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## UOL Retreat Bethlehem, PA

The Seventh Annual UOL Lenten Retreat was held in Bethlehem, PA. With fifty participants this year the retreat was not our best attended retreat, however,



Christian Love was abounding. In fact, many retreat regulars noted that this retreat was one of the best. The St. Francis Retreat House in Bethlehem, home to the retreat for the last five years, is a wonderful location. The center itself underwent some recent renovations and the accommodations were wonderful. Meals at the center were delicious and the staff at the center are incredibly welcoming. The Retreat House, named in honor of St. Francis, was a wonderful place to hold our retreat which focused on Saints.

Nine parishes were represented at the retreat including: Allentown, Johnson City, Maplewood, New Castle, Northampton, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, South Bound Brook, and Woonsocket. In addition we had several participants from other local Orthodox parishes.



The participants were blessed to have His Eminence Archbishop Antony attend and speak at the Retreat. Entitled "God is Wonderful in His Saints," the retreat focused on the saints of the church and our calling to be like the saints.

On Friday evening, Retreat Spiritual Father Myron Oryhon started the retreat with our first attempt to have a book discussion group. At last year's Convention a recommendation was made to have a book club where individuals read a specific book and discuss the reading. The National Executive Board discussed ways to implement this recommendation. The book, *Do Something Beautiful for God* by Anthony M. Coniaris, served as a starting point for our retreat. Participants were encouraged to read the pages from this book that focus upon the saints and a lively discussion followed.

Saturday morning started with morning prayers and breakfast. Fr. Anthony Perkins led morning prayers and was the first speaker on Saturday. He focused on the process that the Orthodox Church uses to glorify saints. He described

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## All Saints Camp Lenten Retreat

The Ukrainian Orthodox League All Saints Camp Lenten Retreat was held March 27-29, 2009 in Emlenton, Pennsylvania. This year's theme "Living an Orthodox Life in a Secular Society" brought participants from eight parishes to attend this three day event.



Participants arrived at the camp on Friday evening. Following registration and unpacking, everyone gathered in the main hall of the Millennium building for the opening workshop which was presented by Rev. Paisius McGrath from Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Lyndora, PA. Fr. Paisius spoke about the definition of the word secular and how it relates to everyday life. He also stressed the importance of establishing a relationship with your spiritual father. The workshop was followed by dinner and an introduction to a project that would run throughout the duration of the retreat – making blankets for the orphans in Ukraine. Friday evening ended with sewing, socialization, a competitive game of Logos, games and evening prayers.

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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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### **Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees**

*Fr. John W. Harvey - Sts. Peter & Paul, Youngstown, Ohio*

Throughout the Gospel narrative, we see Jesus making some corrections to the thinking of the Pharisees on the Law, and its interpretation, how it should be observed and about piety. Observing the Law does not mean that it should be used as a cudgel against those who observe it differently. Jesus emphasized the spirit of the law rather than the letter of the law. The Pharisees who were most diligent to see that every external observance be followed, created a piety that was puffed up with pride and were caustically judgemental of those whose observance did not measure up to their narrow standards. Certainly, they were intense, but forgetting mercy, truth and the spirit of the law, the end result was skewed. Pride reigned, divisions among the people increased and a false sense of religious superiority was promoted. The thrust of Phariseeism was not humble worship of God through faith and service, but rather an empty religiosity. The evil one loves when division arises in the midst of the church, for when priorities shift, emphasis becomes obsessed with one aspect of the faith, usually an external practice and the true worship of God suffers.

Religiosity and phariseeism has plagued the church over the years as people place an undue attention on petty matters and miss the true clear vision of God's worship. The headcovering of women in church over the years has taken an inordinate amount of attention, and indeed some fret and have great angst over a minor affair. Scripture tells us that women should wear headgear when they prophesy. I have yet to see women prophesy in our churches with or without headgear. In the early 70's, all but the eldest babas wore high beehive hairdos and so hats and scarves all but vanished in our parish, and with no negative repercussions. In another place, one woman made it a point at every bible study to pointedly ask a question regarding the proper head covering for a woman in church. No answer would satisfy her, and the truth of the matter was that this was done so as to differentiate herself (and her correct piety) from all others. Was the worship of God served? No. Was her pride even more vaunted? Yes. Hats, scarves and babushkas worn by women, especially in church, follow a local cultural tradition and not some canon law. Its prescriptions and proscriptions vary tremendously from village to village and country to country. What is important in this is that the woman entering the church should always be decently and modestly clothed, and if she has some scarf, that is fine. Her presence in church for worship is the most important thing and that what she wears does not distract attention from the service and prayer going on. Today a "peasant look" seems to be pushed in some Orthodox churches, and head gear and clothing which covers arms and skirting down to the floor becomes the only acceptable standard. Those who do not conform receive a negative judgement. We must beware as this can become a new phariseic obsession. Some take direction from monasteries, but let us be frank in this assessment. Those living in the world are not in a monastery, and the Orthodox church has NEVER countenanced explicit monastic practice for lay folk. It is prideful for a monk, even a spiritual father, to assume a shepherding direction in such a way as to control laymen's dress or frustrate the normal life of a married couple.

