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## UOL Honors His Eminence Archbishop Antony on his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



On January 22, 2011 Hierarchs, clergy, UOL members and faithful gathered at St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Silver Spring, Maryland to honor His Eminence Archbishop Antony. President Martha Misko joined in honoring His

Eminence Archbishop Antony on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his Episcopal consecration and ministry.

Divine Liturgy was co-celebrated at St. Andrew Cathedral with His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine and His Grace Bishop Daniel. Additionally, over fifty clergy and faithful from across the country came to honor His Eminence Archbishop Antony.



Following Divine Liturgy over three hundred guests gathered



in the parish hall for a banquet to honor His Eminence Archbishop Antony. Among those who presented gifts to the Archbishop was UOL President Martha Misko. President Misko presented a ten thousand dollar donation to the Historical and Educational Complex,

specifically for the Consistory President's Office within the Museum Complex.

## Young Adult Ski Weekend

During the holiday weekend commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. a small group of young adults gathered in the Poconos. This is the fourth year that young adults have gathered in the Poconos. The weather was very brisk but several of the group went skiing at Jack Frost Ski Resort. Later that day, the group went bowling and joined at the Bilynsky house for dinner and games. Despite the small group, we had a fun time. The next morning the group went to Scranton for Divine Liturgy. The group has attended Divine Liturgy in Scranton every year of the ski weekend and



enjoy visiting with the parishioners. Each year Father Nestor Kowal and the entire parish is incredibly inviting. Following Divine Liturgy we joined the parish for coffee hour. If you have never attended a ski weekend, it is a fun event not to be missed. The next young

adult event is the Memorial Day Weekend at All Saints Camp. Mark your calendars now.

## Winter Junior NEB Meeting

Submitted by Taylor Gladys

On Friday, February 4, 2011, members of the the Junior and Senior National Executive Boards traveled to Coatesville, PA for their Winter meeting. They were graciously accepted into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, where the members



enjoyed a pizza party reception. The next morning, the members gathered for morning prayers at the parish of the Holy Ghost, had an absolutely delicious breakfast (Mrs. Bentley makes the best french toast!), and proceeded to their respective meetings.

During the Juniors' meeting, the members were eager to

get started and certainly accomplished a magnitude of work. First, we discussed the Annual Jr. UOL Raffle. The board members voted to raise the value of the prizes since the Jr. UOL is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. Thus, first place is now \$500, second place will be awarded \$300, and third place will win \$100. Treasurer, Nick Holowko, will be sending out tickets soon. Please help support the Jr. UOL; with the new prizes this year, it is certainly an event that you won't want to miss out on! The second major topic of discussion with the board members was our Membership Committee. At the beginning of the meeting, we concluded that this was one area of the organization in which we would like to see improvement. Chairman and Jr. Recording Secretary, Josh Bourgerly, completed an updated version of our membership slide show that we plan to send to prospective chapters. The board also came up with a procedure as to how to connect with different parishes and promote the Jr. UOL. Part of this process includes sending out this Membership Slide Show as well as a "How-To" Manual for starting Jr. UOL chapters.



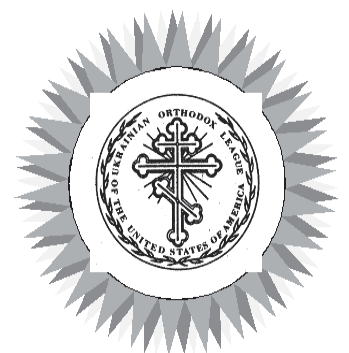
Next, Financial Secretary, Greg Markiw, reported on the Culture and Education Committee. He informed the board that the essay contest mailing has gone out thanks to Senior NEB member, Tabitha Houck. He also reported that he is currently working with Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon on creating a survey to give to our Orthodox youth that asks questions about chastity, in the hopes that we might be able to write a program that will promote it. After that, Vice President, Julian Borgan, spoke about the Great Lent Giveaway and the Christian Caregiving and Missions Committee. Information on our Great Lent Giveaway project that will support the Ukrainian Orthodox Monastery will be sent out to parishes very soon. We also discussed a newly established program, the Jr. UOL's C.A.M.P. (Campers' Assistance Monetary Program). The Jr. NEB will donate annually to this fund to aid financially struggling families in sending their children to All Saints Camp. We are working with Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon on the application process for this "scholarship." Later in the day, Greg Markiw reported on the Technological Advancements Committee and talked with the rest

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Start making plans for the  
**64th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention**  
 hosted by the Sr. and Jr. UOL Chapters of the  
**St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral Philadelphia, PA**  
**July 27-31, 2011**

*Come celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL!*





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## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

*Martha X Misko*



Since greeting you in the last UOL Bulletin, I have had the great pleasure of attending the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Episcopal Consecration of Archbishop Antony. The joyous event was held on January 22, 2011, at St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Silver Spring, Maryland. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Constantine and His Grace, Bishop Daniel joined His Eminence, Archbishop Antony along with His Eminence, Metropolitan Yuriy and His Grace, Bishop Andriy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada and other numerous clergy at a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.

