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"A lamp unto my feet is Your word and a light to my path" (Psalm:119 v:10)

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St. Vladimir Senior and Junior UOL Chapters
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Thinking about attending a UOL Convention? Wondering what all of the excitement is about? Whether you have never attended a UOL Convention or have not attended in several years, or come every year – this Convention is one that you just can't miss.

Why attend the UOL Convention?

The UOL Convention is a wonderful event because Orthodox Christians from parishes throughout the country come together. It is a time to worship together and also to develop and nurture life-long friendships. If you have been thinking that you would like to come and see what the UOL Convention is all about — Philadelphia is the best place to find out. What is it about? Well, being a family in Christ. One of the most striking things that hotel workers comment to UOL members is that they rarely see organizations where every age range is included. We are truly a family, with juniors having sessions, seniors in their meetings and pre-teens participating in their activities. The business sessions are a time to talk about ideas to nurture our chapters and parishes and to get some wonderful inspiration. I personally, however, feel that it is the friendships made and discussions at the activities and during breaks that I treasure the most. While the sessions are important the interactions and learning from my fellow Orthodox Christians is what I treasure. I attended some sessions at the UOC Sobor and was present when the Youth Sobor made a report to the general body. There were several in the audience that were struck by the poise of the young people in their presentation and made comments about the input from the youth. To be honest, for me that was nothing new. That is the Junior UOL building leaders in our churches and it has been happening at UOL Conventions for 50 years. If you have been to a UOL Convention, I am certain that you know exactly what I am talking about. If you have never been to a Convention, you are truly missing out. If you have not been to a Convention in years or are just curious, Philadelphia is an easy location and the planned Convention is bound to get you hooked on UOL Conventions forever!

Pre-Convention Dance

For the first time in many years, we're bringing back the tradition of the Pre-Convention Dance. It will be held in the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral Hall of St. Vladimir The Great on Saturday, May 14th, beginning at 6:00 PM. The theme for the event is the "groovy 60s" to commemorate the founding of the Junior UOL in the early 1960s. Join us to celebrate the spirit of the '60s - the era of peace, love and the birth of the Junior UOL - as we "get groovy" to the tunes of D.J. Al Shinn. We hope that you come dressed for the era – bell bottoms and flower power shirts will be all the rage. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance (includes dinner buffet), with reservations by May 1st and \$25.00 at the door. Bar wristbands are \$10.00 (21 & over). Tickets and information are available from- PM Laura Naumenko: pmlaura76@yahoo.com, 708-822-2362 and Debbie Shinn: debalshinn@yahoo.com.

What is happening at this year's Convention?

It is time now to begin your plans for the UOL Convention in Philadelphia. Come early on Wednesday and enjoy some of the highlights that a vacation in
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UOL Retreat

For the last seven years junior and senior UOL members have gathered in Bethlehem at the St. Francis Retreat Center during Great Lent to rejuvenate



and be inspired. This year over fifty-five UOL Members and guests participated in the east coast Lenten Retreat. UOL members from Johnson City, Maplewood, Philadelphia, Allentown, Wilmington, South Bound Brook and Northampton participated in the retreat focusing on the Sermon on the Mount. It is rare to find an activity that is considered a success by both young adolescents and adults, however, the retreat was just that.

This year the Retreat was scheduled for one full day starting with morning prayers and breakfast at the Center. The Retreat started with the playing of a section of the movie "King of Kings" that depicts Christ during the Sermon on the Mount. It was important for Retreat participants to be aware that the Sermon



on the Mount is far more than just the Beatitudes and provides a summary of Christianity.

Fr. Bazyl Zawierucha was the first speaker and he spoke eloquently about the Beatitudes. He also shared that the Sermon on the Mount was most likely a summary of many sermons that Jesus shared with the faithful.

Next, Fr. Taras Naumenko spoke about the passage "Judge Not." This was Father Taras' first time attending the retreat and he spoke beautifully about how our Lord calls us not to judge others.

