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**Junior UOL Convention -- Submitted by Taylor Gladys**

On July 28, 2010, UOL members, Juniors and Seniors alike, traveled to Maplewood, New Jersey for the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Senior UOL and 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior UOL Convention. That evening, members, guests, and clergy kicked back and enjoyed each other's company in the Maplewood Hospitality rooms. It was so nice to reconvene with all of our friends once again!

The next morning, Thursday, July 29, 2010, the Convention attendees met in the Chapel to celebrate Divine Liturgy. Following breakfast, the Juniors and Seniors proceeded into business sessions to commence their meetings. Everyone was graciously welcomed to Maplewood by our Convention Committee

Chairs, Michael Komichak and Aleksandra Hucul, the Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Oleh Hucul, and the Senior National Executive Board President, Oleh Bilynsky. The Juniors then moved into their own meeting room, where we convened our sessions. We got started with a few fun ice breakers to get to know our peers, and then we jumped into our committee groups.



In the Junior committees, the members came up with some novel ideas for the coming year, such as contributing \$5000 to our Church's upcoming monastery, and donating \$4000 to the S.O.S. Program at All Saints Camp. Later in the day, Chapter Challenge Teams were formed and the competition began.

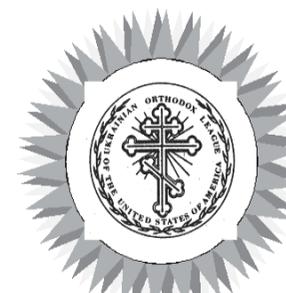


That evening, the members of the Convention boarded a boat that sailed around Manhattan Harbor for the evening. Everyone had a phenomenal time, eating great food, dancing outside, and watching the sunset. It was a fantastic evening and we were all so sad to head back to the hotel when it was over.

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**Start making plans for the  
64th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention  
hosted by the Sr. and Jr. UOL Chapters of the  
St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral  
Philadelphia, PA  
July 27-31, 2011**



*Come celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL!*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

*Martha X Misko*



This year's Convention body met the challenge of developing a strategic direction for the UOL

– *A Vision for 2020* – that will plan for the future of the UOL. One of the most critical goals set forth by this Vision is “to establish a strong UOL chapter in each parish of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.”

At its Fall meeting on October 2 in Northampton PA, the National Executive Board laid the groundwork for its work during the upcoming year. This goal of strengthening our membership was a top priority at this meeting. The NEB has pledged to do everything it can to increase our numbers of chapters and members. However, the most productive way to accomplish this is for all of you, our existing members, to set this as one of your chapter's goals for this year.

The month of September has traditionally been the kick-off of a new UOL year. Hopefully, your chapter has held its September meeting and has established its agenda for the year. And, though, membership dues and rosters were to be submitted to Financial Secretary, Pam Scannell by September 30, still consider asking potential new members to join you at your upcoming meetings and social or educational events. Show them how your UOL chapter benefits your own parish; explain to them how your UOL chapter strengthens the National UOL so that it can support our UOC of USA; point out to potential members the many projects and programs the UOL has initiated and supported over the years for the benefit of its members and all of our Church.

One of the functions of the NEB is to communicate with individual chapters and to offer assistance with any situation. Each NEB member has been assigned to be a liaison between a chapter and the NEB. Your chapter's liaison will be contacting you several times this year to bring you updates from the Board and to assist you with whatever your needs may be. Please do not hesitate to contact your liaison anytime a question arises. Please also do share with your liaison your chapter's successes – events, programs, and very importantly, ways that were successful in gaining new members.

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Soon our Church will be convening its 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Sobor. Our UOL will be represented officially by Pani Matka Linda Oryhon, as our UOL Sobor delegate, and by me, as UOL President. As an organization within our Church, the UOL will be presenting a report on its status since the last Sobor. Let us pray that at the 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Sobor in 2013, the UOL can proudly report that we are a stronger and greater organization, ever ready to assist our Church. I remain yours in Christ,

Martha X. Misko

## Vocations and Clergy Support Corner "Few Are Called"

Submitted by Pani Matka Linda Oryhon

During Sunday's Divine Liturgy at the recent UOL Convention in Maplewood, New Jersey, I heard for the first time the Litany of Fervent Supplication petitions for all vocations. They are simply worded but graciously verbalize a great need in our Church today. These petitions can be used as part of our daily prayers as well as at chapter and/or parish meetings. I have included these as part of my article, as well as petitions for our youth. Please use them as part of your prayer life.

### Litany of Fervent Supplication (Triple Litany)

“Again we pray to You, All bountiful and loving God, to open the hearts and minds of the men and women of our parish family to hear the call of our Lord to the priestly and monastic life in service to our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA dedicated to the Holy Gospel and the salvation of our souls. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.”

