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The City of Brotherly Love was the place to be for all UOL members from July 27-31<sup>st</sup>. Senior and Junior UOL delegates and guests gathered in Philadelphia for the 64th Annual UOL Convention and the 50<sup>th</sup> Junior UOL Convention. The Convention, planned by the Senior and Junior UOL Chapters of St. Vladimir, Philadelphia, PA was a huge success both in terms of business sessions and in planned activities. This year the Convention Body followed up on the work completed last year as related to the 2020 Vision. While the business sessions are important, one of the great aspects of the Convention is the family atmosphere, the time to rekindle friendships and to make new ones. On Wednesday, July 27, 2011, both the Senior and Junior National Executive Boards held their pre-convention meetings. Registration was opened on Wednesday and coordinated by Daria Danyo. Quite unusual this year, on Wednesday the registration was in the hotel lobby, so the presence of the UOL Convention was felt throughout the lobby of the center city Philadelphia hotel. Later in the week the registration room moved closer to the meeting rooms and housed both registration and the cultural shop. Throughout the Convention the registration room was wonderfully helpful with directions and suggestions for restaurants, and was always welcoming. The cultural room, combined with registration, allowed for individuals to look at several displays including a poster collage honoring Fr. Frank Estocin of Blessed Memory, poster boards with pictures from recent UOL Conventions, a display from the SOS campaign and cultural contest entries. The cultural room manned by Lydia Bohan and Lydia Economou included a shop named "Baba's Attic" where individuals could purchase religious items, ceramics, embroidery, jewelry, and items brought from Ukraine. Convention guests gathered for Vespers in the chapel. Fr. Taras Naumenko set a beautiful chapel at the hotel. Following Vespers, the Convention business sessions started with President Martha Misko calling the 64th Annual Convention to order. The pledge of allegiance was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. All UOL members participated in a moment of silence in honor of UOL members of Blessed Memory. Business sessions were opened

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## JUNIOR UOL 50th REUNION CELEBRATED AT THE UOL CONVENTION!



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**"Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity" (Psalm: 133:1)**



**65th UOL CONVENTION  
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### **Few Are Called...** Submitted by Pani Matka Linda Oryhon

At the Annual Convention in Philadelphia, the Vocations and Clergy Support Commission presented scholarships from the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund to our seminarians in excess of \$12,000. Commission chair Pani Matka Linda Oryhon presented the checks to His Grace Bishop Daniel, who accepted on their behalf. Seminarian Subdeacon Philip Harendza accepted his scholarship and spoke about his desire to serve Christ and the Church. In order to be



considered for a scholarship, the seminarians submitted transcripts of their grades for the Fall and Spring semesters. Fall semester 2010 courses included Old Testament Prophets and Wisdom Literature, Patristics I, Fundamental Moral Theology,

Sacramental Theology and Practicum and Ecclesiastical Music I. Spring semester 2011 included New Testament Epistles and Acts, Patristics II, Orthodox Christian Social Ethics, The Festal Cycles and Practicum, Field Education Ministry and Seminar, and Ecclesiastical Music II. Also required, for consideration, is a narrative describing each seminarian's spiritual growth as well as their progress in priestly formation. The 2011 recipients include Vasyl Dovgan, Vasyl Pasakas and Andriy Matlak from the region of Ivano-Frankivsk in Ukraine, who have finished their second year of Theology at St. Sophia Seminary. Ioan Mazur is Ukrainian from Romania and finished his first year of Theology. Philip Harendza from St. John Parish in Johnson City, New York, has finished his second year of Theology at St. Sophia Seminary. James Gubas from St. Nicholas Parish in Charlottesville, Va. finished his second year of Theology at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Seminary in Boston. Deacon Nicholas Zachary finished the St. Stephen's correspondence courses in Theology (3 years) and three years of postgraduate work at St. Sophia Seminary. He is serving St. Nicholas Parish in Charlottesville, Va. We are grateful for our seminarians' dedication to their studies and more importantly for serving Christ. We will continue to pray and support them in their efforts, as they seek ordination in the future.

