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UOL MEMBERS MOURN THE LOSS OF ARCHBISHOP VSEVOLOD



On December 16, 2007, His Eminence Archbishop Vsevolod, eparch of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and titular hierarch of Skopoleos of the Holy Ecumenical and Patriarchate of Constantinople, died at the age of 80. From 1987 to 1996, Bishop Vsevolod served as prime hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in America. Archbishop Vsevolod attended many UOL Conventions and addressed both the Senior and Junior Delegations. At the Junior UOL Convention in Coatesville, Archbishop Vsevolod spoke to the Junior Delegates about his vocation as a servant of the church.

The clergyman's funeral rite began on December 26th at St. Volodymyr's cathedral in Chicago, IL., the see of the deceased for the past ten years. The second half of the Priestly Funeral Service, Divine Liturgy and interment in St. Andrew Cemetery, took place on December 27-28 at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Metropolia Center in South Bound Brook, NJ.

On Friday, family, friends, brother hierarchs, clergy and faithful gathered in St. Andrew Memorial Church for Divine Liturgy and the interment of Archbishop Vsevolod. Metropolitan Constantine presided at the Liturgy, concelebrating with



Archbishop Antony, Archbishop Yuriy, Bishop Ilarion and Bishop Andriy, assisted by a large number of clergy. All the worshippers present at the funeral gathered at the Ukrainian Cultural Center for a repast meal at the conclusion of the interment service.

Both the Senior and Junior UOL Boards have made donations in memory of Archbishop Vsevolod. The National Senior Executive Board donated to the UOC Orphanage Adoption Program. The National Junior Executive Board donated all of the wooden candle holders used by altar boys for the All Saints Camp Chapel. The Church and family have requested that donations in memory of Archbishop Vsevolod be made to any of the following charities: UOC of the USA Education and History Complex, the UOC of the USA Orphanage Adoption Program, the Symon Petliura Library Renovation and Memorial in Paris, or to one of the individual's choice.

May the soul of our beloved Archbishop Vsevolod rest in eternal peace – in a place the Countenance of our Lord shines upon him – where there is no more pain, no more suffering, no more sorrow. Memory Eternal in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

#### *National Executive Board Meeting - Johnson City, New York*

The National Executive Boards of the Senior and Junior UOL met on February 2, 2008 in Johnson City, New York. Both boards braved the cold and icy weather and were greeted with warm hospitality from the Johnson City chapters. It is always wonderful to visit the St. John's parish because the chapter members are so welcoming and took great care of both boards.

The meeting started with the Akathist to the Theotokos with Board members singing the responses while Archimandrite Daniel and Rev. Fr. Zharsky led the prayers. After breakfast the boards got straight to work. The meeting started with the positive report from the 60<sup>th</sup> UOL Convention. The Carnegie Chapter, under the leadership of Dr. Stephen Sivulich, Chairperson, raised more than \$ 37,000 at the UOL Convention. Thank you to all members of the Carnegie Chapter for all of their hard work and for the wonderful Convention.

For the Education Commission, Aleksandra Hucul reported that she is diligently working on setting up the Web Site for the UOL. Shirley Skocypec reported that the topics for the Annual Essay Contest have been set and listed in the UOL Bulletin (last issue). Additionally, mailings will go out to all chapters and parishes. Two Retreats are scheduled for this year, one at All Saints Camp from April 4-6 and one in Bethlehem, PA from April 11-13. Additional information regarding these retreats can be found in this issue of the Bulletin.

For Christian Care-Giving and Missions, Jared Burgan reported that the mailings and ads have gone out for the Thanksgiving Tithing and for Souper Bowl Sunday. Each of these mailings have been coordinated with Jr. UOL Board Member Emily Kominko. We thank all UOL chapters and members for supporting these worthy causes.

For Vocations and Clergy Support, Archimandrite Daniel presented two scholarship applications that have been approved by the committee. The Board discussed the need to review the Handbook in regards to Metropolitan John Scholarship Funds. Archimandrite Daniel will review the guidelines and present revisions to the UOL Annual Convention Body. The Fund Drive for the MJSF was coordinated through the last mailing of the UOL Bulletin.

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#### *UOL Young Adult Winter Getaway*

*submitted by Josh Oryhon*



Participants from as far away as Parma to the west and Johnson City to the north braved 45 degree temperatures and clear roadways to attend the somewhat ironically-titled Winter Getaway. Oleh and Natalie Bilynsky generously opened their skiing villa to various Young Adults craving both physical and intellectual challenges.

