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Family Fest 2011 - Submitted by Natalie Bilynsky

One of my favorite UOL events of the year is Family Fest. It is really a special event, where young and old come together as a family. It is one of those events that remains a true reunion of our Ukrainian Orthodox family. Some of the events of the weekend remain the same year after year. Some events change slightly. But the focus is always to get together as one family in Christ! Perhaps that is the reason why I love this event so much.

Oleh and I started attending Family Fest about five years ago. After our first year we brought my parents along. They are now one of the sets of grandparents of the weekend that enjoy seeing the young babies grow up, the children become teens and the adults (well, we simply mature – but mature like a fine wine).

I have usually written the article about Family Fest with the outline of the events, but this year, decided to write it a little differently with the focus on how truly



special the event has become. For our small family that joins the larger group of Family Fest, we typically come on Saturday. For us the drive is easier from the Poconos. So we stay one night there and wake up very early Saturday morning to make it for the kickball tournament. For those of you who know Oleh, he can be a little (well, truly a lot) competitive and kickball is where some of that comes out. The game is hilarious, with young, young children playing. Some not quite understanding what to do in the game, but when told to run, they run. This year, quite uniquely it was hot, really, really hot. So the players got a great workout in the hot sun. Not sure who won, but honestly the fun of cheering for the teams, for calling fouls, is fun for the spectators as well as the players.

After kickball we all gather in the dining hall for meals. Having meals at Family Fest is also part of the joy of having a large family. We tend to have every meal

with someone new. It is so much fun to catch up with someone that you haven't had a chance to truly talk to in the last year. Meal time is relaxing. The meals are also delicious. There is always plenty to eat and the cooks are fantastic.

This year most people chose between canoeing or swimming for Saturday afternoon. I am sure the canoeing trip was wonderful – but I opted for the pool option. The pool is a wonderful lounge time to once again relax and catch up with old friends or make new ones. One of the fun conversations at the pool was where were you during the East Coast Earthquake and did you feel it?

A mainstay of Family Fest is the Name Game. This is a men versus women challenge to name people with specific initials based on a quote. Although I can not verify the truth of the statement, it was noted that this year, there was a tie between men and women. Apparently this has not happened in the history of the name game at Family Fest.

Everyone was blessed that His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine attended Family Fest this year. Saturday evening he celebrated Vespers along with the other clergy at Family Fest. He also brought relics of holy saints from Pecherska Lavra and shared with us the inspiring stories of the saints. It is a wonderful blessing that our Hierarch Metropolitan Constantine comes to the camp to be with his family. When he is unable to attend, we miss him tremendously. There is something about sitting on the chairs outside the main lodge and talking with His Beatitude or with the other clergy that inspires me to think that this is truly what it means to be a family in Christ. One large family together. After dinner many played games in the lodge. Others gathered around the camp fire.

Sunday morning everyone gathered for Divine Liturgy at St. Thomas Chapel. Again, what a blessing! What a joy that we have the chapel! At the chapel we

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ASK FR. HARVEY

Questions answered by Fr. John W. Harvey

I have heard that one of our parish churches suffered vandalism and quite a nasty desecration. What motivates a person to do such a horrific act in a consecrated house of worship?

More and more in our contemporary society, one hears of acts of vandalism against schools and churches. In some cases it is caused by delinquent juveniles who deface walls by graffiti and toss chairs in a hall or throw pamphlets from a pamphlet rack on the floor. Rebellion against authority, malicious mischief, the dares of other youth, all may lead to acts of petty vandalism. This is a distressing situation and necessitates much remedial cleaning and often entails costly repairs. This is vandalism per se and although certainly reprehensible, it often doesn't have the deeper significance of a hate crime or an evil desire to desecrate.

When individuals make a concerted effort to destroy, deface or defile objects of worship or veneration in a church, especially in an altar area, you have evidence of a different psychological profile. Propelled by hate and a desire to mock or defile what others consider holy, they go out of their way to destroy or deface. With no fear of God, they do their nasty work, sometimes even using urine or excrement to compound their blasphemic acts. There are those who hate God and religion and having no fear of divine retribution revel in acts to mock anything that is holy. Dabblers in the occult, the black arts and especially those who have fostered an interest in Satanism, get a frisson of demonic delight in desecrating a holy place. Speaking of Satanism, their rituals actually necessitate the use of a consecrated area in which Christian worship is mocked by ceremonies too filthy to enumerate.

