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## First It Takes a Deanery Event Philadelphia, PA

As you know, at the UOL Convention in Parma, one idea suggested was developing a network between parishes within our deaneries. The first such project was scheduled for the Mid-Atlantic Deanery.

On a snowy and cold January 25th members of the Mid-Atlantic Deanery gathered at St. Vladimir's in Philadelphia to sing. This, the first deanery



event, included members from 4 parishes: St. Vladimir's, Philadelphia; St. Mary Proctectress, Philadelphia; Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chester and St. Nicholas, Charlottesville.



The afternoon started with introductions and sharing of songbooks. The group was very relaxed and we simply shared music and sang together.

It was great fun to learn new music and try to sing together without ever having had the opportunity previously.

Despite the fact that the weather kept several people away the group enjoyed the afternoon filled with song. There was already talk about gathering again to learn more from each other.

## All Saints Camp Save Our Structures Wrap Up Submitted by Michael Nakonachny

The Save Our Structures Campaign (S.O.S.) was a program established by the All Saints Camp committee to ensure the continued maintenance and improvement of all the buildings that make up our beautiful camp complex. The camp committee started this fundraising campaign to obtain both financial and physical support to not only maintain, but improve All Saints Camp and its facilities. The committee has reached out to all parishes of the Diocese of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and their members, urging them to undertake the maintenance and upkeep of individual structures.

Through the generosity of our parishes, parish organizations and individuals, we were able to raise just over \$100,000 to maintain and improve our All Saints Camp. Words cannot express our gratitude for your support but a huge "Thank You!" is in order.

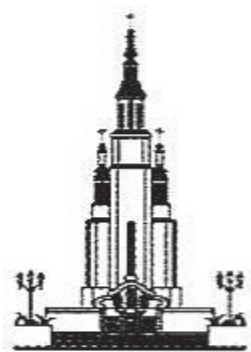
A large number of the sponsored projects have been completed and almost all of the sponsored items have been purchased. That being said, the camp committee is still in need of sponsors for the following:

Millennium Building	
5 Dorm Rooms	\$2500 each
2 Classrooms	\$2000 each
50 Chairs	\$25 each
Equipment	
Weed Whacker	\$400
3 Cordless Drivers	\$160 each
Sports Equipment	
Soccer Goal	\$2250

All in all, this has been a very uplifting fund raising campaign. The amount of support that we received has rejuvenated the camp committee in a way that words cannot describe. It is our hope that you come to camp this coming summer, whether you are attending an encampment, bringing someone to an encampment, working at a work weekend or just stopping by to visit All Saints Camp. If we know ahead of time that you will be coming, we will gladly arrange to give you a tour of the facilities and show you the work that has been completed and projects that are currently underway, thanks to your generous support.



If you have any questions regarding sponsorship and/or work weekends, please feel free to contact Michael Nakonachny, SOS Chairperson, [Michael@allsaintscamp.org](mailto:Michael@allsaintscamp.org) (440) 503-3151



## You are cordially invited to...

The 67<sup>th</sup> Annual V.O.L. Convention  
South Bound Brook, New Jersey  
July 23-27, 2014

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied."  
Matthew 5:6





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ASK FR. HARVEY

Questions answered by Fr. John W. Harvey

*Lately I have taken to regularly do some reading of the New Testament and I was shocked to find slavery treated in such an accepting way, even to directing of how slaves should treat their masters. I wouldn't say that my faith in Christianity has been shaken to the roots, but this was a shock I did not expect. What are we to make of this?*

A few decades ago, a fad arose mainly within the Roman Catholic church, especially in Third-World countries, called Liberation theology. Jesus and His message was so contorted into Jesus the revolutionary liberator of all who are oppressed, which condoned, by extension, revolution and acts of violence against the perceived oppressors. The Gospel message was reinterpreted so as to give support to those who felt in bondage.

What we see in the Gospels, and further confirmed in the Epistles and Acts of the Apostles, is that Jesus was not a rabid revolutionary promoting some sort of uprising. For Jesus, the foe to be overthrown was Satan and in our own life that can be seen exemplified in our own pride and arrogance. The bondage of Satan through the web of sin and guilt is real bondage and villainy and it is from such that Jesus releases us.