Friday night consisted of sampling the plethora of delicious snacks assembled (which became an on-going theme); far-ranging discussions took place on an even larger number of topics, including various home gym athletic apparatus, the playoff seeding system present in the National Basketball Association and of course, the juicy gossip of the week. With an early wake-up call looming, all participants called it a night pathetically early.

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### A PARISH LEARNS TO TITHE

Submitted by: Fr. Deacon Nikolay Shapoval \* Lincoln, Nebraska

Three Hierarchs UOC parish in Lincoln, Nebraska had its founding in 1947 by Metropolitan Andrei (Kuschak) of blessed memory. Prior to this time, Ukrainian Orthodox families had been served periodically with services in their homes. We have always been a far off outpost of Orthodoxy on the wide prairie. In the beginning years there were full-time and part-time pastors, but since 1983 services became more sparse, with a once a month or every other month rhythm. We were certainly happy even to have this meager level of service, for at the time the visiting priest had to travel the 500 miles from Chicago. The problem was that without regular weekly services, one's members tend to drift and evaporate.

Since 1994, Metropolitan Constantine alleviated the situation by tonsuring me a reader, so that at least a Reader's service could be done in the church every Sunday, whenever the visiting priest was absent. This filled a gap, but still for some people it was not a satisfactory substitution for the Liturgy. We are not the only Orthodox church now in Lincoln, so there is a choice to be made. Sometimes, on a Sunday when I was leading the Readers service, I would perceive behind me that the door had opened and someone had momentarily come in to our little church. If they saw no priest present, some disappeared immediately, but at least they came and saw that a handful were keeping the church alive. The next development was in 1998, when Archbishop Vsevolod assigned Fr. Raphael from our parish in Jones, Oklahoma to serve us once a month. Here again there was long distance travel (some 485 miles) and a once a month regimen.

Some new folks arrived and at this time the redundant old rectory was sold, which provided us with some revenue to rebuild our church financially. The new additions provided a spark of life, but what would be the long-term prognosis, as one hears that churches of 20, 50 or even 100 families worry that they will eventually have to close?

The Lord provides a way to those who seek and we now have a totally different and positive perspective about our future. At our Clergy Conference two years ago, Fr. Peter Gilquist was invited to speak to us about tithing as the best form of parish stewardship. We were challenged to try it for a year and we were assured that it would change our life. This message strangely found acceptance in our small congregation. The most important part of our parish history is that all of our newcomers give 10% of their wages to our church. Among our small congregation, we now have nine faithful that tithe and for two years I have been inspired to tithe as well. Fr. Gilquist's words were absolutely true and I have been blessed with peace of mind, as now I know that I am doing what is necessary for the support of our local church and our Metropolia.

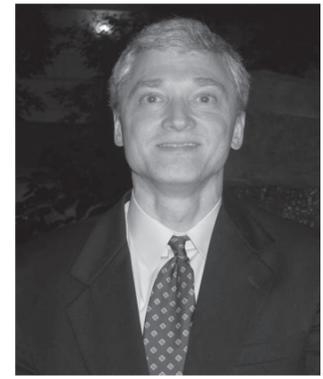
What then is the biblical notion of a tithe? It is the giving of 10% of one's income to the service of the Lord. (Hebrews 7:1-10) Let us remember that when our own great St. Vladimir tried to understand Christianity and its demands, he took upon himself, as sovereign, to give a good example to the people and thus built the famous Church of the Tithes by this method. No one asked this of him, but he saw the duty for a ruler to practice what he preached and to show by example.

At the recently concluded Sobor, a delegate told me that tithes were applicable only for the Jews and not us. I replied, rather it does apply to us as well. The original Christians were from the Jews and there is a continuity of belief and service from the Old Testament into the New Testament. All who believed and followed our Christ as He walked on earth as the God Man became Christian, or in other words, the New Israel. This is the fulfillment of all the promise of the Old Testament and this tie can never be broken. The spirit and blessing of a person's tithe extends to us as well as an ideal of service.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

*Oleh Bilynsky*



Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Christu!

The entire U.O.L. is saddened by the death of His Eminence Archbishop Vsevolod, and on behalf of the UOL and in memory of His Eminence, a donation has been made to our Church's Orphanage Adoption Program. His Eminence Archbishop Vsevolod was always a tireless worker on behalf of our Church, and it is fitting that his work continues even after his death, in the form of the contribution to the Orphanage Adoption Program.

