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Reflections of the UOL Sobor Delegate

Submitted by Pani Matka Linda Oryhon

Attending the Sobor, as a delegate representing the UOL, was a great honor. I hadn't been to a Sobor for many years and I had never attended as a delegate. It was very interesting to meet delegates from other parishes who never had a chapter before. There were many opportunities to share ideas and brainstorm how a chapter could aid in the parish's life and its activities.

I served as chairperson of the Church Ministries Committee with His Grace, Bishop Daniel, Very Rev. Fr. Timothy Tomson and Youth Ministries Director Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon as Advisors and Elizabeth Symonenko as Secretary. The delegates who sat on the committee came from wide and varied parish experiences. Represented were delegates from newly formed and more established mission parishes, and older parishes in cities, suburbs and rural environments. Each of us, I do believe, returned home energized and renewed. We presented our report which highlighted recommendations and suggestions for consideration. Parishes can establish programs to: focus on our Youth, Families, Intra-Orthodox activities, and Inter-Church relations. Each area included suggestions as to how this could be done. We also discussed the lack of effective communication in our parishes as a major stumbling block. A greater use of technology and its opportunities was encouraged. It was an inspiring opportunity for all to share and learn from each other. I urge everyone to carefully read the Sobor recommendations.

Our Church was well served by those delegates who served on all of the committees. It is all of our responsibilities to help make these ideas come alive in our parishes. It is crucial that each of our parishes need to strive to develop a "ministry of



presence" in our local communities. As quoted in our report, "We need to nurture our neighborhoods and make them aware of our presence amongst them by performing charitable works within our own communities. Ukrainian

Orthodoxy is the best kept secret in many towns. We need to reveal the beauty that is ours and share it with the world. Think of new and exciting projects that will not only aid your community but stimulate and revitalize your own parish." It was very apparent to me that these activities were many of the same ideas that were discussed at our recent UOL Convention. This is a time when our parishes need our UOL chapters to take a leadership role. Many of our chapters are doing this already. But this is a perfect opportunity to organize chapters with a specific goal to undertake in new parishes.

After meeting and sharing our successes, failures and discussing the ever demanding needs in our respective parishes, we, as a committee, came to the realization that our endeavors are never accomplished alone. "We trust that God will assist us in our efforts, and we need to rely on Him. We need to simply do the work, utilizing the many blessings that we do have in each parish. We cannot stop. There is no time to rest. Do your best, God will do the rest!"

We greet
His Eminence Archbishop Antony
as
he celebrates 25 years
of his Episcopacy.
Ees Polla Eti Despota!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

The Senior and Junior National Executive Boards extend greetings to all UOC Members this Nativity Season. May you and your family have a very blessed Nativity and a New Year full of happiness!

Nativity Tropar

Your Nativity, O Christ our God,
Has shone to the world the Light of wisdom!
For by it, those who worshipped the stars,
Were taught by a Star to adore You,
The Sun of Righteousness,
And to know You, the Orient from on High.
O Lord, glory to You!

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**All Saints Camp S.O.S. Campaign
Improving Our Camp One Building at a Time
S.O.S. Update**

Submitted by Michael Nakonachny

Since we introduced the Save Our Structures "S.O.S." fundraising campaign in late July at the 63rd annual UOL Convention the positive response has been nothing short of a miracle. In this short time we have been blessed to have 12 cabins, the Millennium Building Lounge along with several additional items sponsored. It is the ambitious goal of the ASC Committee to have two classrooms, five dorm rooms along with the bulk of the additional items sponsored by the beginning of the next camping season. If you are able and willing to sponsor a structure or item or if you're willing to simply make a donation please contact us at info@allsaintscamp.org.



