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65th ANNUAL UOL CONVENTION ALLENTOWN, PA

The 65th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention was truly a celebration of the UOL family. The convention exemplified the Convention motto, "Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133:1) UOL delegates and guests gathered in the Lehigh Valley to review the accomplishments of the past year and to make plans for the upcoming year. In addition to the business sessions, the UOL Convention served as a time to rekindle friendships and to make new ones. While the sessions are important, the most important part of the Convention is the unity and love between UOL members. On Wednesday July 25th the Senior and Junior National Executive Boards held their pre-convention meetings. Registration began on Wednesday in the lobby surrounded by beautifully decorated Christmas trees that were up for raffle to go with the convention theme "Christmas in July." Uniquely this Convention carried the theme and spirit of Christmas in July throughout the whole Convention. As we entered the lobby there were decorated trees and a large sign welcoming everyone to the Convention. Registration was opened on Wednesday and coordinated by Pani Matka Linda Oryhon. Throughout the Convention the Registration area was wonderfully helpful with directions, suggestions, and great conversation and it was always welcoming.

Another highlight of the Convention was the large cultural room that included many items for sale and warm welcoming members of the Allentown Chapter. There were beautiful Christmas ornaments with Ukrainian designs as well as lovely ceramics.

Evening prayers were held in the chapel followed by a hospitality night hosted by the Allentown chapter. The hospitality room was filled with UOL members catching up with old friends. The party overflowed outside and it was wonderful to have a large open space for all to be part of the event. The warmth and hospitality of the Allentown Chapter was evident as the hospitality room was crowded with UOL members who enjoyed each other's company.

Thursday morning His Eminence Archbishop Antony celebrated Divine Liturgy. A small group of UOL members joined together as a choir under the direction of Matushka Laryssa Charest. One of the beautiful aspects of UOL events is the singing. It is wonderful that we come together to sing praises to our Lord and are able to join as a family in Christ. All current and former altar servers gathered at the front of the chapel to recite the Creed.

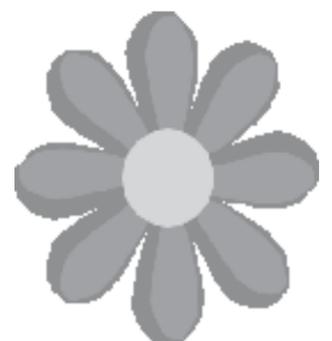
Following Divine Liturgy, all members joined for a full delicious brunch. The brunch included both breakfast and lunch options so UOL members were able to feast.

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You are cordially invited to...

**The 66th Annual U.O.L. Convention
St. Vladimir's Cathedral
Parma, Ohio
July 24-28, 2013**



"O Lord, how manifold are Your works, in wisdom You have made them all."

~ Psalm 103

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Metro J. Baran Award Recipient - Sherri Walewski

The Metro J. Baran Award was presented to Sherri Walewski of Sts. Peter and Paul, Carnegie, PA. This 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 with the youth of the church on the local, regional, and national levels in their preparation as future church leaders.

Her chapter reports that Sherri is extremely active with the youth of the parish. She has served as Church School Co-Administrator working with her pastor to plan curriculum and activities. She coordinated the parish youth to

work with the parish groups and to participate in community service projects. She has been advisor of the Parish Junior Chapter for many years. She actively assists youth of the parish to attend All Saints Camp and national UOL events by soliciting funding from parish groups and by providing transportation. She is described as a role model for the youth.

St. John the Baptist SR UOL News Submitted by Pam Scannell

Our Relay for Life team the "Tryzub Stars" was a huge success in the fight against cancer. Out of 86 teams we placed 3rd for overall donations and our very own

Senior UOL member Scott Shirk placed 2nd for individual funds raised. Our team tent placed 1st for decorations and we had about 32 St. John's parish members represented at the event. Some form of cancer touches



every family and the survivor walk around the track was especially meaningful for us all. Well done team St. John's and thanks to our captains Kristi Gorick and Stephanie Cardarelli.

We enjoyed another pot luck discussion group after Vespers one evening and talked about the "Good vs. Evil" articles written by Rev. Dr. Michael Danczak, that have appeared in two issues of the Ukrainian Orthodox Word. This is a wonderful way to share a parish meal together and learn from each other. We were busy the rest of the summer with our parish activities and of course had a great time at convention. Many of us enjoyed Allentown's hospitality, the spiritual togetherness and the fun events. Above is a picture of our oath of office for the Sr. and Jr. UOL of our parish. We look forward to a fruitful and prayerful new UOL year!

