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## 50th Annual Junior UOL Convention - Submitted by Katie Zimmerman



On Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League started filling the Doubletree lobby in Philadelphia with excitement to begin their 50th Junior UOL Convention. That evening we began our first session. We started off with a couple of fun get-to-know-you ice breakers and then formed our committees. Later that night we had a wonderful hospitality night hosted by Philadelphia, which everyone got to enjoy connecting with old and new friends.

After Divine Liturgy and brunch Thursday morning, we reconvened our sessions to finish up our committees, both Junior and combined Junior/Senior, and then quickly moved onto Chapter Challenge, which is always a huge competition. His Grace Bishop Daniel joined us for the day and we all listened attentively as he advised us about how important it is to recharge our spiritual batteries and how he really enjoys his Starbucks. We concluded the day with Vespers and a Night at the Museum at the Franklin Institute. Everyone got to explore the Museum and then we had a nice dinner with dancing.

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

**65th UOL CONVENTION  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

*Martha X Misko*



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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Pam Scannell	Johnson City
Oleh Bilynsky	Philadelphia, Wilmington
Mark Meschisen	Woonsocket, Boston, New Britain

Near summer's end we learned of the tragic desecration and vandalism at our sister parish of St. Andrew in Los Angeles, CA. On behalf of the membership of the Ukrainian Orthodox League the National Executive Board sent the Parish a donation along with prayers and encouragement for a full recovery, both spiritually and physically.

The Fall meetings of the Junior and Senior National Executive Boards will be held in Carteret, NJ, on October 22. The St. Demetrius UOL Chapter has graciously agreed to host us, and we look forward to being with them. If you are in the area, please join us!

I remain yours in Christ,  
Martha X. Misko  
President

### LSSK Donations from

#### the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual UOL Convention

**Stephen and Alexis Sawchuk \$500**

**Mr. & Mrs. William Kuzbyt \$200**

**Olga Sawchuk & James Sawchuk \$200**

**Senior UOL Maplewood, NJ \$100**

**V. Rev Jakiw & PM Maryka Norton \$100**

**Mr. & Mrs. John Piropato \$50**

**Eugenia Arson in memory  
of Louise Veltre, Anna Stanchak \$50**

**Dori & Stephen Nemeth \$50**

**Adam & Marlene Piasecki \$30**

**Gary Markovich \$30**

**Anonymous in memory of Fr. Frank Estocin \$25**

**Sofia Norton \$25**

**Richard Jendras \$20**

## Vocations and Clergy Support Corner

**Few Are Called...**

**Submitted by Pani Matka Linda Oryhon**

**Metropolitan John of Blessed Memory**

**(excerpts from *Ukrainian Orthodox Word*, May 3, 1971)**



On the third of May 1971, in a Philadelphia hospital, the Primate of our Church of the U.S.A., His Beatitude, John, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of North and South America, fell asleep in the Lord. Thousands of his spiritual flock along with all the clergy and those of other churches and faiths paid their last homage while he lay in state.

He was born in the town of Krupets, October 6, 1887. Krupets, a community in Volyn, is where his father served as a priest and where others in his family have served as well. Here in this community he began his studies and later entered the Seminary Preparatory school in the city of Kiev. He then went on to Zhitomir Theological Seminary from which he graduated with honors. He then received his teaching certification and taught for five years in the Duben and Ostos Districts.

He was ordained a Deacon in 1914, then a priest in 1915 and finally consecrated a Bishop for the proclaimed independent Autocephalous Orthodox Church. In 1923, Bishop John was assigned to serve the Ukrainian people of the United States. In June 1924, the Sobor of the Church in America elected the now Archbishop John to be its Primate. Then, in July 1924, the Sobor of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada also elected him as its Archpastor and Spiritual leader. He served the Canadian Church until 1947. The Sobor of October in 1950, which united into one Metropolia the majority of the Ukrainian Orthodox parishes in the United States, selected him as Metropolitan.