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with greetings by President Martha Misko, Junior UOL President Taylor Gladys, Spiritual Advisor Fr. Taras Naumenko, Convention Co-Chairpersons Mark Bohon and Lynn Szafranski as well as Junior Convention Chairperson Lynn Nemeth. Sadly, His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine was unable to attend the Convention and he was greatly missed. As part of the initial session President Martha Misko explained the plan for committee meetings. She reviewed the 2020 Vision established last year at the Convention and set the task for each committee. Each Committee was asked to address the question "What can this committee recommend that will help with the 2020 goals?" The Senior Committees: Vocations and Clergy Support, Ways and Means, Public Relations;



as well as the Junior Committees: Christian Caregiving and Missions, Youth, Membership and Chapter Development and Education; developed two to three goals each.

Following sessions, everyone joined the Philadelphia Chapter in the hospitality room. The hospitality room was crowded with UOL members catching up with old friends.

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT**

**Martha X Misko**



Once again I greet you at the beginning of a new UOL year! I appreciate the support that you all have shown me this past year, and I look forward to 2011-2012!

Firstly, I want to extend the appreciation of the entire UOL to the Junior and Senior Chapters of St. Vladimir Parish in Philadelphia, PA, for a most memorable Convention. Each spiritual, business, and social event was well-planned, inspiring, and much fun. Special congratulations go to Convention Co-chairs Lynn Szafranski and Mark Bohon, Spiritual Advisor Fr. Taras Naumenko, and Junior Chair Lynn Nemeth for leading the 64<sup>th</sup> Convention Committee to a job well-done!

The agenda of the 64<sup>th</sup> Convention was to review the goals of the VISION FOR 2020 set by the 63<sup>rd</sup> UOL Convention Body, and to develop strategies that will move the UOL toward those goals. Thusly, the Convention Committees created recommendations that the newly elected National Executive Board will consider implementing in the coming year and/or the following years in the hopes that these paths will strengthen our UOL and our Church.

To help the UOL accomplish its goals this year, the following were elected to the National Executive Board and appointed to chair its Commissions and Committees:

President - Martha Misko, Northampton, PA  
Awards

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President - Pani-Matka MaryAnne Nakonachny, Parma, OH  
Christian Care-giving and Missions

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President - Tabitha Houck, Coatesville, PA  
Junior League Advisor

Recording Secretary - Teresa Linck, Carteret, NJ  
Education

Corresponding Secretary - Christine Mills, Ambridge, PA  
Camp Delegate

Financial Secretary- Pam Scannell, Johnson City, NY  
Membership, Ways and Means

Treasurer - Oleh Bilynsky, Philadelphia, PA  
Youth

Auditor - Mark Meschisen, Woonsocket, RI  
Chapter Development

Pani Matka Linda Oryhon, Allentown, PA  
Vocations and Clergy Support

Natalie Bilynsky, Philadelphia, PA  
UOL Bulletin Editor, Ways and Means

Josh Oryhon, Philadelphia, PA Public Relations

His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine has appointed His Grace Bishop Daniel to be the Spiritual Father of the Senior National Executive Board this year. We are delighted to have His Grace as our spiritual advisor and look forward to his guidance.



Congratulations are also extended to the 2011-2012 Junior National

Executive Board headed by President Greg Markiw and Spiritual Advisor Father Anthony Ugolnik. The Junior UOL has always been dedicated and enthusiastic about working for our Church. They are always an inspiration to all of us! I know that this year's Junior UOL will be no exception!

At this time our Fall Junior/Senior National Executive Board Meetings have not been scheduled. Please check the UOL Website in the near future for the date and location of our meeting. Should you be in the area of our meeting, please consider joining us!

I remain yours in Christ,  
Martha X. Misko



### Convention 2012 News

Inspired by the special appearance of Jim Sawchuk as David Letterman during the "Night at the Ostaps" event on Friday night at the Convention in Philadelphia, the Convention Committee in Allentown is pleased to present... *The Top Ten Reasons for attending the UOL Convention in Allentown, PA*

10. **Yuengling and Sons Brewery** – take a tour of the nation's oldest brewery in Pottsville, PA
9. **Crayola Crayon Factory** – see how crayons and markers are made, learn about the history of the Crayola brand
8. **Lehigh Valley IronPigs Baseball** – attend a game of the Triple-A affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies at beautiful Coca-Cola Park
7. **Lehigh Valley Wine Trail** – visit 8 vineyards in the area, who have won the last 9 out of 10 Governor's Cup competitions
6. **Egypt Star Bakery** – sample a variety of pastries from cakes to cookies to doughnuts or hearth-baked breads
5. **Marshmallow Peeps** – not just a treat for Paschal!
4. **A-Treat Soda** – stay refreshed with an Allentown tradition since 1918
3. **Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom** – 2 parks for the price of one, less than 20 minutes away!
2. **New Icons in Church** – witness our beautiful new iconography with your own eyes
  1. **"Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity."** (Psalm 133:1)

### The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual UOL Convention Hosted by the Protection of the Theotokos Parish in Allentown, PA July 26-29, 2012

Be sure to watch this space as we continue to countdown the months, weeks, days, minutes and seconds to the Convention in Allentown!