“Again we pray to You, O Lord our God, hear us in our great need and our thirst for Your presence. As You have said, the harvest is indeed great but the laborers are few and we pray that You will open the hearts of many to a desire to bring in the harvest dedicated, holy priests, deacons and monastics who, in following Your example, will serve Your people and satisfy their spiritual needs. Hear us, O Lord and have mercy.”

“Again we pray most fervently, O Lord, asking that You bless those who now serve in the clergy ranks of our Holy Church with courage, perseverance and sound faith. Grant that others will be inspired by their example, their service founded on love and their sacrifice, to take up Your Cross and follow You. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.”

### Youth petitions

“Again we pray to you, O gracious Lord, for our children and youth, who through Baptism, are invited to share the gift of their life in service to others. Be with them as they choose each day to show Your presence in our world. Give them the courage and desire to respond to Your Love and to Your call. Open their minds and hearts that they may proclaim Your Gospel of truth by living virtuous and up-right lives. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.”

“Again we pray, O Lord, embrace our young people. give them the courage required to overcome all obstacles in life, all temptations, which might plunge them into spiritual darkness. Give to their parents- their first teachers of faith, morality and piety- the courage to be the guiding light in their lives. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.”

## Save the dates UOL Lenten Retreats

**Bethlehem, PA March 19, 2011**  
**Villa Maria, PA March 26, 2011**

**Both Retreats will focus on the Sermon on the Mount**  
**More information in the next issue**

### Let's find out whose varenyky/pierogies are the best!

At the Philadelphia UOL Convention we will finally determine who has bragging rights for the best Varenyky/Piercigies.

Here are the basic rules:

- \*Any individual, group, or chapter can enter.
- \*Any type of varenyky/pierogies can be entered, however, there should be no meat (the contest will be on Friday).
- \*You need to provide instructions about how to store and prepare your varenyky/pierogies.
- \*You or a representative must be available to answer any questions about preparation.
- \*We will provide butter, sour cream and onions. If there are additional condiments, let us know.



To enter and get more detailed instructions please submit the following information to Natalie Bilynsky via nsufler@aol.com or mail 703 Pine Ridge Road Wallingford, PA 19086

type of varenyky you plan to prepare  
Notice of entries must be received by February 1, 2011.



**Philadelphia UOL Convention 2011 July 27-31, 2011**  
**Philadelphia will be hosting the**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Reunion for the Junior UOL At the Convention**  
**Fifty Year Update – Where Are They Now?**

As we are preparing for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Junior UOL, and have been collecting addresses and information about past Junior National Executive Board members, many have asked, “Where are they now? What are they doing?” To get you excited about our Reunion events we plan to have an article in each issue of the UOL Bulletin giving updates on exactly these questions. For us, it is easiest to give you an update on the Philadelphia crew, so here we go.

We’ll start with some of our more recent Junior Board Members. Michael Nemeth served as Treasurer for two terms (2006-07 and 2007-08), and will be starting his Junior year at Gettysburg University. He is majoring in environmental science.

Daniel McNulty, Corresponding Secretary for two terms (2004-05 and 2005-06) recently graduated from Pennsylvania State University. He majored in Hotel Management and is currently working close to Philadelphia as a manager at the Olive Garden Restaurants.

Matthew Bohem, two-term Treasurer (2004-05 and 2005-06) is finishing up his Senior Year at Temple University. Putting his experience as Treasurer to good use, he is majoring in Business.

Alexandra Brzyski served as Treasurer in 2002-03 and Vice President in 2003-04. She graduated from St. Joseph’s University.

Jonathan Kennedy served as Treasurer in 1996-97. He graduated from Temple University and is currently in a joint MBA and Law School Program at Temple University.

Missy Zetick served as Vice President for two terms (1990-91 and 1991-92). She graduated from Wake Forest University and majored in accounting. She is one of 3 National Executive Board Marriages (marriages of two NEB members), marrying Stephen Sheptak (NEB member 1992-93). They live in Butler and have three beautiful boys (certainly future NEB prospects, Cyril, Stephen and Thomas). She works as a teacher in the Butler area.

Sadly, Helen Filipenko, who served on the National Executive Board as Financial Secretary in 1987-88 and Recording Secretary in 1988-89, fell asleep in the Lord after battling cancer, approximately ten years ago. She was married and lived in the Philadelphia area.

Believe it or not Natalie Sufler (Bilynsky), who served as Junior President (1982-83 and 1983-84), as well as Recording Secretary (1981-82) is actively involved in the UOL. She serves as your UOL Bulletin Editor and her claim to fame is that she is married to the Immediate Past President of the National UOL, Oleh. When not doing UOL activities, Natalie is a Clinical Psychologist and works as a Clinical Director at Northern Home for Children, a large community agency in Philadelphia. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College, obtained her Master’s Degree from the University of Pennsylvania and her PhD from Boston College.

