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## St. Thomas Pilgrimage Proceeds to Benefit LSSK Scholarship

The St. Thomas Pilgrimage Weekend was one of the best attended in years. With beautiful sunny weather both days thousands came to have memorial services at the graves, as well as enjoy planned events and see old friends.



For the last three years the UOL has played an integral role at the St. Thomas Pilgrimage Weekend in South Bound Brook, New

Jersey. The parking responsibilities have been coordinated by the UOL with all funds raised from the selling of the ribbons being donated to the Lynn Sawchuk Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship Fund. This year over twenty five hundred dollars was raised toward the scholarship fund.



Saturday morning started bright and early with parking duties beginning at 7:30. Parking duties were coordinated by Daria Pishko Komichak and she had a team of parking attendants from Maplewood, Philadelphia, Allentown, Boston, South Bound Brook, Parma and Clifton. Twenty two seniors and five juniors and our seminarians assisted with parking duties.



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## National Executive Board Meeting -Youngstown, Ohio

On May 16, 2009 the Senior and Junior National Executive Boards met in Youngstown, Ohio. The morning started with morning prayers led by Fr. John Harvey, Spiritual Advisor for the Youngstown Senior and Junior UOL Chapters. Following a hearty breakfast prepared by the Youngstown chapter the Board convened their meetings.



Financial reports indicated that over \$1800 was collected

for the Thanksgiving Tithing Project which will be donated to the St. Anthony of the Desert Mission Parish in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Additionally, to date we have collected over \$3000 for Souper Bowl Sunday. The donations from the Souper Bowl Sunday are given to St. Andrew's Society Soup Kitchens. If you chapter has not submitted your donation please be sure to submit them as soon as possible.

A discussion was held about how to communicate more frequently and easily with chapters regarding reminders for deadlines and distribution of materials. The election report form does include e-mail addresses. However, often chapters do not complete that information. If your officers do have e-mail addresses, please be sure to include them on election roster forms as this will assist in distributing of material and can be a major money saver for postage, particularly in the sending of minutes.

Shirley Skocypec reported that UOL Essay Contest information was distributed to all parishes of the UOC. She is hopeful that we will have participants from our UOL chapters as well as from other parishes.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Lenten Retreats. This year both retreats had slightly lower attendance. For the Bethlehem Retreat it was decided to reserve the retreat center for one day only as weekend attendance at the retreat has decreased and individuals have mostly been day participants. The retreat has a core group that attends annually. For the All Saints Camp Retreat, next year Pascha falls in early spring therefore, the Camp can not

host the retreat because of potential weather concerns. Retreat planners Melanie Nakonachny and Diane Senedak are looking into the possibility of hosting the retreat at



another location. There was also discussion about the possibility that the two dates might coincide. While this is not the optimal situation, this might

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**62nd ANNUAL UOL CONVENTION**  
**Sts. Peter and Paul, Youngstown, OH**  
**July 22-26, 2009**  
**We look forward to seeing you in Y-town!!**



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### ASK FR. HARVEY RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS

Answered by: Fr. John Harvey

*Recently, I have noticed that when approaching any clergy, individuals are asking for a blessing from the priest. I was taught that we ask for blessings from bishops and hierarchs. What is the proper way to greet clergy?*

As our Orthodox world is getting closer, habits which until now have been more common with other jurisdictions and traditions are now starting to influence ours. As a general rule, whenever a hierarch is present, a blessing is NEVER sought from a priest. The hierarch or hierarchs are the spiritual authority present, with the priests serving subservient or complimentary roles. You will note that at the beginning of a hierarchal liturgy, as priests are bid to enter the altar to serve an ektenia, they first must get the blessing from all hierarchs who are serving.

Unique in the Orthodox world, the Ukrainian Orthodox custom of greeting a priest is by saying Slava Isusu Christu! or its equivalent in English. This is most pronounced in Western Ukraine and the Trans-Carpathian regions, with such common usage fading the farther east one goes. Our younger generations, if not constantly reminded, do not automatically come out with this common and pious greeting like our babas always have done. This is a sad consequence of modern life in which our dealings with one another are always informal and familiar. Western Europe has a regional custom, which is about the same. Bavaria and parts of Austria have the greeting "Gruess Gott", Greet God! This greeting almost fanatically asserts their difference from other Germanic regions, but in the present decade secularist trends, battling against this wholesome custom, have made inroads.

