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## FAMILY FEST 2008

Family Fest is always a wonderful event at All Saints Camp. Family Fest 2008 was special for it was the first year that all services were celebrated at St. Thomas Chapel. The weekend was filled with wonderful weather and great fun! There



is no better way to end the summer than to spend it with family and friends at All Saints Camp. This year's attendance of over one hundred participated in the fun activities. Multiple UOL chapters and parishes were represented with individuals from Pennsylvania, New

Jersey, Maryland, Illinois, Ohio and New York.

On Friday evening individuals dined together and then settled into cabins and the Millennium Building. Saturday morning started with morning prayers followed by a delicious and hearty breakfast.



Saturday afternoon was business for some who attended the camp committee meeting. I must confess that I did not attend the meeting and instead enjoyed a beautiful sunny afternoon at the pool. I am told the meeting

was very productive and one highlight of the discussion was the plan to have work weekends to help with the maintenance of the camp. The first of these weekends was held in early October.

Others who did not enjoy the pool, or the meeting, participated in a marathon canoe trip. Those who



participated in the trip were identified later that afternoon by sun-burned faces. With several hours on the river they had a great work-out.

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



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

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## Junior UOL Fall Meeting

*Submitted by Taylor Gladys*

On September 26, 2008, both the Junior and Senior National Executive Boards ventured to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for their first official meeting of the year. When the Juniors arrived in Philadelphia, they were welcomed into the hospitable home of Senior National Executive Board President, Oleh Bilynsky, and UOL Bulletin editor, Natalie Bilynsky. In great fellowship and fun, the Juniors enjoyed a plethora of delicious, home-cooked foods and amusing board games with their hosts and other members of the Senior UOL. Later that night, the McNulty family of St. Vladimir's parish in Philadelphia accommodated the Junior Board and provided everyone with a place to sleep.

The next morning, September 27, 2008, started bright and early with a liturgy commemorating the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated by His Grace Bishop Daniel, Father Frank Estocin of the Philadelphia parish, and Father Myron Oryhon of Allentown's parish and the Spiritual Advisor to the Senior Executive Board. Immediately following a breakfast, the Juniors and Seniors separated and commenced their meeting sessions.

In their meeting, the Juniors discussed many important issues concerning committees for this year. For the Great Lent Giveaway, the board decided to work in conjunction with the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry on an Inter-Orthodox Christian Charities project, making "Health Kits." The Juniors set a national goal to make 1,000 kits. Further information

concerning the project will be sent out by Financial Secretary, Ethan Rock. The Juniors also talked of plans and dates for their annual raffle, as well as improving

the membership of the entire Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League. They hope to create and circulate a slide show capturing the faith, fellowship,



and fun of the Jr. UOL. In further

discussion, the Juniors reviewed

and approved the convention year

book for 2008 from Johnson City, New

York. Treasurer, John Walewski, also

committed to corresponding with

His Grace Bishop



Daniel and Senior Board Member, Aleksandra Hucul to aid in the refinement of the Jr. UOL web page. Lastly, Corresponding Secretary, Arianna Rock, reported on the Christian Caregiving and Missions committee, including the upcoming Tithing Project. Near the closure of their meeting, the Juniors shared interesting news from their liaison chapters and tossed around new ideas for this year, such as redesigning Jr. UOL t-shirts.

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



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ASK FR. HARVEY RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS

Answered by: Fr. John Harvey

At a Baptism I recently attended, I was quite surprised to see the baby (correction, child) standing up in the font. This brings up the question of at what age is it best to baptize a baby?

Your observation of such a situation is not a rare one these days. For a child who will be brought up in a Christian home, it is necessary to address the need for the salvific bath of baptism as soon as is feasible. A child needs to be nursed and be bonded with its mother, but it is good to start the bonding and nurturing in Christ early on. If the baby is in vibrant good health, the optimum time for baptism would be about three months of age. At this time, the size of the child makes it easy to immerse and it usually has a nice bloom of hair, with an eye towards the tonsure. Another factor is that after 40 days have elapsed from birth, the mother may be churched and be present for the baptism.