Having just completed our winter Executive Board meeting, I would like to thank the St. John UOL Chapter in Johnson City, NY for hosting the meeting on Feb. 2. As always, the Johnson City chapter members went out of their way to ensure that all of our needs were taken care of. Having been reminded of just how hospitable our Johnson City chapter members are, I eagerly look forward to more of their hospitality at our 61<sup>st</sup> UOL Convention, which will be held in Johnson City on July 30 - August 3. Everyone is sincerely invited to attend this year's convention, and see this hospitality for themselves (I guarantee that you will not be disappointed).

As to the winter meeting, some of the results include: making a donation to help support the "National Holodomor Committee;" approving plans for the new and updated UOL website (which will hopefully be up and running soon); discussing a more cost effective manner of distributing Exec. Bd. meeting minutes; and finalizing plans for the updated "UOL brochure."

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving tithing program and the "Souper Bowl" Sunday project, and it is still not too late to participate (trust me, your donations will never be rejected for being "too late"). Over the last few years these projects have truly made a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Along those same lines, the Annual Fund Drive and the LSSK and MJSF fund drives are now in full swing, so please contribute generously to these worthy causes.

Also, information concerning the 2008 U.O.L. Essay Contest has been mailed to chapters and parishes. Please encourage all parishioners (the contest is not limited to UOL members) to participate in this annual event. If you need more information please contact UOL Essay Contest Chairwoman Shirley Skocypec.

Lastly, as we prepare to begin our journey through Great Lent I invite everyone to include, in their journeys, plans for attending the Lenten Retreats sponsored by the UOL. The first retreat will be held at All Saints Camp on April 4-6, and the second will be held at the St. Francis Retreat Center (in Bethlehem PA) on April 11-13. Besides being an opportunity for you to spend more time with your fellow UOL members, the retreats will help you to "step away" from the everyday "hustle and bustle" of life and reflect on and prepare for Pascha, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,  
Oleh V. Bilynsky

### *The Light Of Christ Illumines All - submitted by Pam Scannell*

Let's hear how our children can illuminate us with their knowledge. Several children were asked: "Why do you think God created light first?"

*"To see the way we are going and faith in the brightness of our Lord."*  
Grace Hatala 10, Pepi Dimitriou 10

*"To bring the people into light."* Adam Hatala 14

*"To separate night from day."* William Ferrante 13

*"To guide the way."* Molly Hatala 12

*"Because He loves us."* Sofia Zharsky 6

*"So He could see what He was creating next."* Julia Ferrante 9

*"So everybody could see."* Jenna Tarcha 9

*"So the whole universe could see."* Rose Hatala 7

And then they all wanted to sing "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!" Let your light shine at the 61<sup>st</sup> UOL Convention in Johnson City (WOO-HOO).

**61<sup>st</sup> Annual UOL Convention**  
**\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ILLUMINES ALL\***

Hosted by

**St. John the Baptist Parish Johnson City, NY**

**August 2, 2008 Saturday! Saturday! Saturday!**

Hopefully you've been faithfully glued to this space over the last few months and have successfully internalized all the glorious details that are going to make this summer's Convention the Southern Tier Stunner that will leave you speechless and emotionally bereft for weeks afterward.

The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual UOL Convention in Johnson City (WOO HOO!) is not destined to go out with a mere whimper by the end of the week. Saturday's agenda alone could be an entire week of events at a lesser convention, and we are pleased to bring you an action-packed day that will serve as a fitting finale to the festivities. And that might be an understatement.

A Helpful Hint to Make Your Convention Experience an Enjoyable One:  
*Try to get a solid eight hours of sleep every night. Seriously. You'll need it.*

The official first event of the day begins at 6:30 am (yes, you read that correctly) as the lucky winner of the Balloon Rally Silent Auction takes to the skies for their airborne victory lap. Transportation and breakfast will also be provided (you're welcome) for those early risers who want to attend the Spiedie Fest and Balloon Rally, featuring vendors, food, music and of course, a sky full of hot air balloons.

A later wake-up call will suffice for the rest of us, as a prayerful Akathist will usher in the last full day of the Convention at 9 am. Immediately after we will be offering the first of two hour-long workshops, aptly-entitled "I Have a Question" and will feature a panel of clergy answering your queries on literally any topic, literary or otherwise.

Our second workshop will begin promptly at 11am and is led by our witty and entertaining pastry chef Carol Petras-Wasylo, who is a fully-accredited Slavic Dessert Technician at a leading university. Carol's Torte Making 101 syllabus begins with the following:

"Have you ever been to a Ukrainian wedding and sampled all the delicious Tortes at the end of the reception? Well, here's your chance to learn how to make them! *It's amazing what you can do with a walnut!*"

The rigid structure of the Convention is hereby loosened for the rest of the afternoon, turning you all loose to explore Binghamton during a FREE DAY. The Ross Park Zoo, Roberson Museum and Science Center, and the aforementioned Spiedie Fest (more details below) are also well within short driving distance from our hotel. Also feel free to take a leisurely walk to visit the veritable cornucopia of local shops and eateries near the hotel, perhaps even stopping to pick up a catalytic accessory for our extra special and buzz-worthy Banquet and Ball theme.