Jesus never said that those around Him should rise up against pagan Rome or even against the scribes, chief priests, rabbis and lawyers. He showed by example how the Law of Moses was to be interpreted, having in mind the reason why elements of the law were enacted in the first place. He cut through the sophisms and twists the lawyers spun and with which they burdened the people with intolerable interpretations. Jesus directed that we should do even as these unjust lawyers direct, but not follow their example. Remember the scribes, Pharisees and lawyers always found a loophole for themselves, so they didn't have to fulfill the law with which they heavily yoked the populace.

Remember also that one of the apostles of Jesus was Simon the Zealot. The Zealots could easily be equated with super-nationalist revolutionaries and potential terrorists of our own day. Certainly Simon followed Jesus because he saw that Jesus was a prophet and spoke the truth. In his view, the coming Messiah would be a revolutionary figure freeing the Jewish people from being a client state of pagan Rome. Jesus said to render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's. This perhaps was not what Simon wanted to hear, but after the great day of Pentecost, he too went to spread the Kingdom of God, which he came to realize was not the same as a glorious Jewish earthly kingdom. Surprise, surprise! The bondage of Satan is to be overthrown and even the current social circumstances are not directed to be obliterated by revolution, but rather transformed by a truly Christian enlightened approach.

In the early church, within the functioning church community masters and slaves were equal in the services and the church's ministrations. A slave is to give good service, but on the other hand a master is to see to the full welfare of those serving in his care. The ideal is sort of an extended family and within the Christian context one cares for the other or serves the other in a harmonious way. Many masters freed their slaves and set them up in self-sustaining households.

When one looks on how slaves were treated in our own land, we can see that the Gospel ideal was never in mind. Churches may have been provided for the slaves, but they did not mix with their masters as was seen in the early church. When the slaves were finally freed, they were either driven off the land or kept on as tenant farmers, thus founding a new and insidious form of financial slavery.

Returning to what was originally said, Jesus did not come to cause revolution or social upheaval. Within every strata of society, the foe is the devil and all the wickedness he inspires. If we treat one another with true love, social strata will be transformed. The Centurian was so worried for the welfare of his servant (read in this context, slave) that he begged Jesus to heal him. Each part

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MESSAGE FROM  
THE  
SENIOR UOL  
PRESIDENT

Michael J. Komichak



*Well done, thou good and faithful servant...*

Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Khrystu!

The Council of the Metropolia met for two days at the end of January in South Bound Brook, NJ to discuss all aspects of the administration and ministry of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. As President of the UOL, I have the privilege of serving on this Metropolitan Council. The interaction with our Hierarchs and other Church leaders at the meeting afforded me a valuable opportunity to appreciate the issues facing our Church and, hopefully, to better understand the priorities of the UOL in the context of the current needs of the UOC of USA.

In his opening remarks to the Council, His Grace Bishop Daniel encouraged us to concentrate on the prudent stewardship of all of the Church's resources: financial, human, material, and spiritual. Bishop Daniel noted that this is not just a Sunday activity, but that we must all integrate this stewardship into our daily existence.

A new book by our own V. Rev. Robert Holet, pastor of St. Nicholas Parish in Greenwood, VA and Treasurer of the Consistory of the UOC of USA, reinforces this broad view of stewardship. While this just-published book *The First and Finest: Orthodox Christian Stewardship as Sacred Offering* focuses on quantifiable material offerings, Fr. Holet acknowledges the importance of other aspects of giving, like the offering of one's time and talent. Fr. Holet challenges "every reader to consider whether he or she offers his or her first and finest to the Lord, and encourages us to exercise stewardship as an act of divine worship..."

These thoughts from Bishop Daniel and Fr. Holet remind me of the familiar Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). In this parable, Jesus tells how the two servants who increased the value of that which was entrusted to them were rewarded, while the one unprofitable servant was cast out into darkness. We are all called to use our God-given gifts according to our individual abilities to be good and faithful stewards of our Lord's resources.

I know that among us "the members of the UOC of USA" are talented professionals who have the skills needed by our Church to grow and flourish. "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10). Your expertise can help the UOL explore ideas for new UOL initiatives and projects, and eventually to follow a course to achieve great things for our Church. In particular, if you have experience in computer software architecture, database and network administration, distance education, home schooling, library and archival science, graphic design, or advertising and marketing and you are willing to contribute some of your time and talent through the UOL to address the challenges facing the League and the UOC of USA, please drop me a line at mjk@uolnj.org.

