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THE ANNUAL U.O.L. CONVENTION:

A Junior Perspective
by Jordan Gladys

This year, on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, the beautiful city of Northampton and the hospitable members of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church welcomed the members of the 58th UOL Convention and the 44th Convention of the Jr. UOL. Although no official business sessions commenced immediately, Jr. and Sr. UOL members took care of some of their own personal business by strengthening old friendships and creating new ones as Northampton officially welcomed us at their Hospitality Night. Thursday came, and it was time to buckle down and get to work. After a peaceful Divine Liturgy and delicious brunch, the juniors and seniors broke to begin their first business sessions.



Jr. Business Session

After a fruitful day of sessions, the Convention body embarked on a trip down memory lane to the Northampton Community Center to dance the night away at the **"Blast from the Past"**. Although some of the juniors were, at times, unfamiliar with the music, they kicked off the dancing and got the energy flowing. Soon after, the seniors, inspired by the juniors great dance moves, began to outnumber them on the dance floor to show off some of their own moves. By the smiles and laughter, it was clearly evident that all who attended had a blast from the past, no matter their age!



"The Blast From the Past!"



"Grandparents and Granddaughters"
Taras and Rosemary Pypiuk with Allison and Amanda

Friday held more business sessions and a bounty of fruitful work and accomplishments. Because the UOL is composed of hardworking people who always leave time for a little fun, Thursday evening, the Convention body headed over to the Hungarian Hall for the **"Ukrainian-American Idol Karaoke Kafe"**. From Junior, Alex Carman's performance of "Stop in the Name of Love" to the brilliant quintet of the 58th Convention Co-chairs and lovely ladies of the Convention Committee, once again it was clear to see how much everyone enjoyed themselves.

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DAREEN JOGAN

St. Vladimir's Sr. UOL Chapter, Parma, OH

2005 Very Rev. Stephen Hallick-Holutiak Award presented at the 58th Annual UOL Convention, Northampton, PA, July 30th.

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THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX LEAGUE OF U.S.A.
Fiscal Year & Deadlines 2005-2006

SEPTEMBER	16-18	Sr. & Jr. National Executive Board Meetings, St. Vladimir Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA
	30	DEADLINE: Chapter & Membership Dues, and Membership Rosters
OCTOBER	1	<i>UOL Bulletin</i> submission deadline
DECEMBER	1	<i>UOL Bulletin</i> submission deadline
JANUARY	8	Essay Contest – First Mailing
	TBA	Sr. & Jr. National Executive Board Meetings
	30	Annual Fund Drive mailing
FEBRUARY	1	<i>UOL Bulletin</i> submission deadline
	28	LSSK Scholarship Applications mailed to chapters
MARCH	1	UOL Awards Applications mailed
		<i>UOL Bulletin</i> submission deadline
	10	Essay Contest – Second mailing
	30	Chapter Election & Delegate Forms mailed
APRIL	1	Annual Fund Drive reminder postcard mailed
	30	DEADLINE: Chapter Annual Report
		DEADLINE: Chapter Project Contribution
		DEADLINE: UOL Award Applications
		DEADLINE: Essay Contest Entries
		Convention Registration Forms mailed
MAY	1	<i>UOL Bulletin</i> submission deadline
	TBA	Sr. & Jr. National Executive Board Meetings
	31	End of Fiscal Year
		DEADLINE: LSSK Scholarship Applications
JUNE	1	Start of New Fiscal Year
		DEADLINE: Annual Reports—Sr. & Jr. National Executive Boards, due to Corresponding Secretary
	15	DEADLINE: Chapter Election Reports due to Corresponding Secretary
		DEADLINE: Delegate Forms
		DEADLINE: Convention Registration Payment



NAKO'S NEWS
Melanie Nakonachny, U.O.L. President

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Slava Isusu Christu!

I hope your first chapter meetings and activities of the year were successful. I strongly encourage you to submit articles and pictures about your chapter to the U.O.L. Bulletin. Chapters across the country continue to do some amazing projects. Why not share the ideas?

New Chapter Handbooks were distributed to all chapters represented at the 58th Annual U.O.L. Convention and mailed to those who were not present. The material in this handbook can serve as invaluable information to your chapter. Be sure to review it thoroughly and use it as a tool to help guide you through the upcoming year.

The Senior and Junior National Executive Boards held their fall meeting September 16-18. The meeting was very productive and everyone is geared up for an exciting year. Special thanks must be given to the Ukrainian Orthodox League Chapters of St. Vladimir's Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA for hosting this meeting. More information about upcoming U.O.L. programs can be found in future issues of the Bulletin.

The purpose of the National Executive Board is to assist the chapters in whatever way possible. In an effort to best serve our chapters, each chapter is assigned a National Executive Board liaison to remain in communication with you throughout the year and bring your needs to the National Executive Board. Do not hesitate to contact your chapter liaison or myself if we can assist you in any way possible.

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I hope that your chapter has submitted their 2005-2006 membership rosters, chapter dues and membership dues. The deadline for submission of these items was September 30th. If you have yet to submit any or all of these critical pieces of information, please be sure to submit them to Financial Secretary Oleh Bilynsky as soon as possible.

Please pray for those who lost everything when hurricane Katrina took the Gulf States by storm. Consider doing a fundraiser to assist the thousands who are still living without the most basic needs. As Orthodox Christians we are called to help the least fortunate "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:40)

I remain...
Yours in Christ,
Melanie A. Nakonachny

NEW U.O.L. BULLETIN DEADLINE

Effective with the SEPTEMBER ISSUE of the UOL BULLETIN, the deadline for submitting material and pictures will be **THE 1ST DAY OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE MONTH OF THE ISSUE.**

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
September 2005	August 1st
October 2005	September 1st
November 2005	October 1st
January/February 2006	December 1st
March 2006	February 1st
April 2006	March 1st
June 2006	May 1st

Note: Pictures must be received by the deadline date.

SPOTLIGHT A JUNIOR CHAPTER

Featuring...

PALOS PARK, IL

MEMBERSHIP...

16 members
7 officers, 1 senior advisor, and 1 Spiritual advisor

PROJECTS...

Throughout the past year, this busy chapter has . . .
 *had *several* bake sales
 *hosted Junior bowling and skating trips
 *performed a St. Nicholas Day play
 *sang Christmas carols at St. Nicholas' Cathedral in Chicago

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE...