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Martha X Misko



Once more I greet you at the beginning of a new UOL year! I appreciate the support that you all have shown me these past two years, and I look forward to 2012-2013! First, I want to extend the appreciation of the entire UOL to the Junior and Senior Chapters of St. Mary, Protection of the Theotokos Parish in Allentown, 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 Christine Zimmerman and Dennis Ritter, Spiritual Advisor Fr. Myron Oryhon, and Junior Chair Katie Zimmerman for leading the 65th Convention Committee to a job well-done!

The agenda of the 65th Convention once again reviewed the goals of the VISION FOR 2020 set by the 63rd UOL Convention Body, and used these goals to develop strategies that will move the UOL forward. Each Convention Committee 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
1st Vice-President - Natalie Bilynsky, Philadelphia, PA
UOL Bulletin Editor, Ways and Means
2nd Vice-President - Josh Oryhon, Philadelphia, PA Public Relations
Recording Secretary - Laryssa Charest, Palos Park, IL
Corresponding Secretary - Christine Mills, Carnegie, PA
Camp Delegate, Education
Financial Secretary - Pam Scannell, Johnson City, NY
Membership, Ways and Means
Treasurer - Oleh Bilynsky, Philadelphia, PA Youth
Auditor - Mark Meschisen, Woonsocket, RI Christian Care-giving
and Missions
Pani-Matka Linda Oryhon, Allentown, PA Vocations and Clergy Support
Tabitha Houck, Coatesville, PA Junior League Advisor
Alexis Oryhon, Allentown, PA LSSK

His Eminence Archbishop Antony has reappointed 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 2012-2013 Junior National Executive Board headed by President Liz Hershey and Spiritual Advisor Father Anthony Ugolnik, both of Coatesville, PA. 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!

The Fall Junior/Senior National Executive Board Meetings are scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2012. The meetings will be held in Coatesville, PA. Should you be in the area of our meeting, please consider joining us!

I remain yours in Christ,
Martha X. Misko
President



2012-2013 Senior National Executive Board

Welcome to Parma!
The Home of the 66th Annual UOL Convention
By Melanie Nakonachny, Convention Chairwoman

Now is the time to get excited! The Senior and Junior U.O.L. Chapters of St. Vladimir's Parish in Parma, Ohio would like to officially invite you to the 66th Annual UOL Convention! The



convention, being held July 24-28, 2013 at the fabulous Embassy Suites in Independence, OH is located just 4 miles from the parish center and Parma's famed Ukrainian Village. Your visit to Parma will be full of many exciting events!

Business sessions will begin Wednesday evening followed by a hospitality night to welcome you to the convention!

Thursday morning will begin with Divine Liturgy at St. Vladimir's Cathedral followed by brunch at the Embassy Suites hotel. Business sessions in the afternoon will be followed by a trip into Cleveland. Guests will tour the brand new Cleveland Aquarium and enjoy dinner and dancing at the beautiful Windows on the River.

On Friday, following business sessions, guests will travel to St. Vladimir's Grand Hall for a night in Ukraine. This event will be full of the excitement of an evening in a Ukrainian city. Traditional food will be served and guests will enjoy music and dancing. Saturday will be a time for you to explore the area and experience the many local attractions that Cleveland has to offer. That evening will follow with the Grand Banquet and Ball at the Embassy Suites hotel. Guests will then dance the night away to music by the band Harmonia.

The convention will conclude with a Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at St. Vladimir's on Sunday morning followed by a farewell brunch in the parish hall.

It's time to start making plans to attend the 66th Annual UOL Convention. We can't wait to see you in Parma!

Membership, Membership, Membership
Submitted by Pam Scannell

It is never too late to elicit new members for the upcoming year. Encourage people to join throughout the year as you carry on your UOL activities and meetings. Whenever you have a potential activity planned invite the whole parish as a way to expose them to the good works your organization accomplishes. Continue to advertise your meetings and activities in publications that reach everyone.