Great Lent is the perfect time for each of us to consider the call to stewardship and how we can contribute to the success of our Church. During this season of spiritual reflection, renewal, and rededication, the UOL is once again sponsoring two Lenten Retreats. The first Retreat will be in Bethlehem, PA on Saturday March 22, 2014. The second Retreat will be the following week at the Villa Maria Retreat Center near Youngstown, OH on Saturday March 29, 2014. These annual UOL Lenten Retreats are always rewarding experiences for those who attend. This year the Bethlehem retreat will focus on "vocations and using your talents," which I am certain will be helpful to you in incorporating stewardship into your daily life. You do not have to be a UOL member to attend, so please encourage everyone from your parish to attend one of these Retreats. You and they will not be disappointed. It will indeed be time well spent.

Yours in Christ,

Michael J. Komichak

67th Annual UOL Convention Update  
Submitted by Martha X. Misko

Hurray! It’s March! Spring is almost here and that means it’s time to make your plans to attend the **67<sup>th</sup> Annual UOL Convention** in South Bound Brook, NJ, on July 23-27, 2014! The Convention Committee has been busy organizing an enjoyable and special time for Senior and Junior delegates, guests, families, and friends!

Lodging accommodations will be at the Holiday Inn, Somerset, NJ, at a very reasonable rate of \$89 per night. Business sessions and all social activities and events will be at the UOC Cultural Center. And we are happy to announce that early registrants will enjoy a discounted rate at \$205 for Seniors and \$195 for Juniors! The registration rate is all inclusive of meals and social events –

- Wednesday – Hospitality Night hosted by Holy Ascension Chapter, Maplewood
- Thursday – Welcome Brunch; Mystery Dinner Theatre
- Friday – Breakfast; Lunch; Cultural Evening and Dinner
- Saturday – Breakfast; Picnic Lunch hosted by Assumption of the Virgin Mary Chapter, Northampton; UOL Grand Banquet and Ball
- Sunday – Farewell Luncheon

This Convention is unique in that there is not a particular hosting chapter but that it is being hosted and organized by chapters surrounding our Metropolia Center – Maplewood, Carteret, Northampton, Allentown, and our newest chapter, South Bound Brook. But to make this Convention a big success for the entire Ukrainian Orthodox League, we will be asking for support from all of our UOL Chapters. Start thinking about submitting greetings and well wishes in the 2014 UOL Yearbook from your chapter and parish members. And stay tuned for more details on additional ideas on how your chapter can help to make this Convention a financial success!

*Hear ye! Hear ye!* Get your creative juices flowing! We invite all chapters, Junior and Senior, to join the UOL Basket Raffle Competition! Have your Chapter create a basket of goodies (value of \$50.00 or more) to be raffled at the Convention. Special recognition will be awarded to the Chapter whose basket collects the most entries! Watch for more details in an upcoming mailing!



67<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL UOL CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION FORM

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Representing: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chapter/Parish)

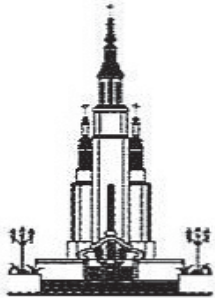
**PACKET PRICES:**

**Early Registration Discount    (Postmarked before June 15, 2014)**

___ Clergy	\$205
___ Senior Delegate/Guest	\$205
___ Junior Delegate/Guest	\$195
___ Pre-Junior	\$100
___ Family Registration*	\$750
___ Weekend Packet (Fri., Sat., Sun.)	\$130

**Registration Prices (received after June 15, 2014)**

___ Clergy	\$230
___ Senior Delegate/Guest	\$230
___ Junior Delegate/Guest	\$125
___ Pre-Junior	\$120
___ Weekend Packet (Fri., Sat., Sun.)	\$150



\*The Family Early Registration packet price is for 2 adults and 2 juniors. Additional Junior family members beyond the two included in the Family Packet are only \$185 each.

**Hotel Reservations: Holiday Inn Somerset**  
**195 Davidson Avenue**  
**Somerset, NJ 08873**

**Call 1-732-356-1700 to reserve your room by June 30, 2014**  
**at the convention rate of \$89/room/night + tax.**



NEWS FROM  
THE  
JUNIOR UOL  
PRESIDENT

Kateryna Kocelko

Glory to Jesus Christ!