Following Liturgy, a banquet of over 300 guests continued the day's festivities. The banquet's program included greetings and congratulations from Hierarchs and clergy from several jurisdictions as well as other organizations and communities. It had been my honor to extend to Archbishop Antony best wishes from our UOL. The UOL also presented to the Archbishop a check for \$10,000 to be donated to the Historical and Educational Complex in his honor. The donation was earmarked toward the completion of the Consistory President's Office within the Complex since Archbishop Antony currently serves as Consistory President.

On February 5, the National Executive Board held its Winter Meeting in Coatesville, PA. Our sincere appreciation is extended to members of the Coatesville Chapter and to Father Ugolnik for their wonderful hospitality. Although the weather that day was wintry and gloomy, our hosts created a warm environment that yielded a most productive meeting. Thank you, Coatesville!

As directed by the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual UOL Convention's 2020 Vision, the NEB again focused much of its discussion at its meeting on increasing UOL membership. The Board developed ideas for Chapters to encourage current members and potential members to join our endeavors-

- Invite them to the UOL Lenten Retreats.
- Support their participation in the 2011 UOL Essay Contest.
- Help them to make plans to attend the Annual UOL Convention in Philadelphia, PA, on July 27-31, 2011.
- Tell them about our UOL Website, Facebook page, and UOL Bulletin as sources of UOL information and UOL news.
- Watch for a mailing to Chapters, and to all UOC parishes, that highlights upcoming UOL events and includes a 2011 UOL Convention preview DVD.

Share all of these with your members and all parishioners to help them see that by joining the UOL, they are enriching their own lives and strengthening our beloved Holy Orthodox Church!

I remain yours in Christ,  
Martha X. Misko



### DoubleTree Hotel - Philadelphia, PA

*Submitted by Jim Sawchuk*

The site of the 64th Annual UOL Convention and 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL is

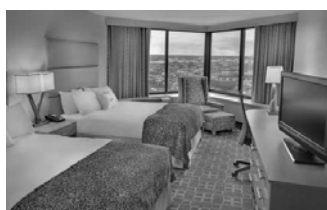
the DoubleTree Hotel located on the Avenue of the Arts in the heart of Philadelphia. The recently renovated 432-room center city hotel is across

the street from the Academy of Music, Kimmel Center and Merriam Theater and within walking distance of many of Philadelphia's historic sites and landmarks, including the Liberty Bell, National Constitution Center, Independence Hall, etc. The DoubleTree Hotel amenities include: a fitness room, whirlpool and indoor

pool, racquetball courts, sauna, sun deck and walking track.

Whether you are attending our convention as a delegate, alternate or guest, the DoubleTree Hotel Philadelphia will be able to accommodate all your needs.

Make sure you plan to make your reservations well in advance of the 64th Annual UOL Convention and 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL: July 27 - 31, 2011. Contact the DoubleTree Hotel directly by calling: 800-222-Tree (8733) or 215-893-1600; www.philadelphia.doubletree.com.



### *A friendly reminder that it is never too late to contribute to the Annual Fund Drivell*

The Ukrainian Orthodox League is "Dedicated to Our Church, Devoted to its Youth"

Look at the ways your donations can help the good works of our League:  
UOL Projects

- UOL Bulletin
- Youth Commission activities
- Christian Care Giving & Missions
- Education
- Annual Essay Contests
- Cultural projects

Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship Fund

- scholarships to current/former JR UOL members
- nurtures future leaders of our church
- encourages our youth to strive to their potential
- fosters the UOL motto - "Devoted to its Youth"

Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund

- encourages candidates to the priesthood
- provides tuition assistance to seminarians at St. Sophia's Seminary
- provides tuition assistance to clergy for higher education
- upholds the UOL motto - "Dedicated to Our Church"

Please take a moment to send in the enclosed donation envelope and mail your contribution to:

Pam Scannell, Financial Secretary  
2000 Clover Drive  
Vestal, NY 13850



### Join this wonderful group and Volunteer for the St. Thomas Pilgrimage Parking Duties

As you may know, each year, thousands of faithful travel and make the pilgrimage to South Bound Brook, New Jersey on St. Thomas Sunday Weekend, the weekend after Pascha. Several years ago the UOL started assisting with parking patrol for this weekend.

Parking donations need to be collected at both the Cultural Center and Fisher House parking entrances from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. As an additional bonus, the UOL, and specifically, the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund, will be the beneficiary of the proceeds from memorial ribbons which are collected with the parking donations for the weekend event.

The manpower required to accomplish these tasks is too great for a few. We would like to increase the number of volunteers so that the burden is not overwhelming on any one person or chapter. That is why we are writing to you for help.

Please mark your calendars and ask your members if they would be available for at least a two hour commitment for either one or both of those days. Both Junior and Senior UOL members have been great resources in the past years and so we are looking to both for assistance again this year. If you have a preference for a date and time for your participation, please contact Martha Misko.



**Philadelphia UOL Convention 2011 July 27-31, 2011**  
**Philadelphia will be hosting the**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Reunion for the Junior UOL At the Convention**  
**Fifty Year Update – Where Are They Now?**

Our reunion planning has had very pleasant communication with past Juniors. We have received information from the following former Junior UOL members:

John Charest served on the National Junior Executive Board as Recording Corresponding Secretary from 1999-2000. John received his degree in Elementary Education. He is married to Laryssa (Tschaikowsky) Charest. He will be graduating from St. Stephen's House of Studies in September and plans on attending seminary full time after that.