Our seminarians from Ukraine always ask blessings from priests upon meeting them, so this practice may be on the rise in that part of Europe. People here in America, who have been under the influence of monasteries, especially Greek monasteries and convents, do the same and this is becoming more common. When I telephone the O.C.M.C. headquarters, the receptionist always begins by saying "Your blessing father please" when a priest is perceived to be on the other end of the line. This was new to me, and now I usually say in return, "May the Lord Jesus bless all of us." This sort of greeting I find increasingly more common and I am adjusting to it.

In Orthodox churches throughout the world, it is most common to kiss the priest's hand when coming forward to kiss the cross. This universally observed custom is conspicuously absent in the majority of our parishes here. There can be several explanations for this phenomenon. The church in Ukraine in 1921 adopted many reform ideas that had been floating around the Russian Empire since the turn of the century. Some of these were of a very egalitarian spirit, and so we see monks of the time incongruously wearing business suits instead of the normal monastic garb. In that sort of atmosphere, the bowing, kowtowing and kissing of hands of priests must have taken a negative meaning.

Wasn't it also that peasants and serfs had, until the revolution, to bow and kiss the hands of the "Pan," the local master and landowner, who lived in the manor house? Times change and the virulently negative associations tied to bowing, asking a blessing, or kissing the hand of a priest have evaporated. Here in America many of our priests preferred the egalitarian approach and the kissing of hands was not considered modern or in the American mode of things. Over the years I have seen embarrassed priests jerking their hand away with the blessing cross whenever someone tried to kiss it.

We are entering a new era, so what is acceptable? Upon greeting a priest, the greeting "Glory be to Jesus Christ" is most appropriate.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Oleh Bilynsky



Glory to Jesus Christ!

Slava Isusu Christu!

As our fiscal year draws to a close, I hope you are all concluding another successful year of UOL activities and are anxious to share the details of your accomplishments at the 62nd Annual Convention. The Sts. Peter & Paul UOL Chapter in Youngstown, OH has worked tirelessly to make this year's convention as enjoyable and successful as possible, and I know your attendance at this year's convention will be both enjoyable and memorable.

Having just completed our spring Executive Board meeting, I would like to thank the Sts. Peter & Paul UOL Chapter in Youngstown for hosting the meeting on May 16. As always, the Youngstown chapter members were very hospitable, and went out of their way to ensure that all of our needs were taken care of. Having been reminded of just how hospitable our Youngstown chapter members are, I eagerly look forward to more of their hospitality at our 62nd UOL Convention, which will be held in Youngstown on July 22-26. 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 we draw nearer to the convention, please make sure that your chapter has fulfilled all of its obligations. Chapter annual reports, membership rosters, membership and chapter dues, and chapter project donations should all have already been submitted. These items are important and must be submitted in order to remain in good standing and to seat delegates at the 62nd Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention. In addition, chapter election reports (and delegate forms for the convention) are due by June 15. Please contact any National Executive Board member if you have any questions.

With the convention almost upon us, make sure to send in your registration and book your hotel room. The deadline for receiving a discount rate on the convention registration fee is June 8, and the deadline for receiving the discounted convention rate at the hotel is June 20 (registration and hotel information is located in this Bulletin). With all of the hard work that the Sts. Peter & Paul Chapter in Youngstown has put forth to ensure that convention guests have a memorable experience, you will not want to miss any of the scheduled events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of this year's Executive Board for their hard work and dedication over the course of the year. As I am sure you will agree, their efforts on behalf of and dedication to the UOL is most appreciated, and vital to the continued growth of both the UOL and our Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Lastly, it has been a great honor and privilege to serve as president of the Sr. UOL this past year. Thank you for entrusting me with this position, and I hope I have not failed to meet your expectations. I look forward to seeing all of you at the convention in Youngstown.

Yours in Christ,

Oleh V. Bilynsky

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We've got "SPIRIT", so let's "HEAR IT"...

Let us hear you say...

"O-H"—"I-O"!!!

The Sts. Peter & Paul Sr/Jr UOL cordially invites you to attend the 62<sup>nd</sup> UOL Convention in Youngstown, Ohio—July 22-26, 2009. We are eagerly awaiting your arrival for a *cheerful, fun-filled and exciting experience*. Come share this event with your fellow UOLer's and friends alike as we "show our true colors" together! You can make this convention great!