Following these inspiring lectures, the group enjoyed lunch and free time where many walked the grounds of the retreat center. After lunch, His Eminence Archbishop Antony was scheduled to speak but was unable to

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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
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Come celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL!



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**MESSAGE FROM THE
SENIOR
UOL
PRESIDENT**



Martha X Misko

I trust that your Lenten journey toward Holy Pascha has been peaceful and spiritually uplifting. I also pray that you enjoy a most blessed and joyous celebration of Christ's Resurrection!

As we move toward the end of the 2011 UOL year, please mark your calendars and be aware of several UOL events –

- The UOL is again sponsoring the Annual UOL Essay Contest. The contest is open to all youth and adults of the UOC of the USA. Information and topics for each age group has been distributed to all parishes and is also available on the UOL Website and in this Bulletin. Deadline for entries is May 30, 2011.
- The 2011 UOL Awards information has also been distributed to UOL chapter presidents and spiritual advisors. Besides nomination forms and information about the Protopresbyter Stephen Hallick Senior Recognition Award, the Metro J. Baran Award, and the Distinguished National Service Award, there is included in the mailing a form for the Annual Senior Chapter Report. It is a requirement that all chapters submit this Report so that the UOL is aware of each chapter's successes and activities. The submitted Reports are printed in the UOL Annual Report that is distributed at the Annual Convention. The deadline for all award nomination forms, including the Annual Chapter Report, is April 30, 2011.
- Join us in South Bound Brook, NJ, on St. Thomas Sunday weekend, April 30-May 1, 2011. Consider spending a couple of hours in assisting fellow UOL members, Senior and Junior, in collecting parking donations during the two day festival. Volunteers are needed to man the entrances of the parking lots at the Cultural Center and the Fisher House. The Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund of the UOL is the beneficiary of the proceeds of the memorial ribbons which are collected along with the parking fees. For more information contact me at martha.misko@rcn.com.
- It's not too early to make your plans for attending the 64th Annual UOL Convention in Philadelphia, PA, July 27-31, 2011. By now each chapter and all parishes of the UOC of the USA have received a packet of UOL information that includes a DVD. The DVD highlights the upcoming Philadelphia Convention. Share this with your chapter members and other parishioners. Encourage them to join us at the Convention to see how our UOL is "dedicated to our Church; devoted to its Youth."



**ASK FR. HARVEY
RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS
Answered by Fr. John Harvey**

For several years now, Father has done the rite of mutual forgiveness at the end of the Liturgy as we begin Great Lent. I can't help but notice, that some people always manage to quickly slip out the door. It ends up that one is forgiving sweet babas, teens and other innocuous people with whom or from whom you have never had an ill word. The ones most needing to forgive or be forgiven find a way to avoid the situation. Comments?

It is a truism that you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink. The Church places us in a situation where we have the opportunity to enter Great Lent and unburden so much of the baggage we carry around. Ill feelings, guilt, grudges all can be so remedied through the cleansing therapy of mutual forgiveness. If entered into with the right attitude, deep wounds between folks can be healed and a new clean start attained. The ideal remains the ideal, but being human, some of us cannot instantly forgive and so remain stubbornly resistant. It is for this reason, that some quickly escape the moment when they would have to let their defences down and at least go through the motions of forgiving. Coming face to face with a person they have done dirt to (or vice versa) is a confrontation they may wish to avoid. The Church provides the opportunities for forgiveness, but we may always opt out, even if it prolongs our spiritual poverty and exile. The pre-Lenten Sundays, if taken seriously, all should prepare the heart to be ready to forgive, but some are slow or resistant learners and may not be ready to forgive or be forgiven.

What are we to do? We should forgive all who come to us in the line for mutual forgiveness. One does not know what evil thoughts someone has had about you or the nasty gossip they may have spread. Forgiving all, without exception and with no strings attached, leaves all parties to enter Lent with a clean heart. Now, for those from whom we have received evil or who have been the recipient of evil from us, we should still forgive within ourselves, even if they do not appear for this service of mutual reconciliation. In fact it is most important that as we enter Lent, we mentally clear up all the enmity with those around us.