Remind everyone that their UOL membership will help support the UOL Mission and the following projects:

- YOUTH MINISTRY
- ST. SOPHIA'S SEMINARY
- SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUR YOUTH AND SEMINARIANS
- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES
- CHILDREN'S ESSAY CONTESTS
- UKRAINIAN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
- ALL SAINTS CAMP AND THEIR MANY PROGRAMS
- MISSIONS AND CARE GIVING IN AMERICA AND UKRAINE
- FUTURE MONASTERY

Encourage new members all year to join you today and continue to be:

"Dedicated to Our Church and Devoted to Its Youth"

Chapter and membership dues and rosters are due by September 30. Please visit our website, www.uol.orthodoxws.com for all forms including Member-at-Large membership. Any questions contact Pam Scannell at pamelascannell@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE
JUNIOR UOL
PRESIDENT
Elizabeth Hershey



Glory to Jesus Christ!

My name is Elizabeth Hershey and I am the 2012-2013 President of the Junior National Executive Board. First, I would like to give my congratulations to the senior and junior chapters of St. Mary's (Protection of the Mother of God) Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Allentown, PA for a wonderful job done hosting the 65th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention this year. The convention co-chairs, seniors, juniors, and the entire church did an outstanding job.

I would like to thank Greg Markiw for all of his hard work this last year as President, and last year's board for their dedication to God and the Jr. UOL. Congratulations to all graduates. Hopefully you will look into becoming a senior member of the UOL.

Here is the newly elected National Executive Board for the 2012-2013 year along with the committee and liaison chapter assignments. Please contact any of us at any time with questions.

President- Liz Hershey, Coatesville, PA
 Pysh Travel Grant
 Liaison Chapters: Allentown, Northampton

Vice President- Nick Perkins, Woonsocket, RI
 Technology Committee
 Liaison Chapters: Boston, Southfield, Woonsocket

Recording Secretary- Janeene Linck, Carteret, NJ
 Membership and Chapter Development Committee
 Liaison Chapters: Carteret, Maplewood, Philadelphia

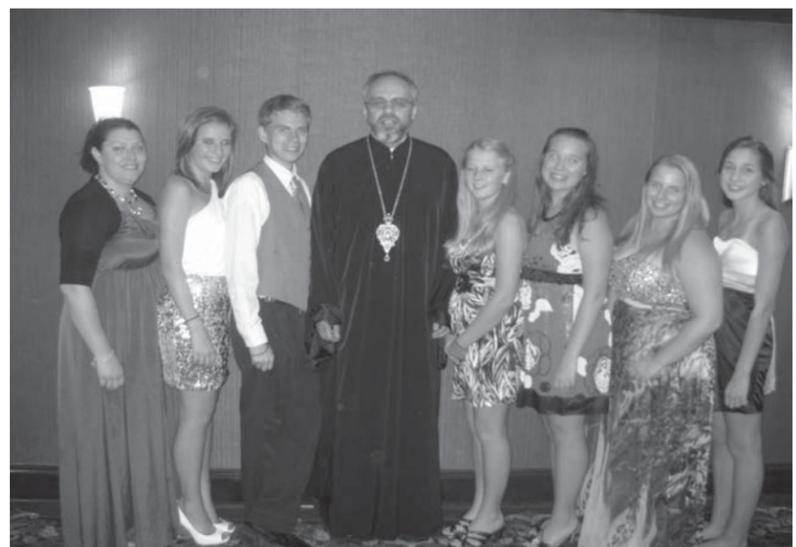
Corresponding Secretary- Kateryna Kocelko, Pittsburgh, PA
 Christian Care Giving/Missions Committee, Yearbook
 Liaison Chapters: Palos Park, Pittsburgh

Financial Secretary- Sarah Hershey, Coatesville, PA
 Culture and Education Committee
 Liaison Chapters: Coatesville, Johnson City

Treasurer- Christina Perdziola, Carnegie, PA
 Fundraising Committee
 Liaison Chapters: Carnegie, Parma, Youngstown

In order for this year to be a successful one, every chapter must do its part. The deadline for updated and completed roster forms and chapter and membership dues is September 30th. It is very important that all parts on the forms are filled out, especially emails. We are trying to keep everyone as updated as possible through emails. I am very excited for the coming year and have high hopes for everyone! Good luck to all junior chapters and may you have a very successful year. May God guide us in all our decisions as we fulfill our duties to our Church and the League.