"2-4-6-8 who do we appreciate?"

"Y-O-U!!!" See you there!

\*For more information about the 62<sup>nd</sup> UOL Convention packet registration, yearbook ad contract, convention t-shirt sales, and schedule of events please visit our parish website at [www.stspeterpauluoc.org](http://www.stspeterpauluoc.org) and click on the UOL emblem.



TOP "40" "11" REASONS TO COME TO THE

UOL CONVENTION IN Y-TOWN....

11. Rub elbows with the Hierarchs!
10. Exclusive Jr UOL Wii-Guitar Hero competition!
9. Come see Fr. Harvey in a grass skirt!
8. Y-town's "Borscht Fest"!
7. Win prizes for wearing your convention t-shirt!
6. See who pays the most daily delegate meeting late fees!
5. The Kolomeyka "dance-off"!
4. Fr. Nakonachny's Ukrainian village folksong sing-a-long!
3. Enjoy *fine dining* at the "wing-ding-pizza-thing"—Y-town's hospitality night!
2. Witness the amazing "How many Young Adults can fit in a room" event!

And... the NUMBER ONE REASON TO COME TO Y-TOWN:

1. Find "YOUR" way to

**"Trust in the LORD with all your heart!"**



UOL CONVENTION SCHEDULE

hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul Sr/ Jr UOL Youngstown, Ohio  
JULY 22-26, 2009

UOL Young Adult group will meet Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday July 22 Hospitality Night hosted by the Sts. Peter & Paul Sr & Jr UOL Chapters .

Thursday July 23 Aloha Hawaiian Luau

Friday July 24 Ukrainian Heritage Ethnic Night

Saturday July 25 Banquet and Ball

Sunday July 26 Farewell Luncheon

You'll have a GREAT time in Y-town!  
See YOU there!



NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Taylor Gladys

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Summer is upon us, and I cannot believe that it will be nearly a year since our convention in Johnson City. However, we must look ahead to the wonderful meetings and festivities to take place in Youngstown, OH this year. I look forward to seeing everyone there, and hopefully a few new faces as well.

As convention approaches, I ask all Juniors to be sure that the appropriate forms have been returned. Chapter Annual Reports and Chapter Donations should be turned in as soon as possible. It is important that we fulfill these obligations in order to monitor the progress of all the chapters. Again, please turn in these forms soon if you have not already done so.

The largest Junior UOL fund raiser, the annual raffle, will be drawn at the convention in Youngstown. Although the return date for the tickets has passed, tickets may still be purchased! Please continue selling the tickets all the way up until convention and send any sold tickets to Vice President, Eric Perankovich.

Another important event coming up with convention is the Annual Cultural Contest. I encourage everyone involved with the UOL (both Junior and Senior) to enter! The contest is a great way to appreciate and embrace our Ukrainian heritage. For further information on the contest, please contact Vice President, Eric Perankovich.

Lastly, I'd like to touch upon our Great Lent Giveaway project. This year, we elected to make "Health Kits," in conjunction with the IOCC for victims of natural disasters. Kits made by chapters will be collected at convention, and we will also be accepting monetary donations for this project. Please send donations to Financial Secretary, Ethan Rock.

Thank you to my fellow board members, as it has been wonderful having the opportunity to work with all of you, and thank you to all members of the UOL for working with us for the Glory of God and the preservation of our Church. I pray that you all have an enjoyable and safe summer, and I hope to see many of you at the convention in Youngstown!

Yours In Christ,

Taylor Gladys



Great Lent Giveaway

Just a reminder that it is not too late to begin working on your Great Lent Giveaway projects! The Junior UOL is working with the UOC Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries to collect Health Kits for the IOCC.

Items that are needed for the Health Kits:

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| Hand towel  | Band-aids   |
| Washcloth   | Bar of Soap |
| Nail file or nail clipper                           | Tooth brush |
| placed in a 1 gallon plastic bag that can be sealed |             |

If your chapter does not wish to participate in making the health kits monetary donations are also being accepted. Please make checks payable to the Jr. UOL, and send to:

Jr. Financial Secretary Ethan Rock  
112 Barton Ave  
Butler, Pa 16001

Remember to bring your packets to the Convention this year.





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Asking his blessing and kissing his hand is proper under certain circumstances and understandable, but in our tradition it seems rather forced and unnatural.

