On Wednesday, July 24th, 2013, the Junior and Senior members of the UOL traveled to Parma, Ohio for the 52nd Annual Junior UOL Convention. After the Junior and Senior executive boards had their pre-convention meeting, the juniors and seniors gathered together for the opening session of the 52nd Annual convention. We heard from convention chair, Melanie Nakonachny, Spiritual Advisors, V. Rev. Father John Nakonachny, and the presidents of the Junior and Senior Executive boards. Then the juniors went into their own room to begin their sessions. We finished off the night with evening prayers and a very welcoming hospitality night. It was a great night to catch up with friends.

The next morning, July 25th, the convention body gathered at Saint Vladimir’s Cathedral for Divine Liturgy. After brunch the juniors and seniors commenced their second business session. We split up into committees with just the juniors to come up with new ideas for next year. We then had our first rounds of chapter challenge. We later combined with the seniors and split into joint junior/senior committee groups. After sessions were over for the evening everyone

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Great job on this achievement and being a great role model this year on how a chapter should participate.  Congratulations on this achievement and thanks to Fr. Ivan and the whole parish family at a luncheon in their church hall, where they made us feel very welcome.  We joined everyone in singing Mnohaya Lita for the birthday of one of their new parishioners. He is a member of the Ukrainian military recently assigned to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa for a one-year tour of duty.  We also spoke with two young parents who remarked how much they missed the large, active Ukrainian community life they knew while growing up in Cleveland and Toronto, and about how they struggle to provide that same kind of upbringing for their two young daughters in Florida.

Afterwards, Daria and I reflected on our visit and wondered about all of the other parishes within our diocese that, like St. Michael’s, don’t have active Senior or Junior UOL chapters. Approximately 80% of our parishes do not have a Senior UOL chapter, and 85% do not have a Junior UOL chapter. Parents in these parishes miss the connection through the UOL to a bigger parish family and to tap into the shared resources from which they themselves benefited as children, by virtue of having grown up in cities with larger Ukrainian Orthodox populations and well-established intercity, regional, and national social and spiritual networks.

Are we getting our message out to all of our UOC of USA parishes—and especially to the young families in that 80% to 85%—explaining all that the League has to offer them and their children? A few weeks earlier, I met with our NRB Spiritual Advisor Fr. John at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Youngstown. He impressed upon me that it’s not enough for the UOL to just conserve what we have. Instead, we must outreach. The statistics above show the current limits of our organization, but also underscore our potential for growth. In Matthew Chapter 9 and again in Luke Chapter 10, we read that when Jesus saw the crowds that came to Him, He said to His disciples: “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” Likewise, we pray to the Lord to inspire more laborers among us to meet the needs of His Church and to help the League reach its full potential. The harvest will indeed be plentiful.

On another matter, we were all greatly saddened to hear of the tragic fire that ravaged the property of the Protection of the Birth-Giver of God (Pokrova) Parish in Philadelphia, PA in August. The news reminded me of a similar disaster at St. Michael Parish in Woonsocket, RI less than one year ago. More than 100 firefighters and 33 trucks fought the 4-alarm blaze in Philadelphia, with damages estimated in the millions of dollars. WCAU, the local NBC affiliate, quoted one veteran firefighter who was amazed that with such extensive property damage none of the “pictures” (icons) caught fire! “When it comes to fires, I’ve seen it all, but I’ve never seen nothing like this before,” he said. On another optimistic note, I saw a photo that circulated on Facebook showing the burning structure covered by a rainbow. You can read more about the fire at Pokrova on the web at uocofusa.org/news_130825_1.html. The Consistory has established a special Pokrova Parish Aid Fund for financial contributions to help the recovery efforts. Please be generous in helping our brothers and sisters at Pokrova Parish in Philadelphia, and please remember them in your prayers.

In closing, all of us on the National Executive Board express our sincere thanks to Fr. Bazyl and the Assumption of the Virgin Mary UOL Chapter for hosting our Senior and Junior NEB meetings on September 14 in Northampton, PA. We appreciate their hospitality and pray that God richly blesses their parish so that they can continue to do His work.