Another form of religiosity that should be addressed is that of improper use of prayer ropes. If they are used regularly, they can be a great spiritual tool and are a blessing. If, on the other hand, they have become simply a piece of religious jewelry their wearing can be negative. Some wear it just for show, or to emphasize their level of piety. What is a beneficial spiritual tool can become a thing of pride, or foster division among people.

Let us remember that religiosity usually stems from well-meaning but skewed emphasis on something external. Let us differentiate in our lives the dross from what is spiritually beneficial and always try to keep the spirit of the faith. Taking your eyes off of Jesus and putting your priorities elsewhere is just opening a door for the evil one to delude you further.



## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

*Oleh Bilynsky*



Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Christu!

I hope that you and all of your families enjoy a blessed and joyous Pascha. As part of your preparations for Pascha I hope you had an opportunity to attend at least one of the UOL Lenten Retreats, and I look forward to seeing many of you in South Bound Brook for the weekend of Saint Thomas Sunday.

By now all chapters should have received the 2009 awards mailing. Please read the documents thoroughly and consider nominating a candidate for the Very Rev. Protospesbyter Stephen Hallick-Holutiak Senior UOL Recognition Award, the Metro J. Baran Achievement Award or the UOL Distinguished National Service Award (descriptions of all awards were enclosed in the mailing). Also, it is imperative that all chapters complete the Chapter Annual Report Form that was included in the awards mailing. This form allows the National Executive Board and other UOL members to be aware of your chapter's activities. These forms are printed in the Annual Report that is distributed at the annual convention and is a chapter requirement. The Annual Report Form will also be used to determine the Senior UOL Chapter of the Year. The deadline for all paperwork is April 30.

By now all chapters should also have received their Sr. Chapter Election and Convention Delegate forms. The deadline for these forms is June 15, and hopefully each chapter will be sending as many delegates as possible to the convention in Youngstown. It is my fervent wish that every UOL member attends the convention and actively participates in the committee deliberations. Those deliberations will not only guide the UOL in the forthcoming year, but also help to set long-term goals for the UOL, and every UOL member's input is needed.

Those long-term goals will guide the UOL for years to come, and as such it is imperative that all UOL members take part in setting them. As such, please plan on attending this year's convention, and bring all of your creative and constructive ideas for the UOL with you.

With the fiscal year winding down, I thank all who contributed to the UOL's various fund-raising efforts, and note that it is never too late to make a donation. The Jr. UOL's Great Lent Giveaway, the Sr. UOL's Annual Fund Drive, and both the LSSK and MJSF fund drives are all still in full swing, so please contribute generously to these worthy causes.

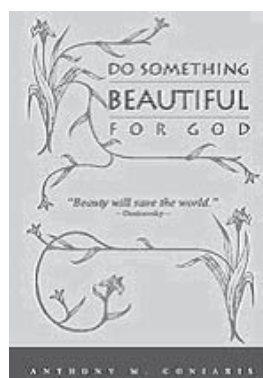
Lastly, the spring meeting of both the Junior and Senior National Executive Boards will be held in Youngstown, OH on May 16. As always, everyone is welcome and I encourage all who are in the area, both Juniors and Seniors, to attend the meeting (and to cheer on your favorite team in the fifth annual Senior-Junior Executive Board "Battle of the Boards").