If the child is sickly and does not thrive, baptism should occur earlier, and if there is danger of expiration even a layman may baptize. Now, we find some babies, who have been born very premature, do have a good survival rate with the state of care in hospital neonatal units. In such cases, a conditional baptism can be accomplished if deemed necessary and in this case a consult with the attending physician should give a true insight into the prognosis of the baby's condition. If a conditional baptism has been done under such conditions, the full rite of exorcism prayers, anointings, baptism and chrismation can be done later in church once the necessary maturation and weight gain has occurred with time.

Looking at the baptismal books in church, a month to a month and a half seems to have been the time most chosen by our parents and grandparents for the reception of this sacrament. Susceptibility to danger of infection may have spurred parents to baptize early, but, again, if the baby is in good health, three months of age, taking all into consideration, is the best time.

Today it is not uncommon to find parents "forgetting" to baptize their offspring until they are several years old. Sometimes this happens because the parents have yet to "get around to" even marrying. This is a sad fact of modern life, where in a world where all things are merely relative, the spiritual duties (even the reality of the necessity of a life in Christ) often get the lowest priority. If we are married and are truly living a mutual life in Christ, certainly we should want our offspring to share fully in that life as soon as possible.

I heard a most extraordinary thing. Our priest was present with a couple and their newborn just a few days after the blessed event. He prayed over her and took part in the naming of the child. First time I ever heard of such a thing. Is this normal?

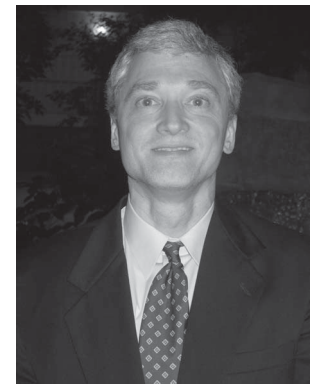
Going into our trebnik, which is the priest's guide to sacraments, prayers and sanctifications met in pastoral life with a congregation, there is provision for prayer over the new mother and on the eighth day, the naming of the child. So often, interaction with the priest is relegated to Sunday Liturgy and the sacraments as needed, that any interface with the spiritual father on other occasions is not even considered. The naming of a child is an important event, for the person will bear this moniker the rest of their lives and it will be their identification upon baptism and used each time the person receives the eucharist.

It has always been traditional to use a recognizable saint's name, with the saint becoming the spiritual patron of the person. In modern times, the names so often given have no recognizable connection with any saint. African Americans often make up names with syllables that sound good to them, but have not even any traditional meaning. Names such as Kaitlin (variant spellings are possible!) are at least recognizable as being a derivative of Catherine, which is quite an acceptable saint's name. What can one say of Brandy, Tiffany, Ashleigh, Shawna or other such modern popular choices?

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Oleh Bilynsky



Glory to Jesus Christ!

Slava Isusu Christu!

In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln, in setting the final Thursday in November as the national Thanksgiving Day, noted that even "in the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity" there were still many "blessings" and "bounties" which were "the gracious gifts of the Most High God" and for which the American people should give "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." During this season, as we gather with our friends and families, we are still called to reflect on and give thanks for all of the "blessings" and "bounties" which we receive from "the Most High God."

In line with that, I would like to personally thank the St. Vladimir's UOL Chapter in Philadelphia, PA for hosting the fall Executive Board meeting on Sept. 27. The Philadelphia chapter members were very hospitable, and went out of their way to ensure that all of our needs were taken care of. Thank you for being a shining example of Christian love and generosity.

I would also like to thank the members of the Sr. Executive Board for all of their hard work and efforts. Thanks to them we had a very productive fall meeting. Some of the results of that meeting include: the official "winding up" of the UOL's fund raising efforts for the St. Thomas Chapel at All Saints Camp with the excess funds being transferred to the Consistory, to be used solely for the upkeep and maintenance of the Chapel (over \$165,000.00 was raised for the iconography and furnishings in the Chapel, and sincerest thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause); appointment of a sub-committee to look over and make any necessary revisions to our UOL Handbook; approval of the work being done to make sure that our "UOL website" will soon be "up and running." (The winter meeting of both the Junior and Senior National Executive Boards will be held in South Bound Brook, NJ on January 17, 2009. As always, everyone is welcome and I encourage anyone who is in the area, both Juniors and Seniors, to attend this meeting.)

