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Young Adult Ski Weekend 2012 - Submitted by Emily Kominko

For the last few years young adults have gathered at the home of the Bilynskys for a Young Adult Ski Weekend. A few weeks ago, from January 13-16, 2012,



a group of ten young adults from the Ukrainian Orthodox League came together for a Winter Weekend Getaway full of fellowship in the Pocono Mountains. This year was quite special because His Grace Bishop Daniel joined the group



on Friday evening. In addition, a group of seminarians came to the weekend and joined in the fun.

Friday night, new friendships were formed over a deliciously prepared homemade meal. Following dinner, the house in the mountains where the weekend would be spent was blessed. Bishop Daniel brought holy water



from his last trip in Ukraine from the Pecherska Lavra. As part of the house blessing all of the participants sang the responses.



That evening the young adults started to get to know the new seminarians. What better way to get to know each other than card games? And what is a better game than the Ukrainian classic "Doorak?" If you haven't played Doorak – well I suggest you ask any young adult UOL member to teach you. Or plan to attend Family Fest. In the game Doorak there is no winner – just the loser, the "Doorak" (fool). Well to find out the Doorak champion, we had circles of elimination where players were eliminated each round leaving the winner, I guess in this case the "anti-Doorak" who was seminarian Bohdan.



There was some dispute if he was in fact the champion – but for now he gets the title.

Saturday morning started with a delicious breakfast prepared by the young adults. Pancakes and sausage for everyone! With full stomachs everyone was ready for a day full of adventure. The weather was quite warm for skiing, so instead of skiing the group went bowling. There was a seminarians versus other young adults challenge and the seminarians won. This is quite impressive since for some, this was their first time bowling. Ioan had three strikes in a row and learned, in his second game ever, that 3 strikes is a turkey. The young adults enjoyed a few games of bowling, and a few first-time bowlers earned the best scores!

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**65th UOL CONVENTION
ALLENTOWN, PA
July 26-29, 2012**



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Pre-Junior Program

At the National Executive Board the "Pre-Junior" Program was discussed. The ages of Pre-Junior UOL Convention participants will be 7-9 years of age. As in previous Conventions, juniors between the ages of 10 and 18 years will attend sessions. Convention attendees younger than 7 years old will be the responsibility of the parents. Children must be between the ages of 7 and 9 to participate in the pre-junior program. Beth Harendza of Johnson City, New York is the Pre-Junior Coordinator. She will be planning the programming for the Pre-Juniors who attend the Convention. In the coming months you will be receiving registration forms from the Allentown Convention Committee. As part of the registration packet, there will be forms specifically for Juniors and Pre-Juniors. These include chaperone and medical forms for Juniors and Pre-Juniors. Please encourage all of your Juniors and Pre-Juniors to attend the Convention.

Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship Applications are available for download at www.uol.orthodoxws.com/lssk.html

Completed Applications are due May 31, 2012 and should be mailed to: Alexis M. Oryhon 406 Odell Avenue Endicott, NY 13760
For more information contact: amoryhon@gmail.com

All former Junior UOL members entering into or enrolled in continuing education within five years of high school graduation are encouraged to apply.

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Diocesan Church School Camp June 24-July 7 Youth ages 9-13 Staff ages 16 +	Teenage Conference July 8 - 21 Teenagers 13-18 Staff ages 20	Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me July 30 - August 3 Children ages 4-8 and parent Staff 14+
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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Martha X Misko



On January 21, the Junior and Senior National Executive Boards held their Winter Meetings in Carnegie, PA. Our sincere appreciation is extended to members of the Sts. Peter and Paul Chapters and to Father Repa for their wonderful hospitality. Old Man Winter tried his best to frighten us to stay away but most Board members and guests were able to travel to Carnegie safely for a very productive meeting. Thank you, Carnegie, for a great UOL weekend!

We were pleasantly surprised that His Beatitude, Metropolitan Constantine was able to join us during our meetings. His Beatitude, as always, offered the UOL his support and advice for furthering the goals of the UOL. We thank him for this presence!