We are also offering transportation to all interested Seniors for an afternoon of boating, kayaking, canoeing and other aquatic endeavors at beautiful Dorchester Park, which is about half an hour away from the Holiday Inn Arena. Details will be forthcoming and noteworthy.

Our next article will tackle the penultimate jewel in the crown of our Convention: the Banquet Ball. These events are always destined to be memorable, but we aim to honor and reference the last year we hosted a Convention in both spirit and dress. I don't want to say too much, but you may want to rent a copy of "Sixteen Candles" for some fashion inspiration.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 The UOL Mystery Writer

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A Concise and Informative Table of Useful Facts

**2008 UOL Convention Registration Fees**

Senior Delegate/Guest: \$200.

Clergy: \$190.

Junior Delegate/Guest: \$185.

Pre-Teen: \$90.

Senior/Junior Weekend (Sat. and Sun.): \$150.

**A \$10. discount will be applied to each fee if registered by June 15, 2008**

Hotel registrations can be attained at  
 holidayinnarena.com (607) 722-1212 or 800-HOLIDAY

<http://www.spiediefest.com/>

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**MESSAGE FROM THE  
 JUNIOR  
 UOL PRESIDENT**

*Patrick Scannell*



Glory to Jesus Christ!

Once again, we enter into a Lenten season, in preparation for Pascha, and this is a very busy time for the Junior UOL. We have many projects coming up and are getting ready for the convention this summer in Johnson City, New York.

In preparation for the Convention, we are beginning to sell raffle tickets. This is the biggest fundraiser for the Jr. UOL and it is very important that all chapters participate. The raffle drawing is during convention, and the Jr. UOL will be selling tickets until that day.

We also have a Great Lent Giveaway project to be started soon. This year we are raising money for the All Saints Camp Chapel. We are focusing on raising the money to donate altar boy vestments. The project is not just for raising money, but also has projects for youth to learn a little bit about our church.

Also at convention, we will have the cultural contest. Chapters or individuals can showcase their Ukrainian culture in this contest. Both Jr. and Sr. UOL members are encouraged to participate. The convention body will judge the items entered.

I hope that this convention will draw a very large crowd. It may be hard to travel to convention, but the Jr. UOL is offering a travel grant to chapters or members at large who need it. The grant is for up to \$300 per grant, but can only go to chapters or members at large who apply.

I am looking forward to the convention and can't wait until it is here. I hope to see all of the familiar faces there, as well as many new people I will get to meet this year. Remember this year's convention theme while you attend Lenten services, "The light of Christ illumines all."

Yours in Christ,  
 Patrick Scannell

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The first Young Adult Winter Get-away was a great success and details of the event are described in this issue.



Kudos to Michael Nakonachny for organizing a wonderful event. Additionally, Michael is preparing for the Memorial Day Young Adult Retreat.

The Ways and Means Commission reported that the Annual Fund Drive mailing was coordinated through the

UOL Bulletin. Donations for the Annual Fund Drive are listed in this Bulletin. Once all of the Fund Drives are complete the effectiveness of separating out the Fund Drives into separate approaches can be determined. For Membership, letters were sent to all previous Executive Board Members who are not current members of the UOL encouraging them to come home to the UOL. As part of this mailing a *UOL Bulletin* and a list of upcoming events were included. The UOL Brochure was also updated and the new brochure will be printed and distributed.

Daria Pishko Komichak reported that she will begin the Fund Drive for LSSK this month. She will also be targeting past scholarship recipients for donations. Additionally, the funds raised from selling of ribbons at the St. Thomas Pilgrimage will be donated to LSSK. Oleh Bilynsky will be coordinating the parking and selling of ribbons at the St. Thomas weekend. Also, Daria reported that the Holodomor committee is requesting that all organizations donate one thousand dollars toward the committee to aid with placing a memorial to the Holodomor in Washington, DC. The National Executive Board decided to support this worthy cause.



The Johnson City Co-Chairs Pam Scannell and Alexis Oryhon reviewed the Convention schedule and plans. We are looking forward to a wonderful time in Johnson City. Board Members participated in evening vespers and had a wonderful dinner featuring the famous Johnson City Holubtsi. I won't name my source, but one Junior stated these were the best holubtsi he has ever had. Thank you to Fr. Zharsky, Pam Scannell -Chapter President, and to all members of the chapter for a wonderful meeting.

