, Michael Komichak and Aleksandra Hucul, the Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Oleh Hucul, and the Senior National Executive Board President, Oleh Bilynsky.

The Juniors then moved into their own meeting room, where we convened our sessions. We got started with a few fun ice breakers to get to know our peers, and then we jumped into our committee groups.

In the Junior committees, the members came up with some novel ideas for the coming year, such as contributing $5000 to our Church’s upcoming monastery, and donating $4000 to the S.O.S. Program at All Saints Camp. Later in the day, Chapter Challenge Teams were formed and the competition began.

That evening, the members of the Convention boarded a boat that sailed around Manhattan Harbor for the evening. Everyone had a phenomenal time, eating great food, dancing outside, and watching the sunset. It was a fantastic evening and we were all so sad to head back to the hotel when it was over.

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Vocations and Clergy

Support Corner

“Few Are Called”

Submitted by Pani Matka Linda Orhyon

During Sunday’s Divine Liturgy at the recent UOL Convention in Maplewood, New Jersey, I heard for the first time the Litany of Fervent Supplication petitions for all vocations. They are simply worded but graciously verbalize a great need in our Church today. These petitions can be used as part of our daily prayers as well as at chapter and/or parish meetings. I have included these as part of my article, as well as petitions for our youth. Please use them as part of your prayer life.

Litany of Fervent Supplication (Triple Litany)

“Again we pray to You, All bountiful and loving God, to open the hearts and minds of the men and women of our parish family to hear the call of our Lord to the priestly and monastic life in service to our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA dedicated to the Holy Gospel and the salvation of our souls. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.”

“Again we pray to You, O Lord our God, hear us in our great need and our thirst for Your presence. As You have said, the harvest is indeed great but the laborers are few and we pray that You will open the hearts of many to desire to bring in the harvest dedicated, holy priests, deacons and monastics who, in following Your example, will serve Your people and satisfy their spiritual needs. Hear us, O Lord and have mercy.”

“Again we pray most fervently, O Lord, asking that You bless those who now serve in the clergy ranks of our Holy Church with courage, perseverance and sound faith. Grant that others will be inspired by their example, their service founded on love and their sacrifice, to take up Your Cross and follow You. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.”

Youth petitions

“Again we pray to you, O gracious Lord, for our children and youth, who through Baptism, are invited to share the gift of their life in service to others. Be with them as they choose each day to show Your presence in our world. Give them the courage and desire to respond to Your Love and to Your call. Open their minds and hearts that they may proclaim Your Gospel of truth by living virtuous and up-right lives. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.”

“Again, we pray, O Lord, embrace our young people. give them the courage required to overcome all obstacles in life, all temptations, which might plunge them into spiritual darkness. Give to their parents- their first teachers of faith, morality and piety- the courage to be the guiding light in their lives. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.”

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Martha X Misko

This year’s Convention body met the challenge of developing a strategic direction for the UOL – A Vision for 2020 – that will plan for the future of the UOL. One of the most critical goals set forth by this Vision is “to establish a strong UOL chapter in each parish of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.”

At its Fall meeting on October 2 in Northampton PA, the National Executive Board laid the groundwork for its work during the upcoming year. This goal of strengthening our membership was a top priority at this meeting. The NEB has pledged to do everything it can to increase our numbers of chapters and members. However, the most productive way to accomplish this is for all of you, our existing members, to set this as one of your chapter’s goals for this year.

The month of September has traditionally been the kick-off of a new UOL year. Hopefully, your chapter has held its September meeting and has established its agenda for the year. And, though, membership dues and rosters were to be submitted to Financial Secretary, Pam Scannell by September 30, still consider asking potential new members to join you at your upcoming meetings and social or educational events. Show them how your UOL chapter benefits your own parish, and explain to them how your UOL chapter strengthens the National UOL so that it can support our UOC of USA; point out to potential members the many projects and programs the UOL has initiated and supported over the years for the benefit of its members and all of our Church.

