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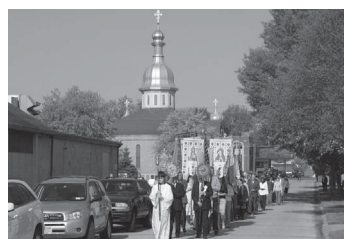


**AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!**  
UOL Members celebrate Consecration of His Grace Bishop Daniel  
*Submitted by Natalie Bilynsky  
Pictures by Michael Nakonachny*

UOL members joined in the celebration of the Consecration of His Grace Bishop Daniel in St. Vladimir's Cathedral in Parma, Ohio. Friday evening the Parma Senior UOL Chapter prepared a delicious pasta dinner for all the guests. The chapter is to be commended for preparing a wonderful dinner for everyone who traveled to Parma for the Celebration. The dinner was sponsored by the chapter and free for all of the nearly two hundred guests who attended.

On Friday evening May 9, 2008 approximately 400 faithful attended the Friday Evening Vespers with the Nomination Ceremony for Archimandrite Daniel. As part of the Nomination and Betrothal Ceremony Bishop-Elect Daniel addressed the Hierarchs and the assembly. After the services UOL Members gathered at the Parish hall for coffee and cake. It was a wonderful time for individuals to get together and to catch up with old friends.

Nearly thirty college-aged and young adults gathered at a local restaurant. The number of juniors, young adults and faithful who gathered in Parma is a true testament to His Grace Bishop Daniel's support. Faithful from our parishes traveled from as far north as Detroit, as far south as Florida, as far west as Los Angeles and from many of our northeastern parishes and chapters.



Saturday morning the Consecration services started with a full procession of Hierarchs, and several National Executive Board Members were part of the procession. It was a beautiful sunny and brisk morning, absolutely perfect weather.

The Consecration service included a questioning of Bishop-Elect Daniel, that included a proclamation of faith. This beautiful service took place in front of the Iconostas with a throne set for His



Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine and the other Hierarchs flanked him on either side. Bishop-Elect Daniel was presented to the Metropolitan and was questioned by His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine. While standing on

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## UOL Lenten Retreat Bethlehem, PA

Two weeks before Pascha sixty faithful gathered at the St. Francis Retreat Center in Bethlehem, PA for the UOL Lenten Retreat. Now in its fourth year at the Center the Retreat has grown, with this year participants coming from



Allentown, Philadelphia, Parma, Carnegie, Northampton, Johnson City, Youngstown, Maplewood, Clifton, South Bound Brook, and Coatesville. We also have regular participants from the Greek Orthodox Church.

The Retreat started on Friday April 11 with Fr. Myron Oryhon, the Spiritual Father for the Retreat. Fr. Myron introduced the discussion about the theme "Jesus, Remember me when You enter into Your Kingdom." He focused on the importance of the Services of Holy Week as they prepare us for Pascha. He encouraged all participants to contemplate how we will be remembered by

Our Lord. Fr. Myron also asked all participants to think about their expectations for the retreat. To conclude the first workshop Fr. Myron answered all questions that individuals had regarding Holy Week. The first day closed with evening prayers.



Saturday morning started early with morning prayers led by Archimandrite Daniel. After a full breakfast Fr. Anthony Ugolnik spoke about the Bridegroom services of Holy Week. Fr. Anthony inspired the participants to understand the words and beauty of the services. Fr. Daniel next spoke about the services of Holy and Great Thursday, presenting an inspiring powerpoint presentation that explained the spiritual meaning of the services of Holy Thursday and encouraged us to reflect on our own personal journey through Holy Week.

Following the two very inspiring speakers we had a Lenten lunch and spent time as a family in Christ. Having many members who have participated in the retreat for all four years it is wonderful to see old friends and to make new ones. Following lunch Richard Jendras and David Sembrot presented a slide and video summary of their trip to the Holy Land. Seeing the sites of Holy Week and hearing about their trip was a wonderful way to understand the services of Holy Week. Fr. Anthony next spoke about Holy and Great Friday and Saturday. Perhaps one of the greatest compliments to the speakers was that several individuals stated that they planned to attend several Holy Week Services this year, which they hadn't attended previously.