After sending delegates to convention, this lively chapter is rejuvenated and can't wait to get started on this year's projects!

FUN FACTS...

This extremely active chapter has always been very involved on a local and national level!
 *The Palos Park chapter sent 11 delegates to the Palos convention, 9 delegates to the Parma convention, and 3 delegates to the Northampton Convention.
 *Many Palos Juniors have enjoyed spending part of their summer at beautiful All Saints Camp for the Teenage Conference encampment.
 *Also, this chapter was the proud recipient of the "Chapter of the Year" award in Philadelphia (2001) and the "Spirit Award" in Parma (2004)

This year has been another excellent year for this thriving junior chapter in Palos Park, and they are all eager for the coming year full of activities and fun!

***Look for SPOTLIGHT A JUNIOR CHAPTER in your next Bulletin Issue!**



Christina Bohuslawsky, St. Vladimir Cathedral, Parma, Ohio, received a plaque at the Annual UOL Convention for her dedicated and devoted service to the Jr. UOL Executive Board. She had served as the National Recording Secretary. She is currently attending Ashland College.



Convention 2005 - Natasha Walewski and Zachary Kapeluck dressed for the Ball

KATYA'S KORNER

Katya Carman, Jr. U.O.L. President



Glory To Jesus Christ Slava Isusu Chistu!

I hope you all have had a successful first meeting, where you have filled the upcoming year with Jr. UOL projects, activities and much fun. Also, for those of you that were able to come to the Jr. UOL Convention, I hope you have shared the ideas brainstormed in the committees with other chapter members. These ideas should help your chapter to have a more successful year!

The first Jr. UOL National Executive Board Meeting was held jointly with the Senior UOL National Executive Board September 17, 2005 in Philadelphia, PA.

One of the goals of the Jr. UOL NEB has always been to have good communication not only between all of the board members, but especially with all Junior Chapters and members at large. As we strive to work toward this goal of improving communication, each board member has willingly committed to be the liaison to the following Junior Chapters:

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Northampton, PA	Dan McNulty
Palos Park, IL	Lara Haluszczak
Parma, OH	Katya Carman
Pittsburgh, PA	Jordan Gladys
Philadelphia, PA	Matt Bohem
Woonsocket, RI	Mark Meschisen
Youngstown, OH	Katya Carman

I encourage chapters, especially Junior UOL Chapter Presidents, to contact your board member liaison with questions, suggestions, or just call and e-mail to let the board know how productive your chapter has been! We love to know the happenings of each chapter!

By now, I hope everyone has submitted chapter and membership dues and membership roster forms to Financial Secretary, Mark Meschisen. The deadline for these three is September 30th, 2005. If you have yet to submit these, please send them to Mark as soon as possible.

In Faith, Hope and Love,
Katya Carman

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Northampton's "Lovely Ladies"



THE "Pool Party" at the Hotel

On Saturday, July 30, 2005, the juniors wrapped up the sessions with the election of the 2005-2006 National Executive Board and celebrated the end of a great, successful convention with a pool party hosted by the Northampton juniors.

After catching a few rays and relaxing in the beautiful weather, preparations for the **Banquet and Ball** began. Saturday evening was full of emotional speeches, national recognition awards, and awesome dancing to the amazing music of *Fata Morgana*.



Saturday's Banquet and Ball

All good things must come to an end, and the 58th UOL Convention concluded on Sunday with a **Hierarchal Divine Liturgy** and a hearty brunch at the Hungarian Hall.



*Sunday's Hierarchical Divine Liturgy,
Nathan Haluszczak being tonsured a Subdeacon*

On behalf of the Jr. UOL, I would like to thank Fr. Bazyl Zawierucha, the Sr. and Jr. Convention Chairs, all the members of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary parish, and the entire Convention body for making the 58th Annual UOL Convention in Northampton, PA one to remember! Congratulations on a job well done!



Juniors Enjoying the Dancing

LIFE IN Y-TOWN '05

Sts. Peter and Paul Jr. UOL, Youngstown, Ohio

by Ginny Ulbricht

This was a really busy and yet successful year for us at Sts. Peter & Paul Jr. UOL in Youngstown, Ohio. To begin the summer, we had annual election of officers and the officers for 2005-06 are:

President, Ginny Ulbricht; **Vice President**, David Woloschak;

Treasurer, Nick Anderson; **Secretary**, Krista Ulbricht;

Historians, Heather Pupa, Josh Auden, and David Korochensky;

Sergeant-At-Arms, Peter Anderson, and **Reporter**, Ginny Ulbricht

This year we had two participants go to DSCS as either a counselor or a staff aid. We also had one child go from our Sunday school; you may know her as "Kat AKA", Katherine Anderson. We had several members attend this year's the Teenage Conference. At "TC", we created and placed our own Jr. UOL cross on the 'hill of crosses'. Mike Walkowic, a member of our church, generously made the cross for our juniors. We had four juniors attend "Mommy and Me - Daddy and Me", and we had seven members attend this year's convention.

During the UOL Annual Convention, we received the Chapter of the Year Award, the Cultural Contest; and Marc Senedak received the Fr. Bukata Award. Mrs. Senedak, our Jr. Chapter Advisor, received the Metro J. Baran Award for outstanding service with the youth of our Church and UOL. We were impressed with the Northampton Convention—Good Job Northampton! Also, we wish good luck to the upcoming convention in Coatesville, PA.

After all the good byes at the convention, we had to go home. The Jr. UOL helped the Sr. UOL make the monthly (hopefully) stuffed cabbage sale. We helped on August 25-26 & 27 preparing the food and then on the 28th for the sale. We also sponsored a great bake sale at that time. In September both chapters got together to make pirohi for the Youth Ministry Benefit scheduled for October 8th.

**VERY REVEREND
VOLODYMYR BUKATA AWARD- 2005
MARC SENEDAK**



The Very Reverend Volodymyr Bukata Memorial Award for 2005 was presented to Marc Senedak during the 58th Annual UOL Convention on July 30, 2005 at the UOL Convention Banquet and Ball in Northampton, PA.