One of the functions of the NEB is to communicate with individual chapters and to offer assistance with any situation. Each NEB member has been assigned to be a liaison between a chapter and the NEB. Your chapter’s liaison will be contacting you several times this year to bring you updates from the Board and to assist you with whatever your needs may be. Please do not hesitate to contact your liaison anytime a question arises. Please also do share with your liaison your chapter’s successes – events, programs, and very importantly, ways that were successful in gaining new members.

Martha Misko

Allentown, Northampton

Alexis Orhyon

Clifton, Palos Park, New Britain

Emil Skocypec

Carnegie, South Bound Brook, Los Angeles

Pani Matka MaryAnne Nakonachny

Parma, Ambridge, Lyndora

Tabitha Houck

Carteret, Coatesville, Maplewood

Pam Scannell

Johnson City, Woonsocketch, Boston, Rochester

Oleh Bilynsky

Philadelphia, Wilington, Silver Spring

Eric Senedak

Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Sharon

Soon our Church will be convening its 19th Regular Sobor. Our UOL will be represented officially by Pani Matka Linda Orhyon, as our UOL Sobor delegate, and by me, as UOL President. As an organization within our Church, the UOL will be presenting a report on its status since the last Sobor. Let us pray that at the 20th Regular Sobor in 2013, the UOL can proudly report that we are a stronger and greater organization, ever ready to assist our Church. I remain yours in Christ,

Martha X Misko

Let's find out whose varenyky/pierogies are the best!

At the Philadelphia UOL Convention we will finally determine who has bragging rights for the best Varenyky/Pierogies.

Here are the basic rules:
*Any individual, group, or chapter can enter.
*Any type of varenyky/pierogies can be entered, however, there should be no meat (the contest will be on Friday).
*You need to provide instructions about how to store and prepare your varenyky/pierogies.
*You or a representative must be available to answer any questions about preparation.
*We will provide butter, sour cream and onions. If there are additional condiments, let us know.

To enter and get more detailed instructions please submit the following information to Natalie Bilynsky via naufer@ao.com or mail 703 Pine Ridge Road Wallingford, PA 19086

Notice of entries must be received by February 1, 2011.

**Save the dates UOL Lenten Retreats**

Bethlehem, PA  March 19, 2011
Villa Maria, PA  March 26, 2011

Both Retreats will focus on the Sermon on the Mount
More information in the next issue
As we are preparing for the 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL, and have been collecting addresses and information about past Junior National Executive Board members, many have asked, “Where are they now? What are they doing?” To get you excited about our Reunion events we plan to have an article in each issue of the UOL Bulletin giving updates on exactly these questions. For us, it is easiest to give you an update on the Philadelphia crew, so here we go.

We’ll start with some of our more recent Junior Board Members. Michael Nemeth served as Treasurer for two terms (2006-07 and 2007-08), and will be starting his Junior year at Gettysburg University. He is majoring in environmental science.

Daniel McNulty, Corresponding Secretary for two terms (2004-05 and 2005-06) recently graduated from Pennsylvania State University. He majored in manager at Hotel Management and is currently working close to Philadelphia as a manager at the Olive Garden Restaurants.

Matthew Bohen, two-term Treasurer (2004-05 and 2005-06) is finishing up his Senior Year at Temple University. Putting his experience as Treasurer to good use, he is majoring in Business.

Alexandra Brzyski served as Treasurer in 2002-03 and Vice President in 2003-04. She graduated from St. Joseph’s University.

Jonathan Kennedy served as Treasurer in 1996-97. He graduated from Temple University and is currently in a joint MBA and Law School Program at Temple University.

Missy Zetick served as Vice President for two terms (1990-91 and 1991-92). She graduated from Wake Forest University and majored in accounting. She is one of 3 National Executive Board marriages (marriages of two NEB members), marrying Stephen Sheptak (NEB member 1992-93). They live in Butler and have three beautiful boys (certainly future NEB prospects, Cyril, Stephen and Thomas). She works as a teacher in the Butler area.