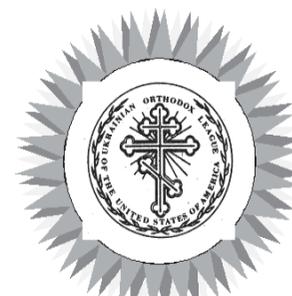
For the most updated information on this fundraising campaign please visit www.allsaintscamp.org/sos

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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

The beginning of a new year gives many of us the chance to reflect upon the past year's highlights and to build upon them for the next year. Looking back at my short tenure thus far as UOL President I am grateful to have had many uplifting experiences. Among them -

- Having the honor of being elected as UOL President at a most successful and productive 63rd UOL Convention that was hosted by the UOL Chapters of Maplewood NJ.
- Presiding at the October 2 NEB meeting with a very enthusiastic and dedicated Executive Board that set forth an agenda for the year based on ongoing UOL projects and the 2020 Vision developed by the 63rd Convention.
- Attending the 19th Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA as UOL President. This opportunity made me realize how fortunate we are to call the UOC ours! Although our Church faces financial challenges, we have much to be thankful for – fledging and successful mission parishes, enthusiastic clergy and membership, St. Andrew's Seminary and its seminarians, a beautiful Diocesan Center, and our Holy Faith.

Our UOL has always been and must continue to be integral in support of our Church. By our League becoming stronger and more successful we help our Church to grow and overcome its difficulties. The future of the UOL, and the success of its work in 2011, depends on each of us, and all of us.

And though I greet you in this New Year with optimistic thoughts, I must report some sad news. This past week we learned of the death of one of our most valued UOL members: Mr. Someone Else. His passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Mr. Else has been with us for many years and in every one of those years, Mr. Someone Else did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do – encouraging new members to join the UOL, providing guidance to our Junior membership, organizing and participating in spiritual events, attending Conventions and chapter meetings, serving on local and national executive boards – one name was on everyone's list: "LET SOMEONE ELSE DO IT!"

Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration, initiative, and results. After all, Someone Else can work with anyone! And of course it was common knowledge that Someone Else was one of the most generous givers in the organization! Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed that Someone Else would make a contribution.

Someone Else was a wonderful person and sometimes appeared superhuman. And were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Mr. Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone. Who is going to do the things that Someone Else did? We wonder what we are going to do without him? He left us with a wonderful example to follow, but who will follow his example? So when you are asked to help our UOL, and through its work, our Church, remember...we can't depend on Someone Else anymore!

I remain yours in Christ,
Martha X. Misko
President

Note: a special thank-you to Deacon Mikhail Sawarynski for sharing this eulogy of Mr. Someone Else.

Vocations and Clergy Support Corner "Few Are Called"

Submitted by Pani Matka Linda Oryhon

It is our Orthodox belief that Christ alone is the healer, the pastor, the priest who supports and guides us. He is and always will be present and available through the Holy Spirit. Our bishops, priests and deacons serve no other reason than to manifest His presence to us, His people.

In recent times, the role of the diaconate has changed. Originally, they helped the bishops in all good works of charity. In later centuries, the deacon served exclusively in the liturgical life of the Church. More recently, the deacon's role has expanded to encompass both purposes of service to the Church. They will still assist the bishops and priests in the liturgical services. But they will also be active, as well as take charge of the educational programs, youth groups, various ministries and missions in the parish.

There are many ways that ordination to the diaconate can be achieved. Many men have and will continue to be called to the vocation of deacon. In our churches today, we are in need of these individuals who provide many benefits to our spiritual lives in our parishes.

The Vocations and Clergy Support Commission of the UOL supports these vocations through our efforts in fundraising for scholarships as well as through our prayers. If you or anyone you know is interested in pursuing this vocation of service, please urge them to contact and receive the blessing from our Hierarchs. They can also receive information and guidance from Father Bazyl Zawierucha, St. Sophia Seminary as well as Fr. Stephen Hutnick, Director of Vocations for our Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Please remember to pray for those who are in service to Christ and our Church as bishops, priests, deacons, monastics, and seminarians as well as for those who will serve in the future. Our sincere and constant prayers are our greatest duty to the continued life and growth of our Holy Church.