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our UOL members. As UOL Sunday is "right around the corner," it is an appropriate time to thank all UOL members for the time, hard work and efforts they have devoted to our Church and to the UOL. I always look forward to hearing, and reading in the UOL Bulletin, about all of your activities and accomplishments.

During this season we should be thankful for all that we have been blessed with, and in so doing we should also remember all who are less fortunate than ourselves. As such, I encourage all UOL members to contribute to the UOL's charitable programs, such as our "Thanksgiving Tithing" project. UOL members are asked to save the receipts from all of their Thanksgiving expenses (food, napkins, tablecloths, centerpieces, etc.) and donate 10% of what you spent to the Thanksgiving Tithing project. This year's donations will benefit our mission parish in Las Cruces, NM. I also encourage all Senior members to contribute both to the "Souper Bowl Sunday" project and the Junior UOL's "Great Lent Giveaway" project.

I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with family and friends, and as we prepare for St. Philip's Fast and the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I also wish each and every one of you a peaceful Advent.

Yours in Christ, Oleh V. Bilynsky



A UOL Tribute is a big warm smile in an envelope - Send your UOL Tribute to that special someone today!

- Send your UOL Tribute to: Extend Birthday wishes or thanks to a family member, friend, chapter member, Spiritual Advisor, Pani Matka Honor Special Occasions such as an Anniversary, Graduation, Marriage or Engagement Send Get Well Wishes Honor the memory of a loved one who is of Blessed Memory

Your Tribute will be listed in the UOL Bulletin and an acknowledgement card will be sent to the recipient. For details of how to submit a Tribute see page 8

**2009 Y-TOWN UOL CONVENTION NEWS**  
**Hosted by the Sts. Peter & Paul Sr/Jr UOL, Youngstown, Ohio**  
**July 22-26, 2009**  
**“YOU’LL HAVE A GREAT TIME IN 2009!”**

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

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

Sts. Peter & Paul –Y-town UOL News

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

**HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL SITE APPROVED**  
**IN WASHINGTON, DC**

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

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

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

At a hearing of the Commission ensued regarding the planning through two sites were considered to be an ideal location for a memorial located not far from Washington’s distance of the U.S. Capitol building. The location is highly visible to Ukrainians and offers ample space for a memorial.



**NEWS FROM THE**  
**JUNIOR UOL**  
**PRESIDENT**

Taylor Gladys

Glory to Jesus Christ!

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

During the meeting, we discussed many topics for our 2008-2009 year. One topic we touched upon was the Great Lent Giveaway. The board decided to use an Inter-Orthodox Christian Charities project and make “Health Kits” as our Lenten project. Further details regarding this project will be sent out by Financial Secretary, Ethan Rock, at a later date. We also talked about Membership, as we plan to create and send out a slide show about the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League. Hopefully, Juniors can share this slide show with parishes who lack a chapter and educate people about what it is that we do in this league.

As we move toward the end of this year, I would like to remind everyone about chapter and membership dues. The deadline for the dues was September 30, so if you have not done so, please send them in to Ethan Rock as soon as possible. Election report forms should also be in at this time, and any remaining forms may be sent to Corresponding Secretary, Arianna Rock.

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

Yours In Christ,  
 Taylor Gladys  
 Jr. UOL President

**THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX LEAGUE**  
**YOUNG ADULTS COMMITTEE**

**Winter Weekend Getaway**

Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania

**January 9-11, 2009**

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*Questions?*



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*Anybody who is anybody is reading the UOL Bulletin.*

*Make sure that you continue to receive your UOL Bulletin -*

*Renew your UOL Membership.*

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The news of the selection of the Ukrainian Genocide Memorial site came one week after the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously approved H.Res. 1314, a resolution recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine (Holodomor). The resolution condemned “the violations of human rights, including the freedom of self-determination and freedom of speech,