In our town, a small Bulgarian Orthodox Church had its iconostas utterly defaced with spray paint, which could not be successfully removed. That parish was literally in shock for years thereafter. I also know of a Lutheran church in which the altar crucifix, candles, flagon and chalice were tossed about the sanctuary and then the year's supply of altar wine was emptied all over the sanctuary floor. Again, a devastating situation for pastor and congregation. Cleanup is only part of the aftermath, as a break-in and damage to sacred things gives a sense of personal vulnerability and defilement.

One now must contend with people who want to steal copper downspouts and piping and those who would break in to pilfer electronic equipment or objects of worth. Besides the above mentioned dangers, one must also guard against those who have malicious intent to do vandalism or the ultimate in hate acts, church desecration. One would like to see churches open as houses of prayer, but with all such ever present dangers of burglary, vandalism or desecration, it is now necessary to employ some form of electronic security to be on the safe side.

In the case of an Orthodox Church being desecrated, a very serious situation arises. The pastor and hierarch must assess the scope of defilement as the church had previously been duly consecrated and anointed for the worship of God. Some reconsecration will probably be deemed necessary before any divine services can be done in that place again. Even with supplicatory prayers and a service of consecration, the congregation has suffered a deep psychic, spiritual and emotional wound by experiencing a desecration and will be sorely affected for a long time to come.

The actors in desecration, who accomplished their dastardly deeds with impunity may or may not be caught and brought to civil justice. They obviously do not fear the judgment by God or eventual punishment for such heinous acts, but God is not mocked and they WILL be caught up in the end.



MESSAGE FROM THE

SENIOR UOL

PRESIDENT



Martha X Misko

The National Executive Boards of the Junior and Senior Ukrainian Orthodox League held their Fall meetings at St. Demetrius Cathedral in Carteret, NJ. Much appreciation is extended to members of the St. Demetrius UOL Chapters for their most gracious hospitality!

The agenda for the meeting outlined the plans for each of the UOL Commissions/Committees and kept in focus the goals set by the VISION FOR 2020 which was developed at the 2010 UOL Convention as well as the recommendations created by the 2011 Convention Committees.

- The October issue of the UOL Bulletin kicked off our fundraising appeal for the LSSK Scholarships Fund, the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund, and the UOL Annual Fund Drive. Please be generous in your response to each of these worthy accounts. Your contributions to the LSSK Fund award deserving youth scholarships for higher education; the MJSF supports our clergy and seminarians with continuing their theological studies; and the UOL Annual Fund Drive helps our League to continue its work in response to the needs of our Church.
- The Junior and Senior UOL will continue to sponsor their Christian Care-giving and Missions projects of Thanksgiving Tithing and Souper Bowl Sunday. This year, funds generated by the Thanksgiving Tithing project will be given to our Diocesan Center in South Bound Brook, NJ in response to the need for flood damage relief after the Hurricane Irene storms. The NEB has begun the Tithing Project by donating, in advance, \$3,000 to the Consistory. And, in January, information will be distributed about the Souper Bowl Sunday project that supports St. Andrew's Society, a valuable organization of our Diocese that assists the soup kitchens and other humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.
- The Education Commission will again sponsor the annual Essay Contest. The topics for the essays and other information on the contest will be announced in January, 2012.
- The Youth Commission is again sponsoring the Lenten Retreats in Bethlehem, PA, and at the Villa Maria house in Western Pennsylvania. Mark your calendars to attend one of these spiritually uplifting gatherings.

In addition to planning for the continuation of these UOL activities, the NEB again, as last year, spent a considerable amount of time discussing the VISION FOR 2020 goal of "establishing a strong UOL chapter or UOL presence in every parish of the UOC of the USA." The NEB agreed that this is a goal of critical priority in order to be strong in numbers and supportive of our Church.