METROPOLITAN JOHN SCHOLARSHIP

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Your generous donations will:

* provide scholarships to seminarians preparing to enter the Holy Priesthood in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church

* provide grants to Clergy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

Please send donations to: Pani Matka Linda Oryhon
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Philadelphia UOL Convention 2011 July 27-31, 2011
Philadelphia will be hosting the
50th Reunion for the Junior UOL At the Convention
Fifty Year Update – Where Are They Now?

Our reunion planning has had very pleasant communication with past Juniors.

ANDREA MANSON, FIRST JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT

The first Junior UOL President, elected 50 years ago this July, was Andrea Kowalesick Manson from Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox parish in



Palos Park, IL. One of the goals of the Junior UOL when it was formed was to groom future leaders for our Church, and that has certainly been the case with Andrea Manson, who has been an active member of Sts. Peter and Paul parish all her life. She grew up in the parish, which her grandparents founded; her grandmother went to Church every day before school to serve as cantor for the priest. Her mother worked tirelessly for the parish and instilled in Andrea the need to work for the Church. Over the years, Andrea fulfilled that expectation having served as a Church school teacher,

member and Treasurer of the choir, three terms on the parish council, and Treasurer of the parish. She is in Church most Sundays, participating in the Eucharist, singing in the choir, and working at coffee hours.

When asked about how the Junior UOL has changed over the years, Andrea indicated that the focus in the early days was much more on social interactions. Juniors were encouraged to get to know each other, to meet people from other parishes and to solidify their Ukrainian Orthodox identity. Since then, she said that the Junior UOL has become more business oriented than it was in the early days. While it is no doubt useful for the Juniors to learn how to conduct business and to express their ideas about the future of the Church, the UOL should not forget the importance of those social interactions which help forge relationships and shape interests in the youth of the Church.

Commenting on the youth of today, Andrea noted that the world has changed much since her days. The emphasis of parents is often on “worldly” activities—making sure their teens attend band practices and sports on Sundays rather than attending Church. In her youth, Andrea remarked that there was no question about where you would go on Sunday mornings—you would be at Church.

Andrea lives in Whiting, IN with her husband Dean Manson (Greek, Manesis). Her daughter Rosemary Manesis has been active in the Junior UOL over the years and attended conventions. Andrea works for the Whiting Refinery Federal Credit Union affiliated with the BP Oil Co.



NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Taylor Gladys

Christ is Born!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, New Year, and Christmas, and great holiday season on the whole. With all the fun behind us, it's time to get back to work!!

Thank you to Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny and Julian Burgan for their work with the Thanksgiving Tithing Program. We pray that it was a great success, especially as it benefits our very own mission parishes. If you would still like to donate, please do not hesitate to contact Junior Vice President, Julian Burgan.

This year, the annual Great Lent Giveaway project will benefit our Monastery project. In conjunction with Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon, the Juniors will work to reach our goal of \$5000 for a Ukrainian Orthodox Monastery. Chapters should receive information regarding this project from Vice President, Julian Burgan, soon.

Also approaching soon is the 2011 Essay Contest. Please encourage all of the children at your church to participate! The contest gives the youth the opportunity to display all they know about our faith and our Church. Please contact Education Committee Chair, Greg Markiw, with any questions.

Furthermore, the Jr. UOL plans to host a “Bring-a-Friend-to-Church Day” on the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, prior to Great Lent. One of my favorite events, it gives us a chance to share our wonderful faith with our friends from school, home, and everywhere else!

Lastly, the Lenten Retreats will be coming soon; keep your eye out for information regarding the All Saints Camp and the Bethlehem Lenten Retreats. These gatherings are helpful means to regain our focus on Christ during the Lenten season.

I pray that all of the chapters and members of the league have a wonderful, productive, and safe new year. On behalf of the National Executive Board, I thank you for all of your commitment and dedication!

Yours In Christ,
Taylor Gladys

We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL at the 64th UOL Convention in Philadelphia in 2011!