I cannot believe it’s already time for Great Lent to start. It feels like we were all just celebrating the Nativity and New Year. The National Executive Board has been working on activities for the upcoming season, and hope that you will all participate. Our National Executive Board meeting was held in Maplewood, NJ on February 8<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank all of Maplewood for the warm welcome and hospitality. There will be more information in the upcoming article about our meeting.

This month all of the chapters should be receiving their raffle tickets to sell for the Junior UOL’s annual raffle. It is our largest fundraiser that provides for the funds to do a lot of the activities that we do. We encourage all chapters to be selling the tickets that are given to you. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact our treasurer, Kira Kuzmenchuk, at [kirakuz@verizon.net](mailto:kirakuz@verizon.net).

This year, as well as in past years, the juniors will be doing the Great Lent Giveaway. This project is designed to help juniors give to the needy during Lent, and help them to directly do God’s work. This year GLG benefits FOCUS North America’s project Back to School. FOCUS is in 28 different cities around the country and they help the needy in the area with Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, and Shelter. This year we have the opportunity to not only collect funds to donate to FOCUS, but to collect socks that can go to children that need them. This shows us that there are even simple things that people in our country don’t have the money for. I hope everyone participates and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the GLG coordinator, Kateryna Kocelko, at [kdkcutie25@yahoo.com](mailto:kdkcutie25@yahoo.com) or the OYM director at [uocyouth@aol.com](mailto:uocyouth@aol.com).

Lastly I hope everyone is planning to attend the 67<sup>th</sup> annual UOL Convention which will be held in South Bound Brook, New Jersey on July 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. In these difficult economic times, the UOL understands that it isn’t easy to come up with the funds to attend the Convention—that is why we have the project Pysh Travel Grant. It was established to help Jr. UOL members pay for travel to the Convention every year, to encourage new members to come to convention and old members to continue to come. Applications for the Pysh Travel Grant will be sent out to all chapters this month. They should be returned by May 1, 2014.

The 67<sup>th</sup> Convention is right around the corner and I am very excited to see each and every one of you and to share the love of Christ and the devotion to this organization with each other. I hope and pray God protects you all throughout this Lenten season and brings us together once again this summer.

In Christ’s Love,  
Kateryna Kocelko



**On Sale NOW! All Saints Camp Lucky Calendar!**

A “**Lucky Calendar**” is a chance calendar that gives you the opportunity 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 2014. If your number matches the number of the “**Evening**” **Pennsylvania Daily Lottery** (3 digit number drawing) you win the prize listed on the calendar for that day! 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 purchase your own calendar, please contact Christine Mills. Please send your \$25 check made out to “All Saints Camp Boosters” to the address below and your calendar(s) will be sent to you as soon as possible! Thank you for supporting All Saints Camp! **Hope you are a winner!**

Christine Mills 641 N. Allerton Ct. Moon Township, PA 15108

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St. Vladimir’s Senior UOL Philadelphia, PA

Nativity season is typically busy for St. Vladimir’s Senior UOL, but this year our calendar of events was so busy chapter members were like whirling dervishes moving between projects. Luckily despite a rough and snowy winter no projects were canceled. Our pre-Nativity season always starts with UOL members assisting with our Christmas bazaar. The bazaar is a major fundraising event for our parish and UOL members chair many of the tables for the bazaar. There is nothing like good hard work to get everyone ready for the holidays.



In late December the UOL sponsored our second annual family fun night. It seemed like this year the competition was even more intense. The event is great fun with teams organized by size. With this assignment of teams every team has equal numbers of smaller and taller, younger and older. There were ten events in this year’s challenge and the competition was quite intense. Judges Fr. Taras, Mr. Tony Sufler and Orest had their hands full. Each event was scored with first, second and third place winners.

The first challenge was for each team to come up with a name and chant for their team. Despite little Jackson Zetick’s power ranger costume and the name Super Ukie Power Rangers, Jackson’s team did not win first prize for the event. Next the teams had quite a challenge ahead. With the same supplies



each team was asked to create a Nativity card, another challenge was to make an ornament and another was to wrap a difficult present most artistically. The item was a plastic cup. Natalie Swan was an MVP with her athletic abilities. In a sudden death toss off she was able to toss an aluminum wreath over a pole winning the event for her team.