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## ASK FR. HARVEY RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS

Answered by: Fr. John Harvey

*Recently there has been a lot of focus on Revelations in modern movies. The Orthodox Church does not seem to dwell on the Book of Revelations. Why?*

Of all the books in the New Testament canon, the book of Revelations is the only one not read during liturgical services. This does not in any way indicate that there is something spurious about it, but rather the character of the matter covered is certainly different. The Epistles, Gospels and Acts of the Apostles deal with the life, times and teachings of Jesus and the saga of the spread of the Gospel in the early church. These readings are for our instruction and edification, but the book of Revelations has a theme and character all of its own. It comes as a vision of the persecutions of the church over many ages and the ultimate end of this world, and the manifestation of the victory of God over all the powers of darkness.

Unlike the other books, which treat history in a linear fashion, the book of Revelations can not be seen as an unfolding history account of what is to come, that is in a precise order. Likewise, all the horrific persecutions and troubling visions are not to be tied to literal people. This is not some sort of prophecy in which we are invited to identify all the miscreants in history by name or those yet to come. Those reading the book centuries ago, no doubt, could have identified personalities as Caligula, Attila, or the invading rapacious Tatars, just as today Stalin, Hitler or other personalities or nations are identified as the selfsame bogeyman described.

The character of these visions has led to wide and wild speculation and, in fact, some of our Protestant friends spend all their attention trying to identify who the whore of Babylon refers to or which nation really is the army of the north. It is precisely this great mass of conflicting speculations, and danger of obsession about making such speculations, that the Orthodox Church has always sought to avoid. Revelations is for our edification and its worth is as a great cautionary tale.

Rather than seeking what nation or person is responsible for each persecution or plague, we should really focus on the bottom line. Throughout all ages there will be persecutions and Christians themselves will appear to apostasize and be divided one against another. Because of man, plagues and toxicity will poison the land and many will die or be deformed. Certainly some things that have been prophesied could only happen in modern times. Destruction on such a universal scale and the physical deformities mentioned could only happen in the modern ages as a consequence of the so-called advances of man.

What is important in all this? Every age will have its persecution, but the end times will have the threat of widespread destruction, toxicity, death and deformities unknown in previous history. All this will come to pass, but the person who is loyal to Christ to the end, no matter what horrors are faced, will be victorious. The other major fact is that although the forces of the evil one will seem to be winning out and goodness trounced, in the end, Jesus will be revealed unmistakably as the ultimate victor, and all those who have suffered or have given their life for Him, will also share in the victory.

Being strong in Christ, come what may, is what is expected of us. Over the centuries so much misinformation has arisen out of mistranslations and gross misinterpretations. The much touted rapture that some Protestants are totally wrapped up in was unknown through the history of the Christian Church and only appeared in the 19th century.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Oleh Bilynsky

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



As our fiscal year draws to a close, I hope you are all concluding another successful year of UOL activities and are anxious to share the details of your accomplishments at the 61st Annual Convention. The St. John UOL Chapter in Johnson City, NY has worked tirelessly to make this year's convention as enjoyable and successful as possible, and I know your attendance at this year's convention will be both enjoyable and memorable.

Having just completed our spring Executive Board meeting, I would like to thank the Holy Ascension UOL Chapter in Maplewood, NJ for hosting the meeting on May 17. As always, the Maplewood chapter members were very hospitable, and went out of their way to ensure that all of our needs were taken care of.

As we draw nearer to the convention, please make sure that your chapter has fulfilled all of its obligations. Chapter annual reports, membership rosters, membership and chapter dues, and chapter project donations should all have already been submitted. These items are important and must be submitted in order to remain in good standing and to seat delegates at the 61st Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention. In addition, chapter election reports (and delegate forms for the convention) are due by June 15. Please contact any National Executive Board member if you have any questions.

With the convention almost upon us, make sure to send in your registration and book your hotel room. The deadline for receiving a discount rate on the convention registration fee is June 15, and the deadline for receiving the discounted convention rate at the hotel is July 9 (registration and hotel information is located in this Bulletin). With all of the hard work that the St. John UOL Chapter in Johnson City has put forth to ensure that convention guests have a memorable experience, you will not want to miss any of the scheduled events.