During these years of growth in our Church, the Orthodox Ukrainians of South America were embraced under his leadership. Not only was there an increase in the number of parishes in the U.S.A., but a Church administration was organized as well, i.e., the Consistory and its various commissions. This expansion and organization of the Church was due to his untiring labors in Christ's Ukrainian Orthodox vineyard in the U.S. and Canada. He served Canada twenty three years and in the United States for forty-seven years. His writings of poetry, Archpastoral messages, and church teachings, etc. serve to distinguish him in the history of the Ukrainian nation and her Church. His many years of Archpastoral service not only enriched our Church's spiritual treasury, but guide her now into the future. It is in recognition of his service and dedication to our Ukrainian Orthodox Church that the Ukrainian Orthodox League established a fund to provide scholarships to aid those individuals who choose to serve the Church as priests. In 1966, the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund was established and has granted awards to many deserving men. During this year, to commemorate the Fortieth Anniversary of his Repose, we offer our prayers that Metropolitan John's life and legacy serve as an inspiration for others to follow for many years to come. Please help us continue to support and aid our seminarians, by sending your donations to:

Pani Matka Linda Oryhon  
623 Jennings Street  
Endicott, NY 13760

The Junior and Senior chapters of the Protection of the Theotokos Parish in Allentown, PA are proud to welcome you, dear reader, to the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual UOL Convention!

In the last issue of the UOL *Bulletin*, we gave you all sorts of reasons why you should “Come and See” how wonderful the Lehigh Valley is. UOL historians and sociologists both agree that the backbone of any successful Convention is the hotel and we are pleased to be using the Best Western Plus in Bethlehem as our homebase. The announcement of a \$99 per night rate was greeted with cheers and festive whooping during Senior Sessions at the Convention in Philadelphia. For more information on the hotel please visit <http://www.lehighvalleyhotel.com/> or call (610) 866-5800.

Now that you’ve been thoroughly convinced that the Convention in Allentown is The Place To Be In 2012, please allow us to introduce our Convention Committee:

Spiritual Advisor: **Father Myron Oryhon**  
 Convention Co-Chairs: **Dennis Ritter** and **Christine Zimmerman**  
 Junior Convention Chair: **Katie Zimmerman**  
 Treasurer: **Sandy Ritter**  
 Secretary: **Robin Bodnar**  
 Creative Arts: **Amy Dritt**  
 Registration: **Pani Matka** **Linda Oryhon**  
 Banquet and Ball: **Alexis Oryhon**

In the coming issues we will highlight the special events that will punctuate the week, so keep those eyeballs glued to this spot!

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

### Junior Chapter Awards Submitted by Taylor Gladys

The Jr. UOL National Executive Board presented two awards to Chapters at the Convention in Philadelphia. The first was the Jr. UOL Spirit Award. We haven’t given out this award for a few years, but it was a unanimous decision to give it to a particular chapter who went above and beyond this year. They exhibited exemplary enthusiasm, love, and devotion to the Junior League and the Church. The Jr. UOL was excited to announce that the 2011 Spirit Award went to St. Mary the Protectress in Southfield, MI, as they raised \$1,111 for the Jr. UOL’s Monastery project this year. To this chapter, we would like to say “thank you” and “congratulations!”

The 2011 Chapter Achievement Award was presented to Holy Ascension in Maplewood, New Jersey, another chapter that accomplished a great deal this year. The Maplewood chapter sent 7 delegates and 2 pre-juniors to the National Convention last year. During the year, they held “Soup Sundays” for various causes in their parish, had a Thanksgiving food collection for the Market Street Mission, and a St. Demetrius Dinner in commemoration of the victims of the Holodomor and departed family members. The Juniors from Maplewood also held coffee hours throughout the year and made a generous donation for the UOL’s Souper Bowl Sunday. This chapter’s service and humility have earned them the title of “Junior Chapter of the Year.” Congratulations to the Juniors of Holy Ascension in Maplewood, New Jersey, keep up the good work!



## NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT

*Gregory Markiw*

Glory to Jesus Christ!

This year is up and running! We have not had our first meeting yet, it is scheduled for later this month in Carteret. Detailed information regarding the fall meeting will be posted in the next UOL Bulletin.

Now that it is October, all chapters hopefully have had their first meeting. If not, it would be a good idea to get that organized. You may want to look over the Convention reports to help get ideas and set goals for the upcoming year. The higher our goals the more we can accomplish!

All of your chapters should have already submitted their rosters (remember to fill in all the information on the roster forms including email addresses), chapter and membership dues paperwork to the Financial Secretary, Liz Hershey. The deadline date was September 30<sup>th</sup>, so if you haven’t completed them please do so as soon as possible! Remember there are fines for late forms! These forms will be uploaded onto the Jr. UOL website: <http://www.uol.orthodoxws.com/resources.html>. Please try to take advantage of this link throughout the year, it is there to help keep you connected with information from the national board.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, comments, or concerns whether they be about the national board or your local chapter. I will continue to pray for you and until we see each other again, may God guide and guard you and keep you safe.

Peace and Love,  
Gregory Markiw



### Very Rev. Volodymyr Bukata Award - Anna Wachuck Submitted by Taylor Gladys

The winner of this year’s Very Reverend Volodymyr Bukata Award was Anna Wachuck from Sts. Peter and Paul in Youngstown, Ohio. The Bukata Award is a way for the Jr. UOL to recognize one individual who has done outstanding work toward accomplishing the goals and aims of the UOL, and no one is more deserving than Anna. Anna has certainly put in both the time and the effort to receive this award. Over the past few years, she has served several offices in her chapter, including President. She sings in the choir, participates in a Ukrainian Dance Group, and rarely ever misses a UOL event. Anna has had to overcome a great deal in her life, including the loss of a parent, but her perseverance and commitment to Christ’s Church continues to shine through. Her advisor described Anna as “really encouraging and kind to the younger members.” She is said to always have a “positive” attitude, and she can easily “make everyone smile.”



So, Anna, thank you for your love and dedication to the Church. The Jr. UOL would like to congratulate Anna, and say “Mnohaya Lita!”



Sunday morning, everyone joined together to have a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Brunch. The new Boards took their oath of office and it was time to say farewell to all our friends and family until next year in Allentown.

The Juniors have continued several projects since last year. We have decided to keep raising funds for our future monastery in Lancaster, PA. We have also donated our first \$1,000 to the All Saints Camp SOS Program. The Juniors also hope to increase our membership this year and get more parishes interested in starting new Junior UOL chapters.



Friday concluded our business sessions. We finished off Chapter Challenge and the Board took the gold medal for this year. The committees were



We also decided to tithe 10% of our income, from this year on, to our Church. His Eminence Archbishop Antony was very excited to hear about our donation.

On behalf of the Junior UOL Convention Body, I would like to thank and congratulate the 2011 Convention Hosts of Philadelphia, PA on a wonderful job. A special thank you to the Hierarchs, Father Taras Naumenko, the Convention Chairmen, and both the Senior and Junior UOL chapters of Philadelphia, congratulations, you did it!



presented along with the reports and the slate was read. The new 2011-2012 National Board was voted on and the business sessions were adjourned.

Vespers followed and the Night at the Ostaps was the evening event. It included a best pierogie contest and several funny videos were played going along with the Ostaps given out.

The 2012 Convention body of Allentown, PA held their hospitality night at the end of the night.

Everyone had the day to themselves on Saturday. We had the chance to roam the City of Brotherly Love on our own. Vespers were held in the afternoon and shortly after the Junior UOL had their 50th Reunion. The grand banquet and ball finished off a wonderful day, and everyone had a hard time leaving the dance floor that evening.