Tony Sufler served as Treasurer in 1978-79. He lives in the Philadelphia area and attends St. Vladimir’s. He is Vice President Operations for two divisions of Spalding Automotive. He is happily married to Diane and has two children, Samuel who is entering his senior year in high school, and Isabelle who is a freshman in high school.

Stephen Hryshchyshyn served as Vice President for two terms (1977-78 and 1978-79). He is married to Kate and has three children Lydia, Stephen Jr. and Alexander. He is the Vice President of the America Bureau of Shipping and lives in the Woodlands outside of Houston.

Dori Hryshchyshyn served as Recording Secretary in 1976-77. She married her Philadelphia Junior UOL chapter sweetheart Stephen Nemeth and is the only Philadelphia native NEB member who is also a parent to a NEB member, Michael. Dori’s daughter Lynn is the president of Philadelphia’s local junior chapter. Dori is a teacher in the Lower Merion School District.

Janet Koss Looby served as Recording Secretary (1975-76). She is married with two children, Briana and Brendan. Briana is in college and majoring in Business Administration. Brendan is a junior in high school. Janet currently works as Administrative Assistant in the Engineering Division for SEPTA. Janet is active in our UOL Chapter, having served as President for many years and she also served on the Senior National Executive Board as Recording Secretary.

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**NEWS FROM**  
**THE JUNIOR**  
**UOL**  
**PRESIDENT**

*Taylor Gladys*

Glory to Jesus Christ!

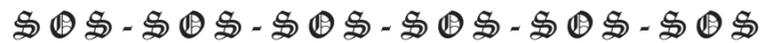
It’s October and the Jr. UOL is off to a great start. The Junior Board met for their first meeting on October 2, 2010 in Northampton, PA, in conjunction with the Senior Board. We would like to thank the chapters of Northampton for their warmth and hospitality throughout the entire weekend. Further information detailing this meeting will be in the next UOL Bulletin.

Likewise, I hope all of your chapters have had the opportunity to hold your first meeting. If you need help with new ideas for the coming year, please refer to the committee suggestions from Convention.

Hopefully, all chapters have turned in their membership dues, chapter dues, and roster forms to financial secretary, Greg Markiw, by this time. Additionally, if you have not already turned in your election report forms to Katie Zimmerman, please do this AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (these were due in May!).

I pray that all of our members have a successful year. Please feel free to contact me at any time to update me on what you are doing! I am also here to answer any questions, comments, or concerns that you might have. Thank you!

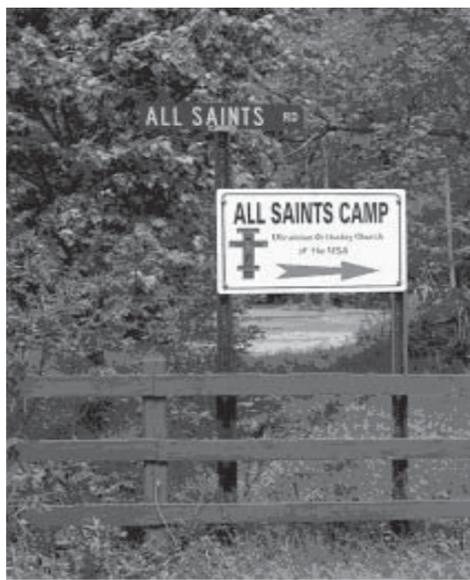
Yours In Christ,  
 Taylor Gladys



**All Saints Camp S.O.S. Campaign**  
**Improving Our Camp One Building at a Time**  
**Submitted by Michael Nakonachny**

The All Saints Camp Committee was excited to have kicked-off their “Save Our Structures” S.O.S. Campaign at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual U.O.L. Convention. S.O.S. is a program established by our All Saints Camp committee to ensure the continued maintenance and improvement of all the buildings that comprise our camp located in Emlenton, Pennsylvania.

The camp was first purchased 32 years ago, under the leadership of many, including the Ukrainian Orthodox League. It was in that spirit that this fundraising campaign was first presented to the U.O.L. Convention body.



The S.O.S. program was designed to obtain both financial and physical support to not only maintain, but improve All Saints Camp and its facilities. The committee is reaching out to all parishes of the entire Diocese of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and their members, urging them to undertake the maintenance and upkeep of individual structures.

We are greatly humbled by the generous donations that have already been made to this campaign. To date 6 cabins and 1 room have already been pledged for sponsorship. Currently both material and physical help are needed. One hope is that more parishes and organizations will work to raise the funds necessary, as well as arrange for “work weekends” when everyone can spend time at the camp making the necessary improvements. Parishes that are a distance from the camp can participate by being sponsors.

For more information on the S.O.S. campaign or to identify what buildings/items are still in need of sponsorship, please contact Michael Nakonachny at 440.503.3151 or [SOS@allsaintscamp.org](mailto:SOS@allsaintscamp.org). Additional information can also be located on the S.O.S. portion of the All Saints Camp website, [www.allsaintscamp.org/sos](http://www.allsaintscamp.org/sos). Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!