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

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

Yours in Christ,

Oleh V. Bilynsky

## The Annual UOL Cultural Contest



**\*\*Participation is open to all UOL members**

**\*\*Entries will be displayed and voted on at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual UOL Convention in Johnson City, NY**

**\*\*Any homemade item that involves Ukrainian heritage and culture is permitted**

For more information, contact: Michael Nemeth Jr. UOL Treasurer, Cultural Committee Chair  
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**BRING YOUR ENTRY TO THE CONVENTION!**



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

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



*"Pam and Patrick Scannell, Alexis Oryhon and Father Zinovy eagerly anticipate your arrival."*

There is a palpable excitement on the highways and byways of the Parlor City these days, not felt since you could get a seven course meal for a quarter at the Endicott-Johnson Shoe Company diner. The Junior and Senior UOL Chapters of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church are busy making final preparations for their 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention running from July 30 until August 3, 2008. Emotions are running higher than the rain-choked rivers, as these dedicated workers put their lives on hold to prepare for your arrival. This space has chronicled our plans over the last few months – we've shared some laughs, shared some tears and driven more than a few folks to consult a thesaurus.

In an attempt to recap, here's a handy Convention Chart (feel free to cut it out and affix it to your forehead):

**Monday and Tuesday (7/28-29):** Young Adults Days featuring a jaunt amongst waterfalls in Ithaca (apparently it's "gorges") and the first of many solemn pilgrimages to Awesome Burger.

**Wednesday (7/30):** The official opening of the Convention, including the beginning of business sessions (boo) and Hospitality Night wine tasting (yay).

**Thursday (7/31):** "A Taste of the Southern Tier" event with Spiedies as the special guest. If you don't know what that word means by now, please refer to the November 2007 issue of the *Bulletin* or call Alexis Oryhon. Any time after 11 pm should be just fine.

**Friday (8/1):** First-ever hot air ballooning themed event entitled "Rally with Friends." If you don't have any friends, some will be provided for you.

**Saturday (8/2):** Early morning balloon launch and morning workshops segue into a free day, as hearts beat in anticipation of the "Illuminations" Banquet and Ball. Feel free to dress like it's 1985 all over again.

**Sunday (8/3):** Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by the opportunity to "Celebrate Ukraine" at the farewell picnic. Also: obligatory weeping in the restrooms when faced with the realization that the Convention is over. Le Sigh.

Hopefully the next time we see you it will be on a sunny day in late July in the Southern Tier. On behalf of the Co-Chairs Pam Scannell and Alexis Oryhon and the entire Convention Committee, we sincerely hope the Light of Christ illumines every step of your journey and indeed every day of your life.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 The UOL Mystery Writer

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**2008 UOL Convention Registration Fees**

Senior Delegate/Guest: \$200.  
 Clergy: \$190.  
 Junior Delegate/Guest: \$185.  
 Pre-Teen: \$90.  
 Senior/Junior Weekend (Sat. and Sun.): \$150.

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

Hotel registrations at [holidayinnarena.com](http://holidayinnarena.com)  
 (607) 722-1212 or 800-HOLIDAY  
**Room Rate: \$97. Deadline: July 9, 2008**

Registration forms can be attained at [uocofusa.org](http://uocofusa.org) under "News" and "61<sup>st</sup> UOL Convention" or from your local chapter president

**MESSAGE FROM THE  
 JUNIOR  
 UOL PRESIDENT**

*Patrick Scannell*

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Summer is quickly approaching, and I cannot believe that I only have a few months left in the Jr. UOL. Despite the limited time, the end of the year will be very busy and exciting. I cannot wait until convention, which will be held in Johnson City, NY this year. You can probably understand why I am so excited, because it is the first time in my lifetime that the convention has been hosted by my own parish.

I hope to see large crowds at convention, but delegates must fulfill certain obligations. The Chapter Annual Reports are needed from every Jr. UOL Chapter. These reports are important so we can see all the great things your chapters have been doing throughout the year. Also, Chapter Project Donations are needed if any chapter has not sent them in already.

The Jr. UOL's biggest fundraiser, the raffle, will be held at the convention. Although the raffle tickets were already due, keep selling as many tickets as you can up until convention. These tickets should be sold as soon as possible, and can be sent to Vice President Nick Anderson.

Our Great Lent Giveaway Project this year is for altar boy vestments for the All Saints Camp Chapel. I encourage all chapters to put their best efforts into this Project. Any donations can be mailed to Financial Secretary David Koroczynsky.

Finally, the Annual Cultural Contest will be held at convention. It is always great to see the works done by all the Jr. and Sr. UOL chapters. This contest is perfect for showcasing the talent and creativity of people throughout our League.