One highlight of the event is the eating contest. This year we combined both a Senior and a Junior component with Seniors eating smoked sprats and Juniors eating persimmons. While Alex Zetick still had a bad taste in his mouth from last year’s pickled herring contest, always the consummate sportsman he volunteered to eat smoked sprats for his team. Surprisingly the persimmons were the bigger challenge and Stephen Sheptak won it for his team in combination with Vera Sufler, who ate her sprats like she has been eating them for years. The finale of the event is a sing-off performance where teams perform a Christmas carol for the group. The night was enjoyed by all and plans for competitions for next year’s event are already being considered.

Our next event was preparing cookies to distribute for Nativity. We prepared three hundred cookie packages to distribute before Divine Liturgy for Nativity. Amy Meehan, Debbie Shinn, Karen Ferraro and Andi Swan baked and packaged cookies for distribution. Natalie Bilynsky prepared labels that greeted everyone with the feast from the senior UOL and invited all to come



every week to Divine Liturgy. The parish was overflowing with people. Our greeters Madeline Zetick, Alexis Naumenko, Al Shinn and Oleh Bilynsky ran out of cookies and we had 300! Some estimate that there were almost 500 people in church for Nativity even though it was incredibly cold and the weather was difficult. We were truly blessed with a wonderful Nativity. Following Divine Liturgy the entire parish family, including members from St. Vladimir’s and St. Mary Protectress, as well as many many guests, gathered in the hall. Fr Taras and Pani Laura hosted a delightful reception for everyone. It was a truly joyous celebration.

The next Saturday a group of chapter members visited Pani Irene Estocin, who is recuperating from illness and a recent operation. It was wonderful to





see Pani Irene and carol with her. Because chapter members had travelled a distance to visit Pani Irene, we decided that we would go to dinner together. Unfortunately our full caroling group was unable to make it to the restaurant. So, that evening Fr. Taras and the Bilynskys went on a scouting expedition to a new Ukrainian restaurant in New York City, “Taras Bulba” and met up with Charissa Sheptak Martin, another honorary member of the Philly chapter. The next day chapter members visited shut ins who live around the church. We carolled and left gifts from the Sunday school class as well as cookies.



The next Saturday our UOL chapter sponsored our Theophany Holodna Kutya. We always make a great effort to make one large dinner table for everyone and this year we had forty people for dinner. This year Theophany Eve was on a Saturday so we were able to plan the dinner for a little earlier. The dinner had all traditional Holodna Kutya items, such as varenyky, uzvar, kutya, and fish. One fun part of the evening was the singing of Christmas carols. We even sang all 12 verses of “on the Jordan river.” We had verses that most in the room had never heard, but also a group who enjoyed singing together.



The next day we had our annual blessing of the ice cross and Theophany brunch. For over 15 years our chapter has sponsored a brunch following the blessing of an ice cross.

Many years ago Daria Szafranski Danyo and Lynn Szafranski suggested that our UOL chapter have an ice cross on Theophany, following the tradition of the blessing of an ice cross as done in Ukraine. Well, the tradition has truly taken hold in Philadelphia. Mike Fesnak and David Sembrot and his family



each year sponsor the ice sculptor. The ice cross is a true work of art crafted by a master ice sculptor. This year with the frigid temperatures the ice cross remained for weeks. That Sunday the St. Vladimir’s and St. Mary Protectress parishes celebrated together and we had a huge family join us for the blessing of the cross as well as for a delicious brunch. Karen Ferraro and Andi Swan were the chairpeople for the brunch and we had over 100 people for our feast of ham and delicious sides.



The next Saturday was another huge event for our chapter, our annual Malanka. I am not sure how long we have been hosting the Malanka, but it has certainly been a while. We have seen Junior UOL members grow up at the Malanka. Our hosts Al and Debbie Shinn were not intimidated by the weather. A few people missed the Malanka because of snow, but those who came were glad that they had made the effort. A new, and perhaps now becoming a tradition, was a different interpretation of the Kolomeyka.



We had a new group join the festivities and they taught our die hard Malanka-goers a new twist. The group makes a large circle and one member goes to the center with a towel (rushnyk). The person in the middle chooses a member from the circle and hands them the rushnyk. That person comes to the middle of the circle, gets on their knees in the circle and gives the other person a kiss on the cheek. The dance continues with members choosing others to dance in the circle.