Our outreach campaign this year asks of every member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, "ARE YOU PART OF THE BIGGER PICTURE?" As a part of the bigger picture – a member of the UOL – you are helping to support our Church and its youth through its many projects and missions such as All Saints Camp, MJSF, fundraising for St. Andrew's Society, LSSK scholarships, and many more. It has been stated that the UOL is the most active contributor to the numerous charities and fundraising needs of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. Joining the UOL makes one "a part of the bigger picture" – an integral and vital part of our beloved Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

I remain yours in Christ,
Martha X. Misko



65th Annual UOL Convention
“Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity.” (Psalm 133:1)
Hosted by
The Protection of the Virgin Mary (Pokrova) Parish Allentown, PA

By the time this issue of the *UOL Bulletin* hits your mailbox it will be close to Thanksgiving and the beginning of the holiday season. Hopefully this



picture conjures up the mental images of snowy evenings spent with a book in front of a roaring fire, bundling up for a brisk winter’s walk and jubilant gatherings with family and loved ones.

We here in Allentown are thankful for the opportunity to host the

upcoming 65th Annual UOL Convention and hope that these tidings of great joy will carry over to a wonderful week in “America’s Hometown.”

Our “Winter Wonderland” Convention theme is slightly out of place considering the weather outside in July, but we hope that the week will foster the feelings of fellowship and comraderie felt during the holiday season. The Lehigh Valley is the perfect venue for a Christmas in July theme, featuring many attractions that remind us of a snowy December day.

If you’re looking for that perfect book to read by the fire, visit the historic Moravian Book Shop, established in 1745 which makes it the world’s oldest bookstore! Remember: it’s never too early to get your Christmas shopping out of the way!

The Lehigh Valley is also home to the Peace Candle, a 106 foot tall structure that stays lit from Thanksgiving throughout the holiday season. This lighted beacon burns as a testament to the men and women from the area who serve in the armed services. We as Orthodox Christians can also interpret the flame as the Light of Christ that “illuminates all mankind.”

We are thankful for this Light and the many blessings that the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon our parish and Church and so we invite you to join our family in Christ to share in this feast!

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sing in unison. At the chapel we pray as one family. At the chapel, if you



haven’t been to All Saints Camp in a while, it feels like you have come home.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful brunch Sunday morning and made plans for the day. It was another hot day so plans were made accordingly. A huge volleyball tournament

was organized with over 30 people involved in the game. We decided to walk the prayer trail and were inspired by the beauty of the prayer trail. We resolved to make it a point to walk the prayer trail every year at Family Fest.

I had the joy of catching up with my good friend Marjorie Druash. We don’t get to see each other often but Family Fest has become a guaranteed time to catch up.

Another fun part of the weekend is that we have celebrations within our family. Kira (Haluszczak) Senedak celebrates her birthday each year at Family Fest. This year Rebecca Druash and Steve McNulty celebrated their wedding anniversary. Having family celebrations is just another theme of the weekend.

Sunday night can best be described as game night. The games are INTENSE! First, we have a large and fun-filled Bingo night with prizes and quite a bit of excitement. Second, we have a now annual Pictionary challenge. It has sort of become members of the Junior UOL versus the Bilynskys. The Bilynsky reign is, however, over. We had been quite unstoppable in the last few years,
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**NEWS FROM THE
JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT
Gregory Markiw**



Glory to Jesus Christ!

The Junior National Executive Board attended their first meeting on October 22, 2011 in Carteret, New Jersey. We would like to thank the Chapter and Parish of St. Demetrius Cathedral for their hospitality, time and effort on our behalf. The Senior and Junior Boards enjoyed their stay with their friends in Carteret.

During our meeting we discussed many topics for the 2011-2012 year. We reviewed the goals set forth by the Junior Convention body at Philadelphia. Each chapter will soon be receiving information for our annual **Thanksgiving Tithing project** (proceeds will go to the 2011 Hurricane Irene Flood Fund which will be used toward the necessary and immediate repairs of the Metropolia Center of the UOC); **‘Souper’ Bowl Sunday** (all proceeds go to St. Andrew’s Ukrainian Orthodox Society which supports soup kitchens for needy elderly and orphans in Ukraine); the **‘Bring a Friend to Church Day’** (scheduled for mid-February) and of course the **2012 Great Lent Giveaway**.