Also, please visit our webpage for more updates and news:  
<http://uol.orthodoxws.com/2012convention.html>

### Melanie Nakonachny honored with Metro J. Baran Award

The Metro J. Baran Award was instituted to honor the memory of Metro Baran for his many years of dedicated service and untiring efforts in working with the juniors and the Ukrainian Orthodox League. This award is presented only when the National Executive Board has received a nomination for a deserving individual who has worked diligently and unselfishly in working with the youth of the church on the local, regional, and national levels in their preparation as future church leaders. At this year's Convention the Metro J. Baran Achievement Award was presented to Melanie Nakonachny of St. Vladimir Parish in Parma, OH.

Melanie is, as her chapter relates, extremely active with the youth of the parish. She is responsible for a large portion of the youth activities of the church, is a Junior chapter co-advisor, and has been a Sunday School teacher. She arranges, encourages and supervises youth participation in church, especially on Holy Days when the youth of the parish participate in the readings during the services. She regularly volunteers to drive the youth of the parish to visit the elderly and shut-ins during Nativity and Pascha. She is an officer in her SR. Chapter and has been a National



Executive Board President, Recording Secretary, as well as the former Senior Advisor to the Junior National Executive Board. She is a regular participant in the UOL Lenten Retreats and Young Adult activities. She has for approximately 15 years served as a counselor at All Saints

Camp and attends work weekends and Camp Committee meetings. It is stated that the devotion and love for the Orthodox Faith and its youth is very evident with this recipient and that she "truly lives up to the motto DEDICATED TO OUR CHURCH...DEVOTED TO ITS YOUTH." Congratulations to Melanie Nakonachny!



### NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT Gregory Markiw

Glory to Jesus Christ!

My name is Gregory Markiw and I am the 2011-2012 President of the Junior National Executive Board. I would like to first congratulate the Senior and Junior Chapters of the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Vladimir the Great for the awesome job they did hosting the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention in Philadelphia, PA this year. Mr. Mark Bohlen and Ms. Lynn Szafranski were the Convention Co-Chairs and did an outstanding job, as well as all the chapter and church members. They all worked very hard to make this year's convention hospitable and entertaining!

I would like to take a moment to give special thanks to Taylor Gladys for her commendable service to the UOL over the past three years. She served the League with dignity and grace and I am grateful for her help during this transition. Thanks also to all of last year's board members for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the Junior UOL. To all of our members who graduated this past year, 'Congratulations' and don't forget to talk to your Senior Chapter President about becoming Senior Members!

I would like to introduce the newly elected 2011-2012 National Executive Board. At our first meeting following the Convention, committees and liaison chapters were assigned to each board member. Please feel free to contact them concerning their assignments any time if you have questions.

President - Gregory Markiw, Carnegie, PA  
Pysh Travel Grant  
Liaison chapters: Boston, Carnegie, Youngstown

Vice-President - Katie Zimmerman, Allentown, PA  
Membership and Chapter Development  
Liaison chapters: Allentown, Johnson City, New Britain

Recording Secretary - Justina Mills, Ambridge, PA,  
Yearbook and Christian Care giving and Outreach  
Liaison chapters: Woonsocket, Pittsburgh, Parma

Corresponding Secretary -Lynn Nemeth, Philadelphia, PA  
Technology Committee  
Liaison chapters: Philadelphia, Palos Park, Southfield

Financial Secretary - Elizabeth Hershey, Coatesville, PA  
Cultural Committee  
Liaison chapters: Northampton, Coatesville

Treasurer - Nick Holowko, Maplewood, NJ  
Fundraising Committee  
Liaison chapters: Maplewood, Carteret

Advisors appointed for the 2011-2012 year:  
Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Anthony Ugolnik, Coatesville, PA  
Senior Advisor - Tabitha Houck, Coatesville, PA

I am extremely excited about this year's Board! We are ready to get started doing the work of the Jr. UOL and hope that all of our members are prepared to work with us to make this a very productive year. This past year was one of great progress and we plan to build on that strong foundation, but we will need all our chapters to do their part. Please remember to get your updated and completed roster forms, chapter dues and membership dues mailed in by the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. These forms will be uploaded onto the Jr. UOL website, <http://www.uol.orthodoxws.com/resources.html>. Please try to take advantage of this link during the year. A major cost incurred by the National Board is mailing, and we would like to work to eliminate this expense, or at least reduce it, as well as making the UOL more "green!" Please remember to fill in all the information on the roster forms including emails. We are working to utilize our National Jr. UOL Email Distribution List, which will also help keep the lines of communication open between the Board and all Jr. Members.