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Friday morning commenced with Morning Prayers in the Chapel Room, and then the Juniors and Seniors were back at work again. The Juniors approved their committee reports, held another competitive round of Chapter Challenge, and attentively listened to the wisdom of our Hierarchs. As sessions for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior UOL Convention closed, the Juniors dressed up in their Ukrainian attire and prepared themselves for a night full of our Ukrainian heritage. At



finished and the awards had all been distributed, the UOL members enjoyed yet another talented, live band. At the conclusion of the dance, many members had trouble leaving as they regretted an end to such a delightful evening.

Lastly, the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual UOL Convention concluded on August 1, 2010 with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Holy Ascension Parish in Maplewood. The new National Executive Boards took the oath of office immediately following Liturgy, and everyone proceeded to the Church hall for their farewell brunch, until next year.



On behalf of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League, I'd like to thank the Hierarchs, Fr. Oleh Hucul, the Convention Chairpersons, and the UOL Chapters of Holy Ascension (along with their entire parish) for the diligent effort they put into the Annual Convention this year. A huge success, the gathering will surely be one that we will never forget!



Ukrainian Night, we joined together on the dance floor to learn folk dances of the past and to show off our best moves in a Kolomeyka. It turned out to be yet another wonderful and fun-filled evening, one that we will never forget.

On Saturday, July 31, we arose again for Morning Prayers in the Chapel. The new National Executive Boards had the opportunity to meet for the first time and talk about their goals for the coming year. The rest of the day was filled with relaxation, followed by Vespers and Confession.



Finally, everyone began to get ready for the Banquet and Ball. As always,



the Banquet and Ball was an extravagant event. After the speakers were

**2010 Cultural Contest - Submitted by Gregory Markiw**

The 2010 Cultural Contest had a variety of submissions which included needlepoint, hand painted icons and Ukrainian photography!

There was a large group of hand painted icons submitted from the children of St. Mary the Protectress Cathedral in Southfield, Michigan. Sr. Chapter Advisor, Elizabeth Symonenko writes, "These icons began as plain white plaster and the children painted them using acrylic paints. While painting the icons they learned the significance of the icon, especially specific Ukrainian icons such as the Pochaiv icon of the Bohoroditsia as well as other miraculous icons in our homeland."

Thanks to everyone who participated and congratulations to the winners!

- Senior Category - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Richard Phillips, Carteret, NJ  
Cross stitched picture of Ukrainian Girls
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Pani Matka Nataliya Zharsky, Johnson City, NY  
Hand Painted Icon
- Junior Category - 1<sup>st</sup> Place- Lexi Powers, Southfield, MI  
Painted Icon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Mikey Powers, Southfield, MI  
Painted Icon

The winners were presented beautiful crosses from Ukraine.



**2010 National Jr. Raffle Submitted by Greg Markiw**

The drawing for the 2010 National Jr. UOL Raffle was held at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual UOL Convention in Maplewood, NJ. The winners of this year's raffle were as follows:

- \$300.00 - John Piropato, Maplewood, NJ
- \$200.00 – Pani Matka Chubenko, Carteret, NJ
- \$100.00 - George Shevchuk, Maplewood, NJ

Mr. John Piropato generously donated \$100.00 back to the National Jr. UOL. Thanks to all the Junior UOL Members who sold tickets and to everyone for their continued support of this fundraiser.