Julie Klish Tibbets served two terms as National Junior UOL President from 1995-96 and 1996-97. She graduated from Purdue University with a B.A. in Political Science and Communication and received her J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 2004. She got married in 2005 at St. John Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Johnson City, NY. She is currently working in a private practice as a food and drug attorney in Washington, DC.

Charissa Sheptak Martin served three terms on the Junior National Executive Board, two as Treasurer 1984-85, 1985-86 and one as Financial Secretary 1986-87. She is married to Dave Martin and lives in Queens with her three children: Metro, Euphrozinia and Ivan. She is kept very busy with her family's life, her children's education, and various other simple jobs!

Emily Kominko served as the Recording Secretary on the Junior Board during the years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008. She graduated from Independence High School in 2008 and is currently attending the University of Mount Union. There, she is studying Early Childhood Education with a minor in Psychology. Emily plans to graduate in the Spring of 2012 and become a teacher. She loves the UOL and has stayed an active member, attending the annual Convention, various retreats, and other gatherings of UOL members.

Janet Oryhon Milton served on the Junior National Executive Board as Recording Secretary from 1963-64. She is currently a retired elementary school teacher and currently substitute teaches in classes K-8. She enjoys spending as much time as possible with her four grandchildren. She is the Director of Church School at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Palos Park.

Stephen Sheptak served on the Junior National Executive Board as Vice President 1992-93. He is one of 3 National Executive Board marriages, marrying Missy Zetick (NEB member 1990-91, 1991-92). Stephen and Missy are busy raising 3 active boys. Cyril is 10, Stephen is 6, and Thomas is 4. They are active members of Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Southside Pittsburgh, PA. They enjoy spending time at camp in the summertime. Their whole family enjoys Family Fest and Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me, and Cyril has just started attending Diocesan Church School Camp (he loves it!). After being blessed to serve as camp manager at All Saints Camp for 9 seasons, Stephen had to retire due to health reasons. He had a kidney transplant in May 2010 and is doing well now (thanks to God!).

**We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL at the 64th UOL Convention in Philadelphia in 2011!**

In our plans for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Junior UOL, we are preparing a Memory Book with all of the pictures we collect from past Junior UOL members and with a directory of all past Junior UOL Members.

If you were a Junior UOL member and would like to be included in the Directory -

Please complete the following: (feel free to include or exclude any information)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

What are you doing now? (include family updates, jobs, education, etc). \_\_\_\_\_

You can send responses to Natalie Bilynsky 703 Pine Ridge Road Wallingford, PA 19086 or e-mail to [nsufler@aol.com](mailto:nsufler@aol.com)

Also you can e-mail or send any Junior UOL Pictures that you might have to be included in the memory book. All pictures will be returned.



**NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR**  
**UOL**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**Taylor Gladys**

Glory to Jesus Christ!

The Junior National Executive Board has done a great deal since the last time I wrote a bulletin article. We had our Winter Meeting in conjunction with the Senior Board on February 5, 2011 in Coatesville, PA. Since the Board regrouped a little at our meeting, I have several different reminders to relay to our chapters and members at large: Junior Raffle Tickets are on sale! As our largest fundraiser, we greatly depend on the success of this project and we humbly ask all of you to help us sell our tickets. The drawing for raffle tickets will take place at the Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA. Being that this year is the 50th Anniversary of the Jr. UOL, we have decided to increase the prizes to winners. Chapters should be receiving their books of tickets from Junior Treasurer, Nicholas Holowko, soon.

Another large project that the Juniors are working on is the Great Lent Giveaway. This project is designed to fund a special cause during the Lenten season. The focus this year will be to support the Junior's commitment to raising \$5000 for the Monastery that will be built in Lancaster, PA. In conjunction with Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, a program will be sent out to educate our Churches about the importance of Monasteries and those who live there. We would really appreciate your support with this project to help make our dream of a Monastery a reality. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Junior Vice President, Julian Burgan.

Finally, the Annual Convention this year in Philadelphia is going to be an extravagant event. The chapters in Philadelphia have been planning out the entire event for a very long time now, and I'm sure they would love to have everyone attend. The Jr. UOL believes that finances should not be an obstacle in your plans to attend Convention. It is for this reason that the Pysh Travel Grant was established. This grant was created to award three groups (chapters or individual members) a year with financial aid in attending the convention. Applications for the grant have been sent out and can be returned to me by May 1, 2011.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the Junior National Executive Board members if you have any questions or comments about our projects. I pray that God bless and protect us during this Lenten season, that we may journey to become closer to Him.

Yours In Christ,  
 Taylor Gladys

**Great Lent Giveaway - Growing a Monastery**  
**Submitted by Julian Burgan**

Great Lent Giveaway 2011 is benefiting the UOC's efforts in establishing our first monastery. To download the GLG program please go to [www.Uocoyouth.org](http://www.Uocoyouth.org). For any questions please feel free to contact Jr. UOL Vice President Julian Burgan at

[Julianburgan@gmail.com](mailto:Julianburgan@gmail.com).