Sadly, Helen Filipenko, who served on the National Executive Board as Financial Secretary in 1987-88 and Recording Secretary in 1988-89, fell asleep in the Lord after battling cancer, approximately ten years ago. She was married and lived in the Philadelphia area.

Believe it or not Natalie Sufier (Bilinsky), who served as Junior President (1982-83 and 1983-84), as well as Recording Secretary (1981-82) is actively involved in the UOL. She serves as your UOL Bulletin Editor and her claim to fame is that she is married to the Immediate Past President of the National UOL, Oleh. When not doing UOL activities, Natalie is a Clinical Psychologist and works as a Clinical Director at Northern Home for Children, a large community agency in Philadelphia. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College, obtained her Master’s Degree from the University of Pennsylvania and her PhD from Boston College.

Tony Sufier served as Treasurer in 1978-79. He lives in the Philadelphia area and attends St. Vladimir’s. He is Vice President Operations for two divisions of Spalding Automotive. He is happily married to Diane and has two children, Samuel who is entering his senior year in high school, and Isabelle who is a freshman in high school.

Stephen Hryshchyshyn served as Vice President for two terms (1977-78 and 1978-79). He is married to Kate and has three children Lydia, Stephen Jr. and Alexander. He is the Vice President of the America Bureau of Shipping and lives in the Woodlands outside of Houston.

Dori Hryshchyshyn served as Recording Secretary in 1976-77. She married her Philadelphia Junior UOL chapter sweetheart Stephen Nemeth and is the only Philadelphia native NEB member who is also a parent to a NEB member, Michael. Dori’s daughter Lynn is the president of Philadelphia’s local junior chapter. Dori is a teacher in the Lower Merion School District.

Janet Koss Looby served as Recording Secretary (1975-76). She is married with two children, Briana and Brendan. Briana is in college and majoring in Business Administration. Brendan is a junior in high school. Janet currently works as Administrative Assistant in the Engineering Division for SEPTA.

Jane is active in our UOL Chapter, having served as President for many years and she also served on the Senior National Executive Board as Recording Secretary.

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Friday morning commenced with Morning Prayers in the Chapel Room, and then the Juniors and Seniors were back at work again. The Juniors approved their committee reports, held another competitive round of Chapter Challenge, and attentively listened to the wisdom of our Hierarchs. As sessions for the 49th Annual Junior UOL Convention closed, the Juniors dressed up in their Ukrainian attire and prepared themselves for a night full of our Ukrainian heritage. At Ukrainian Night, we joined together on the dance floor to learn folk dances of the past and to show off our best moves in a Kolomeyka. It turned out to be yet another wonderful and fun-filled evening, one that we will never forget.

On Saturday, July 31, we arose again for Morning Prayers in the Chapel. The new National Executive Boards had the opportunity to meet for the first time and talk about their goals for the coming year. The rest of the day was filled with relaxation, followed by Vespers and Confession. Finally, everyone began to get ready for the Banquet and Ball. As always, the Banquet and Ball was an extravagant event. After the speakers were finished and the awards had all been distributed, the UOL members enjoyed yet another talented, live band. At the conclusion of the dance, many members had trouble leaving as they regretted an end to such a delightful evening.

Lastly, the 63rd Annual UOL Convention concluded on August 1, 2010 with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Holy Ascension Parish in Maplewood. 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. Oleh Hucul, the Convention Chairpersons, and the UOL Chapters of Holy Ascension (along with their entire parish) for the diligent effort they put into the Annual Convention this year. A huge success, the gathering will surely be one that we will never forget!

2010 Cultural Contest - Submitted by Gregory Markiw
The 2010 Cultural Contest had a variety of submissions which included needlepoint, hand painted icons and Ukrainian photography! There was a large group of hand painted icons submitted from the children of St. Mary the Protectress Cathedral in Southfield, Michigan. Sr. Chapter Advisor, Elizabeth Symonenko writes, “These icons began as plain white plaster and the children painted them using acrylic paints. While painting the icons they learned the significance of the icon, especially specific Ukrainian icons such as the Pochaiv icon of the Bohoroditsia as well as other miraculous icons in our homeland.”