**Sts. Peter & Paul UOL Y-town Winter Events**  
*submitted by Diane Senedak*

The Sts. Peter & Paul Sr. UOL of Youngstown, Ohio held its first Christmas Cookie Walk in December. Many hands helped make a delicious assortment of 25 different cookies, kolachi and candy. Senior UOL members and friends met for many weeks baking the delectable delights. We had fun working together and



baking the interesting cookie selections. Also, our Jr. UOL made baked goods and candy and sold them during the event. In addition, we received donated baked goods to help make the sale a success. We learned so much



from our first Cookie Walk and are looking forward to next year's sale!



Many of our Sr. UOL members contributed to our community's Rescue Mission "Winter Wonderland Toy Drive" and our "Giving Tree". The Youngstown Rescue Mission houses many families and helps them get through the most difficult times

of their lives by providing housing, food, clothing, positive and uplifting religious teachings, and work prospects. The Christmas Toy Drive (also items for adults) helps the families living at the Mission "shop" for one another. Parents pick items for their children, and children can choose items for their siblings and parents. And because every child should have a Christmas Stocking on Christmas morning, our Youth Ministry once again donated 12 Christmas Stockings; one for each child staying at the Rescue Mission through Christmas. In addition, our parish "Giving Tree" project collected many hats, scarves and gloves that over the weeks leading up to Christmas were placed on a tree in our parish vestibule.

The "Winter Wonderland" and "Giving Tree" items were donated to the Rescue Mission in hopes of helping to brighten the lives of children and their families this holiday season. We are so fortunate and thankful for all of God's good blessings!

The Sr. UOL of Sts. Peter & Paul, Youngstown, Ohio hosted a very successful Malanka dinner dance on January 26, 2008. Over 240 people gathered to share a magical evening which started with a delicious buffet of ethnic and traditional foods and delectable desserts and cake. We



then enjoyed the Grammy Award winning music of the Del Sinchak Band, which included our traditional Kolomeyka dance.



We had fun with our 50/50 raffle, raffled a clock donated by Mr. Ben Mischev of Big Ben's Clock Shop, and gave door prizes to about 40 guests. We danced, laughed and mingled until the evening was capped off with a champagne toast at midnight wishing a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year ahead to all. Thank

you to all who helped to make the Malanka special and to all that attended!

The National Executive Board of the UOL can use your help on Saturday, May 3, 2008 and Sunday May 4, 2008

To assist with parking during the St. Thomas Pilgrimage.

Please sign up for a two-hour shift to help with parking and selling of ribbons.

All proceeds from selling of ribbons goes to the LSSK Scholarship Fund.

If you are interested in signing up — Call Oleh Bilynsky or e-mail 610-892-7315 nsufler@aol.com

Chapters can also sign-up to volunteer for specific gates.

**St. Vladimir's Junior UOL Chapter Southside Pittsburgh**  
*submitted by Alya Kocelko*

The Jr. UOL of St. Vladimir's church in Southside Pittsburgh, under the guidance of Father John Haluszczak, spiritual adviser, and Rebecca Babilya & Susan Rahuba, senior advisors, have had a productive November and December. Members include Alya Kocelko, President, Stevie Perdziola, Vice-President, Roman Perdziola, Secretary, and Taylor Gladys, Treasurer, other committed members include Julian Burgan and Alexa Zewe.

We held two big fundraisers in November, a hoagie sale and a spaghetti dinner. Both were very successful and all of the juniors worked very hard to make it that way. The spaghetti dinner especially was a huge hit, featuring all you can eat spaghetti, meatballs, salad, and garlic bread. All of this hard work was to benefit a major purchase, an icon for the All Saints Camp Chapel. All Saints Camp is a very important place to many of the juniors and they were thrilled at the opportunity to raise funds for a church there.



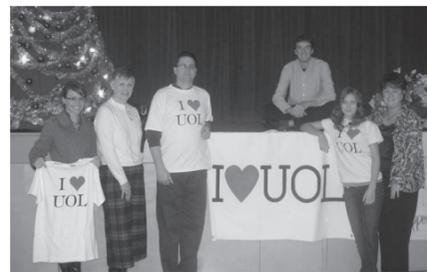
Following all of the hard fundraising the juniors enjoyed some downtime at game night. There was pizza, pop, and games, specifically an intense game of Scrabble. The juniors used December to do work for others, and continued the tradition of making bag lunches for the homeless

in the area. Also the juniors have been collecting hats, scarves, and gloves for the children in orphanages in Ukraine, and plan to send out these gifts shortly before Christmas.

