FAMILY FEST 2008

Family Fest is always a wonderful event at All Saints Camp. Family Fest 2008 was special for it was the first year that all services were celebrated at St. Thomas Chapel. The weekend was filled with wonderful weather and great fun! There is no better way to end the summer than to spend it with family and friends at All Saints Camp. This year’s attendance of over one hundred participated in the fun activities. Multiple UOL chapters and parishes were represented with individuals from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois, Ohio and New York.

On Friday evening individuals dined together and then settled into cabins and the Millennium Building. Saturday morning started with morning prayers followed by a delicious and hearty breakfast. Saturday afternoon was business for some who attended the camp committee meeting. I must confess that I did not attend the meeting and instead enjoyed a beautiful sunny afternoon at the pool. I am told the meeting was very productive and one highlight of the discussion was the plan to have work weekends to help with the maintenance of the camp. The first of these weekends was held in early October. Others who did not enjoy the pool, or the meeting, participated in a marathon canoe trip. Those who participated in the trip were identified later that afternoon by sun-burned faces. With several hours on the river they had a great work-out.

With many family fest participants, in addition to individuals who came specifically for the camp committee meeting, lunch was a full house. With so many individuals there for meals, Camp Manager Stephen Sheptak and his staff are to be commended for doing a great job.

Saturday evening included choir rehearsal, Vespers and dinner. Given the adventures of the day everyone was ready for the wonderful dinner and pig-roast. The chef for the evening, James Cairns from Carteret, prepared a wonderful pork dinner that was enjoyed by all.

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A UOL Tribute is a big warm smile in an envelope —
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For details of how to submit a Tribute see page 8
2009 Y-TOWN UOL CONVENTION NEWS
Hosted by the Sts. Peter & Paul Sr/Jr UOL, Youngstown, Ohio
July 22-26, 2009
"YOU’LL HAVE A GREAT TIME IN 2009!"

We continue our “journey” through the events of your 2009 UOL Convention. Revisit your Ukrainian Heritage at our Ethnic Night on Friday evening, which will delight the senses. Come see the graceful Ukrainian Kviv Dancers, hear ethnic music and contemporary tunes of Fred Yannowski & Company, taste a delectable cuisine, and come feel the heart-warming fellowship! Wear your finest Ukrainian ensemble as we enjoy the magic of the evening together. Then, that evening, join the 2010 UOL Convention Committee members as they welcome you to their hospitality, showcasing their event. On Saturday, arrive to a day filled with visiting local attractions, golfing on or off the resort premises, informational workshops or cool off and relax by the pool as you anticipate the banquet and ball that evening. Then, experience an unexpected touch of elegance that the Avalon Inn Resort has to offer as you start your evening with a delicious menu and exciting sounds of “The Look” while dancing the night away with old friends and new acquaintances alike. The following morning, your Sunday will begin with a spiritual Divine Liturgy held at Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church followed by a “bon voyage” brunch as we reminisce about the days spent together.

Questions? Please contact the 2009 UOL Convention co-chairs: Kevin Thomas at KMT627@aol.com or Robert Mark at ram412@aol.com and visit the beautiful Avalon Inn Resort’s website at www.avaloninn.com. Great news!!! Check out our new parish website with a link to the Sts. Peter & Paul 2009 Y-town UOL Convention at www.stepeterpauluoc.org.

Sts. Peter & Paul – Y-town UOL News

We are “gearing up” not only for the upcoming 2009 UOL Convention, but for our fundraising and yearly obligations forthcoming. Slated, is a stuffed cabbage sale, various money maker dinners, bake sales, and a cookie walk, among others. Our “Happy New Year” Malanka dinner dance will be held on January 31, 2009 and will feature the grammy award winning Del Sinchak Band, wonderful ethnic food, and door prizes. We invite all neighboring parishes to join in on the fun! Also, we are in the process of recruiting new Sr/Jr UOL members with hopes of increasing our parish’s UOL membership numbers. Wanna join?

HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL SITE APPROVED IN WASHINGTON, DC

New York, NY (National Committee) – The National Committee to Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Genocide of 1932-1933 is pleased to announce the selection of a site for a U.S. memorial to the 10 million victims of the 1932-1933 Ukrainian Genocide “Holodomor.” The memorial will be located in Washington, DC at the intersection of North Capitol Street, Massachusetts Avenue, and F Street, NW, five blocks north of the U.S. Capitol Building.

On October 13, 2006, President Bush signed into law the authorization for a Holodomor memorial in Washington, DC. Ever since then, the National Committee, in conjunction with the Embassy of Ukraine in Washington, DC, has worked diligently to choose a suitable site in the heart of our nation’s capital for this solemn memorial. Over the past two years, the National Committee and the Embassy of Ukraine have been in constant negotiation with the U.S. National Park Service and numerous other federal and local agencies to select a prominent site on public land on which to forever memorialize this often ignored crime against humanity.

Several public hearings before the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission—comprised of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), the Historical Preservation Society, the Commission on Fine Arts, the Architect of the Capitol, the DC Planning Commission, and others—examined in detail the suitability of 24 candidate sites throughout the city. These hearings necessitated the hiring by the National Committee of a private firm to prepare an environmental impact assessment.

At a hearing of the NCPC on September 27, 2008, the Junior and Senior National Executive Boards met for our first meetings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I would like to thank the chapter at Philadelphia and all of those who worked to make our weekend there spectacular. The entire board greatly enjoyed the stay.

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In the upcoming holiday season, let us pray for the members of the Christian Caregiving and Missions Committee, that their annual Tithing project be successful. This project is a wonderful way to donate and give during this season. I also pray that all of the chapters in the league have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

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Anybody who is anybody is reading the UOL Bulletin.
Make sure that you continue to receive your UOL Bulletin – Renew your UOL Membership.
The news of the creation of the Ukrainian Genocide Memorial site came one week after the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously approved H.Res. 1314, a resolution recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine (Holodomor). The resolution condemned “the violations of human rights, including the freedom of self-determination and freedom of speech, of the Ukrainian people by the Soviet Government.” The sponsor of the resolution, as well as the sponsor of the Ukrainian Genocide Memorial, was Rep. Sander Levin (D-MI), co-chair of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus. In praising Rep. Levin’s enormous efforts in support of Ukrainian American concerns, Michael Sadowski, Jr., President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America stated: “To say that Rep. Levin is a friend of Ukraine is an understatement! Where would we be today without his vigilant support and sponsorship of so many important issues, in particular the new site appropriated for the Ukrainian Genocide Memorial? Thanks to Rep. Levin’s foresight and assistance, the entire Ukrainian American community is ecstatic.”

While the Government of Ukraine will fund the eventual construction of the Holodomor memorial, the National Committee bore the brunt of the costs for the environment assessment and other preparatory tasks. The generosity of the National Committee’s member organizations and others in the Ukrainian American community provided the initial funds. An additional $45,000 is needed to satisfy the National Committee’s obligations to the firm which produced the final documents required by the various government agencies in order to secure the Massachusetts Avenue site.

Much has been accomplished, but much more needs to be done. Recent events—from the genocide in Darfur to the brutal threats faced by fleeing democratic states like Georgia and Ukraine against their liberty and continued independence—underscore the importance of this memorial at this time and especially in Washington, DC. The Holodomor memorial will remind our government, the American people, and the world that history can and will repeat itself unless we remember the horrors of the past and will remind our government, the American people, and the world that history can and will repeat itself unless we remember the horrors of the past and...
St. Thomas Chapel, All Saints Camp

The Finishing Touch …

… to the All Saints Camp Chapel project has been set in place.

Submitted by Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny

A sincere thanks is extended to Milano Monuments of Cleveland, Ohio which was commissioned to prepare a suitable commemoration of the dedication of St. Thomas Chapel at All Saints Camp and did so at cost. The finished product, as seen in the accompanying picture, has the icon of the chapel’s Patron Saint and the date of the consecration of the chapel etched into a granite plaque that is embedded in a 4 foot high rock.