This is a joint program between the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League. We appreciate the continued prayers and support. Any donations should be sent to: Junior UOL Financial Secretary Gregory Markiw, 2036 Spring Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243.



Consecrated land for UOC Monastery

**JUNIOR UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX LEAGUE**  
**PYSH TRAVEL GRANT 2011**

If you are in need of financial assistance to attend the Annual Jr. UOL Convention in Philadelphia, PA, the Pysh Travel Grant is here to help! A maximum of \$300 may be awarded in 3 grants per year to either a group or individual applicants.



Simply complete the application sent to your chapter, or contact Taylor Gladys ([TEGladys@aol.com](mailto:TEGladys@aol.com)) for an additional application. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2011.



## Winter Wonders - Southfield, MI Junior UOL

Submitted by Elizabeth Symonenko, Senior Chapter Advisor



Orthodox Cathedral in Southfield, MI does just the opposite. They are the little wonders of winter.

In November, the children took to heart the words His Eminence Archbishop Antony, the Ruling Hierarch of the Eastern Eparchy, spoke at the 2010 Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention. *"They are alone and scared. Go and touch them. Go and bring them cheer and hope, for they are our neighbors and we are to love and care for them all."* The children heard the challenge and met it. They made their first visit to an elderly assisted living facility in Warren, Michigan. The residents were thrilled to have visitors, and joyfully told stories of their



exploits to the eager young listeners. Since November, the children have visited the residents of the facility twice more. In December the children took on the role of St. Nicholas bringing various gifts to the residents. The most appreciated were the warm and colorful fleece scarves that the kids had made themselves. In January the children went caroling at the same facility. The



elderly residents completely forgot their pains and woes, as they jovially joined in a loud rendition of "Good Evening to You..." (Dobrij Vechir Tobi, Pane Hospodaryu).

In their continued efforts to do "good works," the kids each year collect items for various charities. This year they helped a number of organizations by collecting coats for the Oakland County Sheriff's coat drive "Coats for the Cold," food items and clothing for the South Oakland Shelter, and men's clothing and toiletries for St. Herman's Monastery. The kids even spent a Sunday afternoon making fleece scarves for the homeless.



When they heard that His Grace Bishop Daniel of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of the USA, was traveling to Ukraine to visit the orphans, the Winter Wonders rallied and collected dozens of toys to ship to New Jersey, so that His Grace might take them with him. It was a joy to see the little kids at the local department store picking out what they thought would be fun for Ukrainian children. In addition to dolls, and cars, there needed to be horses, because everyone knows that all Ukrainian children are direct descendants of the kozaki, and therefore, love horses!



In December the children participated in two St. Nicholas Day programs. The first was on the 18<sup>th</sup> and was sponsored by the C.O.C.C. (Council of Orthodox Christian Churches). The program took place at St. Thomas

While most of life hunkers down and hibernates from the cold during the winter months, the Jr. U.O.L. chapter of the Protection of the Birth-Giver of God Ukrainian

Romanian, etc. It was rewarding to see that no matter what language they spoke, what color their skin, all the children stopped fidgeting and quietly prayed with their parents, crossing themselves, before the event began.



The following Sunday the Jr. U.O.L. chapter participated in their own parish's St. Nicholas Day Program. It was up to the chapter members to clean and decorate the hall and help the St. Olga's parish sisterhood in the kitchen. While some members performed on stage, others served the food and poured the drinks.

With the St. Nicholas festivities behind them the kids now set their sights on Christmas, and immediately volunteered to decorate the church. Each child found something to do. The littlest volunteer, Lily Powers, kept reminding the older children to "shhhh...! You are still in church," as they hung ornaments, detangled strings of lights, dangled garland, hung wreaths and strategically placed the poinsettias.

On Christmas Eve the chapter began collecting for the future UOC Monastery. Father Paul Bodnarchuk announced their intentions and explained to those listening what a blessing a monastery is to the Church and her faithful. The children held a poster with an image of a church and a happy monk, lovingly nicknamed Monach Monomakh, in honor of Volodymyr Monomakh who instructed his children in his *Poucheniie ditiam* (Instruction for [My] Children, ca 1117) stating "may you hasten to do all good acts and praise the Lord with His saints." With Father Paul's encouraging words still ringing in their ears, the faithful quickly filled the children's baskets. To increase the donations the kids also manned the "bar," by having purchased and served free soft drinks and water to those who were partaking of the Lenten Holy Christmas Eve Supper. In response, people gladly offered them "tips" which they added to the monastery donation basket. The Christmas Eve donations totaled \$111.



While the kids were thrilled with that number they were in awe the next few days. On Friday, which was the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, the children once again stood at the door asking for donations. These donations amazingly added up to \$333. The kids were squealing with joy when they saw the numbers and added them up:  $\$111 + \$333 =$

$\$444!$

But, wait, it gets even better. The following Sunday, the children once again decided to ask for donations, taking into account that some people were not able to attend the Nativity services and therefore, hadn't had an opportunity to donate to the cause. As they stood at the door one more time, Monach Monomakh seemed to wink happily as the basket filled up. With smiles and twinkling eyes the kids eagerly counted the dollars to see what fantastic number would show up this time. Amazingly their Sunday collection totaled \$123! Now, as if that wasn't awesome enough, when you add the sums together,  $\$444 + \$123 = \$567!$  The chapter is now pumped to keep collecting via various fundraisers through June with the goal in mind of \$999!