### Meet the National Executive Board of the Junior UOL



My name is Gregory Markiw and I am President of the 2011-2012 Junior National Executive Board. This is my third year serving on the NEB. I attend Sts. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie, PA where our Spiritual Advisor is Fr. Steve Repa. I am President of our local chapter, assist as an altar server and dance as a member of the Poltava Ukrainian Dance Company.

This year I will be a senior at Chartiers Valley High School. I serve on the board of directors for the National Honor Society. I work as part of the technical crew for school plays and musicals and participate in the school's mock trial program and Leadership Assistant Program. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, hunting, and long walks on the beach.

I pray that I can serve the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League and our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church with honor and diligence. I am very excited about this year and hope to get a chance to meet many of you during the course of my term. I ask that you keep the NEB in your thoughts and prayers as we work together to continue the good works expected of all of us. If you ever have a question or need help with an event or project, please feel free to contact me or any of the board members. We are here to help you and your chapter work to successfully completing your goals for this year. I can be reached at marq2036@verizon.net.

With the love and guidance of the Holy Spirit, may we all be able to do good deeds and spread Christ's love to others as we service the Holy Orthodox Church and spread the Good News of the Holy Orthodox Faith.

Hi, my name is Katie Zimmerman and I am the Junior National Executive Board Vice President. I was the Corresponding Secretary for two years, but I am even more excited to start as the new Vice President.

I attend St. Mary's parish in Allentown, Pennsylvania where Father Myron Oryhon is our priest. I am our junior chapter president and junior chair for our 2012 Convention and I love being active in the church. I try to help as much as I can.

I live in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania and attend Southern Lehigh High School. I will be a senior this school year, and plan on furthering my education in the medical field next year. I enjoy hanging out with my friends and family, and just having a good time. I also work at a local grocery store in the Pharmacy.

I have attended Diocesan Church School Camp and Teenage Conference for many years now and Mommy & Me/ Daddy & Me as a counselor. I also worked in the kitchen at ASC. I had an awesome time. I love going to camp every year, everyone should go!

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.

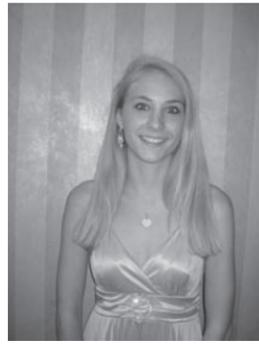


My name is Elizabeth Hershey and I am very excited to be the Financial Secretary for the Junior National Executive Board. This is my first year on the board and I cannot wait to get started. I live in Oxford, PA and attend the Holy Ghost parish in Coatesville where Father Anthony Ugolnik is our priest.

Currently, I am a junior at Oxford Area High School. I run cross country and play softball for the school. I am also involved in a club team for softball which takes up a large amount of my time. We travel all over the country for tournaments and college showcases. The showcase I look forward to the most is the one held in Florida this year.

Our junior chapter at Holy Ghost was recently re-formed earlier this year. I am happy to have been elected President and have been working hard to get our chapter up on its feet again. We have many plans for this new year and we hope to get as much done as possible.

Feel free to contact me about anything at lizrhershey@aol.com



Hello, my name is Lynn Nemeth and I am starting my first year as Corresponding Secretary for the Jr. UOL National Board. I live just outside Philadelphia with my mom and dad. I also have an older brother who is going into his senior year of college. I am a member of St. Vladimir Parish in Philadelphia, PA where I am also the President of our Jr. Chapter. I am active in our parish, participating in events and fundraisers. We have a small junior chapter, but we still try to do a variety of activities.

This upcoming school year, I will be a senior at Germantown Academy. I am a coxswain for the varsity crew team and I am on the volleyball team. I am very passionate about crew and it is something I want to continue in college. Another long time interest of mine is playing the piano. I have been doing so since the second grade. I truly love it and is something I use to relax myself from any stress. When I'm not going to school, sports, or church activities, I enjoy hanging out with my friends, skiing, going to the shore and Philadelphia Phillies games.