The juniors at St. Vladimir's have big plans for this coming new year, including Christmas Caroling, Souper Bowl Sunday, and continuing fundraising for their icon.

**St. John's Senior and Junior UOL Chapters**  
*submitted by Pam Scannell*

St. John's Sr. and Jr. UOL celebrated UOL Sunday on December 2nd with a coffee hour honoring all our parishioners and all the support they have given us through the years, and especially since we have been preparing for the convention. Lauren, Molly and Grace Hatala made the banner



thanking our parish and we proudly displayed our "I LOVE UOL" banner. We even had a National Executive Board member visit us for our coffee hour. Can you spot her in the picture? Thank you St. John's parish for your unending support!!!

**Jr. UOL Chapter -submitted by Lauren Hatala**

Our chapter has been extremely active this past holiday season. From caroling to baking cookies for college students and playing basketball on our St. John's team, to decorating and un-decorating our church for Christmas. Our chapter members are always involved in something. We continued our annual tradition of baking cookies for members of our church who are in college. We had a lot of fun making lots of different kinds of cookies, and every year students appreciate getting them in the mail. We



also had many of our members participate in caroling with our choir on Christmas day, which is definitely a favorite activity that we do and a fun time had by all. We put up



Christmas trees and other Christmas decorations in December and made our church look much brighter. The youth in our church put on another successful Christmas play and are also teammates on the St. John's team in our Orthodox Basketball league, hoping to have another winning season! Our chapter is also very excited to be hosting the National Jr. and Sr. executive boards for their February meetings. We can't wait to see everyone again, and we especially can't wait to see even more of you in Johnson City for this year's convention!

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Our skiers before their great adventures

The Outdoor Excursions group of Jordan Gladys, Mike Nakonachny, as well as Eric, Jason and Mark Senedak got an early start, in order to make the most of their day on the slopes of Jack Frost Mountain Ski Area.

Those more suited to resist engaging Newton's law of  $f=ma$  chose instead to lounge about and play Pictionary while eating breakfast multiple times. They did, however, meet up for a potluck lunch on the mountain giving the Outdoor bunch delightful respite from dodging little children while high up on the slopes.



Skiers after their skiing adventure

The intrepid Warmer Excursion folks then headed to the bowling alley for a few frames of spirited (if not freestyle) bowling.



In a thrilling turn of events, Melanie Nakonachny dominated the second game, thus proving that LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers isn't the only great athlete from Ohio.

Both varieties of Excursions reunited back

at the Bilynsky's for an evening of even more food (if that were even possible), thrilling Pictionary contests and two great football games on television. The evening was punctuated by the silent tears shed by fans of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Chicago Bears while watching the proceedings.

The highly-entertaining weekend came to a close as everyone went their separate ways on Sunday. Most of the group attended Divine Liturgy in Scranton. Fr. Kowal and the Scranton parish greeted the Young Adult Group very warmly. Many commented that they had never attended Divine Liturgy in the Scranton parish and the warmth of the parish was a highlight of the trip. Others participated in the Divine Liturgy in Allentown and visited with Fr. Myron Oryhon and parishioners in Allentown.



Perhaps this Global Warming fad will pass and allow a more "seasonable" wintry weather for next year's retreat. Until then, let's all try to reduce our carbon footprint, shall we?

Letter to the Editor:

I've heard some grumbles in the vestibules across the diocese wondering why the supposed UOL "Mystery Writer" mentions his identity at the bottom of the Johnson City Convention articles.

Well, to put it bluntly - it's all part of a scam. I am uncertain why the name "Joshua Oryhon" has been listed. After all, why would anyone in their right mind ever believe that "Joshua Oryhon" had written the Johnson City articles in question?

It's a scam. Yes, a scam. Flimflammy. Chicanery. The proverbial Red Herring (and I don't mean the traditional Holy Supper dish served with Ketchup). And so - the UOL Mystery Writer is once again a mystery. Where will I turn up next?

UOL Mystery Writer



Mystery Writer and his friend "rock-man" also a UOL 'er

Please note: The views expressed in this letter to the Editor do not reflect those of the Editor or the UOL. (p.s. We ♥ Josh!).

December events in Palos Park

submitted by Fr. Taras Naumenko

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> - Jr. UOL chapter pu on annual St. Nicholas Play for children of the parish.