It is true, some may escape from the rite of mutual forgiveness, but this does not excuse us from (at least in our own mind) extending the balm of forgiveness to them even though they have effectively avoided the situation.



When baba comes to church with us she always purchases quite a lot of candles, which she sets ablaze before this or that icon. What is this all about?

One must remember that until modern times, churches could be dark places and services at night would be in total darkness. Purchase of candles helps to give light in general. As one prayed before the iconostas or before the icon of Christ or some saint, the lighting of a candle, besides providing light in general, is a token of your prayers. A candle left burning before the healing saint Panteleimon may signify your prayers that certain sick relatives and friends be granted healing relief. Even after you have returned home the burning candle bespeaks of your continued prayer and the intentions for which it was lit. One does not have to light candles, but they become a physical manifestation of what we are doing in a spiritual way.

When your baba lights a number of candles she probably is lighting one for each of the intentions she has or the individuals needing her spiritual attention. God is praised and His holy temple is brightly lit. Candle light has a soothing
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And some good news! The Senior Chapter of St. Michael's Parish in Woonsocket, RI, has reactivated! Although several of St. Michael's parishioners have been active as UOL members-at-large, it is wonderful to have St. Michael's back as a Senior Chapter!

I remain yours in Christ,
Martha X. Misko
UOL President

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attend. Father Bazyl stepped in and spoke to the group and even had an impromptu question and answer session.

Next, retreat participants enjoyed games that tested everyone's knowledge about the Sermon on the Mount. A tradition of the Lenten Retreat has been the games that challenge knowledge of the topic. This year we tried to change the games a little and asked everyone to partner with someone that they did not know well.

Father Myron Oryhon ended the lectures with a talk about the Lord's Prayer. His talk was inspiring and a great way to end the retreat.

One wonderful thing about the retreat is that we have the opportunity to pray together as one family. Vespers were held at the Retreat Center. The Retreat ended with a lovely dinner where the group ate as one family, inspired and ready to continue on their Lenten journey.

The next morning the participants joined the Allentown parish for Divine Liturgy and joined the parish family for a wonderful Lenten brunch. Special thanks to the speakers, the Allentown Senior UOL Chapter who hosted the Sunday Brunch and our Spiritual Father for the Retreat, Fr. Oryhon.

Philadelphia UOL Convention 2011 July 27-31, 2011
Philadelphia will be hosting the
50th Reunion for the Junior UOL At the Convention

Fifty Year Update – Where Are They Now?

As you know in this section of the UOL Bulletin we have been giving you updates on former Junior UOL members, letting you know what our former Junior UOL members are doing. We are getting closer to the actual reunion date and are hoping to reach out to every former Junior UOL member.



To date we have heard from many former Junior UOL members, but there are many who have not completed the memory sheet. We need your help, and if you were a member of the Junior UOL please take the time to fill out a

memory book sheet. Time is running out to be listed in the Memory Book.

If you have family members or friends who were members of the Junior UOL please reach out to them and have them complete a Memory Book sheet. We will be accepting Memory Book sheets and pictures until June 15th. At that time we will be compiling the Memory Book and pictures.

The Memory Book will include a listing of all of the National Junior Executive Boards, a list of Junior Very Rev. Bukata winners and recipients of the Lynn Sawchuk Scholarship.



At the end of the Memory Book we will have the "Where are they now?" section. This will include a list of past Junior UOL Members and a summary of what they are doing now.

In addition to the Memory Book everyone will get a cd with pictures from the last 50 years of the Junior UOL. We currently have over 400 pictures of the Juniors.

We will be taking pre-orders for the Memory book. The books and cd packet will be available at the UOL Convention. If you are interested in getting a copy of the memory book please e-mail Natalie Bilynsky at nsufler@aol.com. It will be helpful for us to have an estimate of the number of copies to prepare for the Convention.