Yours in Christ,  
Oleh V. Bilynsky

### *UOL Book Club*

Dostoevsky put it best when he proclaimed that, "Beauty will save the world." In these difficult times it is hard to see good things in life, let alone beauty. Do Something Beautiful for God by Anthony M. Coniaris explores the beauty of all things that God gives to us and how we must "purify our eyes" to see spiritual beauty. The UOL "Book Club," under the guidance of our spiritual advisor, has chosen this book as the official reading for the club. The UOL Book Club is a resolution of the Education Committee of the UOL passed at last year's convention. The Book Club is a wonderful way for UOL, Jr. UOL, and non-UOL members to become involved in thought and discussion about Orthodoxy. A letter will be sent to all UOL chapters giving more details about the UOL Book Club and book ordering options. A round table discussion will be held during St. Thomas

Sunday in South Bound Brook, to acclimate everyone who is interested about the book and participating in the book club. For additional information about the book and the UOL Book Club, please contact Eric Senedak at (412) 390-8261 or by email at emsenedak@gmail.com.





**"Trust in the Lord with all your HEART"**  
 Hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul Sr/ Jr UOL  
 Youngstown, Ohio  
 JULY 22-26, 2009



### 62<sup>nd</sup> UOL Convention

**"TRUST IN THE LORD  
 WITH ALL YOUR HEART"**

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

**Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**"Open your HEART" Hospitality Night hosted by the Sts. Peter & Paul Sr & Jr UOL Chapters will welcome you to the beginning of the 62<sup>nd</sup> UOL Convention. Enjoy meeting with friends from previous conventions while getting acquainted with new members.**

**Thursday July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Aloha Hawaiian Luau will entice your taste buds as you partake in a casual evening under the stars while listening to "Rudy and the Professionals" as they entertain with a tropical and high energy beat surpassed by none! Hawaiian attire is suggested for this unforgettable evening!**

**Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Ukrainian Heritage Ethnic Night will delight the senses as you see the Ukrainian Kiev Dancers, hear the ethnic music and contemporary tunes as played by the "Jack Vasko Orchestra" with Fred Yasnowski, taste a superb cuisine and feel the heartwarming friendship! Wear your finest Ukrainian attire as we celebrate our culture together! The 2010 UOL Convention Committee will offer their hospitality to elaborate on their upcoming event.**

**Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Workshops will be available today as well as visits to our many local attractions, golfing on or off resort premises, or simply swimming at the pool in preparation for this evening's event.**

**From the "HEART" Banquet and Ball-The Avalon Inn Resort will start the evening with an elegant and delicious Banquet menu that leads us into announcements of awards, scholarships and yearly honors. Music by "The Look" will provide entertainment as we dance the night away with old and newfound friends.**

**Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**"Keep us in your HEART" Farewell Luncheon will follow a spiritual Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. A "Heartfelt" bon voyage will bid each and all farewell until next year!**

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



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

*Submitted by Pam Scannell*

On UOL Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, our chapter held a potluck lunch after liturgy, which was well attended. We all enjoyed each others company and actually it was the third Sunday in December that we ate together as a parish family. Since then we have had two baked ziti dinners for fundraisers, and added to our annual meeting luncheons, we have eaten together as a parish family four more times since December.

Our chapter also received the 61<sup>st</sup> UOL Convention rebate check and has decided to use the money to replace the fabric on the Christmas trees that so nicely decorate our parish Memorial Center. The rest of the money was donated to our church youth ministry fund and the remainder to our parish family. We are very grateful for all the help and support we received from our parish family, which helped ensure a successful convention.

During Great Lent we collected food items to donate to our local soup kitchen because their food supplies have been depleted due to the current economic difficulties.

We also wish everyone a Blessed and Holy Pascha.



## NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT

*Taylor Gladys*

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Time certainly flies when you are having fun, and it is already April! I pray that all of you have had a most holy Lenten season as Pascha draws near. For the next coming weeks, let us reflect upon our year so far and contemplate ways in which we can better ourselves for the Glory of God.

With the convention approaching, it is time to put the final touches on our Great Lent Giveaway Project for this year. Just as a reminder, the Junior UOL decided to assemble "health kits" this year, in conjunction with Inner Orthodox Christian Charities. Information was sent to every chapter regarding this project, and further questions can be answered by Financial Secretary, Ethan Rock (Ejrock7@aol.com). Thank you to all of those who have participated thus far!

Raffle tickets are also currently on sale. Each chapter received raffle tickets to sell for the drawing at Convention in Youngstown. Please sell your tickets, as this is the largest fund raiser the Junior UOL will sponsor all year. If you have any questions concerning the raffle or are in need of any more tickets, please contact Vice President, Eric Perankovich, 7421 Ranier Tr, Boardman, OH 44512. Please send in your stubs to Eric, not later than May 1, 2009.

In this day and age, traveling to the Youngstown 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 am absolutely thrilled to see everyone at convention this year and I sincerely hope that it is deigned a wonderful success. Let us recall the theme of this year's convention, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart..." as we conclude this Lenten season. Thank you, and may God bless us all.