May God guide us in our decision making this upcoming year as we strive to do good works for His Church. I would like to wish both the Senior and Junior NEB members good luck and ask that we all remain tolerant and mindful of each other's differences, so that we do not get distracted by differences that could work to divide us and hinder us from fulfilling our duties and service to our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the League.

Peace and Love,  
Gregory Markiw



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Thursday morning His Eminence Archbishop Antony and His Grace Bishop Daniel co-celebrated Divine Liturgy. The entire convention body sang responses in unison. One of the joys of the UOL Convention is our ability to sing together as one family in Christ. Another joy of the Liturgy is that UOL members partake of the sacrament of communion as one family. The

Divine Liturgy starts the Convention and reminds us of the focus of the UOL.

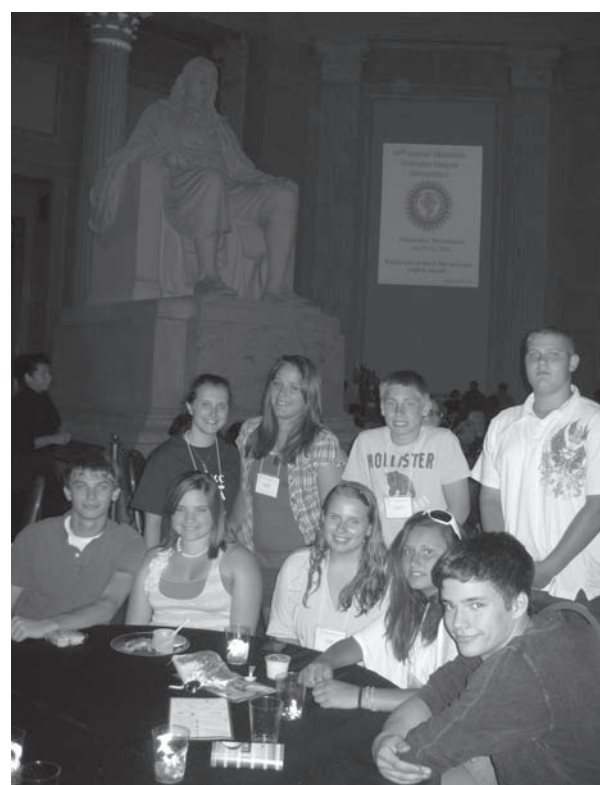
After Divine Liturgy everyone enjoyed a lovely breakfast buffet. Following breakfast, the sessions reconvened. As part of the Business sessions, the Convention body approved the 63rd Annual UOL Convention Minutes, reviewed the Annual Report for 2010-2011 and the Audit Report, and reviewed and approved the Financial Report for 2010-2011 that also included the acceptance of a 2011-2012 Budget.

On Thursday His Eminence Archbishop Antony addressed the Convention body. President Martha Misko presented His Eminence Archbishop Antony with a check for over \$3,600 to the St. Andrew's Society, for soup kitchens in Ukraine. These funds were raised as part of the UOL's Souper Bowl Sunday fund-raising project.

Also, Michael Nakonachny provided a summary of the SOS (Save Our Structures) campaign for All Saints Camp. He reported much success in raising funds and asked for volunteers for the upcoming work weekends: September 16-18 and October 14-16.



alike danced on the floor that lit up with each step, while others were entertained while simulating a weather forecast and watching how successful they were at being a weather forecaster. After exploring the museum the group gathered in Ben Franklin Hall, a huge rotunda with an enormous marble statue of Benjamin Franklin. There delegates and guests enjoyed Philly favorites: steak sandwiches, hoagies, soft pretzels and water ice. After eating the group danced to the tunes provided by Al Shinn.