Marc is extremely active in his parish. Not only is he the Jr. UOL Past Chapter President, he is also an altar server, sings in the choir, attends and teaches church school, assists in the preparation and distribution of church publications, and assists in the maintenance and decoration of church buildings. He maintains the parish votive candles and works for the parish catering services. This active member has been instrumental in initiating and organizing events for his local chapter such as raking autumn leaves, icon making, Children of Chernobyl Gift Box Campaign in the parish, parish toy drive, and several bake sales for worthy causes. In addition, Marc continues to grow culturally through his participation in many cultural activities; the mini "Culture Fest", embroidery, pysanky making, Krashanky Paschal easter eggs, and he is Ukrainian Dance certified.

He was a delegate to the 1st Youth Sobor, and has been a delegate to the UOL Convention for 4 years, and regularly attends Teenage Conference at All Saints Camp. This summer he also volunteered as a counselor at the Diocesan Church School Camp, also held at All Saints Camp. In addition, he was the chairperson of the 2005 Regional Jr. UOL lock in.

His Spiritual Advisor noted that "Marc has a vital sense of balance, that is exemplary for all to emulate. His determination, drive, and energy is balanced with a deep spirituality and love of the Holy Orthodox Church." Also, "An ease of interaction with people of all ages, especially young children and the elderly make Marc a favorite guest and addition to many parish activities."

Marc's Jr. UOL Chapter Advisor states, "It is impossible for anyone encountering this young member to not be touched by his genuine spirit of Christian love and stewardship."



**VERY REVEREND
VOLODYMYR BUKATA AWARD- 2005
ALEKSANDRA HUCUL (RUNNER-UP)**

The Very Reverend Volodymyr Bukata Memorial Award (Runner-Up) for 2005 was presented to Aleksandra Hucul during the 58th Annual UOL Convention in Northampton, PA.

This past year Aleks served as Junior UOL President of her chapter in Maplewood, NJ. She is very active in her parish and Ukrainian community. She attends church school classes and other religious discussions and seminars as well as teaches church school. She attended Ukrainian School and now is an assistant teacher for the kindergarten class, and she also remains involved in other cultural activities. She has organized coffee hours and dinners, and is always available to lend a helping hand to other organizations of the parish such as the Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Sr. UOL. Aleksandra was also a delegate to the 1st Youth Sobor, where she served as the committee's chair by presenting the Youth report to the Sobor delegates.

Through her patience, leadership, and strong dedication to our Church and Jr.

**"YOUNG ADULTS THROW DOWN
ANOTHER GOOD TIME"**

by Michael Nakonachny

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ADULT RETREAT - 2005

The 7th Annual Memorial Day Weekend Young Adult Retreat was held May 27-30, 2005 at All Saints Camp in Emlenton, PA. Over 20 people were in attendance this year with participants spanning from the east coast all the way to Winnipeg, Canada. The weekend was spiritually uplifting and was a great time for young adults to reconnect with their faith.

During the weekend a number of workshops were held dealing with the involvement of youth adults in the Church. When asked the question "Who can name at least 5 young adults who were once actively involved in the Church and are no longer around?", nearly everyone raised their hand. The group spent time discussing all the excuses that are given and discussed what can be done to combat the issue of getting these young people to become more involved in the Church.

When workshops were not being held, the group spent time bonding with movies, bonfires and board games. One of the highlights of the weekend, as always, was the traditional Iron Chef Cook-off. His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine cooked an outstanding classic Ham BBQ, Michael Nakonachny and company worked wonders in the kitchen with their made-to-order Quesadillas. When guest speaker, Father William Makarenko caught wind of the competition he immediately tossed his hat into the competition by making a Caesar salad with homemade dressing. None of these dishes could hold a match to the culinary skills of Youngstown's own Marc Senedak who stole the competition with his BBQ ribs.

As Monday morning arrived, everyone got their things together and gathered for their last breakfast together. With the food eaten and the cars packed, everyone said their good byes and headed home with fond memories from the weekend.



*Metropolitan Constantine with Participants at
Memorial Day Young Adult Retreat - All Saints Camp*

U.O.L. PRE-CONVENTION YOUNG ADULT DAYS

Young Adults gathered together once again July 26-27 as young adults along with Junior U.O.L. members arriving early to the 58th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League convention to enjoy two days of fellowship and fun during U.O.L. Pre-Convention Young Adult Days.

The festivities began with the crew heading off to the Big Apple for a day of sight-seeing. The two hour bus ride from Northampton, PA to New York City allowed a great amount of time for bonding. Upon arriving in NYC, the group hit the streets looking for some grub. After getting a quick bite to eat, the group headed to Times Square for a little bit of sightseeing and window shopping. The "Metro Card" allowed everyone to use the subway freely throughout the day as they traveled through the city. It was very moving to stop and pause at Ground Zero, to remember those who were lost on September 11th. The young adults then jumped back on the subway and headed uptown to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to cool off and see some of the amazing exhibits in the museum. They then went for a bite to eat at the country's first pizzeria before heading back to Northampton.

The following day, Young Adults were on the road again, this time headed to Dorney Amusement Park. Although the weather was not too cooperative, it did ensure that the lines waiting for the rides were relatively short. We found ourselves riding the rides two or three times in a row, with little or no wait. The group picnicked on the park grounds for lunch before the heat became unbearable, when everyone headed over to the water park to go sliding into the cool and refreshing water. One of the highlights of the day was simply relaxing on the "Lazy River."

YOUNG ADULTS SCHEDULE - 2006

Make plans now to attend next year's Young Adult Activities. The Memorial Day Weekend Young Adult Retreat at All Saints Camp is already in the planning phase. Mark your calendars for May 26-29, 2006. Pre-Convention Young Adult Days will be held July 25-26 in Coatesville, PA. Plan on arriving early for a great time.

(A. Hucul continued)

Ukrainian Orthodox League, Aleks has been instrumental in the rapid growth of her chapter. She began as a member at large of the National Jr. UOL, until two years ago when she helped to reactivate the former Jr. UOL Chapter in her parish. The Vice President of her Jr. UOL Chapter said, "She always remembers her job and expresses an Orthodox Christian attitude with everything she does." Her advisor notes, "She truly exemplifies the UOL motto "Dedicated to our church- Devoted to its Youth" through all of her efforts supporting our parish and Junior UOL. Her dedication is a fine example for our young UOL members to follow."