In Christ's Love,

Taylor Gladys

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Young Adult UOL Member Sponsors Zabava to Support UOC Orphanage Project

Submitted by Connie Markiw

On Saturday, February 21, 2009 the Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and School presented the world premiere of 'The Magic Boots' at the Andrew Carnegie Music Hall in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. In conjunction with this performance a Zabava/Dance Fundraiser was held to benefit the Ukrainian Orphanage Project. This event was conceived and organized by Anastasia Markiw, a member of the Sts. Peter and Paul UOL Chapter in Carnegie. The approximately 75 people in attendance all enjoyed a feast of 30 pizzas donated



by Mr. John Hurey, Jr., as well as many desserts and snacks which were donated by the families of the Kyiv dance group. Everyone danced the night away to recorded contemporary and traditional folk songs. Donations from this event totaled \$530.00 which have been forwarded to the Ukrainian Orphanage Project of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

Vocations and Clergy Support Corner

Submitted by Pani Matka Linda Oryhon

The last time I was in South Bound Brook attending a UOL National Executive Board meeting, I had a chance to go into the bookstore. There I found the cutest activity book for children called "Build Your Own Priest." It had cutout figures with the different vestments worn. The purpose is to educate children as to the different items of clothing worn by priests. It is well done and something very useful for young children.

The title got me thinking about "building a priest." If I could do such a thing, what would I include? What would we all think is an important ingredient for building a priest? Would personality and social skills have more importance than moral character? Would communication skills and writing ability be more important than knowledge of the services of the Church? Would singing ability take preference over spirituality? Do we want our priest to be "one of the guys" or someone set apart as a leader?

Now, during the season of Great Lent, could be the time to think about the individual who has been sent to lead our parish community spiritually. How do we help or hinder that leadership? What is our role in this relationship with our spiritual father? We are urged this time of year to examine all of our actions towards others, motives for our behaviors and especially our relationship with God. And this must include that most vital interaction with our priest and our parish family.

Next issue, you will read about what Christ and our Church teaches about "building a priest." But until then, utilize the rest of Great Lent to strengthen your faith, nurture your families and become an example in your parish community. And to that end we would know the answer to what is needed "to build an Orthodox Christian."

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT RUNNING FOR THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD?

WOULD YOU LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT A SPECIFIC OFFICE?

CONTACT NATALIE BILYNSKY AT NSUFLER@AOL.COM TO GET MORE INFORMATION.

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AVALON INN RESORT IS Y-TOWN'S PREMIER 62nd UOL CONVENTION SPOT!!!



Head to Youngstown, Ohio for a heart-felt welcome during the Sr/Jr Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention July 22-26, 2009. Bring a little



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attractions yield the Avalon Inn as a destination resort for the area, a great choice indeed!

With all our hearts, we are looking forward to seeing you in July!!

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

*Submitted by Jim Sawchuk*

In preparation for Great Lent, our chapter sponsored the Annual Lenten Soup and Salad on Sunday, March 8th. Andi Swan, president of the Senior Chapter



and Senior Chapter member Dr. Rebecca McNulty were the co-chairpeople for the luncheon. Well attended by our parishioners in the Cathedral Hall, the menu included a variety of soups and salads, rolls, fresh fruit cups and beverages. The profit from this event will benefit our convention treasury and the sponsorship of the up-coming 64th Annual UOL Convention in Philadelphia in 2011.



We are proud of the fact that at the most recent Senior Chapter meeting, we voted to send a donation to the Sheptak family. This donation was taken from the profit of our very successful Malanka 2009.

Another Lenten project includes the chapter visiting our shut-in parishioners. We plan on singing hymns, and delivering food baskets, religious icons and pussy willows.

We would also like to remind everyone, once again, that St. Vladimir Senior and Junior UOL Chapters will be sponsoring the return of the UOL Basketball Tournament. It will take place in Philadelphia: May 1 - 3, 2009 and is an open tournament, so you can register as a team or as an individual. It will serve as a fundraiser for our up-coming UOL Convention in 2011. For further information, please contact our co-chairpeople Jordan Gladys and Josh Oryhon via e-mail: UOLhoops@hotmail.com

### St. Vladimir Junior UOL Chapter Philadelphia, PA

*Submitted by Chris McNulty*

This upcoming spring will be very busy for our Jr. U.O.L. of St. Vladimir's in Philadelphia. After establishing what funds we had in our treasury and after closing the book on successful events such as our St. Nicholas day cookie sale and a church-wide gathering at Dave and Buster's, we began planning for the spring season in our latest meeting. We began by announcing the Lenten Retreat in Allentown, on the weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, and by establishing a post Pre-Sanctified Liturgy dinner on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April which will be held at a nearby restaurant for both the Juniors and Seniors after attending Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. We then discussed the basketball tournament which St. Vladimir's is holding on May 2nd and began talking about our major projects for this season.