Yours in Christ,

Michael J. Komichak
10 Top Reasons to Come to the UOL Convention in South Bound Brook, NJ.

I am sure that you are thinking about coming to the Convention in South Bound Brook and wondering, why should I go to South Bound Brook for the Convention? Well, just for you we have created a list of top ten reasons to come to South Bound Brook for the UOL Convention.

10 – Come and meet all of the members of our newest UOL Chapter at St. Sophia Seminary. Adrian Mazur is the UOL Chapter President. A tip for remembering names, if all else fails – call out Volodymyr (it seems like half of this new chapter is named Volodymyr).

9 – Come and see the geese early in the morning. If you are lucky you can get an egg for making goose egg pysanky. I have confirmed that there are more geese in South Bound Brook than there are in Seminarian Ivan Chopko’s village in Ukraine. (He did of course tell me that there are no geese in his home town.)

8 – Tour the grounds and learn more about the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. You can take a picture with St. Olga, Holy Equal to the Apostles. Just as a short history lesson. St. Olga was grandmother to St. Volodymyr. She ruled over Kyivan Rus and was the first Ukrainian ruler to convert to Orthodoxy.

7 – Take a tour of the Seminary. See the beautiful chapel of the Three Hierarchs. The Seminary is a beautiful building with lovely porches and grounds. The most amazing part of the Seminary is the chapel. Consecrated several years ago, it has an amazing iconostasis and if you get the chance, it is amazing to attend Divine Liturgy or Vespers in the chapel.

6 – Come and take a picture by the statue of Metropolitan Vasyl Lypkivsky. Another short history lesson. Metropolitan Lykipsky was the first Metropolitan of Kyiv and All of Ukraine (1921-1927).

5 – Enjoy the delicious food at the Cultural Center. (Here UOL Chapter member Volodymyr enjoys a delicious brunch at the Cultural Center.)

4- Join in a combined choir. The choir at South Bound Brook is amazing but you might have the opportunity to be part of a combined choir.

3- Join in a procession. As processions go, some of the best processions happen at South Bound Brook. There are lots of grounds so processions can go on for miles.

2 – Pay your respects to those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. The cemetery is the earthly resting place for many of our Spiritual Fathers, including His All Holiness Patriarch Mystyslav of Blessed Memory and His Eminence Metropolitan John of Blessed Memory.

1- Attend Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Memorial Church. When on the balcony on the second floor, there is an amazing vantage point where it appears that you are looking down from the heavens to partake in Divine Liturgy.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

It’s already October and the Jr. UOL is already off to a great start. We held our first meeting on September 14th in Northampton, PA. I would like to thank the entire parish of Northampton for their hospitality and for opening up their parish to us. Further information about this meeting will be in the next UOL Bulletin. Hopefully, everyone has been able to hold their first meetings at your home chapters. Please feel free to look at the committee reports from convention to get some new ideas to further your chapters as a whole. All of the committee reports are available on the UOL website.

Every chapter should have turned in their dues and roster to our financial secretary, Sarah Hershey, by now. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. The deadline was September 30th. The forms are online on the UOL website and you can also use the attached link: http://www.uol.orthodoxws.com/resources.html. Please use the link throughout the year to stay updated on events going on throughout the year, or “like” the UOL facebook page and the UOC of USA twitter account.

I pray that you all have a successful year. Feel free to contact me or any of the other board members throughout the year with questions, updates or for anything. We would love to hear from you. I will continue to pray for you this year as I hope you all will for the rest of the board, and myself included.