Thanks to everyone who participated and congratulations to the winners!
Senior Category - 1st Place – Richard Phillips, Carteret, NJ
Cross stitched picture of Ukrainian Girls
1st Place – Pani Matka Nataliya Zharsky, Johnson City, NY
Hand Painted Icon
Junior Category - 1st Place- Lexi Powers, Southfield, MI
Painted Icon
2nd Place- Mikey Powers, Southfield, MI
Painted Icon

The winners were presented beautiful crosses from Ukraine.

2010 National Jr. Raffle Submitted by Greg Markiw
The drawing for the 2010 National Jr. UOL Raffle was held at the 63rd Annual UOL Convention in Maplewood, NJ. The winners of this year’s raffle were as follows: $300.00 - John Piropato, Maplewood, NJ
$200.00 – Pani Matka Chubenko, Carteret, NJ
$100.00 - George Shevchuk, Maplewood, NJ
Mr. John Piropato generously donated $100.00 back to the National Jr. UOL. Thanks to all the Junior UOL Members who sold tickets and to everyone for their continued support of this fundraiser.
2010 UOL Essay Contest – The Best of the Best

St. Mary Cathedral – Allentown, PA - 6 entries
  Luke Milinchik – age 6 – honorable mention
  Ryan Anderson – age 6 – honorable mention

St. Vladimir Parish – Ambridge, PA - 10 entries
  Warren Coulter – age 5 – honorable mention
  chat:  Victoria Swindle – age 9 – 2nd place
  Danielle Pontus – age 15 – 2nd place

St. Sophia Parish – Bayonne, NJ - 15 entries
  Michael Lee – age 8 – 1st place
  Paul Schiria – age 7 – 2nd place
  Robert Lee – age 10 – 2nd place
  Anastasia Lee – age 12 – honorable mention

St. Andrew Parish – Boston, MA - 4 entries
  Melanie Muzyka – age 13 – honorable mention

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish - Carnegie, PA - 4 entries
  David Vineyard – age 9 – honorable mention

St. Demetrius Cathedral – Carteret, NJ - 13 entries
  Elizabeth Caime – age 5 – honorable mention
  Aleksandra Chubenko – age 5 – honorable mention
  Mya Molina – age 6 – 3rd place
  Juliana Pogoda – age 8 – honorable mention
  Janeene Link – age 15 – 3rd place

Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God Parish – Dover, FL - 7 entries
  Jasmine Linsinbigler – age 9 – honorable mention
  Alexis Linsinbigler – age 11 – honorable mention
  Carrie Linsinbigler – adult – 1st place

St. John the Baptist Parish – Johnson City, NY - 13 entries
  Sofia Zbarsky – age 8 – honorable mention
  Milly Hatala – age 15 – honorable mention
  Lauren Hatala – age 16 – 2nd place

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish – Lyndora, PA - 3 entries
  Pavlo Pawluk – age 10 – honorable mention

Holy Ascension Parish – Maplewood, NJ - 4 entries
  Erica Holowko – age 9 – 2nd place
  Christopher Holowko – age 12 – 2nd place
  Nicholas Holowko – age 16 – 3rd place

Assumption of the Virgin Mary – Northampton, PA - 3 entries
  Alexandra Ost – age 3 – honorable mention

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish – Palos Park, IL - 25 entries
  Malory Zvonek – age 4 – honorable mention
  Allie Rak – age 5 – 1st place
  Joraine Zvonek – age 6 – 2nd place
  Peter Gordan – age 8 – 3rd place
  Alexis Naumenko – age 8 – honorable mention
  Christina Koranda – age 11 – 1st place
  Hannah Masur – age 13 – 1st place
  Veronica Koranda – age 13 – 3rd place
  Markian Masur – age 16 – 1st place
  Dennis Koranda – age 17 – 1st place

St. Vladimir Cathedral – Parma, OH - 13 entries
  Logan Mozczak – age 6 – honorable mention
  Julia Hontaruk – age 9 – 3rd place
  Orest Mahlay – 1st place
  Cate Miller – age 13 – 3rd place