There is also the *All Saints Camp Essay Contest* which will award one free week at All Saints Camp during the 2012 camping season (Diocesan Church School Camp or Teenage Conference). The topic is really easy, **“What does All Saints Camp mean to me?”** The deadline for this contest is December 1, 2011. So, get those pencils sharpened and start writing!

Remember, all this information will also be uploaded to the Junior UOL Webpage (http://www.uol.orthodoxws.com/junior_uol.html).

Another area we really want to work on this year is recruitment. Look around your parish; are there young people who are not members in your chapter? Why not invite them to your next meeting or host a fun activity that they can attend with your current members? If there is not a local UOL chapter in your parish, you will soon be receiving a quick survey about potentially starting one up. Upon completion of the survey and interest in starting a chapter, a UOL care package will be sent to your parish with brochures, presentations, and cool UOL accessories!

As we head toward the end of 2011, I would like to remind everyone about chapter dues and membership forms. The deadline was September 30th, so if you have not sent them in to our Financial Secretary - Liz Hershey, please do so as soon as possible. Please make sure that your 2011-2012 election reports are completed and returned too.

As we head into this holiday season, let us humbly remember all our blessings and remember those who are not as fortunate as us. Take a few minutes to speak with an elderly parishioner, volunteer at a local food bank, or just take a few minutes to thank those people who are so important in your life.

May we all have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Peace and Love,
Gregory Markiw

**News from St. John’s SR UOL - Johnson City, NY
Submitted by Pam Scannell**

We were all saddened by the destruction that occurred to St. Andrew’s church in Los Angeles, CA. Our chapter decided to take a collection to aid in their recovery. Also, Hurricane Irene once again caused major flooding in the Metropolia Center of our Holy Church. Our SR UOL voted to donate \$500.00 toward their relief efforts.

Our parish is celebrating our 85th Anniversary and we will be donating the printing of programs and certificates which will be used to honor those parish members who are 80 years old and above, and have been the pillars of our parish life for many decades.

Our shut-in parish members are very dear to us and we are trying to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers by sending them notes on a regular basis. Lastly, our pot luck discussion meal was well attended and centered on “Spiritual Wisdom” – what is it, how do we obtain it and is it more than just knowledge. These gatherings are a great way to spend an hour as a parish family and have an enlightening Orthodox discussion. We all learn from each other, reference and read from the Bible and enjoy a wonderfully delicious meal.

JUNIOR UOL HOODIES
Jr. UOL Hoodies are still available for \$25.00!
For purchase contact Nick Holowko at
spiltmilk1222@aol.com

Make checks payable to “JR. UOL”



6th Annual Summer Church Camp - Sponsored by Senior UOL Chapter
June 28, 29, 2011 - Sts. Peter & Paul, Palos Park, IL
Submitted by Janet Milton, Director of Sts. Peter and Paul Sunday School

Fun, educational, spiritual and high energy would be some words to describe our wonderful summer camp this year. Sixteen participants, including our three teen helpers along with several adults who helped out in many ways,



gathered at 9 a.m. on a beautiful Tuesday morning in church to participate together in a short service led by Father Vasyl. Each participant received a laminated copy of the service to follow so that everyone could respond. Several students read the

Epistle and the prokimenon for the day. Upon leaving church, we headed for Jump Zone in Bolingbrook, IL for a fun-filled morning of sliding, jumping and climbing. We returned ravenous so Father led us in prayer, and we ate our lunches with gusto. Before beginning our lesson and crafts about St. Peter, we all joined Father and Pani Olena in the kitchen to mix the dough in the BIG mixer to



prepare for our Prosphora making later in the afternoon. We then began our t-shirt project which consisted of creating a design on paper which Father Vasyl and Pani Olena would scan that evening and then iron onto the shirts. What creativity was demonstrated on this project!!