JUNIOR CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sts. Peter and Paul Jr. UOL Chapter



Youngstown, OH

The Junior Chapter Achievement Award is presented to a Junior Chapter that has shown the greatest achievement in terms of accomplishing the aims and purposes of the UOL during the past year. It was presented to Sts. Peter and Paul Jr. UOL Chapter in Youngstown, OH during the 58th Annual UOL Convention on July 30, 2005 at the UOL Convention Banquet and Ball in Northampton, PA. The 14 enthusiastic chapter members are extremely active on a national, regional and local level.

Locally, the chapter members are active in the church choir, as altar servers, as church readers, attending and teaching church school, participating in the essay contest, Ukrainian dancing, caroling, and other cultural activities such as making pysanky, paschy, pyrohy, and halupsi. These members have replaced the worn Communion and Confession pew cards, made "Religious Quiet Kiddie Kits", and hosted a thank you dinner for all parishioners in appreciation for all of the support they receive. Also, this chapter has been involved with the community Rescue Mission and Homeless shelter, and this past year have donated over \$600.

Regionally, this chapter hosts Youth Choir rehearsals, participates in many All Saints Camp clean-up projects and overnight Lock-ins full of Faith, Fellowship and Fun!

Nationally, this active chapter, sent the maximum of 2 delegates to the 1st Youth Sobor, sent 7 members to the UOL All Saints Camp retreat weekend, sent 8 campers to Teenage Conference, sent 3 volunteers to work at All Saint's Camp this summer, and donated \$1,400 to the Jr. UOL Carnegie Relief fund Mission Project!

Although these projects may seem overwhelming for one chapter to accomplish, this is simply a small sample of the plethora of projects and good works this outgoing chapter has completed this year. Their spiritual advisor notes "Their ministry efforts and support have touched many lives both in the parish family and larger community around the church." Their Junior UOL advisor proudly states, "With a keen contagious interest, the members have committed themselves to our rich Ukrainian culture, heritage and history, bringing about a renewed interest to the youth of our church. On a whole, they have dedicated themselves to our church, devoted themselves to its parish members and through the love of their faith they are a constant and vital part of our parish."

This exemplary Junior UOL chapter from Youngstown, OH has shown outstanding achievement this past year as they constantly strive toward their chapter's personal motto, "give of oneself in small ways."

SENIOR U.O.L. CHAPTER NEWS

Sts. Peter & Paul Chapter, Youngstown, Ohio

by Elaine Ulbricht

At the Annual UOL Convention, one of our members, Diane Senedak, was honored with the Metro J. Baran Award. Our congratulations and best wishes to her.

Our new chapter officers are: PRESIDENT, Stephanie Woloschak; VICE PRESIDENT, Kevin Thomas; SECRETARY, Robin Thomas; TREASURER, Martha Woloschak; CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, Joe Novicky.

We've already started our year by sponsoring a holupsie and haluskie take-out fund raiser. On October 8th, our Youth Ministry will sponsor their yearly 'Fr. Olynyk Scholarship Dance', dinner and silent auction.

We also extend congratulations to all those who were honored at this year's convention.

JUNIOR U.O.L. SPIRIT AWARD - 2005

St. John the Baptist Jr. UOL Chapter Johnson City, NY



The Jr. UOL Spirit Award is annually given to the Junior UOL Chapter which is the Runner-Up to the Chapter of the Year. It was presented to St. John the Baptist Jr. UOL Chapter in Johnson City, NY at the 58th Annual UOL Convention. This chapter, through their various activities, has displayed an enormous amount of spirit, which other chapters should strive to emulate. A sample of the activities that these energetic juniors have completed this year include; hosting a dance for the Down-Syndrome Society, a community hunger outreach benefit, Annual Ukrainian dance performances, participation in the national Jr. UOL "Bring a Friend to Church" day, and prayer pals for the Lenten season.

The Junior UOL members of St. John the Baptist are all extremely active in their parish as choir members, church readers, essay and cultural contest participants, Christmas caroling, church cantors, church school students and teachers, altar servers, and church basketball league participants. After the past year which was full of projects, this lively chapter is already planning for another exciting, and busy year of Junior UOL fun!

FLOOD EFFORTS IN CARNEGIE

Natasha Walewski, Jr. Chapter Reporter

Last years Hurricane Ivan devastated Carnegie. Its flooding waters took over most of western PA. There was around 9 feet of water in our church school, downstairs of our hall and the basement to the rectory. Although the hurricane of 2004 made a huge impact on what happened in our church, we have pulled together and are still working hard to restore our church.

Jr. Chapter Members Help With Flood Clean-Up

The week after the flood came, many members from our church, including many of us juniors, and even those who did not belong to our church, were there to help. We were still able to hold Divine Liturgy every Sunday and even had our church school classes and weekly coffee hour, although they both took place in the upstairs of the hall. Within a few months, the downstairs of our hall was useable. Although the plaster is peeling and it is not close to what it used to be, we do use it for coffee hour, meetings, cooking, and so much more.

We have come so far in one year. The members of our parish have been working so hard to make our church everything it used to be, and more. We have formed several committees to help guide the work being done. This year the children of our parish will also be in their regular church school rooms, which take place in the downstairs of our church. Although it is not yet finished down there, it will be good to have our classrooms back. The juniors and children are also doing anything they can to aid in the flood relief. Not long after the flood, we were in the church helping with cleaning-up and many of us also helped with the scraping of the plaster off the walls.

Two years ago, at our 100th anniversary, we never would have thought that there would be a flood in Carnegie, but with the help of God we are overcoming our challenges. There are nothing but good things to come with the restoration of our church. I pray that God will help us in the continuation of our flood efforts and that we will succeed in all that we do as a parish.

Thank You For Your Prayers and Support

Thank you all for your thoughts and prays the past year. I know that what we do here in Carnegie will surely be the start of our next great 100 years as a parish. Our junior chapter continues to assist in all aspects of parish life while we help with the restoration efforts, and we are excited about hosting the 60th UOL Convention in 2007

MEET THE JR. UOL EXECUTIVE BOARD



Mark Meschisen, Lara Haluszczak, Daniel McNulty, Katya Carman, Jordan Gladys, and Matt Bohem

KATYA CARMAN, President

I am very honored to have been re-elected as Jr. UOL President for 2005-2006. As a member of St. Luke's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Syracuse, NY I sing in the choir and teach Church school. Since there are not many youth that are old enough for the Jr. UOL, we are not fortunate enough to have a chapter in my parish, but hopefully someday we will, however, in the meantime I have become involved in the UOL by being a member-at-large!