This year I have been appointed chair of the technology committee. I am very excited to bring the UOL more into the 21st century with new technologies that are always coming out. I am looking forward to a great and successful year.

My name is Justina Mills and I am the newly elected Recording Secretary of the Junior National Executive Board. I am very excited to begin the New Year and work hard to fulfill all the duties of my office. I attend St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Ambridge PA. I sing in my church choir, and help with church school activities and Sr. UOL activities.

I live in Moon Township, PA and attend Moon Area High School. I will be a Sr. this coming school year. I am a part of my school's World Culture Club, and after school choir. Outside of school I am a member of the Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, where I also help teach dance. Some of my hobbies are listening to music, watching hockey, and hanging out with my friends.

I have attended the UOL Lenten Retreat for the past four years. During the summer I am a camper at Teenage Conference. This was my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a staff aid at DCSC and my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a big sister at Mommy & Me /Daddy & Me camp. I love attending All Saints Camp every summer and I look forward to going back every year!

Feel free to contact me at jammills94@comcast.net with any questions.

My name is Nicholas Holowko and I was recently reelected to the position of Treasurer of the Junior UOL National Executive Board. It was a pleasure to serve on the board last year, and I am already looking forward to the year ahead which is promised to be productive. I am a parishioner at Holy Ascension in Maplewood, NJ, 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 many years, and I help out at many church functions. I have also attended All Saints Camp many times for Church School Camp, Teenage Conference, and Family Fest.

Presently, I am going to be a senior at Randolph High School, where I will be graduating from in the spring. I have spent a great portion of my time this summer considering options for when I graduate, visiting colleges and the like. I am not sure where I want to go yet, but I do know that I hope to attend a college to study business while staying in the northeastern part of the country. When I am not working on either schoolwork or the UOL, I spend a great amount of time playing ice hockey, both for my school and for other organizations. I have such a passion for hockey that if I am not at either school or church, there is a good chance you can find me somewhere around the rink.

Last year was a fun and successful year; however, I am strongly anticipating working this year with a new board to bring even more success to our organization. Along with serving as the Treasurer, I am the chairperson of the fundraising committee and am also the liaison to the Maplewood and Carteret, NJ Chapters. If anyone has any ideas, concerns, or questions, feel free to contact me and I will help to the best of my ability. I hope to do all I can to fulfill my role on the Board and to serve our Ukrainian Orthodox Church.



### Lynn Sawchuk Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship Recipients 2011 --- Submitted by Daria Pishko Komichak

At the 64th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention hosted by the Junior and Senior UOL Chapters of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Vladimir Cathedral in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the UOL awarded scholarships totaling \$5,850 to two Junior UOL members whose dedication to their Church and her League have distinguished them from their peers. In the thirty-six years since the LSSK Scholarship Fund was established in 1975 in memory of Lynn Sawchuk and Sharon Kuzbyt, the UOL has awarded 136 scholarships totaling over \$158,400.

Criteria considered by the Scholarship Committee include: 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 service to the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox League; academic performance in high school; involvement in extracurricular activities and being of high ethical and moral character.

The 2011 LSSK Scholarship recipients are:



**Taylor Gladys** of St. Vladimir's Junior UOL Chapter of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania has served as President of the National Board of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League for the past three years. She is also active on the local level serving as a member and treasurer of her local chapter over the past seven years. She is also a member of her parish choir, has been a member of the Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and a church reader. She has attended Diocesan Church School Camp, Teenage Conference, UOL Lenten Retreats, and UOL Conventions. She is an active volunteer in all of her parish's activities. Her Spiritual Advisor writes — "Taylor is an example to her peers of Christian life. She can be counted on to be reliable and enthusiastic in her efforts."

Taylor is also actively involved in her school and community. She served as Vice President of the Senior Class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Chamber Choir, French Club and Graphi, her school's student magazine. She participated in the Gifted Students' Program and Science Fairs and was an avid sportswoman playing both basketball and soccer. Her scholastic advisor writes "Taylor is friendly, compassionate, hardworking and very responsible."