The project which we are tackling this spring is a College Care Package. The Juniors will be gathering the addresses of college students in the area and assembling care-packages for them that will include a parish bulletin, a book on spirituality in the Orthodox faith, the phone numbers of church members near these colleges, an icon and cookies. Over the next month the Juniors will be assembling the boxes and packing them with these goodies. The Juniors will also gather to bake the cookies on April 12<sup>th</sup> and the packages will be sent out just after colleges are finished with their spring breaks.

We are also taking on another challenge in the late spring by planting a flower bed and creating a prayer station there with an Icon for those that wish to stop and pray there. This spring should prove to be filled with faith, fun and fellowship for our Jr. U.O.L.

### St. Andrew's Jr. UOL of Boston

*Submitted by Jane Yavarow*

St. Andrew's Jr. UOL of Boston has maintained an active schedule since the beginning of the 2008-2009 calendar year. In September 2008, we elected officers and helped out at the church's annual Fall Septemberfest. On Sunday, October 19, 2008 our members participated in St. Andrew's Second Annual Youth Sunday. Individuals took on a number of roles during the Divine Liturgy. They greeted parishioners as they entered the church, read the Epistle in both English and Ukrainian, sang in the choir and took the collection. After the Liturgy they provided the pastries and poured the beverages for Coffee Hour. Our youth commented on how much they enjoyed actively



participating in the service, but said they were tired at the end of it all! In November members hosted a luncheon and Bingo fundraiser.

In December we served dinner at our St. Andrew's Day Banquet and held our annual Christmas tree decorating festivities.



Our charity projects included appealing for new books for 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. February 8, 2009 was "Bring a Friend to Church Day." After worshipping together, we enjoyed an afternoon of candlepin bowling (unique to New England!) topped off by a pizza party. We look forward to our Lenten Workshop and charitable projects planned for Great Lent.



*Lizzie Little and Allie Teper collect for "Souper" Bowl Sunday*

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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

Participation in Pre-Junior Programs  
Yes \_\_\_ No (Number involved) \_\_\_\_\_Saturday Banquet Entree Choices: \_\_\_ Sirloin Filet and Almond Crusted  
Chicken  
\_\_\_ Vegetarian**Registration Deadline: There is a \$10.00 discount  
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c/o Kathleen Duzzny  
66 Parkgate Ave, Youngstown Ohio 44515\*For further information kduzz@zoominternet.net  
or 330 792 7068

**All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Camp**  
**110 All Saints Road**  
**Scrubgrass Township**  
**Emlenton, PA 16373**  
**412-390-8261**

The snow is finally melting and the spring and summer are approaching quickly. This means that we are getting All Saints Camp ready for the 2009 camping season. There is a lot of work that needs to be done and we could use some help!!!

Whether it is cutting grass, painting cabins or general maintenance everyone is welcome. If it has been a few years since you have been to camp many things have changed. One of the greatest improvements to the camp is the St. Thomas Chapel. It is a beautiful chapel and a spiritual destination that I recommend to everyone. All Saints Camp provides a sacred place for the youth of our church to gather together to praise God and learn about our faith. By donating your time you will help promote a strong foundation of Orthodox education. If you would like more information about All Saints Camp please contact me at (412) 390-8261 or by email at emsenedak@gmail.com.

In Christ,  
Eric Senedak, Camp Manager

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**UOL EDUCATION COMMISSION  
ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST**

**“TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART”****Pre-school/Kindergarten**

Draw a picture of someone you trust.

**Grades 1 and 2** (2 sentences and a picture)

Draw a picture of someone you trust, and tell why.

**Grades 3 and 4** (3 or 4 sentences, a picture can also be included)

Explain what “TRUST” means to you.

**Grades 5 and 6** ( 35 - 50 words)

Tell why “Trust in Our Lord” should be important to all of us.

**Grades 7 and 8** ( 75 - 100 words )

Name a person in the “Old Testament” who trusted God and how this trust was shown.