The members of the Fundraising Committee wish to express their sincere gratitude to our Hierarchs and the UOL National Executive Board for the opportunity to work on such a blessed project. We especially thank every single individual who gave so selflessly to bring this project to fruition – from the children who collected “chapel change” to the adults who so willingly and generously sponsored icons and furnishings, to the many parishes and organizations for their continuous support and to the young adults of our Church who have given so much of their time and energy to this project.

It’s often been discussed that camp wouldn’t feel like camp once we were no longer holding morning and evening prayers, Vespers and Divine Liturgies in the pavilion. And it doesn’t!

An air of prayerful reverence surrounds everyone who enters St. Thomas Chapel. The icons bring us closer to Our Lord and inspire us to live our lives in a more God-like way. And the singing – whether by trained or merely sincere voices – lifts those prayers to the Lord.

We urge everyone to make a trip to All Saints Camp, especially during encampments, to come and pray with the campers, their counselors and their spiritual father.

Board Meeting (continued from page 1)

At the conclusion of the meetings, the Juniors and Seniors attended Vespers in the church, followed by a trip to the local Greek Festival. This festival offered amazing foods, games, fair rides, and Greek dancing. All of the members greatly enjoyed themselves throughout the evening activity.

On Sunday, September 28, 2008, the board celebrated Divine Liturgy at St. Vladimir’s in Philadelphia. Many thanks to the wonderful parish, as the board was sad to leave at the close of their wonderful fall meeting.

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St. Demetrius Chapter in Carteret, NJ

Submitted by Teresa Linck

We have been very busy in our little corner of NJ. We held a “Past” and “Present” member reunion. We invited all past and present members to a luncheon to laugh and reminisce about the “good old days”. And we did laugh as we remembered fun times at conventions. Our hopes are for our current Junior members to have as much fun and fellowship as we did. Some of our friendships are still holding strong!

We also held a little reunion for all present and past altar servers and readers. Our weekly Coffee Hours are still going strong. The fellowship it brings to our church members is so important and appreciated.

Our newly elected officers are: President: John Lehotsky; Vice President: Denise Spogasenet; Treasurer: Catherine Shaffer; Secretary: Nadja Mrak; Reporter: Teresa Linck; Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Taras Chubenko.

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Parma Junior & Senior UOL Chapters Begin a New Year

Submitted by Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny

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Sunday morning Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Fr. John Nakonachny, Fr. John Haluszczak and Fr. Deacon Ihor Mahlay. The Divine Liturgy was the first Family Fest Divine Liturgy celebrated in St. Thomas Chapel. Each of the services in the chapel were beautiful. Following the group picture, everyone enjoyed a large brunch.

Sunday afternoon was the day of sports events. Campers participated in an all-out kick-ball tournament that continued for many innings, not because of any tie-breakers but more from the joy of playing the game. The most enjoyable part of the game was watching the youngest players have juniors help them run the bases by carrying them around the field. The games continued from the kickball-field to the volleyball court.

The volleyball game was quite intense with Seniors versus Juniors. Games continued with basketball and with the transformation of the pavilion into a hockey rink. With tables placed around the edges and nets on either side of the pavilion the rink was the sight of a great tournament. Others enjoyed time at the pool or relaxing at the main lodge. Everyone had a wonderful day and was ready for the great dinner.

After dinner campers enjoyed the campfire with a sing-a-long and making s'mores. Others enjoyed the variety of tournaments, including the Name Game, and the annual dominoes tournament. Bingo was a highlight of the evening with Victor Bucharew calling the numbers for bingo and entertaining the participants with his wonderful sense of humor.

Sunday evening a memorial service was celebrated for Juanita Robinson of blessed memory and for all individuals who dedicated their time to All Saints Camp and have fallen asleep in the Lord.

Monday morning campers gathered for morning prayers, cleaned cabins and prepared to return home.

Special thanks to Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny, chairperson, for all of her hard work and a wonderful weekend!
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