Yours in Christ,
Kateryna Kocelko
The Annual UOL Essay contest received 147 entries from 17 parishes. Children and adults provided their reflections for questions based on the UOL Convention theme, “O LORD, HOW MANIFOLD ARE YOUR WORKS, IN WISDOM YOU HAVE MADE THEM ALL.” PSALM 103. The essay contest judges had an enjoyable and difficult time in judging all the wonderful entries. Entries were judged for content, creativity and neatness. The judges were Michael Kapeluck, Carnegie, PA, Kira Senedak, Pittsburgh, PA, Tracey Sally, Carnegie, PA and Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon, Carnegie, PA. All entries received are given a number and the judges read and make their determination based on the number on the entry. All award winners were announced at the UOL Convention held in Parma, OH. The first, second and third place winners received icon prints of the Creation Icon written by Michael Kapeluck. Honorable Mention winners, those who the judges thought should receive special recognition, received a memorable bookmark. All participants received a certificate for their participation in the contest. Thank you to all Clergy, Sunday School teachers and parishioners for your continued support of this educational contest! The UOL is looking forward to next year’s round of essay submissions!

### St. John the Baptist – 10 entries
Johnson City, NY

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### Sts. Peter & Paul – 10 entries
Lyndora, PA

- **Preschool**
  - Katherine Pindel, age 4 – honorable mention
  - Bryce Radio, age 6 – 3rd place

- **Kindergarten**
  - Zachary Potter, age 11 – 2nd place
  - Katrina Potter, age 16 – 3rd place

### Assumption of the Virgin Mary – 4 entries
Northampton, PA

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### Sts. Peter & Paul – 15 entries
Palos Park, IL

- **Kindergarten**
  - Nathan Larsen, age 6 – honorable mention
  - Anna Talosenko, age 8 – 2nd place
  - Logan Mrozka, age 8 – honorable mention
  - Adrianna Zura, age 9 – 1st place
  - John Meaden, age 11 – honorable mention
  - Julia Hontaruk, age 11 – 1st place

- **Grade 1**
  - Abigail Baker, age 8 – 3rd place

- **Grade 2**
  - Hailey Jordi, age 8 – 3rd place

- **Grade 3**
  - James Garrusen, age 12 – 3rd place

- **Grade 4**
  - Brett Wilwert, age 13 – 2nd place

- **Grade 5**
  - Antoni Sendeha, age 10 – 3rd place

- **Grade 6**
  - John Meaden, age 11 – 1st place

- **Grade 10**
  - Katrina Potter, age 17 – 3rd place

- **Grade 11**
  - Peter Jordanov, age 18 – 1st place

- **Grade 12**
  - Katherine Pindel, age 14 – honorable mention

### St. Vladimir’s – 21 entries
Philadelphia, PA

- **Kindergarten**
  - Mia Zetick, age 6 – 2nd place

- **Grade 1**
  - Julian Naumenko, age 7 – honorable mention

- **Grade 2**
  - Elizabeth Trubocca, age 8 – 1st place

- **Grade 3**
  - Hailey Yordy, age 10 – honorable mention

- **Grade 4**
  - James Garrusen, age 12 – 3rd place

- **Grade 5**
  - Brett Wilwert, age 13 – 2nd place

- **Grade 6**
  - Natalia San Antonio, age 13 – 2nd place

- **Grade 7**
  - Johanna Gigan, age 13 – 3rd place

- **Grade 8**
  - Natalie San Antonio, age 13 – 2nd place

### St. Vladimir’s – 5 entries
Pittsburgh, PA

- **Preschool**
  - Drake Witkowsky, age 5 – honorable mention

- **Kindergarten**
  - Thomas Shipka, age 5 – honorable mention

- **Grade 1**
  - Kateryna Petrylo, age 6 – honorable mention

### Holy Ghost – 7 entries
Coatesville, PA

- **Adult**
  - Valerie Crescenz, adult – 3rd place
  - Carol Bentley, adult – 2nd place
  - Jeanean Ruzicka-Eckman, adult – 1st place