The Board reviewed the progress of the 2011 Thanksgiving Tithing project. The UOL determined that this project, which asks UOLers to donate 10% of their Thanksgiving expenditures to a designated charity, would benefit our Metropolia Center for flood damage repairs. The National Executive Board made an initial donation of \$3,000 for this cause and had hoped that the Thanksgiving Tithing project would yield an additional \$2,000. It's not too late to ask your members and other parishioners to continue to donate monies so that we can fulfill our goal!

Hopefully your chapter has also had a successful Souper Bowl Sunday! As another project of the UOL Christian Care-giving and Missions Commission, this fund drive benefits the St. Andrew's Society of the UOC of the USA. St. Andrew's Society sponsors endeavors servicing the needy of Ukraine including its soup kitchens. A highlight at our Annual UOL Convention is the presentation of a substantial donation to St. Andrew's Society. Let's make sure this year is no exception.

Join us in South Bound Brook, NJ, on St. Thomas Sunday weekend, April 21-22, 2012. Consider spending a couple of hours in assisting fellow UOL members, Senior and Junior, in collecting parking donations during the two day festival. Volunteers are needed to man the entrances of the parking lots at the Cultural Center and the Fisher House. Each year the UOL designates a beneficiary of the proceeds of the memorial ribbons which are collected along with the parking fees. A recommendation made by the Vocations and Clergy Committee and accepted by the 64th Annual UOL Convention was to have the UOL raise \$10,000 in three years to support professional staffing and curriculum resources for students at St. Sophia Seminary. The National Executive Board will use the proceeds of this year's St. Thomas Sunday memorial ribbons sales for this cause. Please consider coming to the Metropolia Center to help fellow UOL members collect parking fees and sell ribbons! For more information contact me at martha.misko@rcn.com.

I remain yours in Christ,
Martha X. Misko
President



Winter National Executive Board Meeting in Carnegie, PA

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

65th Annual UOL Convention

Hosted by

The Protection of the Virgin Mary (Pokrova) Parish UOL Chapters

Allentown, PA July 26-29, 2012

Submitted by Josh Oryhon

Friday, July 27th

After a full day of sessions it will be high time to usher in the weekend with a memorable evening event. How better to blend our Winter Wonderland theme with the warmth of the Lehigh Valley in July than with a **"Rockin' 'Round the Palm Tree" Clambake!** Sure, you've been to a few dozen clambakes as a grizzled Convention veteran, but when has it been *tropical* themed? Our point exactly. The Loggan Stone Band will lay down the grooves as we stir it up and celebrate the spirit of one Love. Don't be a Carribbean Jerk and forget to wear your proper island gear!

Saturday, July 28th

It's fortuitous that Saturday is more low-key than the rest of the week because you'll doubtlessly need to recharge your batteries before the Banquet and Ball. Check out our Favorite Attractions section in this issue of the *Bulletin* for inspiration on how to spend the day and maximize your experience in the Lehigh Valley. We invite you to Come and See our Pokrova parish during a tour of our church building with focus on the Iconography project that has been recently completed.

After Vespers it will be time to gird yourself in glorious duds for a lovely evening of good food, good friends and even better music. The band Old Friends will be making their triumphant return to a Convention stage, their first since 2008 in Johnson City. Any Convention goer that was present at that incredible event will remember the hours of dancing that occurred, not to mention the numerous encores that were requested, nay, *demande*d of the band.

Please review the rest of the information about the Convention contained in this issue and also be sure to visit our website for even more news and updates: <http://uol.orthodoxws.com/2012convention.html>

To book a room at the rate of \$99. per night, please visit <http://www.lehighvalleyhotel.com/> or call (610) 866-5800.