Many priests, who have not seen this before, may find this startling and may react in an awkward manner to such an approach. The kissing of a priest's hand when coming to kiss the cross, again is of almost universal occurrence, so priests should not be shocked, especially now as we find ourselves often in pan-Orthodox situations. Regarding this, do what feels comfortable to you and our priests should be adaptable. One note, that is important. When a hierarch, or priest enters the room, it should be common courtesy to acknowledge the entrance and usually even to stand.

Asking a blessing, kissing the hand that blesses or courtesy surrounding the entrance of a priest or bishop should be put into the right context. We are not kowtowing to an important personage, but the hand that prays for us and gives us the blessing of God should have some due reverence. Rather than being an arrogance or some power trip, the priest should be humble enough to dispense blessings in a true pastoral spirit, realizing that despite his own faults and weaknesses, he is the instrument of God's pastoral and provident grace.



Ordination at Assumption of the Virgin Mary Parish,  
in Northampton, PA.  
Submitted by Linda Winters



Former Junior UOL member and current Senior UOL member, Matthew Winters was tonsured a reader and ordained a Sub-deacon by His Eminence Archbishop Antony. The service of tonsuring and ordination took place prior to Pre-Sanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Father Bazyl Zawierucha, pastor of Assumption of the Virgin Mary and Father Deacon Mykhail Sawarynski also celebrated the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy with His Eminence Archbishop Antony. Matthew has been a member of the parish since he was two years old. He has always shown a devotion to the church and a desire to serve the Lord. He has served as an altar server for many years and still does so today. Matthew is currently a student at New England Culinary Institute in Vermont and will be graduating in August of 2010. Many friends and members of the parish were present to witness the event and share in the joy with his parents, Linda and Howard Winters. A small agape was served in the parish hall following services.

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**Vocations and Clergy  
Support Corner**

Submitted by Pani Matka Linda Oryhon

"Few Are Called... Are You Next?"

Nothing we can expect of our clergy can compare to the awesome responsibilities placed on them at ordination. The Holy Sacrament of Ordination sets these men apart to serve God's purpose. Their humanity remains intact as they proclaim the mystery of God's salvation. However the Holy Sacrament does not turn them into perfect angels. This is explained in St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6. "For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him 'Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee'."

The priest is that earthly link to help guide us toward our salvation as well as his own. His sins and weaknesses should not draw our attention away from Christ. As is profoundly stated during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom when the priest prays the following words: "Accept also the prayer of us sinners and bear it to thy holy altar enabling us to offer unto Thee gifts and spiritual sacrifices for our sins and the errors of the people." This theme is expressed in Fr. Anthony Coniaris' book entitled *These Are The Sacraments*, as he quotes Karl Rahner (*Meditations on the Sacraments*), "...men are offended when someone appears to do God's business and is still only a man. They want messengers who speak more brilliantly, heralds who preach more persuasively, hearts that burn with a hotter flame. Blessed will you be then, those of you who have not been scandalized at the man in the priest. He is so human so that you can believe that man-poor, real man-can possess the grace of God."

How then can we begin to better understand our relationship with our spiritual fathers? Rahner advises in his article *The Priesthood*, "...Accept us as messengers of Christ. Let your hearts and minds swell with the grace of God so as to hear in our human words, in our fumbling, miserable, colorless and often repetitious words, the holy, blessed and powerful word of God, the word that brings God Himself and His eternal life into our midst... if, looking always through and beyond us, you set your gaze upon the Lord, then you will take from our words the comfort, the power and the eternal life that comes to you in the Word of God."

This humanity and humility is illustrated in the priest's private prayers during the Divine Liturgy. As he prays, "...Look down upon me, a sinner, thy unprofitable servant, and cleanse my soul and my heart from an evil conscience; and by the power of the Holy Spirit enable me, who am endowed with the grace of the priesthood, to stand before this, thy holy table, and perform the sacred mystery of Thy holy and pure Body and precious Blood..."

Fr. Coniaris uses an appropriate analogy in clarifying our relationship with our priest. He likens the role of the priest to the coach of a team. His responsibility is to discover, encourage, and cultivate the talents of his team. The true task of the priest is to train his people of God that they should go out into their community and the world and show their love of God and his people. We should embrace the true team given to us- the Church through her clergy. Only then can we continue to grow in God's unapproachable glory.