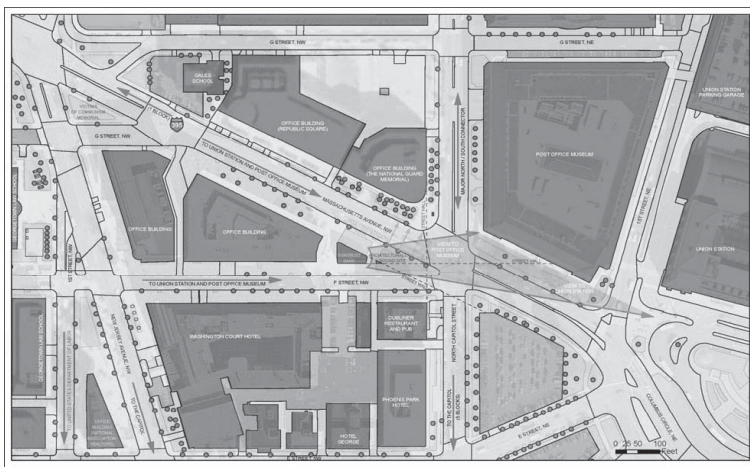
of the Ukrainian people by the Soviet Government.” The sponsor of the resolution, as well as the sponsor of the Ukrainian Genocide Memorial, was Rep. Sander Levin (D-MI), co-chair of the Congressional Ukrainian

Caucus. In praising Rep. Levin’s tremendous efforts in support of Ukrainian American concerns, Michael Sawkiw, Jr., President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America stated: “To say that Rep. Levin is a friend of Ukraine is an understatement! Where would we be today without his vigilant support and sponsorship of so many important issues, in particular the new site appropriated for the Ukrainian Genocide Memorial? Thanks to Rep. Levin’s foresight and assistance, the entire Ukrainian American community is ecstatic.”

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

Much has been accomplished, but much more needs to be done. Recent current events—from the genocide in Darfur to the brutal threats faced by fledgling democratic states like Georgia and Ukraine against their liberty and continued independence—underscore the importance of this memorial at this time and especially in Washington, DC. The *Holodomor* memorial will remind our government, the American people, and the world that history can and will repeat itself unless we remember the horrors of the past and pledge our energies to fight genocide and tyranny wherever we find it. The newly-elected President of the Ukrainian World Congress wrote: “Sincere congratulations on behalf of the Ukrainian World Congress for this breaking news regarding the approval of the Holodomor Memorial Site in a key location in Washington, D.C. This will undoubtedly help to further sensitize Americans about the genocide against the Ukrainian people in 1932-33.”

The *National Committee* and the Embassy of Ukraine are grateful for the continued support of the Ukrainian American community. On behalf of the Government of Ukraine, its ambassador to the United States, Oleh Shamshur, spoke of the tremendous efforts exhibited by the Ukrainian American community: “We are pleased with the final result of the NCPC hearing and look forward to our continued cooperation with the community to achieve a



memorial that honors the 10 million victims of Ukraine’s genocide of 1932-1933.”

The *National Committee* appeals to the

Ukrainian community for donations to help fulfill our dream of erecting a memorial in our nation’s capital to the 10 million innocent victims of the Ukrainian Genocide. Proceeds from the sale of the “*Voices for Victims*” wristbands—as worn by Ukrainian President Yushchenko—and the “*Walk against Genocide*” t-shirts all go towards the construction of the Ukrainian Genocide Memorial in Washington, DC. In addition, tax-deductible donations can be made on-line at the *National Committee’s* website <http://www.ukrainegenocide.org>. Please visit this website for updated information, and remember to support the activities of the *National Committee to Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Genocide of 1932-1933*. With your continued help, we can see this important project through to completion. **\*\*NOTE\*** Attached pictures produced by EDAW, Environmental Assessment Agency

## The Ukrainian Orthodox League Helps the Less Fortunate Thanksgiving Tithing Project to Benefit Holy Cross

### Mission Parish in Las Cruces, NM

The delegates of the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual U.O.L. Convention reinforced the need for the organization and its membership to serve the less fortunate. They set a specific goal to sponsor at least two projects to help individuals in need. The first of these projects allows you as Ukrainian Orthodox League members and chapters to help your brothers and sisters at Holy Cross Mission in Las Cruces, NM



Fr Gabriel Rochelle serves Holy Cross Mission. He is very active in spreading Orthodoxy in the area; he frequently writes for the local newspaper, is attempting to start an Orthodox radio program, and holds catechism classes for parishioners and local residents. Holy Cross Mission also helps to sponsor the OCF Chapter located at nearby New Mexico State University.