Taylor will attend Case Western Reserve University in September.

**Anna Wachuck** is a member of the Ss. Peter and Paul Junior UOL Chapter of Youngstown, Ohio. Anna served as Secretary, Vice President and President of her Junior UOL Chapter. She is a member of her church choir and local Ukrainian dance group. She is a Church School graduate and has served as a substitute Church School teacher. She is an active volunteer

participating in both kitchen and general maintenance and clean-up projects. She has been an active participant in our Church encampments, both Diocesan Church School Camp and Teenage Conference, and an attendee at the National UOL Conventions. Her Chapter Vice President writes – "Anna has been an exceptional role model and leader for the members of our Junior UOL. . . . Anna has planned and organized Jr. UOL activities that were both fun and spiritual. These activities included decorating the church for holidays, cleaning our church grounds, honoring our parish veterans, helping with catering at our church social center, baking paschas for our parish shut-ins and pumpkin pies for a local homeless shelter, organizing food and toy drives for the less fortunate and organizing and participating in our regional lock-in." Her Spiritual Advisor writes "Anna is devoted to her church and its life and her work within the Jr. UOL shows devotion and determination with which she leads all aspects of her life."

Anna is also actively involved in her school and community. In addition to her involvement in her parish and the League, she is a member of her high school's Symphonic Band and served as Captain of its Rifle Line. Her Scholastic

Advisor writes: "As a young woman who has taken the lead in many aspects of school life—academic, government, and service - Anna has repeatedly demonstrated the depth of her maturity, her moral commitments, her trustworthiness and her reliability. . . . She has the flexibility, energy, the imagination and the foundation to continue to make a great contribution to our world."

Anna will attend Youngstown University in the Fall.

The LSSK Scholarship Committee would like to congratulate this year's recipients on their accomplishments and thank the UOL members, friends and chapters for their support of this worthwhile scholarship.

Please remember, donations to support the LSSK Scholarship are accepted at any time and may be forwarded to: Alexis M. Oryhon

406 Odell Avenue  
Endicott, NY 13760  
amoryhon@yahoo.com

Scholarship applications for 2012 will be mailed to the Junior UOL Chapters in March 2012 or may be downloaded from the Scholarships and Recognition page of the UOL website now found at [www.uol.orthodoxws.com/lssk.html](http://www.uol.orthodoxws.com/lssk.html). Completed applications are due May 31, 2012.

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

#### Public Relations Notice Submitted by Joshua Oryhon

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

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

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

#### All Saints Camp Essay Contest

**Topic: What does All Saints Camp mean to me?**  
**Prize: One free week at All Saints Camp during the 2012 camping season (Diocesan Church School Camp and Teenage Conference)**

#### Contest Guidelines and Rules:

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

#### Mail entries to:

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

**E-mail entries can be sent to:** [Nackos3201@gmail.com](mailto:Nackos3201@gmail.com)

## UOL EDUCATION COMMISSION ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

"A lamp unto my feet is Your Word and a light to my path." *Psalms 119:10*

### Pre-school/Kindergarten

Draw a picture of your favorite Bible story.

- 1- Samantha Moon
- 2- Caden Hassler
- 3- Bryce Radio

HM- Warren Coulter, Nicholas Molina, Julie Milinichik, Austin Drewno, Christina Greaves, Natalie Swan, Elizabeth Trabocco

### Grades 1 & 2 (two sentences & a picture)

Draw a picture of your favorite Bible story and tell what it is about.

- 1- Nickolas Pindell
- 2- Allie Rak
- 3- Jagger Simmons

HM- Maya Molina, Aleksandra Chubenko, Gregory Brogan, Kayla Drewno, David Greaves

### Grades 3 & 4 (three or four sentences, and a picture may be included)

Write about your favorite Bible story and tell how the people in the story are following the path God has lit for them.