Yours in Christ,
 Liz Hershey



Junior National Executive Board 2012-2013

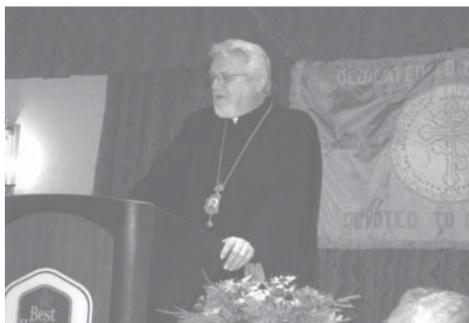
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After brunch President Martha Misko called the 65th Annual Convention to order. The presentation of colors and the National Anthem was followed by a moment of silence in honor of UOL members of Blessed Memory. This year the moment of silence was profound as we mourned the passing of our beloved

Metropolitan Constantine. Presidents Misko and Markiw lit a candle next to the wreath that was placed by the beautiful portrait of our Beloved Metropolitan of Blessed Memory. For the entire Convention the portrait of His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine of Blessed Memory was present and reminded us of his influence on the UOL.

Opening remarks were made by Senior President Martha Misko, Junior President Gregory Markiw, Convention Spiritual Advisor, Very Reverend Father Myron Oryhon, convention co-chairpersons Christine Zimmerman and Dennis Ritter, and Junior UOL convention chairperson Katie Zimmerman. His Eminence Archbishop Antony addressed the Convention body. He spoke of the inspiration of His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine of Blessed Memory. He stated that as the strongest and oldest



organization within the UOC of USA the UOL has a great mission and responsibility. He encouraged UOL members to continue to work for the Church and noted that even if members are tired, they should pray and ask Our Lord for "one more task to complete in His Name."

The 2020 vision was reviewed and convention committees were explained. The Senior committees were Vocations and Clergy Support, Nominations, Resolutions, Ways and Means, and Public Relations, and the joint committees were Christian Care Giving and Missions, Youth, Education, Membership and Chapter Development, and a juniors only committee of Technology. Each committee had time to discuss critical issues related to



the UOL and our Church and presented a summary report and goals to the Convention Body. President Martha Misko had a hand-out prepared and distributed regarding Vision 2020 plans. She explained the

specifics of what had been done by the National Executive Board over the past year with the hope of encouraging growth within the U.O.L. She provided a worksheet to help with Committee review and encouraged each group to discuss specific plans to work toward the Vision 2020 goals.

That afternoon the major work of the Convention sessions was completed. This included the approval of the 64th Annual UOL Convention Minutes, review of the Annual Report 2011-2012, Audit Report, and review and approval of the Financial Report 2011-2012 that also included the acceptance of a 2012-2013 Budget.

Convention Committees met to discuss important issues within our chapters and parishes as well as to make goals and objectives for the Executive Board and local chapters. After the individual committees met and discussed appropriate topics, each submitted a report to the convention body for final ratification. Highlights of the Committee reports included discussion about the UOL Convention and strategies to encourage increased participation. Within the Youth Committee there was discussion about how to encourage college students to remain active within the UOL.

During sessions President Martha Misko presented His Eminence Archbishop Antony with a check in the amount of \$4044.80 for St. Andrew's Society for soup kitchens in Ukraine. The Junior and Senior UOL coordinated efforts to raise money for "Souper Bowl Sunday."



Pre-Junior activities were coordinated by Beth Harendza. There were six pre-juniors who participated in activities and were introduced to the Junior UOL sessions.

On Thursday evening the entire delegation gathered at The Meadows for "Christmas in

July." Everyone participated in a Christmas sweater contest with categories such as cutest, funniest, most colorful, and best Christmas spirit. The room was decorated with Christmas decorations and for



the opening prayer His Eminence Archbishop Antony led the prayer with the entire group singing Boh Predvichny – God Eternal. After a delicious dinner, there was lots of dancing. Everyone returned to the hotel for evening prayers.

Friday morning began with prayers in the chapel. The convention body was then addressed by His Grace Bishop Daniel. His Grace spoke about the joys of being within the UOL Community. He related the UOL to the Convention theme of unity. He also spoke about the importance of working "with" each other. He also asked each member to think about what they can do for the Church and UOL asking the question, "if not you, then who?"