**Clergy Grants Available**

Clergymen of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA are eligible for continuing education grants from the MJSF. The maximum amount per class (or other specified program) in continuing education is \$500. The total grant limit to any individual clergyman shall not exceed \$2,000.

All classes/programs must have the approval of one Hierarch. Please contact Fr. Myron Oryhon or Pani Matka Linda Oryhon [frmyron@ptd.net](mailto:frmyron@ptd.net).

**St. Vladimir Senior UOL Chapter  
Philadelphia, PA**

*Submitted by Jim Sawchuk*

On Sunday May 3rd, our chapter assisted, along with fellow parishioners, in the preparation and serving of our annual St. Vladimir Cathedral Paschalne Spilne Svyachene. May 3rd was also a very special day as we commemorated and celebrated the 100th birthday of



long-time active Cathedral member Pani Neonila Hordienko. She was also a member of our Cathedral's Alexander Koshetz Choir.

Father Frank held a Moleben service for her following the Divine Liturgy after which everyone in attendance was able to individually give her their best wishes. At the Svyachene, we all sang Christos Voskres/Mnohiya Lita and Happy Birthday to Pani Hordienko, our



longest living parishioner. Everyone signed a very large Birthday card and enjoyed having Birthday cake to celebrate her special milestone occasion.



On Saturday, May 2nd chapter members gathered at the Gulph School for a morning of basketball. The date and gym had originally been set aside for the UOL Basketball Classic, but scheduling issues prevented chapters from registering - except our neighbor to the north, St. Mary's in Allentown!

In other Chapter news, our Lenten project included visiting with our Cathedral shut-ins and giving them icons, pussy willows and a tuna casserole. Upcoming events include: sponsoring a "Donuts For Dad" on Father's Day and holding a wine and cheese party as a fund-raiser for the 64th Annual UOL Convention which we will be hosting in 2011.

We would also like to wish Sts. Peter & Paul Senior and Junior UOL Chapters much success and look forward to attending the 62nd Annual UOL Convention in Youngstown, Ohio, July 22nd - 26th !

**News from St. John the Baptist Sr. UOL**

*Submitted by Pam Scannell*

Our Sr. UOL had two very enjoyable projects this past Lenten season. First we helped our Jr. UOL serve and clean up from two agape meals after Presanctified Liturgy. The free will donations went toward the National Jr UOL Great Lent Give-Away project of collecting money to purchase items for health care kits for the IOCC. It was very nice to share a meal with those who attended the Liturgies. We had several cooks who shared their favorite Lenten meals with us, and needless to say the food was very delicious!!



Toward the end of Great Lent we visited the shut-ins from our parish. We have 14 parishioners who are unable to come to church and we had 15 Sr. UOL members who volunteered their time to make the visits. We also had 7 of our youth join us for these visits. Our parishioners were given CDs of our Lenten and Paschal music to enjoy at their home or nursing home. Everyone enjoyed the visits and we hope to do this again in the future.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at convention!

Pictured: Walter Kit, Jeff Hatala and Julie Sadowitz

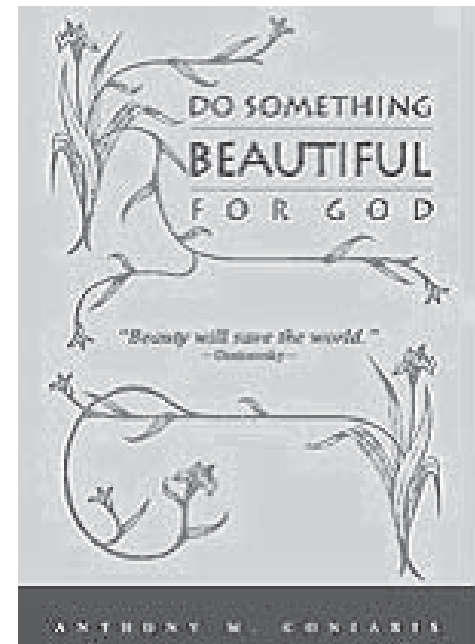


❖❖❖❖ UOL BOOK CLUB ❖❖❖❖

The UOL "Book Club," under the guidance of our spiritual advisor, has chosen the book *Do Something Beautiful for God* by Anthony M. Coniaris as the official reading for the club. The UOL Book Club is a resolution of the Education Committee of the UOL passed at last year's convention. The Book Club is a wonderful way for UOL, Jr. UOL, and non-UOL members to become involved in thought and discussion about Orthodoxy.