In our plans for the 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL, we are preparing a Memory Book with all of the pictures we collect from past Junior UOL members and with a directory of all past Junior UOL Members.

If you were a Junior UOL member and would like to be included in the Directory -

Please complete the following: (feel free to include or exclude any information)

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

What are you doing now? (include family updates, jobs, education etc). _____

You can send responses to Natalie Bilynsky 703 Pine Ridge Road Wallingford, PA 19086 or e-mail to nsufler@aol.com

Also you can e-mail or send any Junior UOL Pictures that you might have to be included in the memory book. All pictures will be returned.

LUCKY CALENDAR PROJECT

TO SUPPORT ALL SAINTS CAMP

Our *Lucky Calendar* project has been extremely successful in helping to support the many on going projects at All Saints Camp, while offering a fun activity for our supporters. So again we ask you to support this project. Your contribution of \$25.00 gives you a 2011 calendar with a three digit number, which is yours alone for the entire year. If your number matches the number of the first **Three Number Drawing of the Evening in the PENNSYLVANIA DAILY LOTTERY**, you win the prize listed on the calendar for that day. You do not have to live in Pennsylvania to participate as numbers are checked daily with prizes mailed in a timely manner.

If you are interested in obtaining “Lucky Calendars” or selling them at your parish, please contact Christine Mills by email, snail mail or phone. Checks are made to “All Saints Camp Boosters” at \$25.00 per calendar. Thank you for your support and Good Luck.

The All Saints Camp Committee and Booster Club extend a big “Thank You” to all of our “Lucky Calendar” sellers and participants, during our recent transition in responsibility in 2010.

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Vision 2020

Submitted by Tabitha Houck

National UOL Corresponding Secretary

At the Maplewood convention some new approaches were taken to address the same issues and concerns that we have been addressing for quite a while. When we started to organize ourselves for this new approach, a familiar quote came to mind; "If you always do what you have always done, you are always going to get what you have always gotten." The next thought I had was "We are doing something different, maybe we will be able to come up with some new and different ideas."

As I reflect on that time, one of the most difficult tasks we were asked to do was, in an open and honest way, list out the weaknesses of the Senior UOL. Examining ourselves from this perspective is not a fun task, but nonetheless, it is a task that is essential in the growth process. The group I worked in started creating a very carefully worded list of weaknesses we perceived in the UOL. Some items were debated, worried that they may be too strongly worded, or had subject areas that we may not really want to address, but we then looked at our task, and decided to lay it out on the table. The reassuring part came when each group shared, and the same items were repeated. Our organization might be stale, cliquish, self-perpetuating only for the sake of continuity, exclusionary, aging, and shrinking. We are lacking in appeal to our youth, and in clerical support.

The next part of our task was to list our strengths. This was the part that was much more enjoyable, we all like to talk about what we do well, and we do many, many things well. We, above all, are Orthodox Christians. The members of the UOL are generous in their support of many missions to carry out the mission of Christ. We are preserving our Orthodox traditions and passing them on to our youth, and retaining our cultural and ethnic heritages. We have an amazing group of dedicated members whose goal is to keep our organization not only continuing, but thriving for our youth in order to continue to provide fellowship and a sense of belonging to other Ukrainian Orthodox Christians.

From here we were asked the question, "Where do we want the UOL to be in 2020?" Looking at our strengths and weaknesses we came up with a list of goals. To some this list was vague, not worded in a way that seemed to be something we could work to attain. There was no clear direction of how we are going to get to where we want to be, nor who is going to guide us to get there. To me, this list was very exciting, passionate and had not only my heart, but my spirit lifted and eagerly looking towards our future.