**2010 UOL Essay Contest – The Best of the Best**

- St. Mary Cathedral – Allentown, PA - 6 entries  
 Luke Milinichik age 6 – honorable mention  
 Ryan Anderson – age 6 – honorable mention
- St. Vladimir Parish – Ambridge, PA - 19 entries  
 Warren Coulter – age 5 – honorable mention  
 Olivia Coulter – age 9 – honorable mention  
 Anna Swindle – age 9 – honorable mention  
 Victoria Swindle – age 11 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 Danielle Pontus – age 15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- St. Sophia Parish – Bayonne, NJ - 15 entries  
 Michael Lee – age 8 – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Paul Schirta – age 7 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 Jessica Tanuos – age 8 – honorable mention  
 Maria Schirta – age 9 - 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Robert Lee – age 10 - 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 Anastasia Lee – age 12 - honorable mention
- St. Andrew Parish – Boston, MA - 4 entries  
 Melanie Muzyka – age 13 – honorable mention
- Sts. Peter & Paul Parish - Carnegie, PA - 4 entries  
 David Vineyard – age 9 – honorable mention
- St. Demetrius Cathedral – Carteret, NJ - 13 entries  
 Elizabeth Cairns – age 5 – honorable mention  
 Aleksandra Chubenko – age 5 – honorable mention  
 Mya Molina – age 6 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Juliana Pogoda – age 8 – honorable mention  
 Janeene Linck – age 15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God Parish – Dover, FL  
 7 entries  
 Jasmine Linsinbigler – age 9 – honorable mention  
 Alexis Linsinbigler – age 11 – honorable mention  
 Carrie Linsinbigler – adult – 1<sup>st</sup> place
- St. John the Baptist Parish – Johnson City, NY - 13 entries  
 Sofia Zharsky – age 8 – honorable mention  
 Milly Hatala – age 15 – honorable mention  
 Lauren Hatala – age 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Sts. Peter & Paul Parish – Lyndora, PA - 3 entries  
 Pavlo Pawluk – age 10 – honorable mention
- Holy Ascension Parish – Maplewood, NJ - 4 entries  
 Erica Holowko – age 9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 Christopher Holowko – age 12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 Nicholas Holowko – age 16 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Assumption of the Virgin Mary – Northampton, PA - 3 entries  
 Alexandra Ost – age 3 – honorable mention
- Sts. Peter & Paul Parish – Palos Park, IL - 25 entries  
 Mallory Zvonek – age 4 – honorable mention  
 Allie Rak – age 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Jorianne Zvonek – age 6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 Peter Gordan – age 8 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Alexis Naumenko – age 8 – honorable mention  
 Christina Koranda – age 11 – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Hannah Masur – age 13 – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Veronica Koranda – age 13 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Markian Masur – age 16 – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Dennis Koranda – age 17 – 1<sup>st</sup> place
- St. Vladimir Cathedral - Parma, OH - 13 entries  
 Logan Mroczka – age 6 – honorable mention  
 Julia Hontaruk - age 9 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Orest Mahlay – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Caite Miller – age 13 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- St. Vladimir Cathedral – Philadelphia, PA - 12 entries  
 Natalie Swan – age 5 - honorable mention  
 Michael SanAntonio – age 6 – honorable mention  
 Nathan Konchak – age 9 – honorable mention  
 Brett Wilwert – age 10 – honorable mention  
 Natalie SanAntonio – age 10 – 1<sup>st</sup> place

St. Vladimir Parish – Pittsburgh, PA - 2 entries  
 Kateryna Kocelko – age 11 – honorable mention

St. Mary the Protectress Cathedral – Southfield, MI - 6 entries  
 Lisa Powers – age 7 – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 James Danylo Higgins – age 9 - honorable mention  
 Lesia Powers – age 10 – honorable mention  
 Mikey Powers – age 12 – honorable mention  
 Andy Powers – age 14 – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Elizabeth Symonenko – adult – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Holy Trinity Parish – Trenton, NJ - 3 entries  
 Stephanie Maddalena – age 8 – honorable mention  
 Olena Lyamar – age 13 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 Svitlana Lyamar – age 17 – 1<sup>st</sup> place

St. Michael Parish – Woonsocket, RI - 7 entries  
 Daria Bourgerly - age 11 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Celia Stemadore – age 11 – honorable mention  
 Brendan Abrahamson – age 13 – honorable mention  
 Nick Perkins – age 14 – honorable mention  
 Joshua Bourgerly – age 16 – honorable mention

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish – Youngstown, OH - 20 entries  
 Samantha Moon – age 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Tyler Notman – age 10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Jeffrey Senediak – age 11 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Katherine Anderson – age 12 – honorable mention  
 Nicholas Woloschak – age 14 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 Ashley Mounce – age 15 – 1<sup>st</sup> place

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Barbara Podgurski Bonfiglio, served two terms as Corresponding Secretary in 1969-70 and 1970-71. She currently lives in Durham, NC and works as an administrative assistant to a VP at GlaxoSmithKline. She has two wonderful children. Her daughter Lauren is a Pastry Chef at a restaurant in Washington, DC. Her son Joe is currently the Chief of Staff to a Louisiana Congressman. He is married to Bridget who works for the Nature Conservancy. Barbara also has the cutest grandson, Ryan Joseph, who recently turned one. Barbara is a Member at Large of the UOL and enjoys going to the gym and cake decorating.

Stayed tuned for more updates in our next issue. Philadelphia has had the blessing of several NEB members from other cities moving to our area – in our next article we will give you the update on members who have joined our parish from other areas: Josh Oryhon, Rebecca Druash, Jordan Gladys and Yvonne Szafranski.

### Junior Chapter Achievement Award St. Michael's Junior Chapter Woonsocket, RI

St. Michael's Jr. Chapter in Woonsocket, Rhode Island was awarded the Junior Chapter Achievement Award. This distinguished honor is awarded to a chapter



who through collaborative efforts, performed noble acts of service to the community and within the Church. The winner this year truly set a prime example of what it means to be a chapter of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League.