- **Grade 2**
  - Nicholas Molina, age 8 – honorable mention

- **Grade 3**
  - Elizabeth Cairns, age 7 – honorable mention

- **Grade 4**
  - Mya Molina, age 9 – honorable mention

- **Grade 5**
  - Alanna Molina, age 9 – honorable mention

- **Grade 6**
  - Jillian Pogoda, age 10 – 1st place

- **Grade 7**
  - Melissa Obrizan, age 10 – 3rd place

- **Grade 8**
  - Stephanie Chubenek, age 11–honorable mention

- **Grade 9**
  - Andrea Linch, age 16 – 2nd place

- **Grade 10**
  - Janeene Linch, age 16 – 2nd place

### Holy Trinity – 1 entry
Trenton, NJ

- **Kindergarten**
  - Andrew Maddalena, age 6 – 1st place

### St. Michael’s – 6 entries
Woonsneck, RI

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### Sts. Peter & Paul – 11 entries
Youngstown, OH

- **Preschool**
  - Marcia E. Goodge, age 4 – honorable mention

- **Grade 2**
  - Samuel E. Goodge, age 4 – honorable mention

- **Grade 3**
  - Samantha Moon, age 8 – 2nd place

- **Grade 5**
  - Sarah Moon, age 10 – honorable mention

- **Grade 6**
  - Deidra Walkowec, age 12 – 1st place

- **Grade 8**
  - Jeffrey Senediak, age 14– honorable mention

### St. John’s – 2 entries
Dixonville, PA

- **Preschool**
  - Sophia Cann, age 5 – honorable mention

- **Grade 1**
  - Nataley Cann, age 6 – honorable mention

### St. Andrew – 3 entries
Jamaica Plain, MA

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### St. John the Baptist – 9 entries
Johnson City, NY

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Winners by Parish

- **Youngstown, OH**
  - Sts. Peter & Paul – 15 entries

- **Woonsocket, RI**
  - St. Michael’s – 6 entries

- **Parma, OH**
  - St. Vladimir’s – 17 entries

- **Carnegie, PA**
  - Sts. Peter & Paul – 10 entries

- **Allentown, PA**
  - St. Mary Protection of the Holy Theotokos – 11 entries

- **Johnson City, NY**
  - St. John the Baptist – 10 entries

- **Carteret, NJ**
  - St. Demetrius Cathedral – 13 entries

- **Pittsburgh, PA**
  - St. Vladimir’s – 5 entries

- **Pennsylvania, PA**
  - St. Vladimir’s – 21 entries

- **Philadelphia, PA**
  - St. Vladimir’s – 17 entries

- **Carnegie, PA**
  - Sts. Peter & Paul – 10 entries

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LSSK Scholarships Awarded
Submitted by Alexis Oryhon

At the 66th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention in Parma, Ohio, the Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt Memorial Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships totaling $4,950 to four outstanding Junior UOL members whose dedication to the Church and her League have distinguished the recipients from their peers. The Scholarship was established in 1975 to perpetuate the memory of two lovely, dynamic young women whose untimely deaths left an indelible mark in the life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. In the last thirty-eight years the UOL has awarded 144 scholarships totaling almost $170,000.

The Scholarship Committee considers the following criteria when reviewing applicants: being a current or past member of the Junior UOL; enrolled in or about to enroll in a program of advanced education; a record of outstanding performance in service to the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the UOL; academic performance in high school; involvement in extracurricular activities and being of high ethical and moral character.

The 2013 LSSK Scholarship recipients are Joseph Hutzyalk, Janeene Linck, Lynn Nemeth and Danielle Walewski.

Joseph Hutzyalk was an active member of the St. Mary Parish in Allentown, PA Junior UOL chapter for 6 years and held various positions, including President this past year. Joseph was also a church reader, altar server and always available to assist in the parish’s kitchen. He is also a member of the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble and works at the Ukrainian American Heritage Foundation Dance Camp. Joe graduated from Emmaus High School with academic honors. In school, Joseph was a National Honor Society Member for two years and participated in numerous musical groups including Symphonic and Marching Bands. His school counselor stated, “While Joe is an exemplary student, he is also a model citizen who values music, his faith and heritage, and community service.” Joseph will attend Penn State - Lehigh Valley to study Mechanical Engineering.