I wish you all a great summer, and hope to see many of you at this year's convention. I would also like to recognize my fellow board members, Melanie Nakonachny, Fr. John Haluszczak, Nick Anderson, Emily Kominko, Natasha Walewski, Dave Koroczynsky, and Mike Nemeth. I am very thankful for all their hard work, and it has been my pleasure to work with them throughout the year.

Yours in Christ,  
 Patrick Scannell

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the orlets (rug depicted with an eagle) Bishop-Elect Daniel recited the Nicene Creed. As part of this public and formal proclamation of faith Bishop-Elect Daniel answered questions three times and moved to different sections of the orlets.

After the Trisagion Hymn, Bishop Elect Daniel knelt before the altar and the Gospel. The Hierarchs placed their hands on the Gospel and recited the Prayer of Consecration. It is during this prayer that the new Bishop joins the episcopate. Following the



Consecration Bishop Daniel was vested as a Bishop. These vestments include the Episcopal robes, miter, panagia and Omophorion. The Junior UOL purchased the Omophorion (the vestment that is placed upon the shoulders of the Hierarch) as a gift for Bishop Daniel. His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine then presented His Grace Bishop Daniel and exclaimed Axios! To which all of the faithful present responded Axios! Axios! Axios! (He is worthy!) Over sixty clergy sat in the first eight pews of the church. During Communion the preparation for clergy to partake in the Sacrament was awe inspiring. The choir at St. Vladimir's sang like angels. St. Vladimir's large cathedral was filled to capacity with every pew filled and no extra standing room.



At the end of Divine Liturgy His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine presented His Grace Bishop Daniel with his Bishop's staff. This moment was very moving for all UOL members, for the National Executive Board, on behalf of the UOL, purchased the Bishop's staff for His Grace Bishop Daniel.



There were over four hundred people at the Agape Feast and Celebration held in St. Vladimir Social Center. The banquet hall was beautifully adorned

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### News from St. Vladimir's Senior UOL Chapter Philadelphia, PA

Submitted by Jim Sawchuk

In conjunction with St. Vladimir's Senior and Junior UOL Chapters hosting the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual UOL Convention in 2011, we recently held our first convention meeting. Al and Debbie Shinn hosted the first meeting in their home. At this meeting chairpeople for all of the evening events were selected. Mark Bohlen and Lynn Szafranski are the convention co-chairs. Plans are already underway to make sure that all the delegates and guests will not only be able to conduct all the necessary convention business, but have a great time attending all of our functions, along with visiting the famous and historic sites in and around the city of Philadelphia.

We would also like to wish St. John the Baptist Senior and Junior Chapters much success with the upcoming 61<sup>st</sup> Annual UOL Convention. We look forward to re-visiting with our UOL friends and making new ones and hope to see everyone in Johnson City in July!



Members of the 2011 Philadelphia Convention Committee -  
with Convention Chairpeople Mark Bohlen and Lynn Szafranski.

### St. John's Johnson City, New York Senior and Junior Chapters

Submitted by Pam Scannell

Our Sr. and Jr. UOL chapters have been very busy these last couple of months. Here is a list of their recent activities just since January. Our Jr. UOL decorated and undecorated the church for Nativity, made goody bags for Sarah Jane soup



kitchen, baked cookies and mailed them to our college students, worked the coatroom, held a take-out food booth at our Easter bake sale, are writing essays for the convention essay contest, and prayed for their Lenten prayer pals from our parish during Great Lent.

Our Sr. UOL has placed an Iconostas map in the pews of our church, educated parishioners about the orphanages in Chernobyl, took up a collection for St. Andrew's soup kitchens in Ukraine, sold Old Testament Orthodox study bibles at a discounted price, donated to a family that lost everything in a house fire, and of course many of us are busy preparing and planning for our upcoming convention.

The projects that we have worked on together include: hosting the National Executive UOL boards for their meeting in February, sponsored a bring a friend to church day, worked at Sarah Jane soup kitchen each month, attended a Lenten retreat in April and sponsored a Lenten meal after Presanctified Liturgy on April 4<sup>th</sup> for our Great Lent give-away project. This year's proceeds will be going to purchase alter server robes for All Saints Camp Chapel.

We look forward to seeing everyone here in Johnson City in July for the 61<sup>st</sup> UOL Convention.