We did our big count down and Malanka 2014 was a memory, a memory that brings a smile to those who attended.

Our final event of the season was our Souper Bowl coffee hour. Our junior and senior UOL joined forces to collect for St Andrew Society. We were able to raise nearly \$300 for the soup kitchens in Ukraine. I am sort of tired writing about all of the Philly projects. I think I will need to take a nap to prepare for our next chapter meeting.





**Maplewood Junior UOL Chapter  
Submitted by Oksana Shevchuk**

The year is going by quickly, however, many things are being accomplished. Starting in the month of June, all of our members were able to drive down



to Emlenton, Pennsylvania and take part in All Saints Camp, whether it was to be a camper or help out as a counselor. Later in the summer Constantine Shevchuk, our 2012-2013 Chapter President, received the Very Reverend Volodymyr Bukata Award at the 2013 UOL Convention, which most of our members attended. In November, we sponsored our annual St. Demetrius Day commemoration and luncheon where we honor the memory of the souls of our departed friends and family members and the victims of

event of mourning.

Easter is going to be approaching before we know it, but we already know what our parish will be doing to help out at St. Thomas Sunday. Just like every year our parish will help with the parking. To help out All Saints Camp we recently donated \$350 to get them a commercial grade microwave to help them in the next camping year. Hopefully this microwave will be of much use to them.



For the remainder of this year, we hope to be having more dinners as well as finding ways to help others. Although we have only 6 members, we are thankful to have a very active group supported by a wonderful parish family.

**Coatesville Senior and Junior UOL Prepare  
for Souper Bowl Sunday  
Submitted by Jeanne Ruczhak-Eckman**

The Holy Ghost Senior UOL and Junior UOL Chapters joined together Saturday, February 1st to prepare soup for Souper Bowl Sunday. Senior President Carol



the 1932-33 Famine Genocide in Ukraine, the “Holodomor.” This year marked the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this horrible manmade famine. We wrapped up the 2013 year by having a Fall Food Drive and collecting coats for Ukraine, which were contributed to the UOCof USA collection. We managed to make 150 lunch bags, which were then taken to Bridges Outreach, an organization which delivers lunches to the homeless three days each week. We sent any additional food that was left over to the Market Street Mission food kitchen as well.

The new year began with celebration and excitement, especially for St. Nicholas. Our Junior UOL displayed a wonderful play directed by Constantine Shevchuk, who wrote the play himself. Thankfully the play



was a success and was complimented by many. Following this event the juniors hosted the meeting of the National Executive Board of the Junior UOL and a very successful Valentine’s Day Brunch. On November 23, 2013 the Holodomor Commemoration took place in New York at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Any members who were free took the time to go to this



Bentley taught the youth how to make Chicken Corn Noodle Soup, using a family recipe. The soups will be sold at coffee hour on Sunday, February 2nd. Money raised goes to St. Andrew’s Society. The Society provides for soup kitchens and orphanages in Ukraine.

One of the joint goals this year for both Juniors and Seniors is to do more activities together. “We – the Juniors – want to learn the traditions of our Parish,” said Junior UOL President Anna Eckman. “We also wanted to get to know our Senior members on a more personal level.” Junior UOL members who participated were: Jaclyn Domsohn, Anna Eckman, Zorina Eckman and Jagger Houck. Senior UOL members in attendance were Carol Bentley, David Bentley, Nancy Domsohn, Glenn Eckman, Mary Eckman, Brenda Euler, Ambrose Kozlowski, Lillian Maskula, Jeanne Ruczhak-Eckman, and Ray and Pru Vito.

The Senior UOL also has been busy selling “lucky calendars” for the All Saints Camp. Photos by Jeanne Ruczhak-Eckman  
1. Jaclyn, Anna, Zorina & Carol testing the flavor of the broth.  
2. Chicken Corn Noodle Soup



**Western PA - Ohio UOL RETREAT  
Join the UOL for the Lenten Retreat  
Saturday March 29, 2014  
Villa Maria Retreat Center**

For more information contact  
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2014 UOL EDUCATION COMMISSION ESSAY CONTEST

Pre-school/Kindergarten –

Draw a picture showing how you learn from God.