Our lesson about St. Peter focused on how Jesus convinced Peter and the others to try again even though they had worked all night and caught no fish, and how He calmed their fears and told them that from now on they could catch men, and they left everything and followed Him. Activity pages related



to the story were completed by students along with a door hanger that was decorated with all kinds of fish and sea creatures. This was followed by a craft in which students drew designs with many colors into a fish shape to which a

magnet was attached. It was already time to make Prosphora, and everyone gathered in the kitchen for an explanation from Father Vasyl followed by a prayer. What energy was put into this activity!!! Even our next to the youngest participant, 2 1/2 year old Mariana, really got into it. Everyone made one to



take home, and also enough was made for Sunday's Divine Liturgy. No one could believe that our first day was over. We had just enough time to gather our projects while the Prosphora baked.



No one would leave until theirs was done so warm Prosphora was sent home with all.

Wednesday was another beautiful day which began with everyone gathering in the hall to get their t-shirts. We then officially began our day in church once again praying and participating in our morning worship. At the end Father Vasyl explained a little about our field trip that afternoon to our cathedral, St. Vladimir's in Chicago, and the beautiful icons



that we would see there. Back in the hall, our lesson focused on St. Paul and how he taught that the acts of the sinful nature and the Spirit are in conflict with each other and how God wants us to produce the Fruit of the Spirit. We completed activity pages with this lesson, and then made beautiful beaded cross necklaces with the colors of the beads reminding us of events in Christ's life. Following this we watched a video which focused on cooperating, being kind and caring. An early lunch followed, and we were ready for our trip into Chicago. Arriving at St. Vladimir's, we had an awesome surprise awaiting us. His Grace Bishop Daniel was our official tour guide at the Cathedral. His Grace explained the icon of St. Vladimir baptizing over 1000 people in Ukraine, his favorite in the Cathedral, and then we went upstairs and got to see it and also the altar at a much closer range. His Grace explained all the things on the altar, and we also got to see a beautiful icon of the birth of Christ which we were close enough to touch. Going back down to the sanctuary, we were able to venerate the beautiful and huge icon of the Mother of God of Pochaiv as it was lowered from above the Royal Doors to a level at which we could kiss it. Thank you to the pastor of St. Vladimir's for giving us this opportunity. His Grace Bishop Daniel led us out of the Cathedral amidst lots of hugs and farewells. We then all walked to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church just a few blocks from St. Vladimir's and got to see the



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RESOLUTIONS 64th Annual U.O.L. Convention – Philadelphia, PA

INTRODUCTION

Once again we are ever mindful that the grace of God has called together the officers and members of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA, gathered with our God-loving bishops: His Eminence Archbishop Antony, and His Grace Bishop Daniel and express thankful appreciation for their inspiration, guidance, and spiritual direction. May God bless all of our bishops with good health and fill them with grace for many blessed years. We deeply regret that his Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine was unable to join us at this year’s convention due to illness and we offer our most sincere prayers for a speedy recovery and return to full health.

RESOLUTIONS

1. We assure His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop of New Rome – Constantinople the Mother Church, from which Rus-Ukraine accepted the totality of the Orthodox Christian Faith and Order 1023 years ago during the reign of the Venerable Great Prince St. Volodymyr, of our filial love, profound esteem and prayers.

2. We offer prayerful support to our Hierarchs in all efforts, through the Ecumenical Patriarchate, to unite the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Ukraine and strongly encourage His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew to intensify efforts to establish a local autocephalous Orthodox Church in Ukraine.

3. We continue to be deeply aware of the chronic shortage of clergy in our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of U.S.A. and truly appreciate the efforts of the St. Sophia Seminary staff in attempting to meet these needs. We acknowledge with profound gratitude the vital ministry of the Staff of Saint Sophia Theological Seminary in the sacred task of priestly formation and education. We rejoice at the good news that there will be ten (10) new full time resident students for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

4. We honor the Blessed Memory of the ten million men, women and children who perished during the insidious genocide created by Joseph Stalin and the Soviet Government, which ravaged Ukraine from 1932 to 1933. We strongly urge the United Nations to finally declare this horror to be the genocidal act that it was, not bowing to the revisionist history and propaganda currently being distributed by the Russian government denying the facts of the famine and declaring that it was only part of a general famine throughout the Soviet Union at the time.