On Thursday evening the entire delegation boarded double-decker buses to get a mini tour of Philadelphia. Delegates and guests got to see Independence

Friday morning started bright and early with morning prayers. Directly after morning prayers sessions continued with the presentation of committee reports. Some highlights of discussion were the focus on Public Relations and the need for more information on the UOL Webpage. It was decided that the Public Relations Committee person would serve on the Board as a full Board Member. There was also discussion about having a Public Relations liaison for each chapter so that there could be a seamless flow of information between chapters. The Ways and Means Committee discussed attendance at the Convention and the possibility of hosting "smaller conventions" every other year that are at retreat centers or at All Saints Camp, with the goal of reducing cost for the participants and encouraging greater attendance. The Membership Joint Committee discussed plans for the "Bigger Picture Initiative" to be advertised in the Ukrainian Orthodox Word and to parishes without a chapter. Additionally, it was encouraged that Board Members or designees visit parishes that have the potential of developing a chapter.

Pre-Junior activities were coordinated by Beth Harendza. The pre-juniors participated in projects that focused on learning more about Orthodoxy. The pre-juniors were a wonderful group who participated in all evening events, dancing and enjoying the festivities of the Convention.

An enthusiastic presentation was made by the Allentown UOL Chapter for the 2012 Convention. Dennis Ritter, convention co-chairperson, spoke to delegates and guests about the plans for the Convention and played a video presentation that highlighted the attractions of Allentown and the Lehigh Valley. The chapter also had a lovely display of Christmas trees that will be auctioned and discussed their plan for a Christmas in July. Allentown had a large group attending the Convention and made it clear that next year will be a wonderful Convention.

Sessions started winding down with the election of officers, those individuals challenged to fulfill the goals set at this UOL Convention. The Officers of the Senior UOL Executive Board – 2011-2012:

President- Martha Misko, Northampton, PA

First VP- Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny, Parma, OH

Second VP- Tabitha Houck, Coatesville, PA

Recording Secretary- Teresa Linck, Carteret, NJ

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Hall, the Liberty Bell and the Art Museum. This mini tour ended with a few rain drops as we entered the Franklin Institute.

The UOL had the Museum to itself to enjoy many of the science exhibits. Some highlights in the Franklin Institute included the huge heart that you can walk through and learn about blood flow. Others went to the planetarium or saw a huge locomotive to learn about trains and energy. Another area of the museum had a fun interactive exhibit on electricity where juniors and seniors



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Corresponding Secretary- Christine Mills, Ambridge, PA  
 Treasurer- Oleh Bilynsky, Philadelphia, PA  
 Financial Secretary- Pam Scannell, Johnson City, NY  
 Auditor- Mark Meschisen, Woonsocket, RI  
 His Grace Bishop Daniel was named as Spiritual Advisor for the Senior UOL National Executive Board. Appointments made by President Martha Misko included: Pani Matka Linda Oryhon as Vocations and Clergy Support and Joshua Oryhon as Public Relations/Web page. Additionally, the Editor of the UOL BULLETIN will remain Natalie Bilynsky.

Junior UOL Executive Board – 2011-2012:  
 President- Gregory Markiw, Carnegie PA  
 Vice President- Katie Zimmerman, Allentown, PA  
 Recording Secretary- Justina Mills, Ambridge, PA  
 Corresponding Secretary- Lynn Nemeth, Philadelphia, PA  
 Financial Secretary- Elizabeth Hershey, Coatesville, PA  
 Treasurer- Nicholas Holowko, Maplewood, NJ  
 Martha Misko announced that Tabitha Houck would serve as Junior UOL Advisor. Rev. Anthony Ugolnik was appointed as Spiritual Advisor to the Junior Board.



Memory (he was with us in spirit just as he was with us in preparing for the event several years ago). Before the show started the crowds enjoyed appetizers, had their pictures taken by the paparazzi and signed autographs for their adoring fans.

The Pre-show included the red carpet greeting of the UOL elite, with His Grace Bishop Daniel and President Martha Misko being interviewed by Joan Reechka and Chelsea. The show began with several fun Ostaps awarded: Best UOL Competition, Best UOL Costume (t-shirt), Most Heinous Copyright Infringement, Best Chaperone and Most Prepared Convention Chairperson. Each award included video clips of the nominees. The highlight of the show was the UOL Commercials, all spoofs on reality shows and game shows. These included: National Board Apprentice with Dr. Steve Sivulich as Donald Trump, The Real Pani Matkas of the UOL, Flip that Church Hall, Are you Smarter than a Sunday School Student, Odessa Shore (the Ukrainian Senior Citizen version of Jersey Shore) and The Bachelor starring Vasyl Pasakas. The night was full of laughs but there was also great pressure as the night included the crowning of the best varenyky/pierogies. Each of the six entries were served individually and all Convention delegates and guests got to vote for their favorite. Northampton was the victor gaining the most votes and winning the Ostap.