**Grades 9 and 10** ( 125 - 200 words )

In the “New Testament” what female figure provides us with an example of total trust in God and how that trust was shown?

**Grades 11 and 12** ( 200 - 400 words )

How do the main figures, with the exception of Jesus Christ, in the Christmas story, exhibit behavior of “Trusting in the Lord”, and how we might emulate this trust?

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

In the “New Testament”, what pagan demonstrated total trust? Describe the event and how it might influence your life.

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the last Panakhyda that is held prior to glorification. Next Fr. Frank Estocin spoke about the Saints of Ukraine.

In the afternoon we focused our discussion on our own personal vocations and calling to be like the saints. To

facilitate this discussion Pani Matka Linda Oryhon introduced a group discussion where all of the clergy present shared their personal journey to the priesthood. Fr. Bazyl Zawierucha started the discussion and described his calling to the priesthood. Each clergy took



about ten minutes to briefly describe how they were called to the priesthood. This panel moved from Fr. Bazyl to Fr. Frank Estocin, to Fr. Myron Oryhon, to Fr. Anthony Perkins, to Fr. Zinoviy Zharsky to His Eminence Archbishop Antony. Each panel member's personal journey was different, however, each was truly inspirational.

Retreat participants stated that they could not remember a time when they were so inspired at a retreat or discussion. It is truly a mark of inspiration when the audience laments the next day that the discussion was not recorded for others to be similarly inspired.



His Eminence Archbishop Antony had the daunting task of following this panel discussion. His Eminence, always an inspiring speaker, enthralled the group. He spoke about our calling to be like the saints and reflected on the prayer of St. Ephraim.



Following our speakers we broke into small groups of four and completed several puzzles and games that focused on the saints. There was some concern that there was a team of professionals in our midst with the Archbishop leading a team of seminarians. The games included matching locations with specific saints, placing the saints in chronological order to when they lived and completing a jumble puzzle.

Following intense, yet friendly competition, the group joined for Vespers. After a little free time everyone joined for a delicious dinner.

Fr. Myron led the closing group, that encouraged everyone to think of the things learned during the retreat. Perhaps the greatest sign of the success of the retreat was the discussion, well into the evening, about the topic and discussion groups. That night retreat participants went to bed with their heads overflowing with ideas and thoughts from the retreat.

On Sunday morning retreat participants participated in Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Protectress in Allentown. For those who have not seen the amazing iconography in the parish it is absolutely beautiful. The church walls glowed with icons depicting the very saints we had discussed the day before. The Allentown parish, a truly warm and wonderful community, welcomed the retreat participants as family. A wonderful Lenten brunch was prepared and all enjoyed the delicious meal together. One of the highlights of the retreat each year is seeing our UOL family in Allentown. If you haven't attended a UOL Retreat — you are missing a great experience.

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Saturday began with morning prayers and breakfast and was followed by a workshop led by Rev. Robert Popichak from Holy Ghost Parish in Slickville, PA. Father Popichak focused his workshop on the importance of keeping Christ as the center of our lives. After this uplifting workshop, the participants enjoyed lunch and then continued to work on the blankets for the orphans in Ukraine. Throughout the duration of the retreat more than 50 blankets were made. During the afternoon participants also placed a cross on the camp's Hill of Crosses, as a remembrance of this retreat. The cross from last year's retreat was also taken to the Hill of Crosses during this time.



After a short break of relaxation, hiking and socialization, participants gathered for the third workshop. This workshop, led by V. Rev. John Nakonachny of Parma, OH focused on how secularism is taking over today's society. He specifically spoke on how churches across the country are being closed

because of a lack of church attendance and how now is the time to serve as missionaries, to bring people into our churches, before it is too late. The workshop ended with Great Vespers being served by Fr. Nakonachny and sung by all of the retreat participants.



Following dinner the final workshop was led by V. Rev. John Haluszczak of St. Vladimir's Parish in Pittsburgh, PA. This workshop analyzed scripture and how it related to the theme of the retreat. Fr. John brought the retreat's theme into an everyday perspective. The day wound down with participants relaxing, discussing the workshops of the day and enjoying each other's company

On Sunday morning, V. Rev. John Harvey traveled to All Saints Camp from Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Youngstown, OH to celebrate Divine Liturgy. For the first time, the retreat held Divine Liturgy in the newly consecrated St. Thomas Chapel at All Saints Camp.



The singing of the responses by the retreat participants was truly moving. The retreat ended with a delicious brunch before it was time for everyone to say goodbye and depart.



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