5. We applaud the ongoing construction of the Ukrainian Museum of New Jersey – History and Education Complex in Memory of His Holiness Patriarch Mstyslav I (HEC) – on the grounds of our Metropolia Center in South Bound Brook/Somerset, New Jersey. We call upon the faithful of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church to continue to cooperate in and financially support the completion of this construction.

6. We enthusiastically reaffirm in the 64th year of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of USA our motto - *“Dedicated to our Church and Devoted to its Youth,”* - and recognize that the fulfillment of this motto is only possible through the intimate relationship with Christ through a life commensurate with His Holy Gospel, which we accept and live without reservation.

7. We extend special gratitude and appreciation to the members of St. Vladimir Senior and Junior Chapters (Philadelphia, PA) of the Ukrainian Orthodox League for their dedicated efforts in hosting this 64th Annual UOL Convention—2011. May God bless them for their dedication and devoted efforts for the benefit of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A.

8. We express our most sincere appreciation to those officers who served faithfully on the Senior and Junior National Executive Boards of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of USA during 2010-2011. May God bless them if we League members may fail in our efforts to express appreciation.

9. We remember Fr. Peter Natishan, and a friend, Metropolitan Nicholas of the Carpatho Russian Church who fell asleep in the Lord during the past year. May their memory be eternal in God’s Heavenly Kingdom.

10. We strongly encourage all parishes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA to expend great efforts to establish and provide continued support to Senior and Junior UOL Chapters and all UOL programs, activities, and ensure that the traditional convention committees remain active (i.e., Vocations and Clergy Support, Website, Ways and Means, Christian Caregiving and Missions, Youth, Membership and Chapter Development, and Education).

11. We encourage all parishes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA to establish U.O.L. Chapters with continued encouragement from our hierarchs and local clergy.

12. We share the joy of our clergy who were ordained to the Holy Deaconate and Priesthood during the past year. Rev. Mark Swindle, Rev. Fr. Nicholas Dilendorf; and Rev. Fr. Boris Kroner; and (Deaconate) Rev. Deacon Nicholas Zachary. We also greet those clergy celebrating significant anniversaries of ordination: Very Rev. Basil Zawierucha and Very Rev. Robert Holet (30 years), and Very Rev. Anthony Ugolnik and Very Rev. Petro Levko (20 years). We rejoice in the anticipated ordination of Subdeacon Francis Rella scheduled for August 7, 2011.

13. We celebrate and greatly appreciate the staff and volunteers of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Camping Programs – the Teenage Conference, Diocesan Church School Camp, and Mommy/Daddy and Me Camp - for their dedicated efforts with the youth and families of our Church. We encourage all parishes, UOL Chapters and faithful to learn more about these ministry programs so that they can enthusiastically support and promote them through prayer, material support and active participation.

14. We, as Orthodox Christians, repeat our firm belief in the sanctity of life – from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Our Lord offered the ultimate sacrifice of love – His very own life on the Cross – for the sake of human life – the crown of His creation. No attempt to destroy life – at any point – can possibly be interpreted as the Will of God.

15. We encourage all U.O.L. Chapters to reach out to all peoples of their local communities, including new immigrants from Ukraine and Eastern Europe, to become faithful and active members of our Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox League.

16. We continue to encourage each UOL Chapter to adopt a nursing home and/or prison near its parish and spend time each month visiting its residents – especially those bound to their rooms.

17. We express deep sympathy to the family of John Dmytryk, a great benefactor of our church, who along with his wife, Rose, contributed their family home and (property in Coatesville, PA) to our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA as a site for a potential monastery. Mr. Dmytryk fell asleep in the Lord in February 2011.

If you would like a copy of the UOL Convention Annual Report, you can download a copy from the UOL Website www.uol.orthodoxws.com.
- Maplewood Junior and Senior UOL
Submitted by Lynn Gulak
- The Junior and Senior Chapters of Holy Ascension Church, Maplewood, New Jersey, attended a Jackals Baseball Game at Yogi Berra Stadium, located on the Montclair University Campus. Our event began at the Gulaks’ house with a giant 24 inch pizza and sub sandwiches. We proceeded to the stadium to cheer our Jackals on to a win. Though it rained on and off during the game
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- our spirits were not dampened. We donned our ponchos and stayed until the end of the game. As the skies cleared the fireworks display at the close of the game was spectacular. We all had a great time and are looking forward to attend again next year.