This book explores the beauty of all things that God gives to us and how we must "purify our eyes" to see spiritual beauty.

A letter will be sent to UOL chapters with information about the book club and how to order the book. For additional information about the book and the UOL Book Club, please contact Eric Senedak at (412) 390-8261 or by email at [emsenedak@gmail.com](mailto:emsenedak@gmail.com).



### 62nd U.O.L Convention – July 22 – July 26 2009

**“Trust in the LORD with all your heart “**  
**Sponsored by Senior and Junior UOL Chapters**  
**Sts Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church,**  
**Youngstown, Ohio**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_

(evening) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Representing \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapter/Parish)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (City/State)

____ Senior Delegate (Th-Sun) \$200.00	____ Junior Delegate (Th-Sun) \$185.00
____ Senior Guest (Th-Sun) \$ 200.00	____ Junior Guest (Th-Sun) \$185.00
____ Clergy (Th-Sun) \$190.00	____ Pre-Junior 10 and under* (Thu-Sun) \$90.00
____ Weekend (Fri-Sat-Sun) \$ 150.00	(*includes children's menu)

Participation in Pre-Junior Programs  
 \_Yes \_No (Number involved) \_\_\_\_\_Saturday Banquet Entree Choices: \_Sirloin Filet and Almond Crusted  
 Chicken  
 \_Vegetarian

**Registration Deadline: There is a \$10.00 discount**  
**On each fee, for registrations Postmarked by June 8**

Checks Payable to: 62nd UOL Convention  
 c/o Stephanie Rimedio  
 2034 Fox Chase  
 Youngstown, Ohio 44515  
 srimedia@excite.com

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 66 Parkgate Ave, Youngstown Ohio 44515\*For further information [kduzz@zoominternet.net](mailto:kduzz@zoominternet.net)

or 330 792 7068

### Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park, Illinois

Submitted by Fr. Taras Naumenko

The Sts. Peter and Paul Junior and Senior Chapters were very busy during our Lenten season. A two-day Lenten Retreat was held on March 14 and 15. The



retreat entitled: "Becoming Disciples by Making Disciples," included guest speaker Fr. David Rucker, associate director of OCMC from Florida, who led the faithful in a discussion of how to become disciples in today's world, make the parish grow and make Orthodox faith stronger. He especially emphasized the importance of missions and the great need of missionaries around the world.

Fr. David Rucker was born in Danville, KY, the third generation son of Methodist Ministers. He graduated from Asbury College in Wilmore, KY, with a BA in Christian Ministries and Education. For many years Fr. David served as a missionary in Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, the Caribbean, South Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, but it is while in China that what began as academic research ended up leading him and his family into life-giving relationships in the Orthodox Church. After Fr. David's enlightening and touching presentation, chapter members and faithful enjoyed round table casual discussions, along with dinner and refreshments sponsored by the parish's Sr. UOL chapter. The day ended with Great Vespers.



On Sunday, the parish welcomed His Grace Bishop Daniel, as the new ruling Hierarchy of the Western Eparchy. He was greeted by children with flowers and the traditional karavai (bread). The arch-pastoral visit and sermon was uplifting for all UOL members. The Divine Liturgy was co-celebrated by His Grace Bishop Daniel, Fr. Taras Naumenko rector, Fr. David Rucker, Fr. Howard Sloan, Fr. Taras Maximtsiv and Deacon Silouan Rolando.

Following Liturgy, the Lenten Retreat continued with Fr. Rucker's presentation to the youth of the parish at the fellowship hall. OCMC Mission Coin boxes were passed around to children of Church School as an annual charity project. The children and faithful received missionary cards and were encouraged to pray for all missionaries fulfilling God's call.



We thank His Grace Bishop Daniel for the inspirational visit and look forward to working with him for many years to make our church flourish for the Glory of God, and we thank our guest speaker, Fr. David Rucker, for his hard work and remarkable presentation.

On Lazarus Saturday, April 11, following Divine Liturgy, many gathered for the annual spring clean-up, including our Juniors and Sunday School children. The Juniors did a great job preparing our Holy Temple for Holy Pascha as well as sprucing up the grounds. Dr. Gayle Woloschak held a brief educational class for the attendees, following which everyone enjoyed lunch, movies, games and social time at the parish rectory. The Juniors enjoyed making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday, and prepared Pascha greeting cards for the shut-ins. At Vespers, Saturday evening, all readings and singing was done by the Juniors. And what a marvelous job they did! This was a great bonding time for everyone!