On Theophany the children of the chapter assisted Father Paul by holding the candles during the blessing of the water. The children also filled extra jars, affixed labels to them and delivered the bottles of holy water to our elderly parishioners and shut-ins, who otherwise would not have access to the blessings provided by the sanctified water.

Besides all these tasks, twice each month the chapter is responsible for providing the faithful with a post Liturgy meal. The usual dishes are borscht and varenyky! While it seemed a menial and burdensome task to them at first, they have now gotten into the habit, and with no prompting run to the kitchen to take up their posts. Some kids ladle the steaming and aromatic borscht, while others fill plates with gleaming varenyky, pour the coffee, and take the orders. Kitchen duty has been rewarding on many fronts. It has forced the kids to interact with the parishioners while taking their orders and filling them. Previously shy children now openly talk to everyone. Other



members have honed their math skills by counting out the change, while others have learned to cook Ukrainian dishes. It's a win-win situation.

While one may automatically associate "winter wonders" with snow, the Southfield parishioners know better. They never cease to be amazed at the energy and ingenuity of the children of their parish Jr.U.O.L chapter as they watch them always flitting about doing one task or another around the church.

These Winter Wonders aren't slowing down, even with all the snow. Having assisted their human "neighbors," they now have an eye on the four legged kind. Their next project consists of helping their local branch of the Humane Society by constructing "kitty forts" which will provide some sense of security for the kittens that nobody wanted.

These kids have such big hearts and are so excited to help others, that is it any wonder that the children of the Southfield chapter of the Jr.U.O.L. are considered to be Winter Wonders?

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far to this year's UOL Projects (Annual Fund Drive), the Lynn Sawchuk -Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship Fund and the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund! The following is a list of contributions made so far to the UOL Fund Drive.

You can still contribute using the enclosed Envelope!  
Thank you for your support!

#### UOL Projects

Wolodymyr Wronskyj  
St. Demetrius Senior UOL, Carteret, New Jersey  
Mary Dymanyk – In memory of John Dymanyk  
Edward and Bonnie Zetick  
Alfred Gorick Jr. Family  
In Honor of Anja and David Merkel's Wedding  
Catherine Shaffer  
Catherine Kochenash  
Joseph Romanosky – In memory of Mary Z. Romanosky  
Oleh and Natalie Bilynsky  
Lewis Branson  
Sts. Peter and Paul Junior UOL Chapter, Carnegie, Pennsylvania  
Sophia Patronik- In memory of John Patronik Sr.

#### LSSK

Wolodymyr Wronskyj  
Julie Cholowski –  
In memory of Lesky and Cholowski family members  
St. Demetrius Senior UOL, Carteret, New Jersey  
Edward and Bonnie Zetick  
Catherine Shaffer  
Joseph Romanosky – In memory of Mary Z. Romanosky  
Mr. and Mrs. Grzymyski In memory of Meuch and Grzymyski Family  
Sts. Peter and Paul Junior UOL Chapter, Carnegie, Pennsylvania

#### MJSF

Wolodymyr Wronskyj  
Myron Boyko  
St. Demetrius Senior UOL, Carteret, New Jersey  
Edward and Bonnie Zetick  
Martha Dowling  
Alex Limonczenko/ Maria Gonzales Trust  
Joseph Romanosky – In memory of Mary Z. Romanosky  
Oleh and Natalie Bilynsky  
Jane Yavarow  
Daria Pishko and Michael Komichak  
Sts. Peter and Paul Junior UOL Chapter, Carnegie, Pennsylvania  
Sophia Patronik – In honor of His Grace Bishop Daniel

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

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#### News from St. John the Baptist, Johnson City, NY Submitted by Pam Scannell

We reached our goal of raising \$750.00 for Cabin #1 for the SOS Campaign for All Saints Camp!! It took us a few short months and a couple of fund raising endeavors and a big thank you to all our members who supported our efforts and to Colleen Scannell for chairing this worthy project. Our Thanksgiving Tithing project was also a great success and we collected \$537.00 for our mission parish in Whaleyville, MD and wish them continued success as they grow.

On UOL Sunday in December we took time to enjoy each others company as we celebrated our involvement with the UOL. We talked about the importance it has had in our lives and how we think it is important to promote the UOL motto "Dedicated to Our Church, Devoted to its Youth." We also hosted a special coffee hour for all our parish members to thank them for their continued support of our efforts. It is never too late to join the UOL!!

Our church Museum Committee is sponsoring a special project to document the genealogies of our parish members and their histories as related to the growth of our parish. Our SR UOL members have volunteered their time to document histories for those who are unable to do this for themselves and to help with the typing efforts. So far we have helped six families with their histories.