By 2020 the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA will:

- Have a Junior and Senior UOL chapter in every UOC of USA parish
- Have strong leadership in all UOC of USA parishes
- Continue our support of the UOC of USA
- Develop a relationship between the UOL and all clergy
- Increase our PR to improve our image
- Be more active at the local and regional levels
- Show focus on liturgical and sacramental life
- Be a force in re-establishing a Pan-Orthodox organization

As a newly elected member of the national UOL board, I was, and still am excited to start working towards meeting these goals. I know that change brings about change, and that by taking a different approach, we will get a different outcome. As a board we will be examining these goals more in-depth and providing more concrete actions and initiatives to our members to help reach this Vision 2020.

VISION 2020

We would love to hear your opinion about UOL Vision 2020.

Submit your article and views about the UOL Vision and discussion from the UOL Convention.

Everyone would love to hear your views about the Vision and Goals for the UOL. To submit your article e-mail to nsufler@aol.com

St. Vladimir Senior UOL Chapter Philadelphia, PA

Submitted by Jim Sawchuk

Our chapter continues to remain busy as we work toward hosting the 64th Annual UOL Convention and 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL, July 27 - 31, 2011. On Sunday, November 14th, following Divine Liturgy, our Senior Chapter hosted a "Tastefully Simple" fundraiser in our Cathedral Hall. "Tastefully Simple" is a company that offers a large selection of delicious and easy-to-prepare foods from appetizers to desserts.



Our Senior and Junior Chapter members donated their time and efforts in assisting with St. Vladimir's Annual Christmas Bazaar, which took place in our Cathedral Hall, Saturday, December 4th and Sunday, December 5th. As one of our major Cathedral fundraisers, Natalie Sufler Bilynsky,

Senior Chapter and Cathedral Board member and Editor of our UOL Bulletin, is the chairperson of this event. Our chapter members worked along with our parishioners at the various tables and in the kitchen, helping with sales of food items, home made baked goods, take-out orders, cultural and religious items and gifts, plants, toys and gifts for children and a "white elephant" table. Thanks to the support of our parishioners, friends and neighbors, our Annual Christmas Bazaar was a great success!



On Monday evening December 27th, over 30 chapter members, both senior and junior, enjoyed our third annual trip to Dave and Buster's. Despite the first snow storm of the season a large group joined to have dinner and enjoy the video games that are designed for both adults and children. Our chapter members braved the foot of snow to spend a fun family evening together. As part of the festivities we enjoyed dinner at the restaurant and following dinner



chapter members, both young and young at heart, enjoyed a variety of arcade games. Each year our family night at Dave and Buster's grows with more members joining in on the fun.

Up-coming Chapter sponsored events include: Christmas Caroling to our shut-in parishioners - Sunday, January 9th; Theophany Eve Dinner - prepared by Chapter members Vera Sufler and Natalie Bilynsky - Tuesday, January 18th; Theophany Ice Cross Blessing and Breakfast - Sunday, January 23rd; Malanka - Saturday, January 29th. There is still time to purchase your Malanka tickets. If you haven't made your plans, the Philly Malanka is a great event! We hope to see you there!

As we continue our arrangements for hosting the 64th Annual UOL Convention and the 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL, we are currently collecting names and addresses, pictures, e-mail addresses, etc. for this Junior UOL Reunion. If you would like to assist in these plans, have pictures or just want to be sure you are on the mailing list, please contact: Natalie Bilynsky, 703 Pine Ridge Road, Wallingford, PA 19086; e-mail: nsufler@aol.com.

As always, you can get up-to-date Convention information, (including registration forms, Yearbook Ad contract, etc.) by visiting our UOL website: www.uol.orthodoxws.com and St. Vladimir's website: www.stvladimirphiladelphia.org.