Sessions ended late afternoon on Friday, leaving the evening for celebration. Friday evening the UOL Convention went Hollywood. As UOL members entered the red carpet into the parish hall they were greeted with life size drawings of fans and paparazzi with flashing cameras. As UOL members continued into the red carpet area they were greeted by Joan Reechka (Daria Danyo) and her daughter Chelsea. The walls of the



Later that evening, everyone joined a fantastic Hospitality Night, the Academy Awards After-Party sponsored by the Allentown Senior and Junior Chapters. With a lovely selection of appetizers, desserts and cookies, no one went home hungry.

Saturday morning started with morning prayers. The free day allowed time for Convention delegates and guests to visit Philadelphia. A cocktail hour for the 50<sup>th</sup> Junior UOL Reunion was planned and the room was filled with reminiscing. (For details about the 50<sup>th</sup> Junior UOL Reunion please see page 7 of the UOL Bulletin).



hall were decorated with stars from the UOL Wall of Fame. In front of the hall were life size Ostaps (Oscar's Ukrainian cousin) and hand and foot prints of Philadelphia chapter members. On a sentimental note, we had the handprints and footprints of our beloved Father Frank Estocin of Blessed



Saturday evening was elegant and inspiring. The hall was beautiful and the decorations very elegant. The dinner was absolutely delicious and enjoyed by all. Mark Bohan served as Master of Ceremony. President Martha Misko spoke and presented Senior Awards, including Chapter of the Year to Carnegie, PA, the Father Hallick-Holutiak Award to Mary Ann Sklaryk and the Metro Baran Award to Melanie Nakonachny (for a full description of the award winners please see pages 3 and 6). As part of the banquet Junior UOL President Taylor Gladys presented the Junior Chapter of the Year to Maplewood, NJ and Junior of the Year to Anna Wachuck. LSSK scholarships were presented to Taylor Gladys and Anna Wachuck (Junior award winners and LSSK winners will be highlighted in the next



issue of the UOL Bulletin).

Once the banquet was complete everyone enjoyed a night of dancing.

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On Sunday morning everyone gathered at St. Vladimir in Philadelphia to greet our Hierarchs, His Eminence Archbishop Antony and His Grace Bishop Daniel. UOL Executive Board Officers and children of the parish greeted the Hierarchs with the traditional bread and salt. UOL Member Karen Ferraro led the choir who sang beautifully. Prior to communion children of the parish sang communion hymns under the guidance of Pani Matka Laura Naumenko. At the conclusion of the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy the officers of the National Executive Senior and Junior Boards took their oath of office. Following Divine Liturgy, everyone was invited to a delicious banquet at the parish hall. The brunch included a great selection of salads, baked ziti and a full roasted pig for sandwiches. Inspired and strengthened by the Convention, UOLers said their goodbyes. The Philadelphia Chapter and Parish are to be commended for a fantastic Convention. Special thanks to Mark Bohlen and Lynn Szafranski, Convention Chairpersons,



Lynn Nemeth, Junior UOL Convention Chair, and Spiritual Advisor Taras Naumenko for all of their hard work. If you missed this year's Convention, it is not too early to start making plans for 2012. We look forward to seeing you at the Convention in Allentown!



**SENIOR RECOGNITION AWARD**

The Senior Recognition Award is presented to a most deserving Senior UOL member for outstanding work in the UOL of his or her parish within no specific time period. This year the Very Rev. Stephen Hallick-Holutiak Senior UOL Recognition Award was presented to Mary Ann Sklaryk of St. Vladimir, Parma OH. Members of her chapter have given the title “energizer bunny” to this year’s Senior UOL Recognition Award recipient. She is the person whom everyone can rely on to do whatever needs doing, whenever it



needs doing, with enthusiasm, quick wit, and a great sense of humor and encouragement. She is a lady of great Faith who will do whatever is necessary to help maintain and strengthen our Church, both spiritually and financially. She has taught Sunday School for more years than she allows anyone to count, is principal of the Sunday School, sings in the Choir, is secretary of the Parish Board, past-president of the local chapter and is the doer of anything necessary. She is truly a shining example for others to follow and has earned the love and respect of everyone whose lives she has touched. Congratulations to Mary Ann!