A special treat was a visit from Madrigals of Lincoln-Way East High School who sang Christmas carols in different languages. Stephanie Klimowych, who is a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Jr. UOL chapter, is a lead soloist of the Madrigal group.

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday school children decorated Church for the Nativity of Christ.

Also on this day the parish held a Blood Drive for Life Source (Chicagoland's Blood Center). We



thank everyone for participating and supporting this cause.

Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> - Jr. UOL chapter held its winter outing. Ice skating was fun for all!

ST. VLADIMIR'S SENIOR CHAPTER - PHILADELPHIA, PA

submitted by Jim Sawchuk

St. Vladimir Senior Chapter sponsored the blessing of the Theophany Ice Cross on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Chapter members Michael Fesnak and David Sembrot were named the "Godfathers of the Ice Cross," by Fr. Frank, as they made all of the arrangements including personal donations for the entire cost of the Theophany Ice Cross.



Following the outdoor blessing of the Ice Cross by Father Estocin, the chapter hosted a breakfast buffet in the Cathedral Hall. Mark and Anne Bohlen served as chairpeople for the event and prepared a delicious warm buffet for everyone.



The following week the Senior UOL Chapter sponsored our Annual Malanka. The evening's events in the Cathedral Hall opened with appetizers followed



by a dinner buffet, which included a roasted pig, along with an assortment of desserts. For listening and dancing pleasure, music was provided by chapter member DJ Al Shinn of Philly Convention fame. One hundred people attended this year's Malanka celebration from our Philadelphia and New Jersey regions. In addition to our Malanka

regulars we had a wonderful group of young adults from Youngstown, Southside Pittsburgh, and Boston. The Philadelphia Malanka is a family friendly event with our youngest participants 8 months old and some of our more Senior members being 8 decades old, and every age in-between. It was a wonderful event. It is never too early to start making plans to attend next year.



A PARISH LEARNS TO TITHE *(continued from page 2)*

Regarding stewardship and the giving of a tithe, I can only reflect upon God's word. (2nd Corinthians 9:7) "So let each one give as he propose in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver." I can hardly wait for the next opportunity for me to give to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church. We must remember that we will be on our faces at the day of judgment, and I hope that my tithing will come on account for my sinful soul. I realize that I am a sinner. Others may have more to give, but I should not deny that I also have a duty to give as I can and should not shirk this duty to others. Those great givers will not be with you on the day of Judgment and you in your poverty will be by yourself answering for all that has been done in your life. Giving a tithe, even if we can only give a widows mite, spiritually builds a treasury in heaven and this could be a blessing for those of us who find ourselves spiritually impoverished.

As I have said, some new and treasured folk have come to Lincoln and the newly discovered idea of tithing has provided a positive outlook for our small parish. Other encouraging developments have taken place. Archbishop Vsevolod has assigned to us Protopriest Nicholas Klodnicki as our spiritual father and full time pastor.

Father, a convert, was ordained by Metropolitan Andrei and for many years served the Greek Archdiocese. Now in retirement he has come to us and our church is blessed with financial health. Now that we have put our house in order and have a shepherd, we can now concentrate our full efforts on outreach. Our perspective has changed and we no longer see oblivion on the horizon.

God has so blessed our small community and so I give you the challenge of trying to tithe as a prescription for your parish's health. May our Lord and Master Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in His Grace. Amen.



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**Celebration Set for the Blessing of the Chapel at All Saints Camp**  
*submitted by Fr. Deacon Ihor and Pani Matka Iryna Mahlay*

The Council of Bishops has set the date for the Blessing of the newly constructed



Chapel at All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Camp in Emlenton, Pennsylvania. The celebration will take place on the weekend of the Feast of All Saints, June 21 and 22, 2008. With the Blessings of the Bishops and the request of the members of the All Saints Camp Committee, Pani

Matka Iryna and Deacon Ihor Mahlay have been asked to coordinate the celebration of the consecration and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the acquisition of this beautiful corner of God's creation. Preliminary preparations were already initiated last summer.

This celebration will give us an opportunity to honor the benefactors and supporters of the camp, both the departed and the living. Especially, the faithful will honor the generous benefactor of the construction of the chapel itself, who has donated over \$500,000. Our Holy Church can also celebrate the success of the Youth Ministry Program and the well loved encampments at All Saints, the Diocesan Church Camp, Teenage Conference and the Mommy and Me/Daddy and Me Camp.