Chapters and individual members are being called upon to save the receipts for all expenses that they incur in preparing for Thanksgiving Day – food, tablecloths, centerpieces – and donate 10% of the amount spent to Holy Cross Mission. Junior and Senior U.O.L. Chapters are also requested to make a donation to this worthwhile cause. All donations should be made out to the Ukrainian Orthodox League and sent to Financial Secretary Alexis Oryhon: 2 Goethe St Binghamton, NY 13905. One check will be presented to Holy Cross Mission on behalf of all our membership.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we hope that you will take a moment to give thanks to our Lord for all that He has given us. We are called upon to baptize all nations and one way this is done is through the establishment and support of our mission parishes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jared Burgan ([jaredburgan@gmail.com](mailto:jaredburgan@gmail.com)) or Arianna Rock ([alr521@zoominternet.net](mailto:alr521@zoominternet.net)).

### Sts. Peter & Paul Sr. U.O.L. Chapter Carnegie, PA

Submitted by Stephen Sivulich, Chapter Reporter

**CARNEGIE DAYS -2008** –“Carnegie Days” is an annual event in the metropolitan area of Carnegie, PA. The Carnegie Mall parking lot is reserved for concession tents that are rented to churches and businesses. Each tent rental requires that food be available for a three-day period: Thursday through Saturday, 12:00 Noon to 12:00 Midnight.

Our church is two blocks from this location, so we must transport food from our church kitchen to our booth. We are fortunate to have a number of “strong” junior UOLers who seem to enjoy this important assignment. Michael Kapeluck was responsible for staffing the booth and coordinating food delivery personnel. Sherri Walewski supervised the booth and ensured that Health Department requirements were adhered to. Steve Sivulich worked with the Kitchen Workers in staffing the kitchen for advance food preparation and daily cooking during the event. The profits were divided between the Sr. UOL Chapter and the Kitchen Workers. This annual event results in a substantial profit for both organizations. It is successful because of many many hard-working junior and senior UOL members and parishioners.

### UOL CHAPTER and CHURCH PHOTOCOPY MACHINE- (Correction)

In a recent article about the photocopier machine project, I neglected to indicate that the **St. Matrona Society** also contributes \$600.00 annually. My apologies. I will try to do better.

**FR. STEVE’S 25th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY-** Our parish and many guests celebrated Fr. Steve’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Metropolitan Constantine was assisted at the Hierarchical Liturgy by: Fr. Steve Repa (Carnegie, PA), Fr. John Nakonachny (Parma, OH), Fr. George Hnatko (Dixonville, PA), Fr. Timothy Tomson ((McKees Rocks, PA), Fr. Paisius McGrath (Lyndora, PA), Fr. Michael Kochis (Ambridge, PA), Fr. Robert Popichak (Slickville, PA), Fr. George York, Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Church (Carnegie, PA), Fr. John Gido (Retired), Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church (Ambridge, PA), and Fr. Deacon Dennis Lapushansky (Carnegie, PA).

Following liturgy, approximately 100 guests attended a beautiful dinner at *Euro Party Center*, Greentree, PA, where Howard West, Jr, Parish President, served as master of ceremonies for the joyous event.