Were you a member of the Junior UOL! Complete your UOL Memory Sheet today!

In our plans for the 50th 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

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!

Here in April, Lent is in full swing, and it's nearly time for Pascha! I pray that everyone is filled with the love of Christ as the celebration of His resurrection draws near.

In the spirit of this Lenten season, it is time that the Juniors work to finish up their Great Lent Giveaway Project. This year's project was Raising Awareness about our Church's mission to start a monastery in Lancaster, PA. The Juniors have been working tirelessly to fulfill their pledge of \$5,000 to this project, and we would really appreciate your support! Further inquiries on this matter can be directed to Vice President, Julian Burgan, and donations may be sent to Financial Secretary, Greg Markiw. We would like to thank everyone who has generously supported us, already!

Raffle tickets are also currently on sale, and the prizes have been raised in honor of the Jr. UOL's 50th Anniversary. Each chapter should have received tickets in the mail to sell up until Saturday of the Convention in Philadelphia. Please support the Junior League! If you have any questions or are in need of any more tickets, please contact Treasurer, Nick Holowko.

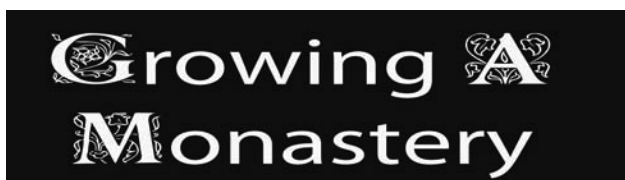
In this day and age, traveling to the Philadelphia Convention might be costly and we understand that financial support can be quite helpful. It is for this reason that the Pysh Travel Grant was established. At this time, applications have been sent out to chapters and I highly recommend that you apply and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. If you have any questions regarding this grant or if you are in need of another application, please e-mail me at TEGladys@aol.com.

I pray that everyone has a blessed and safe Pascha, and I look forward to this summer and the Convention in Philadelphia. This year's theme is "A lamp unto my feet is Your Word and a light to my path." Let us follow Christ's path for the remainder of this Lenten season as we work to better ourselves for His glory.

In Christ's Love,
Taylor Gladys

Great Lent Giveaway - Growing a Monastery Submitted by Julian Burgan

As our journey through Great Lent continues I would like to reiterate the importance of the Junior UOL's Great Lent Giveaway program. The program this year was put in place at the 2010 UOL Convention to raise \$5,000 for the beginning of the first Ukrainian Orthodox monastery in the United States. The juniors took this upon themselves because they knew how important it was for the continued growth of Christ's Church. His Eminence Archbishop Antony addressed the juniors and could not hide the love he had for the youth of the Church.



If you do not see the importance of a monastic community please visit a monastery near you. There you will feel the cares of the world lifted from your shoulders and the love of Christ. To all parents, Sunday school teachers, and Jr. advisors, please discuss with your youth the GLG lessons that can be found on www.uoc youth.org.

Great Lent Giveaway 2011 Benefitting the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Monastery Initiative

Sponsored by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and
Jr. Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA

For more information or to download the program go to www.uoc youth.org, uoc youth@aol.com or
julianburgan@gmail.com

This is a monumental task that can only be achieved with your prayers and I humbly ask for any donation that can be given.

Thank you! Please send donations to: Junior UOL Financial Secretary Gregory Markiw, 2036 Spring Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243.

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the City of Brotherly Love has to offer. See the Art Museum! Run the steps where Rocky trained! See Independence Hall! Touch the Liberty Bell (preferably when the Park Authorities are not looking, because I think that it is banned)!

Wednesday evening we will start sessions and following the opening of sessions, come to Philly Hospitality Night. The Philadelphia chapter might not be known as one of the perennial chapter of the year winners, but we really do know how to throw a party. If you remember the Hospitality Night in Maplewood everyone can attest to the fact that Philadelphia is really lots of fun! You can enjoy Philadelphia food treats at our hospitality night and as the saying goes – come and see and be seen!