Of their twelve members, 10 participated in the UOL Essay Contest, a local lock-in, and continually helped to care for the Church grounds throughout the year. Together St. Michael's chapter visited shut-ins, set-up a food pantry in conjunction with their Senior Chapter, and donated \$1,225 to various causes. This included the purchase of Church vestments and supplies, and Adopting a Family to provide Christmas presents for three needy children, among many other accomplishments. Evidently, their chapter is truly committed to the service it takes to be recognized as Junior Chapter of the Year, and the Jr. UOL is so grateful for their dedication. Congratulations Woonsocket, you earned it!

**Julian Burgan - Vice President**

My name is Julian Burgan and I am the Junior UOL's newly elected vice president. Let me first say that I couldn't be more excited than I am right now. It is going to be a truly great experience working with this year's Junior National Executive Board.

I live in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, a suburb a few minutes from downtown Pittsburgh, with my dad and one of my four siblings. I am the president of the Junior UOL chapter at St. Vladimir's where I am also an altar server. This is my senior year of high school and I couldn't be happier. I am a huge Miami Dolphins fan, New York Yankees fan, and Florida Gators fan. Unfortunately I may have made some enemies with that information, but what can I say? I am a big movie person. My favorite movie I think is "The Departed" but it changes every day. I dabble a bit in photography and guitar. Over the summer, I worked at All Saints Camp, attended Teenage Conference, and obviously the UOL Convention.

I would like to thank and congratulate one more time Holy Ascension of Maplewood for all of their time and hard work. It was a great experience and it is always great to be back home in New Jersey. I would also like to remind everyone to keep in their prayers the host of our next UOL Convention, the parish of St. Vladimir's in Philadelphia. May next year be even better than this year.

Again, I couldn't be happier with this year's board and it is truly an honor to be at the service of Christ and His Church. Hopefully I'll be meeting a lot of you throughout this year. God Bless.

**Joshua Bourgerly - Recording Secretary**

My name is Joshua Bourgerly and I am ready to hit the ground running as the new Recording Secretary for the Jr. National Board. This is my first year on the board and I am anxious to learn everything I need to make this year the best it can be.

I attend church at St. Michael's in Woonsocket, RI and live a short distance away in Blackstone, Massachusetts. I serve under Fr. Anthony Perkins in the altar and am currently studying to become a subdeacon. Our Jr. UOL chapter in Woonsocket has continued to grow at a staggering rate and I have been honored to lead my friends and fellow youth as president, to win the Jr. Chapter of the Year award this past convention.

Currently I am a junior at Blackstone-Millville Regional High School in Blackstone. There I am involved in the National Honor Society and Principal's Advisory Council. Also I play trumpet in wind ensemble, jazz band, brass choir, and our award-winning marching band. I keep pretty busy with school work and band practices but when I have time free I enjoy working out in my yard or putting some miles on my bike. In the winter when I can't ride, I like to ski.

This year I will be chairperson of the Membership and Chapter Development committee and I am very excited to get started because there were some very good ideas at convention that I can't wait to put into practice. I have high hopes for this being one of the best years for the Jr. UOL and I look forward to be a part in making that happen. Feel free to contact me for anything at [jbourgerly20120@comcast.net](mailto:jbourgerly20120@comcast.net)

**Nicholas Holowko - Treasurer**

My name is Nicholas Holowko and I am the newly elected Treasurer of the Junior National Executive Board. Indeed, it is an honor and I look forward to a productive and enriching year. I am a parishioner at Holy Ascension in Maplewood, NJ, the site of this past year's UOL convention, and where I also serve as the Treasurer of the Junior UOL chapter. In addition to the UOL, I attend Sunday school and have been an altar server for several years and help out at many church functions. I have also attended All Saints Camp many times for Church School Camp, Teenage Conference, and Family Fest.

With our local Chapter having hosted the convention this past year, my family and I were involved in many ways including spending much time on planning convention activities, fundraising, and the beautification of our Church. It was a great learning experience in so many ways. Having the convention in Maplewood was a great experience for all of us; for those who attended thank you for coming and participating.

Currently, I am a Junior at Randolph High School, and when not engaging in my schoolwork, I actively participate in playing ice hockey and lacrosse for my school. I also spend time participating in ice hockey playing for a club team. At the moment though, I am recovering from shoulder surgery and hope to be back soon. Much of the summer was spent rehabilitating my shoulder. Recently, I have also started working part time at a local Pizzeria.

I anticipate a very meaningful and productive year working on the Board this year and being able to work with the other members. Along with holding the position of Treasurer, I am also the chairperson for the fundraising committee. In addition, I am also the liaison to the Philadelphia, PA; Maplewood, NJ; and Carteret, NJ chapters. Please call, or email me with any ideas or concerns. I am confident I will visit you during the year. I hope to do all that I can for the Board and to serve our Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

**Gregory Markiw - Financial Secretary**

Greetings from Carnegie, Pennsylvania! My name is Gregory Markiw and I am the Financial Secretary of the 2010-2011 Junior National Executive Board. This is my second time on the National Board.