### Palos Park Junior UOL

Submitted by Fr. Taras Naumenko

After a busy winter season and right before the beginning of Great Lent the Jr. UOL chapter of Sts. Peter and Paul parish of Palos Park, IL. held its pre-Lenten outing on March 9<sup>th</sup> at CTX Sports in Joliet, IL. Juniors enjoyed a pizza lunch and paint balling. This was a great time of togetherness and bonding enjoyed by many.

Right before Great Lent, two young members of the parish, Veronica and Christina Koranda did something that wowed everyone! The two sisters, Veronica 11 and Christina 9,



contributed to the "Locks of Love" organization by cutting their beautiful waist length blond hair to help children who suffer from cancer and leukemia. Fr. Taras followed the young girls' example by also cutting his hair off for this worthy cause. The Locks of Love organization specializes in making hairpieces for children with cancer and leukemia.

During Great Lent the chapter kept busy preparing for Holy Week and Pascha. On Lazarus Saturday, many including members of the Jr. UOL, gathered for a spring clean-up of the church and the grounds, and as a tradition Jrs. made palm crosses for Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday the Jr. & Sr. UOL chapters held their annual Salad Fest. On Holy Friday the Church was filled with youth who decorated the Tomb of Christ with flowers. Many brought bouquets to be laid by the Tomb. All the readings of the Holy Friday Services were done by the children and members of the Jr. UOL chapter. On the same night the Jrs. prepared Pascha baskets for all shut-ins of the parish which were distributed in time for the Resurrection.

At the Pascha Matins, the procession was carried out by Jr. UOL members and pre-teens. All participated with dignity and great reverence!



### UOL T-Shirts are still available !!!!

When I was a wee lad, I thought there would be nothing cooler than wearing a garment broadcasting my involvement in the Ukrainian Orthodox League. Finally my dreams have come true – *UOL T-Shirts are HERE!* ...I'm still holding out for a pony, but this will do for now.



You may be slightly puzzled as to why everyone in the Johnson City chapter isn't clad in the vigorously hip UOL T-Shirts. Well, the answer is simple: they wanted to save some for you to buy.

***UOL T-Shirts: The Best Thing to Come Out of the Southern Tier Since ...well, EVER.***



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On Saturday evening we were blessed with beautiful, warm and sunny weather, therefore we held Vespers outside. Fr. Myron set up the icons outside and the beautiful grounds served as our chapel for Vespers.

Before dinner we had some puzzles and games that challenged our retreat participants. Following dinner our wrap-up session with Fr. Myron focused on lessons learned from the retreat. Those individuals staying at the retreat socialized and played games.



Quiet hours started at 11 and given the long day, most were fast asleep soon after.

Sunday morning retreat participants gathered at St. Mary Protectress in Allentown for Divine Liturgy. We had the opportunity to see the early stages of the iconography project in the parish and are looking forward to seeing the work as it continues and is

finished. Following Diving Liturgy we enjoyed wonderful Lenten soups and salads and were warmly welcomed by the parish. As many of the Retreat participants have attended several retreats the parish serves as a home away from home.



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As a cautionary reading, spurring us on to be true to Christ through all difficulties, Revelations has its valued place in our reading. The assurance that God will be revealed as triumphant in the end is a comfort to us now, when it "appears" that evil has the upper hand. The danger of wild speculation is there and we see so many non-Orthodox Christians using this book to guide their lives with almost greater priority over that of the Gospel.

We Orthodox must put all into a proper sober perspective. Revelations is the overall view of the endless cycle of persecutions the church has faced and will have to deal with in the future. We look forward to the ultimate victory of the kingdom of God, but we will not be seduced into reducing our Christianity to mere endless debates about what nation or persons are referred to in this book. We must stand up as Christians no matter what comes, knowing that Jesus is always with us to the end.

St. Andrew's Jr. UOL of Boston, MA

Submitted by Jane Yavarow

St. Andrew's Jr. UOL of Boston has had a busy six months. In September 2007, we elected officers and helped out at our annual Parish Fall Picnic. In October we participated in our first ever Youth Sunday. Jr. UOL members did



everything from holding candles and leading our Deacon around the church as he censed before the beginning of the Liturgy to making the collection. We raised charity funds by hosting a Sunday Coffee Hour and holding a Candy Sale on St Nicholas Day. Our charity projects included

appealing for new books for the Boston Children's Hospital from our generous parishioners and most recently asking for donations for St. Andrew's Society Soup Kitchens in Ukraine on Souper Bowl Sunday. Co-presidents Allie Teper and Anna Walling of St. Andrew's Jr. UOL organized and collected donations for Souper Bowl Sunday on February 3, 2008.