Carnegie Chapter Presents College Scholarships

Submitted by Alice Sivulich

The Sts. Peter & Paul Senior Chapter, Carnegie, PA, presented ten scholarships to parish college students at the annual Anniversary Dinner of the Parish on November 14. Funds for the scholarship were raised by chapter members during the preceding year through various projects. Those students who received Chapter Scholarships were:

Zachary Kapeluck, majoring in Dance at Point Park University; Anastasia Markiw, majoring in Architecture at Kent State University; Laura Quinn, majoring in Photography at Point Park University; Michelle Rohal, majoring in Biology/Physician Assistant at Westminster College; Corinna Rozum, majoring in presurgical technology at University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; Natalie Rozum, majoring in Industrial Engineering at University of Pittsburgh; Olesia Stasko, majoring in Physics at Westminster College; Christine Wachnowsky, majoring in Biochemistry at Allegheny College; John Walewski, majoring in Marketing at Ohio State University; and Natasha Walewski, majoring in Business at Arcadia University.

The Carnegie UOL Chapter Scholarship was established in 1991 and scholarships have been presented annually to parish college students since then. The Senior Chapter raises the money to provide these scholarships through various fundraisers throughout the year. There is an application procedure and a committee of Chapter members with no vested interest in any applicant determines the scholarship awards. Committee members for 2010 were Chair Alice Sivulich, Pat Dorning and Cynthia Haluszczak.

Camp Happenings

Submitted by Michael Nakonachny

With the snow starting to fall our volunteers have begun working indoors in various buildings on the property to focus on work that will allow them to escape the elements. They are currently in the process of remodeling the restrooms in the infirmary and cook's cabin replacing all fixtures and flooring.

During the winter five camper cabins will be receiving new flooring. Additionally volunteers are working to construct porch chairs, benches and bunk beds.

Any individuals or organizations that are willing to volunteer their time at All Saints Camp should contact Michael Nakonachny at michael@allsaintscamp.org.

METROPOLITAN JOHN

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**ASK FR. HARVEY
RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS**

Answered by Fr. John Harvey

How really bad is it to choose someone of another faith to become your spouse?

This is a frequently asked question and it really is an important one. Jesus has described marriage as being two in one flesh. Yes, through the physical union a person becomes a harmonious entity, a unit so to speak, with another person. Not only is this a pleasant and pleasurable experience, but it was so mandated by God Himself, when we were created. The mating instinct is so strong in humankind that the desire for physical union with someone often obliterates all other considerations. As often is the case, when people fall in love rational evaluation of the beloved seems to fail. Unlike the animals, who are rather indiscriminate with whom they mate, although some mate for life, mankind has an intellect and can and should make conscious choices.

As man has had the mystery of salvation revealed to him and those accepting Christ come to realize that Jesus is the ONLY gate to heaven, it is elementary that one's spouse hold the same faith. If one is united as a physical unit with someone, is it logical that the other part of that union should have a different spiritual goal and outlook? Not only should there be a physical unity, but it is most beneficial to be of one mind and one spirit. Our physical union is a temporal thing, but the utter reality is that our goal is an immortal one. If our mind and heart are going in an opposing direction to that of our spouse, a kind of schizophrenic situation is set up. True, a harmonic physical intimacy may exist on one plane, but different spiritual poles can be a source of grinding friction when there are opposing spiritual allegiances.

Scripture warns us that we should not be unevenly yoked with an unbeliever. Think of marriage like a team of yoked oxen plowing through life towards a goal. If each ox tries pulling in its own direction, not much progress is made forwards. In the end, the Christian party will almost always feel stymied or empty and desolate when ultimate decisions must be made.

Having said all of the above, how does this effect our life? In this truly mixed society, one will come into contact with many physically desirable friends who could ultimately be spouses. Friendly, affable they may be, but where is their mind, heart and spiritual allegiance? For marriage IN the Orthodox church, one can only marry a baptized Christian. Would you really want anything less? When sickness or sorrow strikes, wouldn't you want your soul mate to have the same spiritual underpinnings to help you through difficult decisions and to give support? Could a Moslem, Mormon, Jew, agnostic or atheist be in tune with your soul and innermost feelings at such a moment?

I know of some very harmonious marriages of an Orthodox with a Roman Catholic, Lutheran or other Christian. If both parties are sensitive to one another things can go well, for at least Jesus is the seal of their union. This may not always be the case, for I can recollect any number of situations where insensitivity and even malice can cause an oppressive spiritual burden and endless frictions. With warning, one must beware.