**SENIOR CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

One of the requirements of remaining a Chapter in good standing of the UOL is for each chapter to submit an annual report of the chapter’s activity during the UOL year. The NEB reviews the reports anonymously and chooses a recipient of the Senior Chapter Achievement Award. At the 64<sup>th</sup> UOL Convention this Award was presented to Sts. Peter and Paul Senior UOL Chapter of Carnegie, PA. On its Annual Report this chapter indicates that it holds 9 business meetings each year for its 51 members. It has ministered to its parish through various donations including those for parish college scholarships, the parish office and bulletin, parish youth ministry program, and its altar servers. The chapter has also made donations to the UOC of the USA Youth Ministry and All Saints Camp and its encampments. Its fundraising projects include the annual Pysanky Sale, Sunday coffee hours, and the community Arts and Heritage Festival. Chapter members also minister to the community by donating clothing and lunches, and by preparing a Thanksgiving Dinner for the needy and



homeless. The chapter’s spiritual advisor says that chapter members set an excellent example for our youth in the many leadership positions they hold within the parish. Nearly every major parish office is held by a SR. UOL member. And the chapter’s President adds that this Sr. Chapter is a well-oiled machine that gives selflessly of their time, money, encouragement, and “sweat and blood” to make a true difference in our church and community.

**ATTENTION BULLETIN READERS:**

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## Sts. Peter and Paul, Palos Park Winter Events

Submitted by Fr. Vasyl Sendeha

The true Parish community prays together, works together and celebrates together. On the last weekend of February Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Palos Park, IL accomplished all three. Parishioners worked hard at home sifting flour and making dough to create their baked masterpieces, so that they could share them with their parish family after Sunday Divine Liturgy. The regular coffee



hour turned into the Feast of Cookies or as it was called a "Cookie Walk." Sponsored and promoted by our Senior UOL, the parishioners had the delight of choosing from over 30 different varieties of cookies created by talented Parish Bakers! All of the cookies were donated by parishioners and then sold to

support the Parish Sunday School. The turn out was amazing as people kept bringing and bringing their baked goods. The event brought memories to grown ups of their time in Sunday School, as they were grasping their first knowledge about God and His Church, and how the parish was trying to accommodate their learning experience with fun projects and outings. This definitely stimulated a great turn out and made this event a success. Everyone left home with a variety of tasty treats to share with family and friends. A great example was



set by Senior UOL members for the kids of Sunday school, who look up to their older brothers and sisters in faith.

Winter was still roguishly fighting a losing battle with spring by showering the suburbs of Chicago with snow flurries and kissing the lakes with its frosty lips as the soup chefs of Sts Peter and Paul Parish were cooking their soup creations to share with their fellow parishioners at the Parish Souper Bowl Sunday. The day had come; it was snowy and freezing outside, but warm and cozy inside as the parish family gathered at the Church hall



to feast on ten different varieties of soup. The choices were truly mind-boggling. Which one to try? From original Ukrainian borscht to Portuguese Potato Soup, Corn Chowder, Spicy Chicken Tortilla, even Stuffed Pepper Soup. Many different kinds. What else can you desire on a freezing wintery day than to sit in a warm circle of your parish family, enjoying a nice conversation and a hot bowl of soup with fresh baked bread. Everyone had a great time, spent for a good cause. This feast of soups was a get-together and a fundraiser. The proceeds raised at the Soup Luncheon were sent to St. Andrew's Society Soup kitchens in Ukraine. No wonder that bowl of soup tasted so good. Because by enjoying it, you knew in your heart that this bowl of soup would multiply and feed the many hungry ones.

### Public Relations Notice Submitted by Joshua Oryhon

At the recent Convention in Philadelphia, the Public Relations Committee brainstormed new ways to spread information to the members of the League in a timely fashion. The Committee supports a move towards using the *UOL Bulletin* as a reporting device highlighting concluded events within the League, and using the UOL website and email list to announce and highlight upcoming events. The *UOL Bulletin* would also include a six month calendar announcing upcoming events, for those members without internet access.

Any chapter member can submit information for inclusion on the webpage or in the *UOL Bulletin*, but the Committee would like chapters to empower their Reporters to serve as Public Relation Liaisons. This office would be responsible for submitting content to both the *UOL Bulletin* editor and to the webpage.