Before beginning Great Lent, we had a bit of fun by going candlepin bowling (unique to New England!) and enjoying a pizza party together. We are grateful to our parents, priest and advisors for helping us to learn to be good Orthodox Christians. Fr. Roman Tarnavsky and members of St. Andrew's Jr. UOL enjoyed an afternoon of bowling and pizza!



Sixteen members of St. Andrew's Jr. UOL of Boston attended its second annual Youth Lenten Workshop on March 29, 2008. Members participated in numerous activities beginning with a discussion of the Last Supper. Fr. Roman (Tarnavsky), assisted by Deacon Vasyl, demonstrated how he cuts and prepares the Proskomidia

for Holy Communion.



Following this, the students went into the church and had a "tour" of various items found behind the Iconostas. They were then broken up into four teams to play a game called, "What's Behind the

Curtain?" They matched words, pictures and definitions to demonstrate what they had learned during the workshop. Rounding out the day's activities, Jr. UOL members sent Paschal greetings to college students as well as parishioners unable to attend church. Some students worked on a mosaic icon and others made a Lenten soup that they planned to serve the following day after the Liturgy. The day was rounded out with a meal enjoyed together by clergy, parents, and students.





**UOL participates in St. Thomas Pilgrimage in South Bound Brook, New Jersey**

*Submitted by Natalie Bilynsky*

For the last two years the UOL has played an integral role at the St. Thomas Pilgrimage Weekend in South Bound Brook, New Jersey. The parking responsibilities have been coordinated by the UOL with all funds raised from the selling of the ribbons being donated to the Lynn Sawchuk Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship Fund. This year over two thousand dollars was raised toward the scholarship fund.



was May it was a cold and misty morning. Parking duties were coordinated by Oleh Bilynsky and he had a team of parking attendants from Maplewood, Philadelphia, Parma and Clifton. The parking attendants included UOL Members: Jerry Hucul, Lynne and Dan Gulak, Jack Roditski, Mickey Komichak, John Holowko, Walter Stepowyj, Yuriy Trypupenko, Ted Kurman, Melanie Nakonachny, Emily Kominko, Richie Jendras, Aleksandra Hucul, David Sembrot, Elizabeth Hucul, Ed Zetick, Khystyna Chorniy, and Natalie Bilynsky. In addition, all five seminarians assisted in the parking: Vasyl Pasakas, Vasyl Dovgan, Ivan Kostyshyn, Mykhaylo Gavretsky and Andriy Matlak. It was a great opportunity for our seminarians to practice their English and our UOLers to practice their Ukrainian.



Saturday morning started bright and early with parking duties beginning at 7:30 and although it



On Saturday afternoon Fr. Daniel led a tour of St. Sophia Seminary that was organized by the UOL. The tour included a description of the building of the chapel and a brief history of the

building, as well as a history of St. Sophia Seminary.

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



Despite a forecast of rain, Sunday was bright and sunny. In fact, several of the UOL members working parking duty left South Bound Brook looking as if they had spent an afternoon at the beach.

On both Saturday and Sunday the Cultural Center was full of vendors who were selling religious and cultural items. Additionally, there were displays from all organizations of the church, including two poster boards about the UOL. The first had descriptions of the Commissions and Committees of the UOL. The second featured the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual UOL Convention.



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

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and filled to capacity.



Very Reverend John Nakonachny served as the Master of Ceremony and His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine led the invocation. Dinner was elegant with a delicious menu prepared by the workers at St. Vladimir's Social Center, including prime rib and chicken

francaise. The dinner was delicious and there was plenty of food for the fully packed hall. The banquet started with a performance by the Zorya Ukrainian Vocal Ensemble led by Natalia Basladynsky-Mahlay.



His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine read greetings from His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew. His Eminence Archbishop Antony spoke eloquently about the responsibilities of a Hierarch and the impact that His Beatitude Metropolitan John of Blessed Memory had on his own service in the church.

He provided a brief summary of the major accomplishments of His Grace Bishop Daniel.



The room was deeply moved by His Grace Bishop Daniel's words. He spoke about mentors in his own life including: his mother (who was present), His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine, and His Eminence Archbishop Antony. He also

described his own journey as a child in Ukraine and his calling to become a priest.