**65th Annual UOL Convention Allentown, PA
July 26-29, 2012**

PACKET PRICES:

(before June 15, 2012)

Senior Delegate/Guest/Clergy \$195

Junior Delegate/Guest \$185

Pre-Junior \$100

(after June 15, 2012)

Senior Delegate/Guest/Clergy \$215

Junior Delegate/Guest \$205



ATTENTION: SENIOR UOL CONVENTION

GUESTS ONLY

SATURDAY JULY 28, 2012

BUS TRIP TO YUENGLING BREWERY

8:00 am air-conditioned bus leaves

10:00 Tour begins at the Brewery

Return trip stop at Cabela's

\$27.00 round trip (with box lunch)

Seats are limited

Please send your reservation and (nonrefundable) check payable to:
65th UOL Convention

Sandy Ritter 3041 Ridon Ct. Bethlehem, PA 18020-1252

any questions? contact: jzimmerman6597@gmail.com.

Want to host the 2014 Convention?

At the 64th UOL Convention, there was discussion about hosting a mini-Convention in 2014. The plan for this event would be to sponsor the Convention as a long weekend, starting sessions on Friday and ending sessions on Saturday. There was discussion that this type of Convention could be hosted by a chapter or be sponsored by the National Executive Board at a Retreat Center.

The National Executive Board is looking into the possibility of Retreat Centers, however, we want to have all options fully explored. If your chapter would like to host a mini-Convention in 2014 please contact President Martha Misko as soon as possible.



NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Gregory Markiw

Glory to Jesus Christ!

It's hard to believe how quickly Great Lent came this year! It seems like it was just the other day that we were all celebrating the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! The Junior Board has been working hard to plan activities for the season, that we hope that all our brothers and sisters in Christ will be able to attend.

Last month, we began our *Annual Raffle Ticket Fundraiser*. This is the Junior UOL's largest fundraiser, which provides for many of the activities and outreach programs we support. So please help the effort and purchase some tickets. Every little bit counts! By now, many of the Juniors have received their tickets, so expect to start seeing them float around your church halls on Sundays. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns pertaining to the raffle, please contact Junior Treasurer Nick Holowko of Maplewood, New Jersey (spiltmilk1222@aol.com).

This year, as in the past, Juniors will be participating in the *Great Lent Giveaway*. This project is designed to help Junior Chapters give to those in need during the Lenten season. This year's project is especially beneficial for all Juniors as it will be going to help fund the *High School Mission Trip* to St. Augustine, Florida. Participants will go to the OCMC Headquarters for a behind the scenes tour of the facilities and will learn about the brave men and women missionaries who are spreading Christ's light in countries all around the world. The OCMC has never given any organization this chance before, and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church is honored to have the privilege to do so. There will be a grant set up this year to help subsidize the cost of the trip for those individuals who want to participate, so apply early!

Lastly, I hope that everyone is making preparations to make it to the *65th UOL Convention* which will be in *Allentown, Pennsylvania, on July 26-29, 2012*. In these difficult economic times, the UOL understands that it can be very difficult to participate in some events. For this reason, the Junior UOL offers the *Pysh Travel Grant*. The *Pysh Travel Grant* was established to help Jr. UOL chapters and members deal with the cost of travel. It was established for the recruitment of members for the Jr. UOL, the development of new chapters, and the reorganization of old chapters. Applications for the *Pysh Travel Grant* have been sent out to all Spiritual Advisors, Senior Advisors and Jr. Chapter Presidents and should be returned to me by May 23, 2012.

The 65th UOL Convention will be here soon! I am so excited to see everyone again and to share in our love of Christ, and our devotion to the organization. I pray that God protects and guides all of us through this Lenten season, and brings us together once again this summer.