*UOL Bulletin* articles should continue to be sent via email to nsufler@aol.com. Submission of events should be submitted to the *UOL Bulletin* and the Public Relations Chairperson via the new email address uolofusa@gmail.com. Submissions to the second email address will be forwarded to both the *UOL Bulletin* editor and also the Public Relations Chairperson. A third way to submit content is to use the link: <http://uol.orthodoxws.com/submission.html>

## Junior UOL 50th Reunion



For the last few years the Philadelphia chapter has been preparing for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Junior UOL. Major attempts were made to reach out to previous Junior National Executive Board Members and to all former members of the Junior UOL. Many Junior UOL Members came to the UOL Convention to reconnect and reminisce. On Friday Evening at the Night at the Ostaps all



former Junior UOL members were encouraged to come to the stage and a picture was taken of the group.

On Saturday a special cocktail hour was set for everyone to have the chance to recall favorite Junior UOL memories. There was also a digital frame with over 550 pictures from the last 50 years of the Junior UOL. Former Junior Members fondly remembered days on the Junior Board, past Conventions,



and days at Teenage Conference (both at Camp Kon-O-Kwee and All Saints Camp).

A Reunion Book with the over 550 pictures collected, lists of all Boards, all LSSK winners, all Bukata Award Winners, as well as the responses from former UOL members to "where are you now?" is currently available. If you are interested in purchasing a memory book, please send a \$10 (ten dollar) check made payable to "St. Vladimir's Philadelphia UOL Chapter," to Natalie Bilynsky, 703 Pine Ridge Road, Media, PA 19063.

Here's looking forward to another 50 years!

## All Saints Camp Essay Contest

### Topic:

What does All Saints Camp mean to me?

### Prize:

One free week at All Saints Camp during the 2012 camping season (Diocesan Church School Camp and Teenage Conference)

### Contest Guidelines and Rules:

1. Entries must be postmarked by December 1, 2011.
2. No entries will be accepted after the December 1, 2011 deadline.
3. Participants must be between the ages of 9-17 years of age.
4. Entries can be submitted via e-mail or USPS.
5. All entries must have a cover sheet and include the following information: Participant's first and last name, age, grade, and the name and address of participant's parish.
6. All entries will be judged for content and creativity.
7. Winning entries will be printed in Church publications.

### Mail entries to:

ASC Essay Contest  
c/o Pani Matka MaryAnne Nakonachny  
3201 Marioncliff Drive  
Parma, OH 44134

### E-mail entries can be sent to:

Nackos3201@gmail.com

## Save the Dates: UOL LENTEN RETREATS

Retreats will focus on  
Great Lent Services  
"Follow Me"

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012**

Mother Raphaela will be speaking

**BETHLEHEM, PA New location!!!!**  
St. Francis Center for Renewal  
395 Bridle Path Road  
Bethlehem, PA

For more information contact  
Natalie Bilynsky 610-892-7315  
nsufler@aol.com

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012**

VILLA MARIA, PA  
(approximately 1 hour from Pittsburgh and  
Parma)

For more information contact  
Diane Senedak 330-792-6699  
dkssenny@aol.com

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<b>T</b> Pani Matka Linda Oryhon	In honor of Eugenia "Baba" Arson on her "?" birthday. Happy Birthday!
<b>R</b> Sonya and Jonathan Patronik	In memory of Michael Lahuta who fell asleep in the Lord on July 17, 2011.
<b>I</b> Rebecca A. Druash	In honor of Taylor Elizabeth Gladys for successful completion of three years as Junior UOL National President.
<b>B</b> Fr. Andrew and Pani Matka Marlene Gall	In honor of Ann Wortman life long member of St. John the Baptist UOL chapter in Sharon, PA.

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

UOL Tributes should be submitted to:

Natalie Bilynsky 703 Pine Ridge Road Media, PA 19063.  
Please make check payable to Ukrainian Orthodox League.

### Camp Work Weekends

With the end of the camping season quickly approaching we are starting to plan for next summer. In an effort to maintain and improve All Saints Camp we have scheduled two work weekends.

The selected work weekends are:

**September 16th to 18th**  
**October 14th to 16th**

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

Michael Nakonachny  
(440) 503-3151  
michael@allsaintscamp.org

Hans Harasimchuk  
(440) 212-4976  
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