St. Vladimir Cathedral – Philadelphia, PA - 12 entries
  Natalie Swan – age 5 - honorable mention
  Michael SanAntonio – age 6 – honorable mention
  Nathan Konchak – age 9 – honorable mention
  Brett Wilwert – age 10 – honorable mention
  Natalie SanAntonio – age 10 – 1st place

St. Vladimir Parish – Pittsburgh, PA - 2 entries
  Katerina Kozelko – age 11 – honorable mention

St. Mary the Protectress Cathedral – Southfield, MI - 6 entries
  Lisa Powers – age 7 – 1st place
  James Danylko Higgins – age 9 – honorable mention
  Leslie Powers – age 10 – honorable mention
  Mikey Powers – age 12 – honorable mention
  Andy Powers – age 14 – 1st place
  Elizabeth Symonenko – adult – 2nd place

Holy Trinity Parish – Trenton, NJ - 3 entries
  Stephanie Middafer – age 8 – honorable mention
  Olena Lymar – age 13 – 2nd place
  Svitlana Lymar – age 17 – 1st place

St. Michael Parish – Woonsocket, RI - 7 entries
  Daria Bourgery – age 11 – 3rd place
  Celia Stempadore – age 11 – honorable mention
  Brendan Abrahamson – age 13 – honorable mention
  Nick Perkins – age 14 – honorable mention
  Joshua Bourgery – age 16 – honorable mention

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish – Youngstown, OH - 20 entries
  Samantha Moon – age 5 – 1st place
  Tyler Notman – age 10 – 3rd place
  Jeffrey Serekia – age 11 – 3rd place
  Katherine Anderson – age 12 – honorable mention
  Nicholas Woloschak – age 14 – 2nd place
  Ashley Mounce – age 15 – 1st place

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Barbara Podgurski Bonfiglio, served two terms as Corresponding Secretary in 1969-70 and 1970-71. She currently lives in Durham, NC and works as an administrative assistant to a VP at GlaxoSmithKline. She has two wonderful children. Her daughter Lauren is a Pastry Chef at a restaurant in Washington, DC. Her son Joe is currently the Chief of Staff to a Louisiana Congressman. He is married to Bridget who works for the Nature Conservancy. Barbara also has the cutest grandson, Ryan Joseph, who recently turned one. Barbara is a Member at Large of the UOL and enjoys going to the gym and cake decorating.

Stay tuned for more updates in our next issue. Philadelphia has had the blessing of several NEB members from other cities moving to our area – in our next article we will give you the update on members who have joined our parish from other areas: Josh Oryhon, Rebecca Draush, Jordan Gladys and Yvonne Szafranski.

Junior Chapter Achievement Award
St. Michael’s Junior Chapter Woonsocket, RI
St. Michael’s Jr. Chapter in Woonsocket, Rhode Island was awarded the Junior Chapter Achievement Award. This distinguished honor is awarded to a chapter who through collaborative efforts, performed noble acts of service to the community and within the Church. The winner this year truly set a prime example of what it means to be a chapter of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League.

Of their twelve members, 10 participated in the UOL Essay Contest, a local lock-in, and continually helped to care for the Church grounds throughout the year. Together St. Michael’s chapter visited shut-ins, set-up a food pantry in conjunction with their Senior Chapter, and donated $1,225 to various causes. This included the purchase of Church vestments and supplies, and Adopting a Family to provide Christmas presents for three needy children, among many other accomplishments. Evidently, their chapter is truly committed to the service it takes to be recognized as Junior Chapter of the Year, and the Jr. UOL is so grateful for their dedication. Congratulations Woonsocket, you earned it!
My name is Julian Burgan and I am the Junior UOL’s newly elected vice president. Let me first say that I couldn’t be more excited than I am to work as a member of this great organization this year. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this experience and to work with this group of extremely talented, energetic, and dedicated young people. As you all know, I currently serve as the President of the Junior UOL chapter at St. Vladimir’s where I also serve as an altar server. This year I will be chairperson of the Membership Development committee and I am excited to get started because there were many good ideas at convention that I can’t wait to put into practice. I have high hopes for this being one of the best years for the Jr. UOL and I look forward to be a part in making that happen. Feel free to contact me for anything at jburgan20120@comcast.net.