Our members are now discussing ways to raise funds to replace some of our tattered/torn Divine Liturgy books in church. It is a good thing when the books receive much use and need to be replaced. That is always a healthy sign.

We hosted another pot luck discussion group in February entitled "How to Pray." These discussion groups have been very popular and well attended. The cooks who share their dishes are also to be commended for their culinary skills. It is a great way to meet as Orthodox Christians, share a meal and discuss something that can help us all.

Lastly, we compiled a new parish member shut in list to be distributed to everyone to encourage our members not to forget those at home or in nursing homes. All are encouraged to keep them in their prayers and if possible to send a note or visit. We are wishing all a very prayerful Lenten season.

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of the board about launching the Ukrainian Orthodox Prayer Book on ebooks. He will continue working on this project, as well as creating an "on-the-go" prayer application that will include morning and evening prayers.

After we broke for lunch, the Juniors were given their Convention rebate check by the Senior National Executive Board. When we returned to our meeting, we decided to give 10% of this check to the Consistory in South Bound Brook as we would like to make tithing for our Church a habit with the Jr. UOL. The rest of this money will be used to match the money



donated during the Great Lent Giveaway, all of which will benefit the Monastery soon to be built in Lancaster.

That evening, the Junior Board members returned to Mr. and Mrs. Bentley's house for some more amazing food, and spent the evening socializing with each other and the youth of the Coatesville parish. On Sunday,

February 6, the board members celebrated the Divine Liturgy with the parishioners of the Holy Ghost Church, and had the honor of sitting in on the first meeting of the newly reactivated Jr. UOL Chapter in Coatesville. The new Juniors were elected to office and are enthusiastic about coming to Convention in Philadelphia this summer.

Thank you to the parishioners of the Holy Ghost parish, especially Fr. Anthony and Pani Ugolnik, Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, Ms. Tabitha Houck, and all those who put in time and effort to make that weekend one of the most successful meetings had by the Jr. UOL. Congratulations to the Holy Ghost's newly reactivated Jr. UOL chapter - we are so excited and honored to have you join the League. You will all be in our prayers this Lenten season, and we can't wait to see you at the Convention this summer!



## St. Vladimir Senior UOL Chapter Philadelphia, PA

Submitted by Jim Sawchuk



Philadelphia is starting 2011 with a very busy schedule. The New Year started with our caroling and visiting our homebound parishioners. It was wonderful to visit and they enjoyed our caroling. One of the highlights was that many of the individuals we visited sang along with us.

Later that month, despite morning snow and icy conditions, forty parishioners gathered for a Theophany

Eve Supper sponsored by our UOL Chapter. For the second year, our chapter prepared a traditional "Holodna Kutya" for our parish. For the event we gathered around one large table to eat as one family in Christ. Following the dinner of



varenyky, meatless holubtsi, fish, kutya, and uzvar we joined for evening prayers and the blessing of water.

The following Sunday, January 23rd, our chapter sponsored the annual celebration of the blessing

of the Theophany Ice Cross. Senior Chapter members Michael Fesnak and David Sembrot, "Godfathers of the Cross," as named by Father Frank Estocin of blessed memory, made all the arrangements for our Ice Cross, which included their very generous donations for the entire cost of the cross.



At the outdoor blessing by Father Taras, St. Vladimir's Alexander Koshetz Choir, under the direction of Senior Chapter member Karen Ferraro, sang responses. Following the blessing parishioners enjoyed a delicious breakfast buffet in St. Vladimir's Cathedral Hall hosted by the Senior UOL Chapter. Rebecca Druash McNulty and Janet Koss Looby served as the chairpeople for the event and prepared a delicious breakfast buffet.

In addition they decorated the hall with lovely centerpieces of ice and flowers as well as framed icons of Theophany.

The next weekend over eighty parishioners and friends gathered for our Annual Malanka. The



chairpeople for the Malanka, Al and Debbie Shinn, prepared a fun evening for all. Philadelphia is unique in that we start our Malanka go'ers young. At the age of two and three we have dancers ready to learn how to polka and keep the beat. We also have a large group of children who are thrilled to attend a dance and



who danced the night away. Everyone both young and not-so young enjoyed our wonderful DJ Al Shinn. One star dancer of the evening was Julian Naumenko who despite this being his first Philly Malanka did not sit out any dances.

If you missed our Malanka you can come and enjoy a fun dance as Philadelphia is bringing back the Pre-



Convention Dance. The dance is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the National Executive Board Meetings scheduled for that weekend.

As a reminder, you can always get up-to-date Convention information (including Registration forms, Yearbook Ad contract, etc.) by visiting our UOL website: [www.uol.orthodoxws.com](http://www.uol.orthodoxws.com) and St. Vladimir's website: [www.stvladimirspihila.org](http://www.stvladimirspihila.org).