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beautiful icons and many mosaic icons in this church along with an interesting presentation by one of the parishioners. What a wonderful, inspiring afternoon this was!!

Back at Sts. Peter & Paul, we ended our encampment with water balloon tosses and throws which got everyone, including Father Vasyl, pretty wet along with an extra dose of water from a big pot!! Ice cream and popsicles ended our day. A comment from one of our students, when asked about their favorite part of camp, was "Everything" which sums it up pretty well. So many thanks are due but especially to Father Vasyl and Pani Matka Olena for all they did to make these two days so very special in their first summer camp at Sts. Peter & Paul. We love you. Thank you to our teen helpers, Alyssa Rak, Emily Mihalkanin, and Amber Rak. Thank you to our parent helpers, Ana Virginia Oryhon, Ted Larson, Pat Ciapinski, Lori Zvonek, Jim Nevels. Our youngest camper, although not a participant since she was pretty much eating or sleeping throughout camp, was 4 month old Teddi Zvonek. Thank you to the Senior UOL chapter for financing the entire summer camp.

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but this year the Junior UOL Presidential team of Taylor Gladys and Greg Markiw conquered. (Just for those who want to be in the know, I do quite frankly feel that the male side of the Bilynsky team was bringing us down). Don't you worry Taylor and Greg, we will have a rematch next year. (I already got paper for the game). We had played for so long and so intensely that the game had no paper left. The most intense of the competitions is the domino tournament. This game goes into the wee hours of the morning.



Monday morning everyone gathers for morning prayers, breakfast and begins to pack up. Ukrainians really have it right, with the word "Dopobachenya" for goodbye, which is literally translated, until we see each other again.



I hope that you also make it a resolution to come to Family Fest. To bring your family, children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles. We are all one family, and it is wonderful to spend a long weekend as a family.

A special thank you to Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny who has been the organizer of the event. She does a wonderful job and everyone truly has a wonderful time. Thank you Pani Matka Mary Anne! Mnohaya Lita!

HELP US HELP OUR CHURCH!

Ukrainian Orthodox League announces the beneficiary of the 2011 Thanksgiving Tithing Project!! Annually, the Junior and Senior National Executive Boards of the Ukrainian Orthodox League select a parish/cause that would benefit greatly from the UOL Thanksgiving Tithing project.



This year, the Boards have selected the Metropolia Center of our Holy Church in South Bound Brook, NJ.

Already extremely conscious of the poor economy in our country which has affected everyone, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA has done a lot of belt-tightening and budget cutting while attempting to maintain and provide a high level of service to the parishes and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, as well as to Orthodox Christians around the world.

As you must have heard, Hurricane Irene, which hit the east coast at the end of August 2011, had a devastating effect on the grounds and property of our Diocese. There was substantial flooding of the Fisher House, the Sisterhood Hall and the Center's maintenance building, the Memorial Church's pastoral residence and two homes across the street from the Memorial Church. Trees on the property fell and the Seminary basement was flooded.



No one could have anticipated the far-reaching effects of this storm, much less the cost of repairing the damage done to our Diocesan property.

With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, it is time for us all to take a good look at our lives and the many blessings that Our Loving Lord

has bestowed on us. Thanksgiving is the perfect opportunity to do just that – Give thanks to God and share our bounty with others.

Tithing generally signifies a 10% donation. The Ukrainian Orthodox League is asking all the faithful of the UOC of USA to consider donating 10% of the total cost of their Thanksgiving celebration. Encourage your guests to donate, as well, to help YOUR Church.

Donations may be made to your local UOL chapters and/or sent to Financial Secretary, Mrs. Pam Scannell, 2000 Clover Drive, Vestal, NY 13850.

Questions and further information may be addressed to Ms. Justina Mills, jamills94@comcast.net, Junior NEB chair or Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny, Senior NEB chair of the Christian Caregiving and Missions Commission.