Michael Nakonachny updated the delegates on the status of the All Saints Camp SOS campaign and the work that had been accomplished as a result. He reported that the National Executive Board had donated over \$12,000 to the SOS campaign. He also stated that the SOS campaign had raised over \$60,000. He

announced that there is still a need for sponsors for the Millennium Building and the Pavilion. He also announced that the 35th Anniversary of All Saints Camp will be held on June 23, 2013. He invited everyone to attend the Anniversary Celebration.

Chapter challenge, a friendly competition in which groups of juniors answer questions about our faith, came to a conclusion with the Junior Board winning round three.

An enthusiastic presentation was made by Melanie Nakonachny and the members of the Parma chapter for the 66th UOL Convention to be held at St. Vladimir, Parma, Ohio on July 24-28, 2013. A video was played showing the many attractions in Parma and Cleveland. They also provided tasty Ohio treats for the Convention body.

Everyone returned to The Meadows Friday night for a "Rockin' 'Round the Palm Tree" clambake. There was a lot of delicious food and of course, clams.

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His Eminence Archbishop Antony and His Grace Bishop Daniel came to each table and greeted each member present at the night. Following dinner, more dancing followed along with a Mr. and Miss UOL competition. Gregory Markiw and little Agatha Harendza

were named Mr. and Miss UOL.

Vespers and a hospitality event hosted by the Parma chapter followed back at the hotel. Hospitality included mounds of chocolate and champagne (cider for juniors). The hospitality room was packed to capacity and full of wonderful friends.

Saturday morning began with Divine Liturgy for the Feast Day of St. Vladimir Equal to the Apostles. The sessions continued following Liturgy and the remainder of the committees gave their reports. The Senior UOL also held elections on Saturday.

The Officers of the Senior UOL Executive Board 2012-2013:

- President- Martha Misko, Northampton, PA
- First VP- Natalie Bilynsky, Philadelphia, PA
- Second VP- Joshua Oryhon, Philadelphia, PA
- Recording Secretary- Laryssa Charest, Palos Park, IL
- Corresponding Secretary- Christine Mills, Carnegie, PA
- Treasurer- Oleh Bilynsky, Philadelphia, PA
- Financial Secretary- Pam Scannell, Johnson City, NY
- Auditor- Mark Meschisen, Woonsocket, RI
- His Grace Bishop Daniel was reappointed as Spiritual Advisor for the Senior UOL National Executive Board.

Junior UOL Executive Board 2012-2013:

- President- Liz Hershey, Coatesville, PA
- Vice President- Nick Perkins, Woonsocket, RI
- Recording Secretary- Janeene Linck, Carteret, NJ
- Corresponding Secretary- Kateryna Kocelko, Pittsburgh, PA
- Financial Secretary- Sarah Hershey, Coatesville, PA
- Treasurer- Christina Perdziola, Carnegie, PA
- Tabitha Houck will serve as Junior UOL Advisor. Very Rev. Fr. Anthony Ugolnik was appointed as Spiritual Advisor to the Junior Board.



Sessions ended that morning leaving the rest of the day for fun and celebration. Saturday evening was elegant and inspiring. The hall was beautiful and the decorations had a very elegant snow theme related to Christmas in July.



The hall had lovely white trees and every guest received a Christmas ornament. The dinner was absolutely delicious and enjoyed by all.

President Martha Misko spoke and presented Senior Awards,

including Chapter of the Year to Johnson City, NY, the Father Hallick-Holutiak Award to Joseph Ewanish, Sr. and the Metro Baran Award to Sherri Walewski. (Please see the articles within this issue that fully describe the award winners.)



Junior UOL President Greg Markiw presented the Junior Chapter of the Year to Carnegie, PA and Junior of the Year to Danielle Walewski. Alexis Oryhon, newly appointed LSSK Scholarship Chairperson, voiced her appreciation to Daria Pishko and Steve Sivulich, who each had served as chairpeople for over a decade. LSSK scholarships were presented to Greg Markiw, Katie Zimmerman, Nick Holowko, and Joshua Bourgery. (The list of winners will be presented in the next issue of the UOL Bulletin which is dedicated to the Junior UOL Convention).

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



Everyone enjoyed the band and often UOL members sang along with the band. One highlight of the ball was Junior Betsy Abrahamson singing with the band. She was absolutely amazing!