### U.O.L. LENTEN RETREAT

March 19, 2011

**Retreat will focus on the Sermon on the Mount**

Speakers include:

His Eminence Archbishop Antony

Fr. Bazyl Zawierucha

Fr. Taras Naumenko

Vladislav Andrejev, Master Iconographer and founder of the Prosopon School of Iconology

**St. Francis Retreat House Bethlehem, PA**

Retreat registration rate \$40

**(Late rate registration additional \$10 if mailed after 3/1/11)**

Retreat is one full day including all meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner. For more information contact: Oleh or Natalie Bilynsky at [nsufler@aol.com](mailto:nsufler@aol.com) call – 610-892-7315

### User's Guide to the UOL Webpage

The Executive Board is taking steps to ensure the UOL webpage (located at <http://uol.orthodoxws.com/>) is an interactive source of information for all League members. All necessary League forms and applications are already available for download, in addition to an easy-to-use Calendar (<http://uol.orthodoxws.com/calendar.html>) which highlights all deadlines, events and feast days.

If your chapter is planning an event, please submit it as you would to the *Bulletin*. Be sure to send along any flyers or other necessary information so we can help get the word out. We're looking to include any sorts of events - anything from Feast Days to Malankas!

#### How to Submit

You have two options on how to send in your submission:

-with an attachment: email [uolofusa@gmail.com](mailto:uolofusa@gmail.com) (Yes, it's that simple!)

-without an attachment: click on "Content Submission" link on the UOL webpage: <http://uol.orthodoxws.com/submission.html>

Also, be sure to Like the Ukrainian Orthodox League on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/uolusa>

Thanks for your continued support of the League and our webpage!





**UOL EDUCATION COMMISSION ANNUAL  
ESSAY CONTEST**

“A lamp unto my feet is Your Word and a light to my path.”  
*Psalms 119:10*

**Pre-school/Kindergarten**

Draw a picture of your favorite Bible story.

**Grades 1 & 2 (two sentences & a picture)**

Draw a picture of your favorite Bible story and tell what it is about.

**Grades 3 & 4 (three or four sentences, and a picture may be included)**

Write about your favorite Bible story and tell how the people in the story are following the path God has lit for them.

**Grades 5 & 6 (35 to 50 words)**

Explain why it is important for you and your family to read the Bible.

**Grades 7 & 8 (75 words)**

Through the Bible, God tells how He wants us to live, and the choices He wants us to make. Choose a Bible story that clearly illustrates this to you and tell why you chose that particular story.

**Grades 9 & 10 (150 - 200 words)**

Choose a Bible story that shows how God’s light shone on someone who was not following His path, and how they changed to follow Him.

**Grades 11 & 12 (200 to 500 words)**

What do you do in your daily life to show those around you the path that God has lit for you?

**Adults 18 and over (500 words)**

As an adult in the church, you are looked up to by the youth. What can you do in this position to guide our youth to follow the path that God has defined for us as Christians?

**CONTEST GUIDELINES AND RULES**

Entries must be postmarked by May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 2011**  
**NO NAMES ON THE FRONT OF ANY ENTRY.**

All entries must include the following information:

**Participant’s first and last name, age, grade, and the name and address of participant’s parish, including city and state.**

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

Written entries must be on 8 1/2" x 11" papers. Include a cover page with the identifying information listed above. Entries for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and above must be typed or printed.

**ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED FOR CONTENT, CREATIVITY AND NEATNESS.**

**Mail entries to:** UOL Essay Contest C/o Tabitha Houck  
399 Charles Street Coatesville, PA 19320

Please direct any questions to Tabitha at [tabithahouck@yahoo.com](mailto:tabithahouck@yahoo.com)

**Are you interested in travelling to Ukraine with a UOL Group?**

Having travelled to Ukraine the last three years, Oleh and I have had multiple people ask us to organize a group trip to Ukraine. I am writing to see if there is any interest amongst UOL members. Our initial thought is that the trip would be 9 days and 8 nights with visits to Lviv and Kyiv as well as a side trip to Pochaiiv. The trip would include tours in Kyiv of St. Sophia, Zoloti Vorota, Pecherska Lavra, St. Michael’s, St. Volodymyr, St. Andrew, the Maydan (place of the Orange Revolution) and strolls along the Khreshchatyk. Lviv would include seeing the main square, churches and Ivan Franko’s home.

We think that the trip would be in June 2012. Cost would be approximately \$2500 per person and would include airfare from New York City, hotel, travel between cities, admission to sites and breakfast. (There would be additional expenses for some meals and souvenirs).

We are basically trying to get a sense if anyone is interested in planning a trip. We would see how expense varies based on the size of the group. If you have any interest – let us know. [nsufler@aol.com](mailto:nsufler@aol.com) or 610-892-7315.

**All Saints Camp Work Weekends**

With 6 projects currently underway and an additional 7 projects that have yet to be started, there is a lot of work to accomplish before we open the camp for the rapidly approaching camping season. In an effort to make sure that we accomplish these goals, the camp committee has scheduled two work weekends along with a work week to complete all of these projects. **The selected work weekends and work week are:**

**March 4<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>**

If you are interested in participating in any of these work weekends/ week or would like to schedule another time to come and volunteer at the camp, please contact:

Michael Nakonachny  
(440) 503-3151

or

Hans M. Harasimchuk  
(440)212-4976

[mjnako@bryantstratton.edu](mailto:mjnako@bryantstratton.edu)

[hmharasimchuk@gmail.com](mailto:hmharasimchuk@gmail.com)

**Church Bell**



The first ecclesiastical use of bells was to announce the hour of church services. At All Saints Camp, where time seems to stand still, a bell is necessary to assemble our campers and staff multiple times a day to sing praise to our Lord.