**Grades 1 & 2** – Write two sentences and draw a picture.  
Draw a picture of Jesus teaching someone and tell what Jesus is telling them.

**Grades 3 & 4** – Write 5 to 8 sentences.  
What do you see in church that helps you learn about God?

**Grades 5 & 6** – Essay should be 50 – 75 words in length.  
How do the Beatitudes help to “feed” us today?

**Grades 7 & 8** – Essay should be 80 – 125 words in length.  
What does Jesus teach us we need to do to enter the Kingdom of God?

**Grades 9 & 10** –should be 125 – 200 words in length.  
What is the difference between the hunger for food and hunger for righteousness?

**Grades 11 & 12** – Essay should be 200- 500 words in length.  
Select an individual from the Bible and describe how they quenched their “hunger and thirst for righteousness.”

**Adult 18 and over** – Essay should be a minimum of 500 words in length.

How would you explain “hunger and thirst for righteousness” to a non-Christian?

2014 ANNUAL UOL ESSAY CONTEST  
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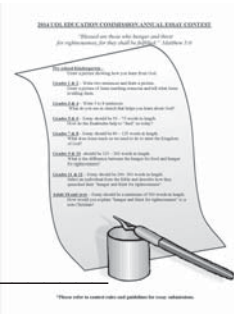
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Entries must be postmarked by April 30, 2014.

Please do not place names on the front of any entry.

- All entries must include the following information:
- \*Participant’s first and last name, age and grade in school.
  - \*The name and address of participant’s parish, including city and state.
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Drawings (Pre-School – Grade 2) should not be larger than 12" x 18". Written entries must be on 8 ½" x 11" papers.  
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Mail entries to UOL Essay Contest  
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Great Lent Giveaway 2014

FOCUS on Giving; Benefiting FOCUS North America  
Back to School Program

The Great Lent Giveaway (GLG) is a joint project between the Jr. UOL and the Office of Youth Ministry with the objectives of deepening the faith of our Orthodox Youth through almsgiving and deepening of prayer and faith through action and learning.

The 2014 Great Lent Giveaway benefits FOCUS North America’s Back to School Initiative. FOCUS North America is a national movement of Orthodox Christians, united in faith and joined by a desire to provide action-oriented and sustainable solutions to poverty in communities across America. FOCUS has operations and youth volunteer experiences in more than 20 cities in the United States. The purpose of the Back to School initiative is to collect shoes and other school supplies for children in 28 cities around the country that are participating.

Our goal for 2014 is to raise \$3000 for the Back to School Initiative and collect 500 pairs of socks. GLG program details will be sent to chapters and parishes prior to the start of Great Lent. GLG youth group lessons will be provided weekly on the Office of Youth Ministry Website, [www.uocyouth.org](http://www.uocyouth.org), starting the last week of February. For further information contact the GLG coordinator, Kateryna Kocelko, at [kdkcutie25@yahoo.com](mailto:kdkcutie25@yahoo.com) or the Office of Youth Ministry at [uocyouth@aol.com](mailto:uocyouth@aol.com).

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The selected work weekends are:

- April 4<sup>th</sup> to April 6<sup>th</sup>  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>  
May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Work Week  
May 26<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>

If you are interested in participating in any of these work weekends or would like to schedule another time to come and volunteer at the camp, please contact:

Michael Nakonachny  
(440) 503-3151  
michael@allsaintscamp.org

Hans Harasimchuk  
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Less than 10 weeks until Spring  
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## UOL Projects

- ❖ Education
- ❖ UOL Bulletin
- ❖ Christian Care Giving & Missions
- ❖ Annual Essay Contests

**Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship Fund**

- ❖ Scholarships to our current and former JR UOL members
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- ❖ Nurtures leadership in our youth
- ❖ Embraces our motto of being *"Devoted to Its Youth"*

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- ❖ Provides tuition assistance to the seminarians at St. Sophia Seminary
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of society has a duty to one another.

Christians lived and expanded in a pagan society. There was great incidence of martyrdom, witnessing for Christ, but in the end Christianity ruled. This was done not through plotting and revolt, but by living the Christian life. The teachings one reads in the New Testament regarding duties of slaves and masters should be taken in context with the age and the full message of Christianity, transforming a society through good example and not the sword. An evolution, a change of heart, should be the agent of social change rather than a peasants' revolt.

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