The program included greetings from: His Eminence Metropolitan Stefan Soroka, Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia; His Grace Bishop Demetrios, Assistant Bishop of Chicago, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; His Eminence Archbishop Yuriy, Archbishop of Toronto, UOC of Canada; His Grace Bishop Jeremiah, Bishop of the Ukrainian Eparchy of South America; His Grace Bishop Andriy, Bishop of London, England UOC in Diaspora Western Europe Eparchy.



Perhaps the most touching speech was that from His Grace's mother, Halyna Zelinska. She spoke about her love for her son and how proud she is of him, and also spoke to him as well as all present to work for the Church, not for glory, nor for praise but rather for Love of God.



Senior UOL President Oleh Bilynsky and Junior UOL President Patrick Scannell greeted His Grace Bishop Daniel on his consecration. This past year His Grace Bishop Daniel served as Spiritual Advisor to the Senior Executive Board, so his consecration was very meaningful to all Board members.

The celebration ended with a benediction by His Grace Bishop Daniel. Following the banquet faithful lined up to get a blessing from the newly consecrated Bishop. Later that evening, those individuals who were not traveling home participated in Vespers.



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## National Executive Board Meeting

May 17, 2008 in Maplewood, New Jersey

The Senior and Junior National Executive Boards met in Maplewood, New Jersey on May 17, 2008. Both Boards arrived Friday evening and met at the home of Mickey and Daria Komichak. The Komichaks prepared a lovely reception for all board members.



Saturday morning started early with morning prayers. Following breakfast the two Executive Boards started their meetings. His Grace Bishop Daniel reported that he is working to revise and update the application process for the

Metropolitan John Scholarship. He plans to present a comprehensive section for the Handbook that can be reviewed, revised and finalized at the UOL Convention. MJSF scholarships applications were presented and approved by the board.

Natalie Bilynsky, Membership Chairperson, reported that she has updated the UOL Brochure. Special thanks go out to Dr. Stephen Sivulich and Helen Greenleaf for reviewing the brochure and providing feedback. The brochure will be printed and ready for distribution at the Convention.

The Christian Caregiving and Missions Committee reported that the fundraising projects were a huge success this year with over \$800 being donated to the Bel Air, MD Mission Parish and over \$6600 to the St. Andrew's Society for Soup Kitchens in Ukraine. The total raised this year for Souper Bowl Sunday doubled last year's fundraising efforts. The Board decided to make a \$3000. donation to the All Saints Camp Encampments (\$1000 each to Mommy and me/Daddy and me, Diocesan Church School Camp, and Teenage Conference).

A major focus of the meeting was the upcoming Convention. It was discussed that many chapters have not fulfilled financial obligations. Board members will be in contact with chapters to be sure that each chapter has fulfilled their financial obligations in order to be seated at the Convention.

Aleksandra Hucul reported that she continues to work on the UOL Webpage.

A major focus of the meeting was the decision regarding UOL Awards. At the meeting all nominations for awards were reviewed.

This year the strategies for fundraising for the Annual Fund Drive, Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund and Lynn Sawchuk Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship Fund were changed. Whereas in the past a letter was sent to all UOL members with an



envelope describing the three fundraising initiatives, this year, separate drives were coordinated for each. This year, no individual mailings were

sent to all UOL Members. Instead the UOL Bulletin was used to request funds. An envelope for the individual fund drives was included in the UOL Bulletin. The effectiveness of this strategy was discussed at the Board Meeting and will be closely reviewed at the Convention.

Saturday evening both boards enjoyed a delicious Barbecue at the Gulak home and prepared for the Battle of the Boards. For the fourth year there was a chapter challenge round with Senior versus Junior Board. For the last three years the Senior Board, much to the surprise of His Eminence Archbishop Antony (who has always predicted Junior victories) has beat the Junior Board. This year the competition was stiff, with Jr. President Patrick Scannell going head-to-head with Sr. President Oleh Bilynsky. The Battle of the Boards Cup (fondly referred to by Oleh as the "BOBka") went to the Senior Board who was victorious in 2 rounds of 5 questions each.

Sunday morning both Junior and Senior Board Members participated in Divine Liturgy and attended a parish dinner. Fr. Oleh Hucul welcomed the Boards to the parish and as always the Maplewood UOL Chapters and parish were very inviting.