Thursday everyone will join in the chapel for Divine Liturgy. After Divine Liturgy we will have a wonderful buffet breakfast at the Doubletree. One of



the things not to miss is the beautiful views from the buffet area. It is a lovely tiered room where the food will be as delightful as the view.

Not to downplay the sessions, as it is the reason for our meeting, however, following the close of business sessions on Thursday our Convention body will meet for a Night at the Museum. That evening the UOL will take over the Franklin Institute.

Since its founding in 1824, the Franklin Institute has played an important role in the need for exploring science and industry in our society. The many different areas and exhibitions at the museum will offer us very unique experiences. You can gaze at the stars at the Fels Planetarium. Then you can enjoy the many science experiments at the Hall of Science. One amazing feature is the famous walk-through heart. Other interactive exhibits include the science of the human body, the Franklin Air Show, and the Train Factory. The museum will be fun for young and old, scientists and non-scientists alike. In addition to having the run of the museum areas, UOLers will enjoy dinner in Franklin Hall.

The dinner menu will be the “Taste of Philadelphia,” including: Philly cheese steaks, hot dogs, Philly hoagies, spicy fries, Tastykakes and Italian water ice. Dinner and dancing will be held in Franklin Hall with music provided by our D.J. Al Shinn. So you can get grooving, Philly style dancing will be under the gaze of a huge statue of Ben Franklin. Rumor has it that he is similar to our Chapter, in that he also knew how to throw a great party. Also, don’t be surprised if Ben Franklin and Betsy Ross stop by to meet and greet us.

Friday will be full of UOL Business Sessions, but that night, be prepared to be blown away by the UOL Academy Awards, “A Night at the Ostars” (Ostar is Oscar’s Ukrainian cousin). You will be greeted at St. Vladimir’s parish hall by paparazzi. Yes, the red carpet is ready for the UOL elite. You will be amazed at the transformation of our hall, with red carpet and crowds ready to see the UOL elite appear. When you come to the hall you will have time to see the display of UOL stars and, similar to the Mann’s Chinese Theater, the Handprints and Footprints of our Philadelphia UOL elite. Prior to the start of the show you will enjoy appetizers and socializing, but please come early, part of the fun of any Oscar night is the red carpet. Yes, we also will have a pre-show with Joan Reechka and her daughter Melissa (portrayed by our favorite mother/daughter team Daria Danyo and Chelsea). Come and see who they rate on the red carpet. The show will include multiple awards and commercials. The event will be hosted by our own Jim Sawchuk (yes, believe it or not Jim Sawchuk is getting the microphone again). We will have UOL stars presenting awards for all sorts of fun categories, such as Best UOL Competition, Most Heinous UOL Copyright Infringement, and Best UOL Chaperone. Better than the awards are the commercials. We have looked at

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St. Vladimir Senior and Junior UOL Chapters Philadelphia, PA

Submitted by Jim Sawchuk



As we continue to make plans for hosting the 64th Annual UOL Convention and 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL, on Sunday, February 27th, we sponsored a spaghetti luncheon to benefit our convention treasury. After Divine Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross, all parishioners in attendance were

invited to join us in the Cathedral Hall. Following the blessing by Father Taras, we enjoyed a delicious luncheon prepared and served by our chapter members. It was a great success and we would like to thank everyone for their generous support.



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.

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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.

For the most updated information on this fundraising campaign please visit www.allsaintscamp.org/sos

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commercials and made our own versions, for example, come and see who stars as Donald Trump in our UOL Apprentice show, and see Emil Skocypec as a reluctant contestant on the Ukrainian-American Idol. The night will be a blast and one that you will be talking about for years.

That night you can also vote for the best varenyky/pierogies. Yes, you will have a chance to answer the century old debate of who makes the best.