This year I will be a senior at Watertown High School. I am involved in my school's Varsity swimming and lacrosse teams, Key Club, National Honor Society, Interact, Show choir, and I am Secretary of the Class of 2006. In my Ukrainian community I am a dancer with the Odessa dance ensemble and a graduate of Ridna Shkola Ukrainian School in Syracuse.

I am excited to be serving again as President, and thrilled to be working with many of the same hardworking and enthusiastic board members. I also welcome our newest member, Lara, to the board. I know this group of young leaders will be working hard to accomplish the great ideas that were brainstormed in sessions at our very productive 44th Jr. UOL Convention.

A goal we had this past year was to have effective communication between the board and the local chapters and members-at-large. This will continue to be our goal as we strive to communicate with chapters even more frequently. So, please keep us informed about your Chapter's accomplishments! With everyone's enthusiasm high from a fabulous convention--I look forward to an extremely productive year!

JORDAN GLADYS, Vice President

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

My name is Jordan Gladys and I am honored to serve you, once again, as the Vice President of the Jr. UOL National Executive Board. This year, I am a senior at Woodland Hills High School where I am co-captain of Girls' Varsity soccer team, play lacrosse, and am also involved in the French Club and National Honor Society. I live in Pittsburgh, PA with my mom, dad, and younger sister and attend St. Vladimir's UOC on the Southside of Pittsburgh. I am currently Vice President of our local Jr. UOL Chapter, and am extremely proud of all our members for the hard work that they do.

When I'm not busy with school, sports, or the Jr. UOL, I enjoy hanging out with my friends, snowboarding, and going to the shows of my favorite bands. However, the two things that play an integral part in my life occur during the summer...they are camp and the UOL Convention. For the entire year, I look forward to when I can finally go to TC at my favorite place in the world--All Saints Camp. There, I can see all of my friends and grow in my Orthodox faith. After camp, and a little bit of laundry, I enjoy heading to the Annual UOL Convention (wherever it may be), where not only do I get to see my friends, but also participate in making important decisions involving the youth of our church. I *love* being a part of this organization because of the many things it has and can accomplish.

This year I plan to create closer bonds between all Jr. UOL Chapters and the Executive Board and also to help smaller and distant chapters feel more closely tied to our great, loving UOL family. I have many other great ideas and look forward to an awesome year of hard work with the board and all of you to achieve the goals and purposes of the Jr. UOL

DANIEL MCNULTY, Corresponding Secretary.

Hello, my name is Daniel McNulty. I am returning as Corresponding Secretary on the Jr. UOL National Executive Board. I live in Media, Pennsylvania with my Father, Mother, and brother.

I am a member of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox church in Philadelphia, PA, where I am now the vice president of St. Vladimir's Jr. UOL chapter. I also sing in the choir at church and attend church school regularly.

This year is my senior year at Penncrest High School where I will play varsity lacrosse in the spring and in the winter I will swim and dive on the varsity team. I will be in the advanced music programs in my school, marching in the school band and singing in the choir.

In addition to a number of school activities and the Jr. UOL, I like to play my guitar which I am really not good at and I love to listen to music. I enjoy hanging out with my friends going to the movies, snowboarding in the Pocono's, and going to concerts.

This year I will take over the education committee along with the website. I hope to accomplish as much as I did last year. I have high hopes for this year's executive board and I know that it will accomplish as much or more than last year.

MATT BOHEN, Treasurer

My name is Matt Bohem and I am the returning Treasurer for the National Junior Executive Board and a member of St. Vladimir Parish, Philadelphia. This upcoming year will be my last year of high school and my last as a member of the Junior UOL. I intend to make it a memorable one.

I will be a senior at Upper Merion High School. The activities I participate in include varsity soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. I also am involved in the orchestra playing the violin, student council, and French club.

Here are my famous top ten memories from the Northampton Convention.

1. Getting re-elected to the National Board
2. Messing with the minutes during the meetings which got Christy mad
3. Playing Poker with Fr. Myron
4. Watching my dad sing "It's Raining Men" with 'his' women
5. Playing with the magnet men that we received in our bags
6. Stealing Party Mix from the Allentown room for my room's midnight snacks
7. Seeing the girls force Dan McNulty to change his undershirt at the banquet
8. Playing frisbee with Fr. Myron
9. Watching Anchorman with the Board
10. Singing "Lean On Me" with the Board

LARA HALUSZCZAK, Recording Secretary

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

Hi! My name is Lara Haluszczak. This past summer at the 58th Annual UOL Convention in Northampton, I was elected Recording Secretary of the Jr. UOL National Executive Board. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I will be a junior at Shaler Area High School, located in the northern section of Pittsburgh, PA. I am currently a member of our school's French and National Honor Societies. Besides many school activities, I am also a member of the Kiev Ukrainian Dance Ensemble. I've been a member of the Jr. UOL for about six years, and currently serve as the president of our local Jr. UOL chapter at St. Vladimir's Southside, Pittsburgh. In my free time, I enjoy playing the piano, watching movies and various sports, and spending time with friends.

A major part of my life is my family. My parents are Fr. John & Pani-Matka Anne Haluszczak. I have an older sister, Kira, and an older brother, Nathan; you may recognize Nathan from his being tonsured a subdeacon at the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at the Convention. Some of you also may know my Dido, Walter Zebel, last seen driving the tractor for the hayrides at ASC.

Although I keep myself busy with activities at home, I enjoy traveling all over the country to participate in regional and national activities of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church. This past summer I attended Teenage Conference at All Saints Camp, the 58th UOL Convention in Northampton, volunteered as a "Big Sister" at Mommy & Me/ Daddy & Me Camp, and attended the High School Mission trip to Raphael House in San Francisco, California. All were exciting, fun, and rewarding experiences that I will never forget!