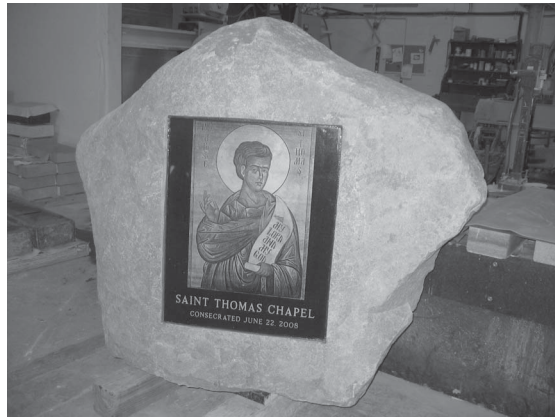
## St. Thomas Chapel, All Saints Camp

### The Finishing Touch ...

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

*Submitted by Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny*

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



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

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

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

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

### Board Meeting (continued from page 1)



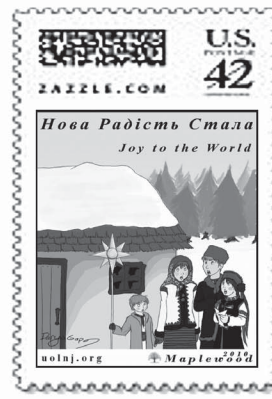
At the conclusion of the meetings, the Juniors and Seniors attended Vespers in the church, followed by a trip to the local Greek Festival. This festival offered amazing foods, games, fair rides, and Greek dancing. All of the members greatly enjoyed themselves throughout the

evening activity.

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



## This year, mail your Christmas cards using Ukrainian-themed postage stamps!



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### St. Demetrius Chapter in Carteret, NJ

*Submitted by Teresa Linck*

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

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

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



### St. Vladimir's UOC – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Department of Adult Ministries and Education Distance Learning Seminars Fall 2008

#### What Can I Give Him

*A Six Week Study during St. Philip's Fast*

**Topics:** Our Relationship With God; Our Unique position and what we must do to take care of ourselves—our bodies and our souls—God's valued possession; Relationships with one another; Mission and vocation; Responsibilities to God and His will in our lives; Our attitudes towards God and His Gifts.

**Format:** Self-directed Study, mini-lecture, group discussion, and reflection.

**Media:** Printed Self-Study Workbooks (hard copy, electronic file or Internet Blog), Teleconferencing, email and/or Internet Blog posting.

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#### St. Vladimir Senior UOL, Philadelphia, PA Submitted by Jim Sawchuk

September has been an extremely busy month for the Philadelphia Chapter. Planning of the 2011 Convention has begun. Chapter members gathered at the home of Joseph and Lydia Bohlen for a chapter and Convention Meeting. Chapter members feasted on a wonderful barbeque prepared by the Bohens. Although the weather did not cooperate, with pouring rain all day, we had a wonderful time and are thankful to the Bohens for their hospitality. The last weekend of September the chapter hosted the UOL Executive Boards. Chapter members housed board members, transported them, and enjoyed an evening at the Greek Festival. On Saturday Chapter members attended Divine Liturgy on the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Chapter members also prepared meals for the board. On Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral held the 2008 Basket Raffle in the Cathedral Hall. Now in it's 6<sup>th</sup> year, this annual fundraiser is co-chaired by Senior Chapter and Parish Board members Andrea Swan and Dori Nemeth. Many of St. Vladimir's Senior and Junior UOL Chapter members along with fellow parishioners and friends worked throughout the year to make this a successful event. They donated their time and talents from the early



planning stages to Sunday's final presentation. This year's theme was "America The Beautiful." With over 175 people in attendance, including Chapter members, parishioners, neighbors from our community, Very Reverend Volodymyr Hanas and parishioners from St. Mary Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Parish in Philadelphia, this year's event was a great success. Over 80 themed baskets along with gift cards, door prizes, gift certificates and six grand prizes were raffled off. Many Chapter members, parishioners, friends and local businesses graciously donated wonderful gift baskets, other prizes and/or made generous cash donations. Fellow parishioner and fabulous caterer Chris Peltikis provided the food and beverages and Senior Chapter member DJ Al Shinn was the M.C. St. Vladimir's Annual Basket Raffle has truly become a "fun" tradition. It has also grown to serve as one of the two primary yearly fundraisers at our Cathedral. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated and attended this year's event and look forward to your continued support. We hope to see everyone again, next year at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Basket Raffle - 2009 !



#### Parma Junior & Senior UOL Chapters Begin a New Year

Submitted by Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny

With the beginning of the new Church year, the Junior and Senior UOL chapter members have begun their work in earnest. Under the spiritual guidance of Fr. John Nakonachny, pastor, and Fr. Michael Hontaruk, assistant pastor at St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Parma, both Junior and Senior members have met and mapped out plans for the coming year. Meetings seem to revolve around good food - the Seniors started their year with a pot-luck dinner and meeting while the Junior chapter met at Krazy Pizza Buffet to get their year started.