I attend St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie, PA where our Spiritual Advisor is Fr. Steve Repa. I am president for our local chapter, assist as an altar server and dance as a member of the Poltava Ukrainian Dance Company.

As an eleventh grader at Chartiers Valley High School I am treasurer of the German Club, work as technical crew for school plays and musicals and participate as a member of the school's mock trial program. I enjoy politics, the great outdoors as well as spending time with my family and friends.

Our local chapter is very active and I have always enjoyed working as a UOL member during events like Carnegie Days, St. Matrona's Cookie Walk and the Annual Pysanky Sale. Carnegie Juniors also host coffee hour once a month as well as the Souper Bowl and various other fundraisers throughout the year.

If you ever need to contact me I can be reached at [marq2036@verizon.net](mailto:marq2036@verizon.net)

**Taylor Gladys - President**

My name is Taylor Gladys and I am truly grateful to have been re-elected as President of the Junior National Executive Board. I reside in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with my mom, dad, and (when she's home from college) my sister, Jordan. On Sundays, we attend St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church on the South Side. At Church, I sing in the choir, attend Sunday School, and I currently serve as Treasurer of South Side's chapter of the Jr. UOL. Church is really important to me, as it is a major part of my life.

This year, I am a SENIOR at Woodland Hills High School. At Woodland Hills, I am a member of the soccer and basketball teams, as well as the Chamber Choir and French Club. I am also involved in various science fairs and other academic activities. Sports and school are an integral part of my life right now.

When I'm not at church, at school, or at sports, or looking for colleges, I like to kick back and relax with friends. I love listening to music, watching movies, and seeing plays with my best friends. As much as I like to spend my free time at home, my favorite place to be is All Saints Camp. My mom and I were among the first campers at Mommy and Me/Daddy and Me, I participated in five years of Diocesan Church School Camp, and have attended five years at Teenage Conference. For the past four years, I have been a "Big Sister" at Mommy and Me/Daddy and Me camp, as well. Camp has affected my life in several positive ways over the years. Not only do I learn and grow in faith while I'm there, but it's also the one place where I feel like I can truly be myself and have fun with other people who are just like me. I know I will never forget the important lessons I have learned at All Saints Camp.

This will be a year to remember in the Junior UOL as the Board members are eager to get to work and look forward to improving the league in several ways. I will serve the league to the best of my abilities, and I promise to put forth 110% of my effort during the course of this year. Please pray for us! Through the love and prayers of our Spiritual family, the Junior Board is ready to aim high for our goals. I am sure that with the help of the Holy Spirit, we may be able to expand and spread the Good News of Christ to others and continue service to our Church and to our Holy Orthodox Faith. I pray that the Lord will guide all members of the Ukrainian Orthodox League this year, that we may succeed in all of our endeavors.

**Katie Zimmerman - Corresponding Secretary**

Hi my name is Katie Zimmerman and I am the Junior National Executive Board Corresponding Secretary for my second year now. I am very excited to begin the new year with the new board.

I attend St. Mary's parish in Allentown, Pennsylvania where Father Myron Oryhon is our priest. I am our junior chapter president and I love being active in the church. I try to help out anywhere possible.

I live in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania and attend Southern Lehigh High School. I will be a junior this school year. I was on the winter and spring track and field teams. I enjoy ceramics, fishing, listening to music, and hanging out with my friends.

I have attended Diocesan Church School Camp and Teenage Conference for years now and Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me as a counselor. I also worked in the kitchen at ASC this past summer. I had an awesome time. I love having the privilege to attend an amazing camp every summer.

If you have any questions or just want to talk or get to know me more feel free to contact me at [gymnastzimm94@gmail.com](mailto:gymnastzimm94@gmail.com).

### Young Adult's Memorial Day Weekend

Submitted by Kira Senedak

This year's event was once again held at All Saints Camp in Emlenton, PA. Almost twenty young adults from parishes in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York were there to enjoy a relaxing weekend with new and old friends. Guest speakers, including His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine, V. Rev. John Nakonachny, V. Rev. John Haluszczyk and Fr. Dn. Dennis Lapushansky, presented workshops on issues facing young adults and the Orthodox Church. Participants also spent Saturday morning working on projects to help maintain and beautify the camp grounds. Many helped to paint shutters and trim for each of the cabins. Social time in the evenings was enjoyed by all!

A special blessing was bestowed on the newly married couple Hans and Sarah Harasimchuk following Divine Liturgy on Sunday Morning. His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine blessed the couple and spoke of their dedication to



the camp, specifically the construction of the St. Thomas Chapel on the camp grounds. Mnohaya Lita and Congratulations to Hans and Sarah!

The UOL Young Adults committee looks forward to the continued growth of this event!

### Carnegie Juniors Submitted by Reporter Mikaela Kapeluck

We held elections in May for the Junior Chapter, the new board is:

President, Greg Markiw  
Vice President, Nick Wachnowsky  
Treasurer, Danielle Walewski  
Recording Secretary, Brandi Rohal  
Corresponding Secretary, Irene Onufry  
Reporter, Mikaela Kapeluck

Congratulations to our new board!