I'm thrilled to serve you as Recording Secretary, and I hope to accomplish several goals while on the board this year. Some of my goals are to complete and distribute the minutes from each meeting as soon as possible, keep in contact with my liaison chapters, attend as many local chapter activities as possible, and accomplish the goals and recommendations of my committee (Membership and Chapter Development) that you, the Jr. UOL Convention body, decided on. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve you and my church this coming year!

MARK MESCHISEN, Financial Secretary

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Hello my fellow Orthodox Christians, I am Mark Meschisen and it is again my great honor to be the Financial Secretary for the Jr. UOL National Board for 2005-2006. I am from the quaint parish in Woonsocket, RI known as St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, which manages to hold on to a proficient chapter even though we have just enough youth to keep it going. Those few have done the work of many more to do all that they can for the Glory of God. We do much for our parish and community, with only the thought of doing more. We do not have quite the cultural resources of some of our fellow parishes, and we are trying to revive our Ukrainian dance group, which sad to say, was not in action through much of my time in our church. But to dust off an old saying, "where there is a will, there is a way".

Now even though I attend church in Rhode Island, I live in the Massachusetts town of North Attleboro. I attend North Attleboro High School and will be entering my junior year. I participate in all of my school's Track and Field programs that "run" year round. I have lived in North Attleboro all of my life, and currently am living with my outstanding mother Janice Meschisen. I have two older sisters, Missy who is happily married and has one beautiful and healthy one year old boy, Tyler James. My other sister is Karen who was the Recording/Corresponding Secretary back when it was one job. She is engaged and the wedding is planned for next summer. I also have one older brother who is in college, former Jr. UOL president John Meschisen. As some of you may know my father, John Stephen Meschisen died of leukemia in 1994.

I hope that my youth and ambition bring an extra step to the great board this year, which will not let anyone down. My main goal is to keep in touch with as many UOL members as I can, especially the board and my area chapters. Also I am hoping to visit my area chapters at least once this year. There is much excitement for this year, and all I can do is agree, that it will be a magnificent year!

L.S.S.K SCHOLARSHIPS – 2005

*(Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship)
Daria Pishko, (LSSK Committee Chair), Christina Bohuslawsky,
Marc Senedak, Aleksandra Hucul, and Megan Scannell*

The UOL awarded scholarships totaling \$4,900 to four junior UOL members at the 58th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention in Northampton, Pennsylvania whose dedication to their Church and her League have distinguished them from their peers. Since the LSSK Scholarship Fund was established in 1975, in memory of Lynn Sawchuk and Sharon Kuzbyt, the UOL has awarded 115 scholarships totaling over \$126,450.

Criteria considered by the Scholarship Committee includes: being a current or past member of the Junior UOL; enrolled in or about to enroll in a program of advanced education; a record of outstanding performance in the service to the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox League; academic performance in high school; involvement in extracurricular activities and high ethical and moral character.

LSSK SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS – 2005

Christina M. V. Bohuslawsky of St. Vladimir's Junior UOL Chapter of Parma, OH, has served as President and Vice President of her local Junior UOL Chapter. She has also served at the National Recording Secretary for the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League for the 2004-2005 fiscal year and Junior Co-chair of the 57th Annual U.O.L. Convention. She has organized and led a variety of community service projects for her chapter such as organizing the Bookbag Project which provided school supplies for needy children, delivering Paschal baskets to the parish shut-ins and serving lunch at St. Herman's House of Hospitality. On the parish level, she has organized and participated in weekly sessions of painting the Sts. Sophia, Faith, Hope and Love Youth room, served sandwiches to parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting, went Christmas caroling to parish shut-ins, worked at the coat room for the parish banquet hall and organized the Junior UOL table for the Spring and Fall Craft fairs. The vice president of her chapter writes -- "Christina has dedicated much of her time to the UOL and to the Church. Her efforts have resulted in a stronger and more active Junior UOL in our parish." Her Pastor writes -- "Christina is a spirit-led, enthusiastic, team-oriented person. Her faith, love and dedication serve to make the parish welcoming -- an example for all young parishioners." Her Junior Advisor writes -- "Christy's first priority is the Church. During Divine Liturgies, Vespers and additional services you will almost never fail to find Christy in attendance, usually singing in the church choir. In a society where spiritual life usually takes a backseat to extracurricular activities, the Orthodox Faith is her first commitment. This positive Christian attitude makes her love for Christ contagious. . . . Look into Christy's eyes and you will surely see a bright future, not only for the Ukrainian Orthodox League but for the future of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church."

Christina is also actively involved in her school and community. In high school, she was a member of the Honor Society, Drama Club, Student Council and Class Advisory Board. She was also a "Dazzler" for her high school marching band and active in cheerleading. Her Scholastic Advisor writes -- "Christy is a diligent student and is an involved enthusiastic member of Normandy High School. She is kind, bright, outgoing with a wonderful sense of humor and a delightful personality."

Christina will attend Ashland College in the fall.

Marc E. Senedak of Saints Peter & Paul Junior Chapter in Youngstown, Ohio, has served as President, Reporter and Historian of his local Junior UOL Chapter. He is a member of the church choir, an altar server and church reader. He has been a dedicated church school student for twelve years and has also served as a Church School teacher. He has served as the chairman for a variety of his chapter's special events including Rescue Mission/Homeless Shelter charitable activities, Parish Veteran Recognition, Winter Wonderland Toy Giveaway, Precious Angel/Chinese Auction, Bring a Friend to Church Day. Marc served as a delegate to the 1st Youth Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. He is always active in assisting with church dinners and is a member of his local Ukrainian dance group. His junior chapter vice president writes -- "Marc has really tried to live our Junior UOL motto, 'Give of oneself in small ways' in his everyday life. He has been an outstanding role model and leader for the members of our Junior UOL." His Spiritual Advisor writes -- "Marc's desire to learn, to serve and to grow in Christ's Holy Church can be seen in virtually all of his interactions and activities."



In high school Marc was a Letterman in Basketball and student manager for the Falcon Basketball team, a member of the Falcon Songsters Choir, German Club, Junior Achievement supporter, and Attendance office worker. His scholastic advisor writes -- "Marc is a hard working, compassionate, caring and honorable individual."

Marc will attend Youngstown State University in September.