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**JUNE 21-22**

*A Weekend of Celebration...*

## Tentative Schedule for the Weekend:

## Saturday June 21, 2008

1-4 PM Registration

2 PM Seminars: "Iconography" (M. Kapeluck) in the Chapel

"Sacred Music" in the Millennium Building (O.Mahlay)

3:30 PM Moleben at the Pochaiv Icon for the benefactors of the Camp and Chapel (Chapel Porch)

4 PM Dinner in the Pavilion

5:30 PM Procession with the Holy Relics from the Pavilion to the Chapel  
Vespers and Panachyda for the Deceased

6:30 PM Seminar "Symbolism of the Consecration" in the Chapel

8 PM rehearsals /youth choir & bandura alumni

## Sunday June 22, 2008

9 AM Consecration and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

1 PM Dinner at Pavilion and Tents

3 PM Concert outside under the Big Top  
Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble  
Kobzari of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus

For further information please contact:

Pani Matka Iryna or Deacon Ihor Mahlay  
the coordinators of the celebration  
imahlay@yahoo.com



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On Sunday many UOL members participated in the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Antony and His Grace Bishop Daniel. This was the first Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Grace Bishop Daniel.

St. Vladimir's, Parma had a wonderful Spilne Sviachene prepared for the parish and all visitors. It



was a wonderful way to celebrate Mother's Day, Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women and the great joy within our church, the





## Teenage Conference

### 50th Homecoming Celebration!

**When was the last time you were at the Teenage Conference? When are you planning on coming back? How about this year July 11-13, 2008 at the second annual Homecoming Celebration!**

**Who can come?**

**\* Any person who has been involved with TC in the last 50 years! Directors, counselors, staff, sponsors and ALL CLERGY!**

**Activities to include:**

- Arrival after 3 PM on Friday, July 11, 2008
- Time to enjoy our ASC grounds, riverfront, new church, nature trails & and reconnect with old friends!
- Orthodox Living with Fr. John Harvey
- Ukrainian Night Performance & Campfires
- Hill of Crosses Dedication to 50 years of TC!
- Volleyball, Swimming & games with campers
- Sunday Divine Liturgy in New ASC Church
- All Wonderful Meals at ASC
- Departure by 3 PM on Sunday, July 13

**Weekend Rate: \$75.00 inc. - 4 big meals, evening festivities, lodging in the ASC Millennium Building, camper packet, TC 2008 T-shirt, Tabir & gifts**

**Day rate: \$35 - 2 meals, activities, Tabir & gifts**

**ATTENDANCE BY RESERVATION ONLY.**  
 Limited space available. Send checks and registration to:  
 Charissa Martin- 1816 Cornelia St. Ridgewood, NY 11385

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 Year/s Attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Former: camper counselor director sponsor CLERGY

# of persons \_\_\_\_\_ x rate (see above) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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# UOL TRIBUTES

A donation to the Tribute Fund is an acknowledgment of a Milestone, Memorial, or Accomplishment, or is a Special Recognition of an individual or group. Your much-appreciated contribution is used to support and further the Mission of the Ukrainian Orthodox League. All donations are published in the UOL Bulletin.

The UOL sincerely thanks the following for their recent contribution:

CONTRIBUTOR	OCCASION
Szafranski and Danyo Families	In Loving Memory of Pani Matka Olga Bukata. Vichnaya Pamyat!
The Bailly Family Anne, Dale & Kathryn Bailly John and Sarah Bailly Michelle and Ben O'Neill Susan and Luis Castrillo Elizabeth and Matthew Simmons	In Memory of Francine Sencio who who fell asleep in the Lord on April 3, 2008. Memory Eternal!
Oleh and Natalie Bilynsky	In Honor of Elizabeth Mitchell! Thank you for your support and inspiration.
Deacon Nikolay Shapoval	In Blessed Memory of Nikolai and Aleksandra Shapoval. Nikolai fell asleep in the Lord 49 years ago and Aleksandra fell asleep in the Lord 6 years ago. Memory Eternal!
Michael Kapeluck	To thank the organizers of the UOL Lenten Retreats!

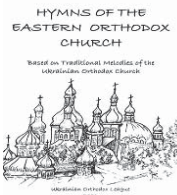
Interested in honoring a special person or remembering a special event? Use the UOL Tribute Fund to commemorate special events.

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