The newly-elected president of the Junior chapter is Lesia Mahlay, with Maksym Kostryk as vice-president, Melanie Hlahol as secretary and John Kominko as treasurer. Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny is Senior chapter president, Melanie Nakonachny serves as vice-president, Olga Trypniak as secretary, Ludmilla Rowinsky is treasurer and Donna Kominko is Sunshine Chairperson.

Plans are well under way for the U.O.L.'s Pumpkin Party in October, annual Christmas Craft Fair and Christmas Cookie Walk in December, along with visits to St. Herman's House of Hospitality and visitations to the sick and elderly. Chapter members are also very actively involved in all aspects of parish life and often spearhead and participate in whatever committee or task that needs doing, as is often the case with U.O.L. chapter members everywhere. Everyone is looking forward to a busy year working for God's Holy Church and we wish all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ much success in all their U.O.L. meetings and projects.

Rev. Michael Hontaruk & Rev. John R. Nakonachny administer the Oath of Office to the newly-elected Board members of St. Vladimir's Junior & Senior U.O.L. chapters.



#### ASK FR. HARVEY (continued from page 2)

Hundreds of different names are on our calendar of saints, providing a wide and exotic list to choose from. Agafangelos, Pulcheria or Glikeria may be just too strange, but there are literally hundreds of names that would fit. Saints from the Western church before the schism are also quite good. Kevin and Brendan ( or Brandon, a derivative) are quite acceptable names and were interesting Irish saints. Carter sounds as English as anything, hmm even quite contemporary, but believe it or not, we have a Carterius on our calendar.

Let us say that you and your spouse have chosen a cutesy name for your child and want to present it for baptism under that title. I know it is not a saint's name, and in fact, I have a friend whose pet bears the same name. For baptism I would suggest that you yoke an acceptable saint's name along with the twee little pop name that you have chosen, so that at baptism there are no embarrassing moments.

To return to the question, having the priest come to bless the new mom and to be a part of the official naming can alleviate misunderstanding from the start. Maybe parents do need to know from the start what is acceptable, or how to make what they have chosen acceptable. An ancient practice, found in our book of needs, it appears, could be very meaningful and practical today as an educational tool for new parents.



#### JUNIOR UOL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Submitted by Elizabeth Hucul- Junior Membership Committee Chair

The Membership Committee is a very rewarding committee, but also a very challenging one. We strive to communicate to others the fellowship and satisfaction one gains by participating in a League so devoted to its Church. Along with numerous activities that an individual chapter does, there are also many national activities to participate in. One of these activities is the Thanksgiving Tithing project, where all the proceeds go to a worthy and Christian cause. But, the Jr. Ukrainian Orthodox League is also a lot of fun. We participate in annual Conventions, where representatives from chapters across the nation can gather and get to know each other. As Jesus said: "For where two or more of you are gathered together, then I shall be with you also."



*(Family Fest - continued from page 1)*

After dinner campers enjoyed a variety of activities, some enjoyed the campfire, while others played games in the dining hall or hung out near their cabins. Saturday was a long day for all, and it seemed like everyone needed to catch up on their sleep so the evening ended early.

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

Sunday afternoon was the day of sports events. Campers participated in an all-out kick-ball tournament that continued for many innings, not because of any



tie-breakers but more from the joy of playing the game. The most enjoyable part of the game was watching the youngest players have juniors help them run the

bases by carrying them around the field.

The games continued from the kickball-field to the volleyball court.



*Family fest participants hanging around!*



The volleyball game was quite intense with Seniors versus Juniors. Games continued with basketball and with the transformation of the pavilion into a hockey rink. With

tables placed around the edges and nets on either side of the pavilion the rink was the sight of a great tournament. Others enjoyed time at the pool or relaxing at the main lodge. Everyone had a wonderful day and was ready for the great dinner.



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

entertaining the participants with his wonderful sense of humor.

Sunday evening a memorial service was celebrated for Juanita Robinson of blessed memory and for all individuals who



dedicated their time to All Saints Camp and have fallen asleep in the Lord.

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

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



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