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On Sunday morning parishioners of St. Andrew's and individuals participating in the pilgrimage participated in a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with our Hierarchs: His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine, His Eminence Archbishop Antony, and His Grace Bishop Daniel.



The weather was so beautiful this weekend that several of the UOL members working parking duty left South Bound Brook looking as if they had spent an afternoon at the beach.

On both Saturday and Sunday the Cultural Center was full of vendors who were selling religious and cultural items. Additionally, there were displays from all organizations of the church, including poster boards about the UOL. The first had descriptions



of the Commissions and Committees of the UOL. The next two featured pictures from the 60th and 61st Annual UOL Conventions. We also had additional UOL Bulletins for all to enjoy.

Another highlight of the weekend -- the Maplewood Senior and Junior UOL Chapters coordinated the kitchen in the hall. They had a delicious menu including varenyky, kielbasa and holubtsi.



If you have never participated in the St. Thomas Pilgrimage be certain to mark your calendars for next year.

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**Congratulations to Very Reverend Father Myron J. Oryhon on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood!**

*Submitted by Josh and Alexis Oryhon*



Over the last thirty years Father Myron has served the parishes of St. Michael the Archangel in Woonsocket, RI, St. John the Baptist in Johnson City, NY and St. Mary in Allentown, PA. He has also continued to serve the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox League as

Spiritual Advisor to both the Junior and Senior Executive Boards. Warm wishes for continued good health and many, many happy years! Mnohaya Lita!

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be the case for next year. The Retreat planners were commended for their work in planning these retreats.

Eric Senedak reported that he will be sending a letter regarding the Book Club to all parish presidents. An article regarding the book club can be found in this issue of the UOL Bulletin.

The content of the UOL Web page was discussed at the Board Meeting. Aleksandra Hucul reported that the web page has been designed and is running but does not have information posted. She will be chairing a committee at the UOL Convention to discuss the web page. Every chapter should discuss what they would like to see on the web page.



Pani Matka Linda Oryhon spoke about Vocations and Clergy Support. She reported that Clergy Appreciation Day is May 31, 2009. She also reported that articles have been submitted to the UOL Bulletin.

Youth Commission Chairperson, Oleh Bilynsky, reported that Michael Nakonachny is planning the Young Adult Memorial Day Retreat at All Saints Camp. Additionally, Young Adult Days are being planned for the Convention. Young Adult Retreats/Meetings have grown over the last few years with an increasing number of events and increased attendance. Michael is to be commended for his work as Chairman.

Membership was discussed and Emil Skocypec reported that he is working with several parishes to develop a chapter. He also reported that the South Bound Brook chapter will not be started until September. It was reported that there is potential interest in Smithmill, PA, Warners, NY and re-forming of chapters in New Britain, CT and Woonsocket, RI. This year there was concerted effort made to increase the number of Members at Large and the number has increased this year to over thirty.

The highlight of the meeting was the report from the Convention Chairperson Robert Mark. The Convention Committee has planned wonderful activities and is excited for the UOL to come to Youngstown, Ohio. The National Executive Board thanks the Youngstown Senior and Junior Chapters for hosting the meeting. For lunch the chapter provided a wonderful buffet that was enjoyed by all. During lunch the Boards and the Chapter greeted Fr. Myron Oryhon on the thirtieth anniversary of his ordination into the holy priesthood.



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| Anonymous                               | Thank you Archbishop Antony, Fr. Frank, Fr. Myron, Fr. Bazyl, Fr. Zinoviy and Fr. Anthony! Thank you for sharing at the UOL Lenten Retreat.  |
| Sts. Peter and Paul Junior UOL Chapter  | In Honor of Fr. Deacon Dennis Lapushansky on the 9th Anniversary of his ordination into the diaconate.   |
| Mrs. Marilyn Druash and Marjorie Druash | In Honor of Taylor Gladys on her Sweet Sixteenth Birthday! Happy Birthday from Babi and Teta! Mnohaya Lita!  |
| Mrs. Marilyn Druash and Marjorie Druash | Congratulations Chris McNulty on Graduating with High Honors and on all your accomplishments. May our dear Lord continue to guide you into your future. We as so proud of you. Love Babi and Teta. |

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