Another highlight, as with every convention, was the dancing of the Kolomeyka. Every year UOL members outdo themselves. It was great fun! (continued on page 6)

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Sunday morning National Senior and Junior UOL Presidents Misko and



Markiw greeted the Hierarchs along with Parish President Nick Fartuch. At the conclusion of the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy the officers of the National Executive Senior and Junior Boards took their oath of office. This year for the first time an icon was passed



from the Allentown Chapter to the next chapter hosting the Convention, Parma, OH.

Following Divine Liturgy, everyone was invited to participate in a huge "Bavarian Christmas" feast at the parish hall. The Sunday lunch included a huge menu with the food

prepared by Christine Zimmerman.

The Allentown Chapter and Parish are to be commended for an absolutely fantastic Convention. Special thanks to Christine Zimmerman and Dennis Ritter, Convention Chairpersons, Katie Zimmerman, Junior UOL Convention Chair, and Spiritual Advisor Very Rev. Fr. Myron Oryhon, for all of their hard work. Their labor of love in planning this convention truly serves as an inspiration to all UOL members. It is unbelievable that this was the first Convention for the Allentown Chapter, as they were pros! We truly enjoyed our Christmas in July and the Allentown Chapter presented all UOL members with a wonderful gift!

SENIOR RECOGNITION AWARD - JOSEPH EWANISH, SR

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 Joseph Ewanish, Sr. of Sts. Peter and Paul chapter of Youngstown, OH.

Members of his chapter state that Joseph is a tireless leader of the parish and particularly within the UOL Chapter. He is described as a "shining example for all to follow."

He has never held an office within the Chapter but as Parish President for 14 years he has been intimately involved in all activities of the UOL and the entire Parish. He has been the chair of many UOL sponsored Malankas and is often seen working behind the scenes of other events and particularly the "grunt work."

He is recognized as a practical Christian and is often seen during Liturgy as a candle-bearer or even as a substitute altar server. As a leader of the Parish and within his UOL Chapter, he sees things through tactfully, with compassion, and with wisdom. Congratulations to Joseph Ewanish, Sr.!

SENIOR CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

JOHNSON CITY, NY

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 activities during the UOL year. The NEB reviews the reports anonymously and chooses a recipient of the Senior Chapter Achievement Award. At the 65th UOL Convention this Award was presented to St. John the Baptist Chapter of Johnson City, New York.

On its Annual Report this chapter indicated that it holds 6 business meetings each year for its 46 members. It has made numerous charitable donations this year including donating monies to the UOL Souper Bowl Sunday project, the UOL Thanksgiving Tithing project, flood relief funds to the Diocesan Center in South Bound Brook, orphanages in Ukraine, a Relay for Life team fight against cancer, and flood relief funds to several parish families. Its fundraising projects include its Community Day of Sharing and 50/50 raffles. Chapter members volunteer in a local soup kitchen, visit and minister to Parish shut-ins and sponsor pot luck dinners that center around a spiritual book club discussion. The chapter president noted that the chapter is fortunate to have many members who "give unselfish time and energy to help those in need and to support all the great goals of its local UOL chapter and the national UOL."



Young Adults Spend Memorial Day Weekend at All Saints Camp Submitted by Emily Kominko

Metropolitan Constantine of Blessed Memory fell asleep in the Lord a mere few days before the annual Young Adult Memorial Day Retreat. Rather than continuing with the planned retreat, many young adults came together to attend the funeral and decided that going to camp following services is what everyone needed. On Saturday, May 26, following the Divine Liturgy in South Side, Pittsburgh, a group of young adults traveled to All Saints Camp to spend the remainder of the long weekend together. Saturday afternoon was spent reminiscing about our beloved Metropolitan Constantine at a place he loved dearly.

On Sunday morning, the group traveled to Sharon, Pennsylvania for Divine Liturgy, where they were warmly greeted by Fr. Andrew Gall. Following the Liturgy, the young adults returned to All Saints Camp for another relaxing day. In the early afternoon, the young adults had a few visitors who came for dinner. These visitors were Fr. John and Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny of Parma, Ohio, Fr. John Haluszczak of South Side Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Fr. Deacon Dennis Lapushansky of Carnegie, Pennsylvania, and one who travelled the farthest, Fr. Michael Smolyneec of Sydney, Australia.