Peace and Love,
Gregory Markiw



Bowling outing at the National Executive Board Meeting in Carnegie, PA



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All Saints Camp!**



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March 9-11, 2012
April 27-29, 2012

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Family Fun!
ASC Open House
May 5, 2012

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Christine Mills
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Family Fest
Aug 31—Sept 3, 2012

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Encampments!
Diocesan Church School Camp
June 24—July 7, 2012

Teenage Conference
July 8—July 21, 2012

Mommy/Me & Daddy/Me
July 30—Aug 3, 2012

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Great Lent Giveaway 2012
Missions at Home
Benefiting the Ukrainian Orthodox Church
High School Mission Trip

Why do we do missions in our own community? What is missions? What does it have to do with being an Orthodox Christian? These questions and more are addressed with the 2012 Great Lent Giveaway program - Missions at Home. The Great Lent Giveaway will benefit the High School Mission Trip held each summer by providing grants to those interested in attending and establishing a fund to provide on-going support for future teenage missionaries. The High School Mission trip in 2012 will be in St. Augustine, Florida working with Orthodox Christian Mission Center and the local community in need. The Great Lent Giveaway is a joint program of the Jr Ukrainian Orthodox League and the Consistory Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry. To receive program materials please visit the OYM website at www.uocyouth.org or contact Jr UOL GLG Coordinator Justina Mills at jamills1994@comcast.net or Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at uocyouth@aol.com.

**ALL SAINTS CAMP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES
ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS**

In the fall of 2011, the All Saints Camp committee decided to sponsor an essay contest in an effort to find out what campers felt about their experiences at All Saints Camp encampments. The committee's hope is that other young people, who have never been part of the All Saints camping program, would have some idea of just what they've been missing and would be inspired to participate. All participants at All Saints Encampments were invited to contribute their stories. Two prizes – a week at the Diocesan Church School Camp and one at Teenage Conference – have been awarded to Cyril Sheptak, who attends church at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh, PA and Constantine Shevchuk, a member of Holy Ascension Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Maplewood, NJ. We congratulate them and thank them for sharing their camping experiences with everyone.

Cyril Sheptak, 11 years old, Pittsburgh, PA

All Saints Camp means a lot to me. I have been going there with my family every summer since I was a baby. My mom and dad went there even before I was born. Now I go to Diocesan Church School Camp without my family. Many people know me and are kind to me. It feels like my home away from home.

There are so many special places at camp. Two spots I love are the old well and the big hill by the field. I also like to sit by the river because it is so peaceful. They even have a pool and a playground! For more serious times they have a church and classrooms. I have learned a lot at All Saints Camp. I have learned about Saints and Holy Days. I have learned about trying to live an Orthodox life.

I have lots of memories there that I think about often. One memory at Diocesan Church School Camp is last year when we played human foosball and human battleship. That was fun!!! Once, at Mommy and Me/Daddy and Me camp, my family and I made a big icon of Mother Mary. I also think about cabin time with friends, campfires and fishing with my daddy and Gigi.

To finish it all off I'm going to give you some short phrases to tell the other things I love about All Saints Camp. Camp is the most friendly, most fun, best cooks ever, number 1 got to be there camp!!! **All Saints Camp Rocks!!!**

Constantine Shevchuk, 17 years old, Maplewood, NJ

The reason why I like camp ... well that's a big question. All Saints Camp is not just a camp. It is a second home for me. I see camp as a place to relax, have fun, make new friends, learn more responsibility as a staff aide, and a place that increases my religion and my spirit. When I am here, I feel like I am relaxed, open, fully awake, and ready to have fun with my friends. If you ever had the experience of being a camper here at this camp then you know what I mean when I say that it is an experience that you will never forget. I remember the first time I ever went to camp, I was eight years old and I was **SO** nervous that my hands were shaking, and at that age I was still hiding behind my mom. But, I overcame my fear and stepped away and looked at the camp and I felt that it made a very good first impression. From that day forward I have been going to All Saints Camp ever since.

The most important aspect that I have gotten from All Saints Camp are the friends that I have made, and the religious advice that has strengthened my faith in so many ways. In a way this camp has helped me more than anyone knows, even though I go to an Orthodox church I attend a Catholic high school – St. Joseph's. Camp is the one place that I can stay and learn about my faith, lucky for me I got to stay there for a month this past year. I really hope that I get the chance to do the same next year. Those summer days and nights just hanging out with my friends out on the cabin porch talking to Yuri and Andriy, eating the best food that ever existed in Genya's kitchen, and just being with friends that have so much in common makes me want to return to All Saints Camp year after year. And that is why I love All Saints Camp!