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

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Sts. Peter and Paul, Carnegie Junior Chapter
Submitted by Reporter Mikaela Kapeluck

Elections were held in May and the new board is:
President: Greg Markiw
Vice President: Julianna Leis
Treasurer: Danielle Walewski
Corresponding Secretary: Kristi Rozum
Reporter: Mikaela Kapeluck

Congratulations to the new Junior Chapter board of Sts. Peter and Paul, Carnegie!

Several of us spent our Labor Day Weekend at the All Saints Camp Family Fest with our family and friends. We'd like to thank all who came and supported the encampment.

Our Junior Chapter hosted a Pasta Fundraiser for the Consistory Flood Relief Fund this past September. The lunch consisted of pasta, salad, bread, and dessert for our parish. We raised \$300.00 toward this effort.

Our chapter helped work at the Carnegie Arts and Heritage Festival which was held September 8-10, 2011. Every year our parish has a booth that sells a variety of Ukrainian food and we helped to transport food back and forth from the parish hall, worked at the booth, and helped clean up the kitchen.

We have a busy schedule ahead of us for this fall including the Greater Pittsburgh Clergy Brotherhood Walk-for-Missions, Annual Fall Fling and Masquerade Party, St. Matrona Ladies Society's Cookie Walk, as well as our monthly Fundraiser food events which are held every third Sunday of the month.

We would like to congratulate Gregory Markiw for holding the current office as President of the Jr. UOL National executive board. Elections were held at the UOL convention in Philadelphia in July. Best Wishes Greg!

All Saints Camp Lucky Calendars

The All Saints Camp Committee & Booster Club would like to extend a big **"Thank You"** to all of our **"Lucky Calendar"** sellers and winners for 2011! This is an important project that continues to help support the camp! The profits from "Lucky Calendar" help to continue the workings and upkeep of the camp. Proceeds have been provided from the calendar sales towards a lawn mower and updates to doors at the Millennium Building. The Boosters will also be providing support for the upcoming Open House in May 2012!

What is a **"Lucky Calendar?"** It is a chance calendar where you have the possibility to win a **minimum** of \$25 a day (more on special days listed in the calendar)! With your \$25 donation, you receive a three digit number that is your number for the entire year of 2012. If your number matches the number of the first Three Number Drawing of the Evening Pennsylvania Daily Lottery you win the prize listed on the calendar for that day! Prizes are mailed out twice a month. You don't need to live in Pennsylvania to play!

If you are interested in selling **"Lucky Calendars"** at your parish or would just like to obtain your own calendar, please contact Christine Mills. You can send your \$25 check made out to "All Saints Camp Boosters" to the address below and your calendar(s) will be sent out to you as soon as possible! The new 2012 Calendars will be available in November!

Again, **"Thank You"** to all our sellers and buyers!
Hope you are a winner!

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The Ukrainian Orthodox League
Young Adults Committee

Winter Weekend
Getaway

Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania

January 13-16, 2012

Come and Catch up
With Old Friends and Make New Ones
Ski, Snowboard, Snowtube, Shop
The first 15 registrants will get free housing!

Questions? contact Kira Senedak or Emily Kominko



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Retreats will focus on Great Lent Services
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SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012

Mother Raphaela will be speaking
BETHLEHEM, PA New location!!!!

St. Francis Center for Renewal
395 Bridle Path Road
Bethlehem, PA

For more information contact
Natalie Bilynsky 610-892-7315
nsufler@aol.com

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012

VILLA MARIA, PA
(approximately 1 hour from Pittsburgh and
Parma)

For more information contact
Diane Senedak 330-792-6699
dkssenny@aol.com

All Saints Camp
Upcoming Events

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

TC
July 8—July 21, 2012

Mommy/Me & Daddy/Me
July 30—Aug 3, 2012
Contact: Natalie Kapeluck Nixon/uocyouth@aol.com

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Please make check payable to Ukrainian Orthodox League.

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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.

If you are interested in purchasing a memory book, please send a \$10 (ten dollar) check made payable to “St. Vladimir’s Philadelphia UOL Chapter,” to Natalie Bilynsky, 703 Pine Ridge Road, Media, PA 19063.

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