Talk things out before marriage regarding one's spiritual goals and expectations and come to an agreement on how a mixed marriage can be attentive and understanding of the spiritual needs of the other. Even if you marry an Orthodox, see that you spiritually see eye to eye, that there not be any misconceptions regarding the spiritual side of a matrimonial union.

Non-Christians of any faith or persuasion or none at all are not eligible for marriage in church. By now, one should realize that with these people we have no spiritual affinity and marriage with them, even with the most tolerant and broad-minded, can lead to ugly flashpoints. This is why early Christians were warned against such unions.

Marriage in today's world is so prone to divorce on the flimsiest of reasons, so when you find a spouse, take not only physical attraction into account but the mental, emotional and especially spiritual considerations as well. Better a holistic and thoughtful appraisal before you make the leap and have to pick up the pieces later.



**UOL EDUCATION COMMISSION ANNUAL
ESSAY CONTEST**

"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.

Grades 1 & 2 (two sentences & a picture)

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

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.

Grades 5 & 6 (35 to 50 words)

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

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.

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.

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?

Adults 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?

CONTEST GUIDELINES AND RULES

1. Entries must be postmarked by May 30th, 2011. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 30TH 2011**
2. **NO NAMES ON THE FRONT OF ANY ENTRY.**
3. All entries must include the following information: **Participant's first and last name, age, grade, and the name and address of participant's parish, including city and state.**
4. Drawings no larger than 12" x 18" and NO name on the front of drawing. Please attach a **COVER PAGE** or use the **BACK** of the drawing for the information listed above.
5. Written entries must be on 8 1/2" x 11" papers. Include a cover page with the identifying information listed above. Entries for 9th grade and above must be typed or printed.

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED FOR CONTENT, CREATIVITY AND NEATNESS.

Mail entries to:

UOL Essay Contest C/o Tabitha Houck
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Coatesville, PA 19320

Please direct any questions to Tabitha Houck at tabithahouck@yahoo.com

UOL Lenten Retreat

March 26, 2011

"Sermon on the Mount"

Guest Speakers

Fr. Robert Popichak & Dr. Gayle Woloschak

Villa Maria Retreat Center

Villa Maria, Pa

(only 1 1/4 hrs. from Cleveland & Pittsburgh)

*Enjoy a full day of inspirational and
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spiritual activities and meals*

Adults \$30

Young Adults & Junior UOL Members \$25

A late fee of \$10 will apply after March 12

(Non-members welcome!)

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**The Ukrainian Orthodox League
Christian Caregiving and Missions
Commission**

**"Souper Bowl" Sunday ~
February 6, 2011**

**It's NOT about football!
It IS about feeding the hungry!**

**Help Make a Difference.
Make a donation to help St. Andrew's
Society
Soup Kitchens in Ukraine**

Forward donations to:
U.O.L. Financial Secretary
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Questions?

Please contact Christian Caregiving and Missions Chairpersons:
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**The 2011 Philadelphia UOL Convention Committee
is fundraising by selling
Prayer Bead Bracelets**

**The bracelet, a variation of the Orthodox Prayer Rope,
is beautifully packaged in an organza purse with a brief
description of how to use a prayer bracelet.**



To order, make check payable to
St. Vladimir's Senior UOL

Please include your name, e-mail and mailing address for all orders. Indicate type of bracelet you are ordering. Bracelets are \$10 (including shipping and handling) and are available in 5 bead styles, Hematite, Blue, Garnet Red, Clear Crystal and Amethyst Purple Crystal. To place your order please send check and order information to: Natalie Bilynsky 703 Pine Ridge Road Wallingford, PA 19086

**As we are called to pray without ceasing,
the prayer bracelet can guide us,
as a reminder to recite prayers throughout the day.**

St. Vladimir's Junior UOL Chapter, Philadelphia, PA

Submitted by Lynn Nemeth



The motto of Saint Vladimir's junior chapter of Philadelphia is "small but mighty." Although we do not have as many participants as we would like to have, we try to do our best to plan fun activities, serve our community, and help the senior chapter with their activities.