It is our hope that a parish which has a bell that is collecting dust would be willing to donate it to St. Thomas Chapel. Any parish willing to make such a donation to All Saints Camp is asked to contact Hans M. Harasimchuk [hmharasimchuk@gmail.com](mailto:hmharasimchuk@gmail.com) or (440) 212-4976

**Show your UOL Spirit or honor your friends and family by placing their name on the UOL WALL OF FAME at the Philadelphia UOL Convention!**

Make sure that your name is listed as well as those of your fellow chapter members! For just \$5 you can be listed on the wall of UOL Greats! Who needs boosters -- when you can see your name in stars! To order your star complete the brief information listed along with a \$5 check (payable to St. Vladimir’s Senior UOL) to Natalie Bilynsky 703 Pine Ridge Road Wallingford, PA 19086  
Information needed for star:

Name to be listed: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMEMORATIVE YEARBOOK FOR THE UOL CONVENTION  
DEADLINE: May 15, 2011**

___ FULL PAGE	\$140.00	(7" X 9½")
___ HALF PAGE	\$85.00	(7" X 4¾")
___ INSIDE FRONT COVER	\$175.00	(7" X 9½")
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___ PATRON \$5.00 per ad (\$10.00 for larger font size) listing name, parish, city, and state.		

\* Call (610) 892-7315 to receive advance placement for space. Ads are sold on a 1<sup>st</sup> come/1<sup>st</sup> served basis.

\*\* "Camera Ready" refers to those ads submitted via e-mail attachment in Microsoft Word format and that require no further layout work.

Photographs will not be returned. The Yearbook will be printed in black and white. Reproduction quality cannot be guaranteed; however, material submitted in black and white will result in higher quality ads.

On separate paper please list line-for-line all information to be placed in your ad (exactly as you want it printed in your ad).

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**UOL Lenten Retreat**  
**March 26, 2011**  
**"Sermon on the Mount"**  
**Guest Speakers**  
**Fr. Robert Popichak & Dr. Gayle Woloschak**

**Villa Maria Retreat Center**  
**Villa Maria, Pa**  
**(only 1 ¼ hrs. from Cleveland & Pittsburgh)**

*Enjoy a full day of inspirational and thought provoking discussion, spiritual activities and meals*

**Adults \$30**  
**Young Adults & Junior UOL Members \$25**  
**A late fee of \$10 will apply after March 12**  
**(Non-members welcome!)**

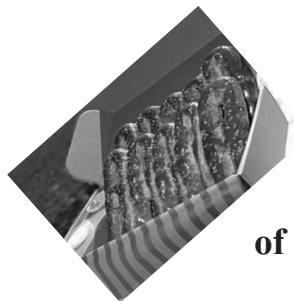
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**Start making your plans for the UOL Pre-Convention Dance**  
**Philadelphia, PA**  
**MAY 14, 2011**  
**Enjoy Dinner and Dance!**  
**Featuring UOL's Favorite DJ - Al Shinn**  
**For more information and to purchase tickets**  
**Contact Pani Laura Naumenko at [pmlaura76@yahoo.com](mailto:pmlaura76@yahoo.com)**



**Great Lent Giveaway 2011**  
**Benefitting the Ukrainian Orthodox Church**  
**Monastery Initiative**  
Sponsored by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and by Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA  
For more information or to download the program go to [www.uoayouth.org](http://www.uoayouth.org), [uoayouth@aol.com](mailto:uoayouth@aol.com) or [julianburton@gmail.com](mailto:julianburton@gmail.com)

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**T Donor Occasion/Tribute**

**R** No Tributes this month

**I** **To submit your Tribute:** Submit a card that includes your Name and Address, the Name of the Person to Receive the Tribute, the occasion of the Tribute (for example In Memory or To Honor), the Name and Address of the person to whom an acknowledgement card should be sent. For a contribution of \$20 or more, the name and occasion is printed in the UOL Bulletin.

**T** UOL Tributes should be submitted to: Natalie Bilynsky 703 Pine Ridge Road Wallingford, PA 19086

**S** Please make check payable to Ukrainian Orthodox League.

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**All Saints Camp S.O.S. Campaign**  
**Improving Our Camp One Building at a Time**  
**S.O.S. Update**  
**Submitted by Michael Nakonachny**

Since we introduced the Save Our Structures "S.O.S." fundraising campaign in late July at the 63rd annual UOL Convention the positive response has been nothing short of a miracle. In this short time we have been blessed to have 12 cabins, the Millennium Building Lounge along with several additional items sponsored. It is the ambitious goal of the ASC Committee to have two classrooms, five dorm rooms along with the bulk of the additional items sponsored by the beginning of the next camping season. If you are able and willing to sponsor a structure or item or if you're willing to simply make a donation please contact us at [info@allsaintscamp.org](mailto:info@allsaintscamp.org).

For the most updated information on this fundraising campaign please visit [www.allsaintscamp.org/sos](http://www.allsaintscamp.org/sos)

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