Aleksandra Hucul of Holy Ascension Junior UOL Chapter in Maplewood, New Jersey has served as President of her Junior UOL since its reactivation under her leadership in 2003. She served as her parish's delegate to the 1st Youth Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in October 2004. She is a graduate of St. Andrew's Ukrainian School in South Bound Brook, NJ and has served as a kindergarten teacher at the school since her graduation. At Holy Ascension, she is an assistant Church School teacher and church reader and is a regular worker at all parish dinners and activities.. Her junior advisor writes -- "We are a small parish with a small group of active youth. It is largely through the efforts, patience and dedication of Aleksandra that our Junior Chapter exists. . . . Aleksandra truly exemplifies the UOL Motto "Dedicated to our Church -- Devoted to its youth" through her efforts supporting our parish and Junior UOL in this year and in years prior. Her dedication is a fine example for our young UOL members to follow." Aleksandra's recommendation from a spiritual advisor was written by her religious instructor at St. Andrew's since her father serves as her chapter's Spiritual Advisor. He writes -- "As one who has had the opportunity to observe Aleksandra, I can state without reservation that she is a young woman of strong and compassionate character, an attentive and eager student, one who strives for quality and excellence and a person who was raised in an atmosphere of prayer and spiritual discipline. . . . Aleksandra demonstrated a willingness to learn and engage herself in an academic environment of theological and humanitarian levels."

In high school, Aleksandra was a member of the Spanish Honor Society, Concert and Symphonic Orchestras, SADD, and the Pro-life Club. Her scholastic advisor writes -- "Aleksandra displays a mature and enthusiastic zest for learning. In both written and oral presentations, she consistently reflects a sense of pride and a desire to reach beyond the expected level of achievement."

Aleksandra will attend Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ in the fall.

Meghan E. Scannell, of St. John's Junior UOL Chapter of Johnson City, NY, has served as president of her local chapter. She participates in her church choir, local Ukrainian dance ensemble, is a church reader and has worked with the church catering service. Her chapter president writes "Meghan shows enthusiasm for her faith by attending services other than Sundays and supports the activities of our other church organizations." Her chapter advisor writes "Meghan has the natural ability to be a leader. . . .The young children in our group look up to her and respect her advice. . . .Meghan also has the ability to light up a room with her cheerful smile. The fact that she is able to empower people with her fun attitude shows me that she has a major asset to become successful in life." Her Spiritual Advisor writes--"Meghan has always been very active in Sunday School, the Church Life, and many religious activities."

In high school, Meghan was a varsity swimmer and track runner. She served as Student Government Executive Council Spirit Chair, was secretary of the National Honor Society and vice president of the Russian Club. She was active in numerous fund raising and charitable activities at her high school.

Meghan will attend Ithaca College in the fall.

The Ukrainian Orthodox League and the LSSK Scholarship Committee would like to congratulate all of this year's recipients and wish them much success in their future endeavors.

LSSK SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Please remember, donations to support the LSSK Scholarship are accepted at any time and may be forwarded to;

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS - 2006

Scholarship applications for the 2006 will be mailed to the Junior UOL Chapters in March 2006 or may be downloaded from the UOL page of www.uocofusa.org website. **Completed applications are due May 31, 2006.** All former Junior UOL members entering into or enrolled in continuing education beyond high school graduation are encouraged to apply.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA . . .

We Are Different!

By Deacon Mikhail Sawarynski,

Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church, Northampton, PA

As the UOL Convention comes to a close and its members return to the Ukrainian Orthodox parishes of the USA, it is time for each member to reflect upon the question: "Who Are We?" A dear friend and convert of Orthodox said to me recently, "the Orthodox are America's most counter-cultural Christian religion." As I thought about our role in American society, I was convinced that our greatest threat is conformity and dilution, so that we don't appear to be different from everyone else. But the truth is that we are uniquely different and in order to survive, we must preserve our Faith, our moral code and our culture intact.

First of all, we are members of the Body of Christ, the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of the First Century united in Faith around the Holy Eucharist for the purpose of salvation, eternal life and support of each other in the face of earthly tribulations. As baptized members of Christ's Holy Church and sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are blessed with the unique opportunity to serve God in spirit and in truth. But this also means that we have a serious responsibility to carry out Christ's mission on earth as his disciples. Our Faith is a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, the founder and head of our church, who said, "No one comes to the Father except through Me." In following Christ, we become an uncommon and different people.

The Orthodox Faith is not a religious category, but a total way of life. It involves our whole being in the daily struggle against sin and the Evil One in an attempt to achieve communion with God. From conception to the grave, the individual soul is confronted with the choices of good and evil as we make our way from this land of the dying to the land of the living. But Orthodox Christianity has given us a treasure of gifts to live this life in holiness and truth. Everything in life can be a Holy Mystery filled with the Spirit of God through Grace.

By meditating upon the Holy Scriptures and writings of the Holy Fathers, **by participating** in the Divine Services with fellow believers, **by praying** silently through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and **by living** the Holy tradition we maintain a living continuity with the Apostolic Church. No church is so blessed with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. But we need to preserve its very essence. Here stand UOL members, the vanguard of the Faith in North America. They must be the shining lights of the True Faith in both word and deed. And they must defend Orthodox Christianity amidst the cries for compromise and change which will make us just another sect.

There are practical applications of this commitment to the Faith we must make. First, we need to immerse ourselves in the wealth of liturgical services that have sustained our Faith for 2,000 years. No church has a daily, weekly, and festal cycle of services as does the Orthodox Church. We must actively engage ourselves in the Hours, Matins, Vespers, Compline, and Divine Liturgies. In this context, we must have more people willing to step up and commit to become readers, subdeacons, deacons, monks and nuns. In addition, we must relentlessly preserve the services as they have been handed down, without complaining about their length or frequency or seeking to reduce their content to conform to others. Our services do not have too many "Lord, have mercies," our most common and sacred prayer.

Secondly, we need to cherish the expression of our Faith which define us as Orthodox Christians. The sign of the cross with three fingers, veneration of the Holy Icons and Relics, the burning of incense, prostrations during the Canon of Andrew of Crete and St. Ephraim's Prayer, standing during services, the Pre-Sanctified Liturgies, All Souls Saturdays, the four fasting seasons as well as Wednesdays and Fridays, and honor to the Theotokos, the Birth-giver of God are but a few of the attributes which tell people **who we are**. In addition, we should become aware of the many services that can be found in the **Book of Needs** and avail ourselves of them during the year. The blessing of all objects from animals to vehicles, the prayer for a woman who has suffered a miscarriage, the service for military personnel going off to war, a moleben during an epidemic, and blessing of a foundation for a new house, are some of the ways Orthodox live a life in communion with God through Christ everyday.