- 1- James Gavrushenko
- 2- Stephanie Chubenko
- 3- Khrystyna Tsybulya

HM- Erica Szymczak, Jillian Pogoda, Alexander Banadyga, Emiliya Smyk, Delia Walkowicz, Jonathan Buzzelli, Sarah Moon, Sydney Moon, Peter Gordan, Julia Hontaruk

### Grades 5 & 6 (35 to 50 words)

Explain why it is important for you and your family to read the Bible.

- 1- Natalie San Antonio
- 2- Orest Mahlay
- 3- Jennifer Obrizan

HM- Natalie Golovanov, Sebastian Leis, Brett Wilwert, Johan Gigante

### Grades 7 & 8 (75 words)

Through the Bible, God tells how He wants us to live, and the choices He wants us to make. Choose a Bible story that clearly illustrates this to you and tell why you chose that particular story.

- 1- Julia Ferrante
- 2- Mikey Powers
- 3- Hannah Masur

HM- Alec Masur

### Grades 9 & 10 (150 - 200 words)

Choose a Bible story that shows how God's light shone on someone who was not following His path, and how they changed to follow Him.

- 1- Andy Powers
- 2- Joey Hutzayluk
- 3- Nicholas Woloschak

HM- Paul Onufrey

### Grades 11 & 12 (200 to 500 words)

What do you do in your daily life to show those around you the path that God has lit for you?

- 1- Katie Zimmerman
- 2- Markian Masur
- 3- Viktor Obrizan

### Adult 18 and over (500 words)

As an adult in the church, you are looked up to by the youth. What can you do in this position to guide our youth to follow the path that God has defined for us as Christians?

- 1- Elizabeth Symonenko

**A Jr. UOL Reunion Book, with over 550 pictures, lists of all Jr. Boards, all LSSK winners, all Bukata Award Winners, as well as the responses from former Jr. UOL members to "where are you now?" is currently available.**

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Chapter and member dues should be sent by  
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Forms can be found on our website  
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### 2011 Cultural Contest - Submitted by Greg Markiw

The 2011 Cultural Contest had a variety of submissions which included needlepoint, hand painted icons, Ukrainian pottery and an oversized edible Pysanka (made of Rice Krispy's)! 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 Dancer

#### Junior Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Carnegie Jr. UOL Chapter -The Incredible Edible Egg (A large Rice Krispy Pysanka decorated with icing and candy)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Victor Obrizan, Carteret, NJ Icon of Archangel Gabriel  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Nicholas Obrizan, Carteret, NJ Icon of the Theotokos  
4<sup>th</sup> Place – Youngstown Jr. UOL Chapter- Pottery Candle Holders

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**Family Fest 2011**

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Contact: Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny  
nackos3201@gmail.com

**ASC Meeting**

Sept 10, 2011

10:00 AM at St. Vladimir's in Parma, OH  
Contact: Emil Skocypec/Eric Senedak  
seskonj@aol.com/emsenedak@gmail.com

**Work Weekend**

Sept 16-18, 2011

Contact: Michael Nakonachny/Hans Harasimchuk/Eric Senedak  
mjnako@bryantstratton.edu/hmharasimchuk@gmail.com/emsenedak@gmail.com

**Work Weekend**

Oct 14-16, 2011

Contact: Michael Nakonachny/Hans Harasimchuk/Eric Senedak  
mjnako@bryantstratton.edu/hmharasimchuk@gmail.com/emsenedak@gmail.com

**ASC Essay Contest**

Dec 1, 2011

Contact: Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny  
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**Open House**

May 5, 2012

Contact: Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny/Christine Mills  
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**DCSC**

June 24—July 7, 2012

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July 8—July 21, 2012

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July 30—Aug 3, 2012

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[www.allsaintscamp.org](http://www.allsaintscamp.org)

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You can still make plans to attend the  
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**October 14th to 16th**

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Michael Nakonachny  
(440) 503-3151

michael@allsaintscamp.org

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