We hosted a Spaghetti Fundraiser for the National Wildlife Federation to help the wildlife affected by the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico on August 15th. Our Junior Chapter helped prepare the food the Saturday before and cleaned up afterwards. We proudly raised \$150.00 toward this effort.

We celebrated our pastor's anniversary and birthday in August. We came up with the idea to make a homemade cookbook featuring two of our own family's recipes and a photo of each of us. Our Jr. Chapter members along with the rest of our parish wish Fr. Steve many happy years! Mnohaya Lita!

Once a month three of our Jr. Chapter members host coffee hour. Many of us have worked in the newly formed "St. John and St. Martin's Closet" which provides clothing and bedding for those in need in our community. We've had several donations of items coming from our parishioners. In August we had a back to school drive where kids in our community were able to get free school supplies.

We are looking forward to helping with the upcoming "Carnegie Days" on September 9-11, 2010. Each year our parish has a booth at the festival where we work transporting food back and forth from the parish hall as well as helping out in the booth. We serve a variety of Ukrainian foods.

Many of us in the parish will be spending Labor Day Weekend with our family and friends at the All Saints Camp Family Fest.

### "Why is the Senior UOL important?"

The question is frequently asked: "Why do we need a Senior UOL chapter when we have the Church Committee, Sisterhood, and other organizations within the church? The UOL is just another organization similar to those already existing in our local parish."

One of the main purposes is to belong to a community larger than one's own parish. To have a family that is more than the nuclear family or parish community. To gain enthusiasm, empathy and love from those who live far away, but are experiencing the same daily struggles we face in our life as Orthodox Christians.

"Why is the UOL Convention important?" It is a Family Reunion of Our Ukrainian Orthodox Family.

At the Convention we discuss projects and set goals for the year, but the projects and accomplishments are nothing in comparison to this community, our UOL family. In many ways, the Convention is a Family Reunion, where we see extended family. Just like a family, sometimes we get angry, annoyed, judgmental or finicky. That is the beauty of being a member of the family – that we know each other – that we love each other – just as we are. In fact, it wouldn't be the same if it weren't for the great myriad of personalities that create the tapestry of our UOL community.

At the UOL Convention, it is wonderful to see the children of our peers and the grandchildren of the UOL founders coming to the sessions. If you believe that the Convention doesn't accomplish anything, come and see the Juniors, strong after fifty years. Without a Senior UOL to show that the family is strong, why would the Junior UOL be needed? The Juniors are preparing to become leaders in our Church and it is our obligation to keep the Senior UOL strong for them. For them, coming to the Convention in 5, 10, 20 or more years to remember the great times they had, and to live great moments will become the stories of the future.

As a family reunion, the Convention rekindles the flames that have been flickering or even close to extinguishing within each of us. Each individual comes back warmed by the joys of the Convention, armed with memories of touching moments, inspirational liturgies and prayer services, incredibly funny experiences and heartfelt one-on-one talks with each other. The community, the sense of belonging to a family of Ukrainian Orthodox Christians is our purpose. When we have first time delegates they feel that sense of belonging. In the quest for accomplishments, we don't always take the time to step back and appreciate the beauty of the family that we have.

*A UOL Hand Reaches Out to You . . .*

If you haven't been to a Convention in years, we miss you. Your talents and your presence at the Convention, our UOL Family Reunion, is always missed. If you have been thinking about coming back to the UOL – we are excited to embrace you. If you have been thinking about someone that you miss – call them, encourage them to return. Not only will it potentially rekindle their flame, it will create a blaze within your own heart. If you have never been a member of the UOL, think about joining. Call or email our Membership Committee Chair Pam Scannell at 607-760-1671 or [wscannell@stny.rr.com](mailto:wscannell@stny.rr.com) and join today!!

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Make sure that your name is listed as well as those of your fellow chapter members! For just \$5 you can be listed on the wall of UOL Greats!

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**The Junior UOL is turning 50!**

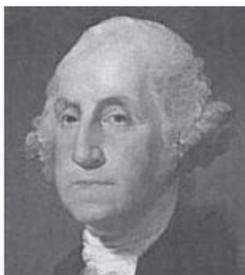
**We will be celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the Junior UOL Convention at the UOL Convention in Philadelphia in 2011 - with the Reunion of all Reunions!**

To begin our preparations we are looking for the addresses of all Junior Executive Board Members and former Junior UOL Members. We are also collecting pictures for a Golden Reunion Picture Show!

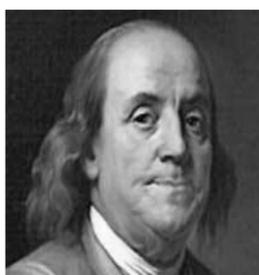
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