Everyone went together to St. Thomas chapel at the camp where Fr. John Nakonachny served a Panakhyda remembering Metropolitan Constantine in a place he truly loved. Following the service, laughter and tears were shared as memories of Metropolitan Constantine were told. The group then ventured



back to the dining hall to enjoy a wonderfully cooked meal, and Fr. Michael Smolyneec from Australia even enjoyed his very first hot dog!

Monday morning was a time to say "see you soon." While the weekend was altered due to a

great loss, it was wonderful to be able to be together at All Saints Camp, even for just a little while.

**Sts. Peter and Paul in Palos Church School Camp 2012
Submitted by Fr. Vasyl Sendeha**

Our Annual Church School Camp took place on June 21 and June 22. Fourteen of the youngest parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul parish family and four teenage helpers from the parish Junior UOL chapter took part in the event.



This year's Sunday School Camp started with the Divine Liturgy led by His Grace Bishop Daniel. Last year Bishop Daniel surprised the kids as he suddenly showed up on one of the days of

of his spiritual children. His reading of the Gospel during Divine Liturgy, surrounded by kids holding candles, was truly inspirational and overwhelming. It was an honor to have His Grace in our midst on the first day of camp.

Of course, a delicious brunch prepared by Nina Coker and Maria Jordanov flavored up the start of the first day of camp.

The kids had a great time and fun learning about God and the Church, thanks to organizers of the Camp Vicki, Aileen and Amber Rak, as well as PM Olena Sendeha. They have done a terrific job of preparing and leading the annual Church School Camp. Since summer time is here and Sunday School is over, kids of the parish enjoyed each other's company by praying together, doing crafts, and going on an outing, baking, learning and just having fun.



The theme of the Camp was Noah's ark and the flood. Kids learned how Noah responded to God's call and played an important role in preserving animals and humanity on the earth. The outing to a nearby Farm and Learning Center, where kids could visit and pet the animals, helped in the learning process.

their camp. This time Bishop Daniel was surprised by the kids. His Grace was in awe, as children of the camp along with participants of the Altar Servers' Retreat showed up at the steps of the rectory in an enthusiastic procession with the cross, candles, fans and flowers. It was very delightful to have Bishop Daniel over for the first day of School Camp and the last day of the Altar Servers' Retreat. Having our Spiritual Father celebrate the Divine Liturgy with his church family is a blessing. Even though people usually think of a bishop as a non-married and childless man, he indeed has been blessed not just to be called a Father, but has been a father to many, by providing a father's care to countless numbers



One of the fun activities was making their own lunch. On Friday, just as Noah had to prepare food on the ark, the children made from scratch their very own personal pizzas.



New talents were discovered, as the kids formed the dough, spread the sauce, and made and designed pizzas. It was truly a delight to see them having fun making pizzas and then munching on them in a circle of peers. The days of fun ended with a hayride, custom water balloon throw and popsicles. Everyone left for home with great memories of a time well spent together with friends from the parish family.

All of the participants, including the children, teenage helpers and adult leaders had a great time. We encourage parents and grandparents to save the date for next year's Parish School Camp, and find time to bring the kids over for a few days of learning and fun. We, as parents, always try to provide and choose the best things for our children. The best doctor for our kids, the best school, the best food, the best place for them to spend time during summer. Those parents who sent their kids to Church School Camp this year have made one of those best choices.

Public Relations Update - Submitted by Joshua Oryhon

At the recent Convention in Allentown, the Public Relations Committee continued to brainstorm 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 website or in the *Bulletin*, but the Committee would like chapters to empower their Reporters to serve as Public Relations Liaisons. This office would be responsible for submitting content to both the *Bulletin* editor and to the website.

Bulletin submissions or news items can still be sent via email to nsufler@aol.com but also to uolofusa@gmail.com. Submissions to the second email address will be forwarded to both the *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>
Stay connected to everything happening in the Church and in the League via these social media outlets:

www.twitter.com/UOCofUSA (Diocesan news)

www.facebook.com/UOCofUSA (Diocesan news)

www.facebook.com/UOLofUSA (League news)

One last thing: if you would like to receive the latest UOL news and updates via email, please send an email with the subject "Add" to uolofusa@gmail.com. Also, if you have any questions and ideas for the Public Relations Committee, please use the previous email address.

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