We are hopeful that with sessions complete on Friday, you will have the opportunity to enjoy all that Philadelphia has to offer on Saturday. Again, this is the time to enjoy all of the tourist attractions that make Philadelphia a great tourist destination. Take a carriage ride in Old City! See where the Declaration of Independence was written! Go see Eastern State Penitentiary where Al Capone was once detained! Go to the Mutter Museum and see medical anomalies (it is listed as one of the creepiest places to visit). On Saturday you have time to see them and still time for a short nap before the banquet and ball.

If, however, you are coming out to celebrate the Junior UOL Reunion, Saturday is our day to get together and enjoy looking at the over 400 pictures we have gathered of Juniors over the last half a century. Our hope is that Reunion participants come and enjoy the entire Convention – but Saturday is a must for all past Junior UOL Members. We will meet together and enjoy reunion facts and tidbits. For those of you who have not submitted your Reunion Memory Book information please do so as soon as possible. There is information about how to order a memory book in this issue of the UOL Bulletin.

That night, we will all dress in our finest and join for the Elegant Grand Banquet and Ball at the DoubleTree Hotel. The evening will start with a cocktail hour and an area designated for the Junior UOL 50th Reunion. The Banquet and Ball is a must for every UOL member. Following tradition we will present UOL Awards that evening. Come and see what Senior chapter and Junior chapter is named chapter of the year. See the naming of LSSK scholarship recipients. Enjoy an elegant and delicious dinner at Doubletree. After the formalities of the banquet you will enjoy dancing to the Paul Kauriga Orchestra.

On Sunday morning all UOL Members will gather at St. Vladimir Cathedral for Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Following Divine Liturgy we will gather in the parish hall for our Farewell Brunch. The Farewell Brunch is always a bittersweet event; a time to savor the friendships and reminisce about the Convention just passed. Hopefully you will leave the Convention with a head full of ideas, a heart full of love and energy to carry you through until next year's Convention.

So, start making your plans to attend. We have made it very easy for you. There is a registration form in this UOL Bulletin. Additionally there is information for placing an ad in the yearbook. You can also complete information for the Junior UOL 50th Reunion.

Whether you will be attending the convention as a delegate or guest, we plan to make sure your stay with us will be a most memorable one. Don't miss out on this wonderful event. We look forward to seeing you soon!

For all the latest updates to the convention, registration forms, Yearbook ad contract, etc., be sure to visit us on-line at the UOL website: www.uol.orthodoxws.com; St. Vladimir's website: www.stvladimirspshila.org; DoubleTree Hotel: www.philadelphia.doubletree.com, 800-222-8733 or 215-893-1600.



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prayerful effect or ambience. If one has ever been in a church that has little flickering electric votive lights, you will see how irksome they can be. Candles provide a soft and soothing natural light that is both warm and comforting. The artificial light, although some use it for seeming fire safety, is harsh and can be aesthetically and spiritually unsettling. Many years ago, I served Vespers in a small church on the Canadian prairie. As "O Gladsome Light" was about to be sung the chandelier was let down and some 35 candles were lit. As the hymn came to its conclusion, the chandelier was hauled up into place and the warm, soft glow of the candles seemed to make for a very prayerful place and time. The intensity of your baba's interior prayers are married to an external act, that of lighting candles, which makes for a satisfying experience.

Do you have a question for Father Harvey? You can submit questions via e-mail to : nsufler@aol.com All questions are printed anonymously.



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 30th, 2011. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 30TH 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 9th 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

METROPOLITAN JOHN SCHOLARSHIP

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2011 Update from the Sr. UOL Chapter of St. Michael Parish, Woonsocket, RI
Submitted by Erika I. Namaka

Greetings from Woonsocket! Just a short update on the status of our chapter at St. Michael parish. In December of 2010, we elected new Sr. UOL officers and held our first official meeting of 2011 in January. For 2011, we plan to use the ideas that were developed last year as a base, adding to them some fresh ideas and even a little bit of spice!