UOL LENTEN RETREAT

**Retreat will focus on Great Lent Services
SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012**

**His Grace Bishop Daniel and
Mother Raphaela will be speaking**

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Staff needed ages 14 through adult for multiple positions.
Single/multi-week and weekend positions available.
Travel stipends provided.

UOL Lenten Retreat

March 17, 2012

**Retreat will focus on Great Lent Services
"Follow Me"**

**Villa Maria Retreat Center
Villa Maria, Pa
(1 1/2 hrs. from Cleveland & Pittsburgh)**

Guest Speaker:

**Fr. David Rucker, Associate Director-OCMC
Additional speakers TBA**

**Enjoy a full day of inspirational and thought provoking
discussion, spiritual activities and meals**

**Adults \$30 Young Adults & Junior UOL Members \$25
Please register by March 10th (Non-members welcome!)**

For more information contact:

**Diane Senedak dkssenny@aol.com 330.792.6699
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Whether you have already decided to come to the UOL Convention in Allentown or if you are still undecided, the following may be of interest to you:

**Check these out: www.DiscoverLehighValley.com
www.facebook.com/LehighValley,PA
www.allentownpa.gov**

**Book reservations: Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, PA
www.lehighvalleyhotel.com 610.866.5800**

Favorite Attractions:

- Dorney Amusement Park: dorneypark.com 1.800.FUNTIME**
- Historic Bethlehem : www.HistoricBethlehem.org 1.800.360.TOUR**
- Allentown Art Museum: www.allentownartmuseum.org
610.432.4333**
- Lehigh Valley Zoo (Trexler Game Preserve): www.lvzoo.org
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610.515.8000**
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570.588.6682**
- DaVinci Science Center (Hands on activities for all ages:www.davinci-center.org 484.664.1002**
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877.SANDS77 (484.777.7777)**
- Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Baseball: www.ironpigsbaseball.com
610.841.PIGS (7447) Iron Pigs play at home Tuesday-Friday
July 24-27**

St. John the Baptist SR UOL Johnson City, NY News
Submitted by Pam Scannell

Our Johnson City area and beyond suffered a devastating flood in September and many of our parish members were affected. They are all still rebuilding their homes and their lives and our SR chapter donated \$400.00 to help with the rebuilding efforts. We wish all those affected a quick and full recovery.

We hope our shut in parish members enjoyed the Nativity cards we sent them. We try our best to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers as often as we can.

Our last pot luck discussion meal was well attended and provided an atmosphere to talk and learn from each other and share a wonderful array of foods. Everyone is welcome to join us at these meals. Our talk and meal took just one hour, the time it takes you to eat as a family. Our topic centered on "Spiritual Wisdom" – what is it, how do we obtain it, and is it more than just knowledge? There is no preparation that is needed to attend other than gathering your family and making a dish to pass. You may bring your bible to reference and we meet in our Memorial Center. This is a great way to enjoy fellowship



and create new ideas for topics at the next meal. We usually have 15-20 people attend and this last time we had 4 new faces join us. Try this in your own parish and invite all to attend. It is a great SR UOL activity.

We have started a book club and this has had an overwhelming response. With the direction of Fr. Zinoviy and his daughter Olenka we have chosen "The Way of a Pilgrim" translated by Helen Bacovcin. We received our books and met after Vespers on Saturday January 21, 2012 for our discussion and another pot luck meal. Almost 20 people participated and we enjoyed another opportunity to learn from each other.