On October 31, 2010, the juniors held a fall festival for the young Sunday school students. The kids

were able to decorate pumpkins with markers and stickers and decorate cookies with frosting and sprinkles. We also had arts and crafts and games. Many of the children wore their costumes to get in the spirit of trick-or-treating for that night.



This winter we also had a special guest come visit our church. Saint Nicholas stopped by on December 19th to talk to the young children and he even brought gifts for the kids! The Junior UOL Chapter sponsored the 5th Annual cookie sale on that same Sunday.

Many people from the parish baked their favorite types of cookies. We put out all the different types of cookies and then parishioners can purchase a tray of their favorite cookies. This is a great way to have multiple types of cookies for the holiday season and raise some funds too.

COMMEMORATIVE YEARBOOK FOR THE UOL CONVENTION Regular DEADLINE: May 15, 2011

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Ph: (610) 892-7315
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Membership, Membership, Membership

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 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
- MISSION AND CARE GIVING IN AMERICA AND UKRAINE

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

**"Dedicated to Our Church
and Devoted to Its Youth"**

Show your UOL Spirit or honor your friends and family by placing their name on the UOL WALL OF FAME at the Philadelphia UOL Convention!

Yes you can be among the 100 listed on the UOL Wall of Fame and get your own Hollywood style star!

The parish hall will have an honorary UOL Wall of Fame at the Ostaps -- the Ukrainian Academy Awards!

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!

Who needs boosters -- when you can see your name in stars! To order your star complete the brief information listed along with a \$5 check (payable to St. Vladimir's Senior UOL) to Natalie Bilynsky 703 Pine Ridge Road Wallingford, PA 19086
Information needed for star:

Name to be listed: _____



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/Pierogies.

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.



If you are planning to enter varenyky/pierogies in the contest, you must submit your plan to enter to Natalie Bilynsky by **February 15, 2011** (nsufler@aol.com, 703 Pine Ridge Road, Wallingford, PA 19086 or 610-892-7315).

Can you remember the last Pre-Convention Dance you attended?
2011 is the year to make wonderful memories
Join us for the UOL Pre-Convention Dance
Philadelphia, PA
MAY 14, 2011
More details in the next UOL Bulletin

**Let your light so shine before men that they may see
your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

**Annual JUNIOR - SENIOR
U.O.L. LENTEN RETREAT**

March 19, 2011

**Retreat will focus on the
Sermon on the Mount**

Speakers include:

His Eminence Archbishop Antony
Fr. Bazyl Zawierucha
Fr. Taras Naumenko
Vladislav Andrejev, Master Iconographer and
founder of the Prosopon School of Iconology

**St. Francis Retreat House
Bethlehem, PA**
Retreat registration rate \$40
(Late rate registration additional \$10
if mailed after 3/1/11)

Retreat is one full day
including all meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

For more information contact: Oleh or Natalie Bilynsky at
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Христос Рождається!
Славимо Його!

Christ is Born!
Glorify Him!



**64th ANNUAL UOL CONVENTION
50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL**

July 27 - 31, 2011

**“A lamp unto my feet is Your word and a light to
my path” (Psalm 119:10)**

**Hosted by St. Vladimir’s Senior & Junior UOL Chapters
Philadelphia, PA**

Hotel accomodations at the DoubleTree Hotel -
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Donor	Occasion/Tribute
St. Demetrius Senior UOL Chapter, Carteret, NJ	In loving memory of Rose Hlushko. Vichnaya Pamyat! Memory Eternal!

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Per request of the benefactor,
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Recruit new members
Develop new chapters
Reorganize old chapters

If you are in need of financial
assistance to attend the Annual

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PA, the Pysh Travel Grant is here
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Simply complete the application sent
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