Continuing from last year, we have been able to reach out to and help many families in our hard-hit local community through the food pantry we started in 2010. We continue to stock these shelves with the generous help of money and food donations from our parishioners. In the future, we are considering opening up our hall on occasion to supplement the services local soup kitchens already provide.

In January we also held our first Social/Fellowship Night of the year. This idea was also started in 2010 and our Social Nights take place once every other month on a Saturday after Vigil. We open this night of refreshments and fellowship to all parishioners (and those from neighboring parishes as well!). On our January Social Night we also had our first Sr. UOL meeting of the year 2011, and had a special guest, Dr. Gayle Woloschak, who gave very encouraging advice to our up and coming group. Gayle presented a lecture on the topic of Orthodoxy and technology at our coffee hour after Divine Liturgy the following day.

In February, we collected donations for Souper Bowl Sunday and also supported our Jr. UOL in their annual "Lock-in" event.

In March we planned and prepared the Cheesefare Brunch on Forgiveness Sunday for our parishioners. For this meal we served three varieties of fritattas (Italian quiches), home fries and many creamy and cheesy desserts. It was a fine farewell to cheese and dairy as part of our final preparation for Great Lent.

So what else is in the works at St. Michael? On Sunday afternoon July 17th, the Sr. UOL will be having a barbeque (we mean down home pulled pork BBQ with all the fixins, bringing a little South to the North!) which will be open to both the parish and the public as a fundraising event.

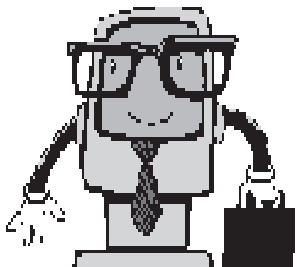
Then, when the weather starts to get a little chilly, on October 16th, we will be having a Chili Cook-off. This other spicy event will also be open to the public. Participants will get to compete for cash prizes and attendees will get to sample the competing recipes.

We have a very ambitious year ahead of us and, with our Lord's help, we aim to be as successful as our Junior chapter has been with their recent endeavors!

More information about these and other events will be posted to our parish website at www.stmichaeluoc.org as the dates get closer.

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 (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!

Maplewood Juniors on a Roll!
Submitted by Daria Pishko Komichak and Mickey Komichak

The Holy Ascension Juniors continue to roll through our 2010-2011 year with the momentum we built up from preparing for and hosting this past summer's 63rd UOL Convention.



We bid farewell to two of our longtime members, Alex Shevchuk and Michael Stepowyj, and we are fortunate to have four new members join this year. Alex is attending college locally at

Fairleigh Dickenson University and is now active in our Senior League. Michael attends the State University of New York at Stony Brook on Long Island and joins in to help when home for the holidays. The new members are Andriy and Artem Borovetz and Alexander and Sophia Heretz. We are pleased to welcome them and appreciate their active participation in our projects.

So what have the Maplewood Juniors been up to? Lots! After painting, polishing and scrubbing our way through the months of June and July to prepare our church, church hall, and grounds for our expected guests, we decided to turn our focus towards using our "gifts" to help others. Our theme for this year is: "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them..." (Romans 12:6). We kicked off the Fall Season by initiating a food drive to benefit the Market Street Mission in Morristown, New Jersey. In November, we hosted our traditional St. Demetrius Day Luncheon which followed a panakhyda commemorating the departed members of our parish and the victims of the 1932-33 Holodomor-Genocide in Ukraine.

In early December, we practiced our culinary skills with a soup and roll fundraiser. For this year's St. Nicholas program, our Juniors shared the Old and New Testament stories depicted by the ornaments of the Jesse Tree. In January, we hosted a Coffee Hour and used the proceeds to buy Christmas treats which we distributed to the children of the Parish following Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Nativity.

Our "Souper Bowl Sunday" fundraiser for the St. Andrew Society raised \$225 and our Valentine's Day luncheon was also a delicious success.