My name is Nicholas Holowko and I am the newly elected Treasurer of the Junior National Executive Board. Indeed, it is an honor and I look forward to a productive and enriching year. I am a parishioner at Holy Ascension in Maplewood, NJ, the site of this past year’s UOL convention, and I also serve as the Treasurer of the Junior UOL chapter. In addition to the UOL, I attend Sunday school and have been an altar server for several years and help out at many church functions. I have also attended All Saints Camp many times for Church School Camp, Teenage Conference, and Family Fest.

Greetings from Carnegie, Pennsylvania! My name is Gregory Markiw and I am the Financial Secretary of the 2010-2011 Junior National Executive Board. This is my second time on the National Board.

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 and I am a member of 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 I currently serve as Treasurer 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 SENIOR at Woodland Hills High School. At Woodland Hills, I am a member of the soccer and basketball teams, as well as the Chamber Singers and the Chamber Choir. I am also passionate about science fairs and other academic activities. Sports and school are an integral part of my life right now.

When I’m not at school, at church, or at sports, or looking for colleges, 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 at All Saints Camp. My mom and I were among the first campers at Mommy and Daddy and Me, and I participated in five years of Diocesan Church School Camp, and have attended five years at Teenage Conference. For the past four 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. This will be a year to remember in the Junior UOL as the Board members are eager to get to work and look forward to improving the league in several ways. I will serve the league to the best of my abilities, and I promise to put forth 110% of my effort during the course of this year. Please pray for us! Through the love and prayers of our Spiritual family, the Junior Board is ready to aim high for our goals. 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 service to our Church and to our 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.

Hi my name is Katie Zimmerman and I am the Junior National Executive Board Corresponding Secretary for my second year now. I am very excited to begin the new year with the new board. I attend St. Mary’s parish in Altoona, Pennsylvania where Father Myron Oryhyon is our priest. I am an junior chapter president and I love being active in the church. I try to help out anywhere possible.

I live in Cooperburg, Pennsylvania and attend Southern Lehigh High School. I will be a junior this school year. I was on the winter and spring track and field teams. I enjoy ceramics, fishing, listening to music, and hanging out with my friends.

I have attended Diocesan Church School Camp and Teenage Conference for years now and Mommy & Daddy & Me as a counselor. I also worked in the kitchen at ASC this past summer. I had an awesome time. I love having the privilege to attend an amazing camp every summer.

If you have any questions or just want to talk or get to know me more feel free to contact me at gymnastzimm94@gmail.com.

Taylor Gladys - President

Julian Burgan - Vice President

Nicholas Holowko - Treasurer

Katie Zimmerman - Corresponding Secretary

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Young Adult’s Memorial Day Weekend
Submitted by Kira Senedak

This year’s event was once again held at All Saints Camp in Emlenton, PA. Almost twenty young adults from parishes in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York were there to enjoy a relaxing weekend with new and old friends. Guest speakers, including His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine, V. Rev. John Nakonachny, V. Rev. John Haluszcak and Fr. Dn. Dennis Lapushansky, presented workshops on issues facing young adults and the Orthodox Church. Participants also spent Saturday morning working on projects to help maintain and beautify the camp grounds. Many helped to paint shutters and trim for each of the cabins. Social time in the evenings was enjoyed by all.

A special blessing was bestowed on the newly married couple Hans and Sarah Harasimchuk following Divine Liturgy on Sunday Morning. His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine blessed the couple and spoke of their dedication to the camp, specifically the construction of the St. Thomas Chapel on the camp grounds. Mnohaya Lita and Congratulations to Hans and Sarah!

The UOL Young Adults committee looks forward to the continued growth of this event!