65th UOL CONVENTION REGISTRATION July 26-29, 2012
Hosted by St. Mary, Protection of the Holy Theotokos
Sr & Jr UOL Chapters-Allentown, PA

Name: _____ **e-mail:** _____
Address: _____
Phone: Day: _____
Evening: _____
Chapter/City: _____

Packet Prices (before June 15, 2012)

Senior Delegate/Guest/Clergy \$195 Junior Delegate/Guest \$185
Pre-Junior \$100

(after June 15, 2012)

Senior Delegate/Guest/Clergy \$215 Junior Delegate/Guest \$205

Make checks payable to: 65th UOL Convention
Mail completed form with payment to:
Panimatka Linda Oryhon 623 Jennings Street, Endicott, NY 13760
email: frmyron@ptd.net 607.785.4438

Hotel Registration: Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, PA. Call 610.866.5800
www.lehighvalleyhotel.com to reserve your room by June 15 at the convention rate of \$99/room/night +tax. Complimentary breakfast included. Rate is available 2 days before and after the convention.

Will Pre-Junior attend our Pre-Junior program? Yes No
Are/Were you an Altar Server? Currently Former
If yes, will you bring vestments? Yes No

Banquet Choices:

Chicken Seafood Vegetarian Child (under 13)

*** Please list any food allergies or dietary restrictions:**

Any questions, contact: Convention Co-Chairs:

Dennis Ritter 610.865.6870 Christine Zimmerman 610.282.4170

Junior UOL Fundraising

Submitted by Nick Holowko

Greetings Junior UOL Members! As we find that we have passed the midpoint of our fiscal year, I am sure that everyone is well underway with fundraising and busy with Jr. UOL projects. I am sure that you are all working hard to raise money for the various causes you support. However, as head of the Fundraising Committee on the National Executive Board, it is my job to provide you with and assist with all the ideas I can to bolster your fundraising efforts. Based on ideas presented at last summer's convention and ideas discussed at board meetings, we have come up with a list of the top ten fundraising ideas:

- 1) Coffee Hours
- 2) Breakfast, Lunches, Dinners
- 3) Bake sales/Food sales
- 4) Caroling
- 5) Rummage sales
- 6) Nights where restaurants donate partial profits
- 7) Local businesses to sponsor events
- 8) Chinese auctions
- 9) Cookie Walks
- 10) 50/50 raffles

All of these ideas are great for raising money in an efficient and attainable manner. No one is expected to go through with every different fundraiser because, after all, you would not want to spread yourselves too thin. However, the best way to go about raising money is to focus on a few key ideas and perform them to the best of your ability.

In addition to local chapters' fundraising, it is that time of year again for the board's Annual Jr. UOL Raffle. If you have not received your tickets already, you should be receiving them soon. When you get them, just remember that each member of your chapter is only responsible for selling two books! If everyone can accomplish this, then our raffle is guaranteed to be successful.

(Ski Weekend- Continued from Page 1)

That evening everyone enjoyed a turkey dinner. It was like having a mini-Thanksgiving together and there were plenty of things for which to be thankful. That evening, we had a Pictionary challenge which was quite competitive. Pictionary can be a very difficult game when you are new to the United States and learning English. But somehow our teams managed. At times words had to be translated so that they could be drawn and bilingual team members served as translators if an answer was given in Ukrainian. We decided that our newest seminarians would be the captains of both teams. So, Ivan and Bohdan were captains and Ivan triumphed. He was quite excited when his team won. Later Pictionary changed to charades, with lots of laughs and good fun.

Sunday morning began with a beautiful Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's parish in Scranton, Pennsylvania which was followed soon after with goodbyes. Father Nestor Kowal is always excited to see the young adults and greets everyone with hugs and such warmth that it is a joy to come to Scranton each year. Following Liturgy we all gathered at a restaurant in the area and enjoyed a meal together. It had been a wonderful weekend, and the participants had formed so many new friendships and truly enjoyed themselves.



2012 UOL Essay Contest

Pre-K and Kindergarten:

Draw a picture of what you think the Lord's house looks like.

Grades 1 and 2:

Draw a picture of a dwelling (house) Christ may have lived in and write 2-5 sentences about how he lived.