In March we'll be hosting the traditional Communion Breakfast for our church school children, and we are looking forward to sharing our Lenten Journey together to Pascha. We're striving to get all of our members to use their "gifts" for the glory of God and to strengthen our Chapter family.

The Jr. UOL Hoodie/Sweatshirt is now available for only \$25.00.

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Be Part of the UOL Book Club

At the UOL Convention in Philadelphia this year, the Education Commission chaired by Tabitha Houck will be sponsoring the first discussion for the Book Club. You can get a free copy of the book, entitled "Do Something Beautiful for God," by Anthony M. Coniaris.

To get a copy of the book please contact Tabitha Houck at tabithahouck@yahoo.com

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH CAMPING PROGRAMS

Applications and information available at www.uocypouth.org, uocypouth@aol.com or 412-279-1076
Early Bird Registration Deadline May 15, 2011 (TC and DCSC) - June 1, 2011 (MMDM)

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| Diocesan Church School Camp June 26-July 9 Young ages 9-13 Staff ages 16+ | Teenage Conference July 10 - 23 Teenagers 13-18 Staff ages 20+ | Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me August 1-5 Children ages 4-8 and parent Staff 14+ |
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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 or (440) 212-4976

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MOMMY & ME DADDY & ME CAMP

All Saints Camp Work Week

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. You can still attend the work week: **May 30th to June 5th**

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 mjnako@bryantstratton.edu
Hans M. Harasimchuk (440)212-4976 or hmharasimchuk@gmail.com

UOL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ e-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Chapter and City: _____

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| Senior Delegate \$215 | Junior Delegate \$200 |
| Senior Guest \$215 | Junior Guest \$200 |
| Senior Delegate Late \$230 | Clergy \$200 |
| Weekend (Fri, Sat, Sun) \$150 | Senior Guest Late \$230 |
| Family Early Registration* \$800 | |
| Pre-Teen** \$100 | |

*The Family Early Registration packet price is for 2 adults and 2 juniors. If ordering a Family Early Registration Packet, please fill out a separate registration form for each attendee.

**Will Pre-Teen participate in our Pre-Teen Program? Yes No

Registration Deadline: Senior and Family Registration payments postmarked by **June 15, 2011** qualify for the Early Registration discounts.

50th Junior UOL Reunion:
Do you plan to attend the Reunion activities? Yes No

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Please list any dietary concerns or food allergies: _____

Make checks payable to: 64th UOL Convention
Mail completed form with payment to: Daria Danyo
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Friday Evening (Church Hall) \$45
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Banquet must be purchased by July 28th
Ball Only (Hotel) \$25
Sunday Brunch (Church Hall) \$25

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

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Pre-Convention Dance – 2011 Philadelphia, PA

St. Vladimir Senior and Junior UOL Chapters, Philadelphia, PA are proud to announce that we are bringing back the tradition of the Pre-Convention Dance to this year's convention.



To help us get ready for hosting the 64th Annual UOL Convention and 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL, the Pre-Convention Dance - 2011 promises a great time for everyone as we celebrate the "Spirit of the '60s: the era of peace, love and birth of the Junior UOL."

Join us as we "get groovy" to the tunes of our D.J. Al Shinn. The good times begin at 6:00 PM on Saturday, May 14th in the Hall at our Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Vladimir The Great, 6740 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, PA.

Tickets, which include a dinner buffet, are \$20.00 in advance, reservations by May 1st, and \$25.00 at the door. Bar wristbands (21 & over) are \$10.00 each.



Further information and tickets are available by contacting: PM Laura Naumenko, e-mail: pmlaura76@yahoo.com, 708-822-2362 and Debbie Shinn, email: debalshinn@yahoo.com.

Put on your "dancin' shoes" and make sure you plan to join us for the Philly Pre-Convention Dance - 2011 !

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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) for an additional application. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2011.

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"A lamp unto my feet is Your word and a light to my path"
(Psalm: 119 v:10)

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T Fr. Bill and Pani Happy Birthday to Lydia Rudolf!
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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
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