Next, we must be keenly aware that we are a hierarchical church and that Christ gave authority to the Apostles, who in turn ordained the first bishops and priests of the Church. These spiritual leaders sustain our Faith and guide us in the ethical and moral dilemmas of our time. To them we must give respect and obedience. The issues in this amoral society, from abortion, homosexuality, divorce, euthanasia, cloning, and stem cell research need to be clarified and defined in a truly Christian context.

Finally, our Orthodox Faith is lived out in a particular cultural milieu. We are citizens of the USA and most of us speak English as our first language. But Orthodoxy has blended the customs of many different nations into its living Faith. Aleuts and Arabs, Ethiopians and Greeks, Japanese and Ukrainians all have unique customs, which have embellished the Orthodox Faith. For those of us of Ukrainian descent, we offer some of these customs to American Orthodoxy. Putting embroidered rushniki around holy icons, blessing Paschal baskets, carving frozen ice crosses on Theopany, bringing fruits to church on the Transfiguration, and presenting the korovai to the bishop when he visits our church are examples of Ukrainian traditions which need to be preserved and shared with the other Orthodox traditions.

Above all, we Orthodox of North America, must stand unshakable and united in the profession of our Faith, realizing that we have the True Faith, and although we are different from the majority around us, we can be a beacon of light and hope. **We Are Different!**

UKRAINIIAN FOLKLORE: FUNERALS

by Elizabeth Mitchell, Staff Writer

There were very special rituals for burial in old Ukraine. Since the soul of the deceased was thought to remain in the home, someone had to sit with the body at all times. Water and *Kolyvo* (wheat cooked with honey) was placed on a nearby table for the soul. The departed was mourned by lamenting and wailing at home, on the way to the cemetery, and at the gravesite. These poetic laments varied according to the relationship between the survivor and the departed. Thus, a daughter of the mother recited:

*"O mother, my dearest mother
In which direction shall I look for you?
When will you come visit me?
At Christmas, at Easter,
Or on a holy day?"*

When a young unmarried man or woman died, the deceased was dressed in wedding attire and was carried to the cemetery in an open coffin. A *Korovai* (decorated wedding bread) was placed on the coffin lid. The ornaments of dough were later distributed to the mourners. Ribbons from the head of the deceased girl were given to her friends. Upon the death of a young man, his boutonniere was given to his friends.

When the wreath was placed on the deceased girl's head before the funeral procession, her girlfriends lamented:

*"O dearest friend, out little dove!
Where are you going, when will you return?
Why have you stopped smiling?
Why are you not looking at us?"*

When Ukrainians **immigrated** to America, they brought with them many of the burial rites which continued through the early 1900's. The coffin containing the body was brought to the home where it remained until the time of burial. All mirrors were covered with cloth and no music or loud talking was permitted in the home. Family and friends kept vigil both day and night, and the priest would come to the home for parastas. The widow wore black for a year, and the widower a lack band on his arm.

Burial rites may have changed through the years, but the love for our departed remains forever.

Reference: [Ukraine: A Concise Encyclopedia](#)

NEWS FROM COATESVILLE, PA

Site of the 59th UOL Convention – 2006

by Carol Z. Bentley

Holy Ghost UOL Chapter installed newly elected officers for 2005-06 on August 14, 2005.



(Left to Right) Tammy Monko and Mark Teijaro, Jr. UOL Advisors; Lauren Bentley, Secretary; Carol Bentley, President; Ray Vito, Vice President; Brenda Euler, Treasurer; Dave Bentley, Jr. President, and Megan Teijaro, Jr. Vice President. Second row: Subdeacon Kurtis Lauser and Fr. Anthony Ugolni, Spiritual Advisor. (Not picture, Vicki Garvin, Jr. Treasurer and Josh Domsohn, Jr. Secretary)

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REMINDER! - REMINDER!

ALL SAINTS U.O.C. CAMP

All Saints Camp Chapel Construction Begins!
by Stephen R. Sheptak, Camp Director

The All Saints Camp Committee is pleased to announce that the construction of the Chapel at All Saints Camp has begun!

DATELINE: March 19, 2005 – Groundbreaking for the Chapel during the UOL Lenten Retreat at All Saints Camp.

DATELINE: August 7, 2005 – Excavation commenced on consecrated site.

DATELINE: August 19-25, 2005 – Forms for the footer were built and concrete was poured.

DATELINE: August 30, 2005 – Concrete block delivered to the site.



All Saints Chapel Construction Site

It is the hope of the All Saints Committee that the Chapel will be on site and erected by the end of this construction season—barring any unforeseen obstacles. This longtime dream of past and present volunteers, staff, campers, counselors, and families that have been touched by the good works done through our Ukrainian Orthodox Church's Camping Programs and its Youth Ministry Program is a reality, thanks to the generous gift given to the All Saints Camp from our anonymous benefactor.

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

U.O.L. ARCHIVES

"National UOL Historical Material Needed"

- Historical records and materials
- Records from past National UOL Officers
- Convention Yearbooks

Forward to: UOL Archives (Attn: S. Sivulich), UOC of USA,
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Occasion

In Memory of Mrs. Francis Woloschak.
Memory Eternal!

In Memory of our loving parents, Father
Stephen and Pani Hallick on the 5th
Anniversary of their passing.

In Memory of Francis Woloschak and with
Fondness. Because of her the Youngstown Jr.
UOL Chapter was reactivated in 1991-92.
Memory Eternal!

In Honor of the League's mission and it's
Work with the youth of our Holy Ukrainian
Orthodox Church.

In Memory of my mother, Helen Rychly
(Age 97). Vichnaya Pamyat!
Memorial Eternal!



58th Convention

Johnson City is Reorganized and "Back"!

HE'S SAFE!

DR. JEREMY ORYHON, New Orleans, LA
*is fine and visiting his parents in Chicago, IL. Fortunately, he and
his wife, Ana Virginia, were on a trip to Illinois when
"ugly" Katrina hit Louisiana.
Our prayers and best wishes.*

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