Grades 3 and 4:

Write 5 to 8 sentences explaining who your brothers and sisters in Christ are and how you know.

Grades 5 and 6:

Write 50 to 75 words explaining how children lived during Christ's life time, how is it different from how you live?

Grades 7 and 8:

Write 80 to 125 words explaining how your belief in Christ's teaching helps you to not give in to peer pressure.

Grades 9 and 10:

Write 125 to 200 words explaining the feeling you get when you are with your brothers and sisters in Christ and why you feel that way.

Grades 11 and 12:

Write 250 to 500 words explaining how your brothers and sisters in Christ have helped you through a particularly difficult time in your life.

18 years and over:

This year's convention theme is "Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity." What do you do to help the younger generation wrap this feeling around themselves? (up to 1000 words)

CONTEST GUIDELINES AND RULES

1. Entries must be postmarked by May 30th, 2012. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 30TH 2012.**
2. **NO NAMES ON THE FRONT OF ANY ENTRY.**
3. All entries must include the following information: **Participant's first and last name, age, grade, and the name and address of participant's parish, including city and state.**
4. Drawings no larger than 12" x 18" and **NO** name on the front of drawing. Please attach a **COVER PAGE** or use the **BACK** of the drawing for the information listed above.
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Mail entries to:

UOL Essay Contest
c/o Theresa Linck
8 Carina Dr.
Milltown, NJ 08850

Please direct any questions to Theresa Linck at:
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Junior National Executive Board Meeting
Carnegie, PA

St. Vladimir's Senior UOL Philadelphia, PA

It is hard to believe that it is already six months since the UOL Convention. St. Vladimir's Senior UOL Chapter members have no time to hibernate during the winter months. We have an intense schedule of activities that seems to grow each year. While our winter schedule typically started with our annual parish Christmas Bazaar, this year we started a little earlier with an indoor flea market the week before Thanksgiving. The Bazaar and the indoor flea market were chaired by chapter secretary Karen Ferraro. The multi-day bazaar is one of the major fundraising projects for our parish and has all chapter members on-deck to help out. Along with our projects we make special attempts to have fun social events during the holidays.

For several years our chapter has sponsored a family night at Dave and Busters. As part of this family event we dine together in the restaurant and



enjoy the arcade games. Both young and not so young attempt the video games. The best aspect of the event is that whole families attend, so you have multiple generations enjoying the video games.



Our next event of the season is our annual caroling to visit our shut-ins. For over a decade we have visited parishioners who can not attend church. We visit Pani Hordienko who is over 100 years old and sings along every



year. We also visited with Mrs. Berezowski, a long-time UOL member. As part of our visit we bring cookies, sing several carols and

visit with our parish family.



On Theophany Eve, January 18th, our UOL Chapter sponsored its 3rd Annual Theophany Eve Supper – Holodna Kutya. Following Compline Service 40 people joined in the church hall for a lovely Lenten supper. As part of our Holodna Kutya we set one large table so that everyone could enjoy the dinner together. This year we sang carols prior to dinner. After the dinner, everyone joined together in the temple for the first blessing of water.



Our chapter events continued with a Theophany Brunch on Sunday January 22. The whole parish joined for the blessing of the ice cross. The annual event is a great joy! The cross, funded by Mike Fesnak and David Sembrot, is a beautiful ice carving of an Orthodox cross.



Our season ended with a celebration and our award winning (not sure what award, but it sounds good) Malanka. Philadelphia's Malanka can not be beat. Where else can you dance the night away with both young and old on the dance floor? Where else can you eat to your heart's content? Where else can you have a countdown to a new year at a random hour of the day at the end of January? Even better, DJ Al Shinn often reminded us that 2012 is the Year of the Holubtsi. According to the Chinese astrological calendar it might be the Year of the Dragon, but not in Philadelphia. Actually, I would rather celebrate with Holubtsi than with a dragon any day!! All in good fun!





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