Carnegie Juniors
Submitted by Reporter Mikaela Kapeluck

We held elections in May for the Junior Chapter, the new board is:

- President, Greg Markiw
- Vice President, Nick Wachnowsky
- Treasurer, Danielle Wahlewski
- Recording Secretary, Brandi Rohal
- Corresponding Secretary, Irene Onufry
- Reporter, Mikaela Kapeluck

Congratulations to our new board!

We hosted a Spaghetti Fundraiser for the National Wildlife Federation to help the wildlife affected by the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico on August 15th. Our Junior Chapter helped prepare the food the Saturday before and cleaned up afterwards. We proudly raised $150.00 toward this effort.

We celebrated our pastor’s anniversary and birthday in August. We came up with the idea to make a homemade cookbook featuring two of our own family’s recipes and a photo of each of us. Our Jr. Chapter members along with the rest of our parish wish Fr. Steve many happy years! Mnohaya Lita!

Once a month three of our Jr. Chapter members host coffee hour. Many of us have worked in the newly formed “St. John and St. Martin’s Closet” which provides clothing and bedding for those in need in our community. We’ve had several donations of items coming from our parishioners. In August we had a back to school drive where kids in our community were able to get free school supplies.

We are looking forward to helping with the upcoming “Carnegie Days” on September 9-11, 2010. Each year our parish has a booth at the festival where we work transporting food back and forth from the parish hall as well as helping out in the booth. We serve a variety of Ukrainian foods.

Many of us in the parish will be spending Labor Day Weekend with our family and friends at the All Saints Camp Family Fest.

"Why is the Senior UOL important?"

The question is frequently asked: “Why do we need a Senior UOL chapter when we have the Church Committee, Sisterhood, and other organizations within the church? The UOL is just another organization similar to those already existing in our local parish.”

One of the main purposes is to belong to a community larger than one’s own parish. To have a family that is more than the nuclear family or parish community. To gain enthusiasm, empathy and love from those who live far away, but are experiencing the same daily struggles we face in our life as Orthodox Christians.

“Why is the UOL Convention important?” It is a Family Reunion of Our Ukrainian Orthodox Family.

At the Convention we discuss projects and set goals for the year, but the projects and accomplishments are nothing in comparison to this community, our UOL family. In many ways, the Convention is a Family Reunion, where we see extended family. Just like a family, sometimes we get angry, annoyed, judgmental or finicky. That is the beauty of being a member of the family – that we know each other – that we love each other – just as we are. In fact, it wouldn’t be the same if it weren’t for the great myriad of personalities that create the tapestry of our UOL community.

At the UOL Convention, it is wonderful to see the children of our peers and the grandchildren of the UOL founders coming to the sessions. If you believe that the Convention doesn’t accomplish anything, come and see the Juniors, strong after fifty years. Without a Senior UOL to show that the family is strong, why would the Junior UOL be needed? The Juniors are preparing to become leaders in our Church and it is our obligation to keep the Senior UOL strong for them. For them, coming to the Convention in 5, 10, 20 or more years to remember the great times they had, and to live great moments will become the stories of the future.

As a family reunion, the Convention rekindles the flames that have been flickering or even close to extinguishing within each of us. Each individual comes back warmed by the joys of the Convention, armed with memories of touching moments, inspirational liturgies and prayer services, incredibly funny experiences and heartfelt one-on-one talks with each other. The community, the sense of belonging to a family of Ukrainian Orthodox Christians is our purpose. When we have first time delegates they feel that sense of belonging. In the quest for accomplishments, we don’t always take the time to step back and appreciate the beauty of the family that we have.

A UOL Hand Reaches Out to You . . .

If you haven’t been to a Convention in years, we miss you. Your talents and your presence at the Convention, our UOL Family Reunion, is always missed. If you have been thinking about coming back to the UOL – we are excited to embrace you. If you have been thinking about someone that you miss – call them, encourage them to return. Not only will it potentially rekindle their flame, it will create a blaze within your own heart. If you have never been a member of the UOL, think about joining. Call or email our Membership Committee Chair Pamm Scannell at 607-760-1671 or wscannell@stny.rr.com and join today!!

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