All are encouraged to make plans for this weekend. At this time we ask for active participation in preparation for the blessing of the chapel and the camp anniversary. For further information and volunteering your efforts to the event, please contact Pani Matka Iryna or Deacon Ihor Mahlay at imahlay@yahoo.com or phone at home is 440-582-1051

**JOHNSON CITY IS READY!**  
*submitted by Fr. Zinoviy Zharsky*

First of all I would like to greet all UOL Bulletin readers with the New Year and wish all of you strong faith, health, and prosperity in the year 2008. It is a great joy for me as a parish priest, with our Senior and Junior UOL members and all members of St. John's Church, to host and welcome our hierarchs, priests and panis, monks, old friends and everyone who will attend the upcoming 61<sup>st</sup> convention on July 30-August 3. The last convention held here was 23 years ago and many parishioners remember the good spirit at that time during the 38<sup>th</sup> UOL Convention.

I am certain that the UOL has touched the lives of all members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, in Ukraine and all over in many good ways. The Ukrainian Orthodox League takes an active part in all aspects of our Church



and we are thankful to those who founded the league and those who continue it. Let us gather for this coming convention in the spirit of Christ's Light, to ask ourselves what we will do in order for our Church to grow more spiritually, how we should

live and what we can do so that the Light of Christ touches others. What should we do to attract new people to Christ's Holy Church and especially our youth? These questions have always been a cornerstone for the Church, the league, and for our salvation. With great impatience we await all of you here in Johnson City for the 61<sup>st</sup> Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention. May the Light of Christ illumine all! We hope that light will guide your way to us in Johnson City. We look forward to spending a spiritual and enlightening week with you. The following biblical references might help your light shine brighter.

*The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. **Matthew 4:16***

*Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. **Luke 11:35***

*In Him was life, and the life was the light of man. **John 1:4***

*While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light. **John 12:36***

*For you were once darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. **Ephesians 5:8***

**St. Vladimir's Parma, Ohio**  
*submitted by Melanie Nakonachny*

On Thursday, December 27, 2007 Saint Vladimir's Cathedral in Parma, Ohio sponsored Parish Family Night. This annual event brings parishioners of all ages together as one family. During the evening the 65 participants enjoyed dinner, board games, crafts, and bingo. The evening was the perfect opportunity to educate our youth on Christmas. Fr. John Nakonachny spoke



to all the participants about the Nativity of our Lord and Ukrainian Christmas traditions. This very successful event has been held annually for the past three years.

On Friday, December 28, 2007 the Young Adults of Saint Vladimir's gathered at the home of Father John and Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Following a dinner sponsored by the parish and prepared by Pani Matka Mary Anne, the young adults practiced singing for the Great Compline and Matins Service on Christmas Eve. The evening ended, after midnight, with the group enjoying games, of which the girls' team won every single one!



On December 29, 2007 Saint Vladimir's Altar Boy Society traveled to the Cleveland Q Arena to see the Harlem Globetrotters perform. The organization sponsored the boys, a parent and a friend to participate in the event. It was a great time for the altar boys to get to know each other on a personal level and relax and have fun before the busy Christmas season.



The following day, December 30<sup>th</sup>, members of Saint Vladimir's Cathedral U.O.L. Chapters spent the day Christmas Caroling to parishioners in local nursing homes. The singers not only brought joy to the elderly of the parish but the outing helped prepare them for the Christmas season.

Saint Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox League Chapter in Parma, Ohio knows the importance of the League in the life of the parish. Founded early in the history of the organization, the chapter has been in existence for many decades and is truly the backbone of the parish, providing not only financial assistance to the parish and other worthy causes, but also working to enhance youth programming and to strengthen the parish as a whole. Once a year the chapter takes time to celebrate the accomplishments of the organization on both a local and national level. While U.O.L. Sunday is traditionally held on the first Sunday of Saint Phillip's fast, the chapter had to postpone this year's celebration because of other projects that were already being held that Sunday.

On Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, U.O.L. members and friends celebrated a belated U.O.L. Sunday. The event began with participants giving thanks to the Lord during Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy was followed by the traditional Christmas



Sing-a-long and Nativity readings that were led by member of the parish's Junior U.O.L. Chapter. Following the sing-a-long, members gathered at a local restaurant, "Dimitri's," to enjoy a luncheon,

reminisce on the past accomplishments and talk about the upcoming events that the chapter has planned. The day was made all the more special by the addition of Father Deacon Mark Swindel, Pani Matka Stephanie and their children Anna and Victoria, who visited our parish from Saints Peter and Paul Church in Carnegie, PA and who celebrated with the chapter. We pray that the Lord will grant the chapter many more years serving the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the greater Cleveland community. Mnohiya Lita!

Jesus Remember me,  
 when You enter into Your Kingdom.

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