Janeene Linck graduated from Bishop George Altz High School and was an active Junior UOL member at St. Demetrius Cathedral in Carteret, NJ. She served as Secretary and President of her local chapter and also as Recording Secretary on the National Executive Board this past year. Janeene served on her parish’s 100th Anniversary Committee and participated in numerous activities at the parish level. Her parish priest stated, “Janeene is a very loving and pleasant Junior UOL member who never shys away from working for her church.” In school, she was a member of the National Honor Society, Italian Honor Society and Christian Social Action Group. She volunteered at an elementary school, worked at local soup kitchens, participated in Concert Band and served as the manager of her Swimming team. This fall Janeene will attend Johnson & Wales University to study Sports/Entertainment/Event Management.

Lynn Nemeth will begin her sophomore year at Philadelphia University this fall. She currently majors in Health Science and is considering pursuing a degree in Occupational Therapy. She is also entering her second season as a Coxswain on the Rowing team. Lynn attends the Cathedral of St. Vladimir in Philadelphia, PA and is a member of the Senior UOL chapter. As a member of the Junior League, Lynn was active within her local chapter serving as both President and Treasurer. She also served on the National Executive Board as Corresponding Secretary in 2011-2012. Lynn was the 2011 Junior Convention Chairperson, sang in the church choir, worked diligently on Sundays during coffee hours and fulfilled many other UOL duties. Lynn’s advisor stated, “She has an engaging personality, a consistently pleasant demeanor, and a wonderful balance of intelligence and sensitivity.”

Danielle Walewski graduated from Chartiers Valley High School and was an active member of the Jr. UOL chapter at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Carnegie, PA. Danielle served as chapter President, Treasurer and Reporter throughout her nine years as a member. She participated in the dance group, assisted with St. Martin’s Closet and served as chairperson of the Parish Cookie Walk, a major fundraiser for the parish Sisterhood. Danielle participated in the recent High School Mission Trip in South Bound Brook, NJ. Her parish priest stated, “Danielle joins in without complaining, but encouraging others and supporting their efforts as well. She has a calm spirituality and persistent devotion to our Church.” While in school, Danielle served as a Leadership Assistant, Treasurer of SADD and a member of the Theater Department Stage Crew. Along with her extensive responsibilities, Danielle also assists at her family’s restaurant. This fall Danielle will attend the University of Denver and plans to major in Business.

The LSSK Scholarship Committee, on behalf of all donors and past recipients, congratulates Joe, Janeene, Lynn and Danielle on their accomplishments and wishes them best of luck in the future! We thank the UOL members, friends and chapters for their support of this worthwhile scholarship. Please remember that donations to the LSSK Scholarship are gratefully accepted at any time and may be submitted to: Lauren Bentley, 818 Barley Sheaf Road, Coatesville, PA 19320-2216.

The 2014 Scholarship Applications will be mailed to Junior UOL chapters in March 2014 or may be downloaded from the Scholarships and Recognition page of the UOL website: www.uolorthodoxws.com. Completed applications are due May 31, 2014.

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

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went to the Chapel in the hotel for evening prayers. That night everyone headed to the Cleveland Aquarium for a fun filled night of dinner, dancing, and seeing everything the Aquarium had to offer.

On Friday, July 26th, after morning prayers and breakfast the juniors went straight into business sessions. While finishing up with committee reports, Bishop Daniel came and participated in a pillow fight with all of the juniors and enlightened us with his words of wisdom. The final rounds of chapter challenge took place Friday afternoon along with the presentation of committee reports to the seniors. After the reports were approved the juniors held elections of the new national executive board. After elections everyone proceeded to take a group picture and then went to evening prayers. After prayers everyone headed to Saint Vladimir’s church hall for Ukrainian night. The night was filled with delicious food and amazing performances. A great time was had by all.

Saturday morning we had a service for all of the departed UOL members and all loved ones. Memory Eternal! The new and old junior and senior boards then met to establish what their jobs are and what needs to be accomplished in the coming year. Then, for anyone who was interested in getting ready for the upcoming Kalendyukas, Lynn's chairperson led an UOL board workshop. After the workshop everyone gathered in the Chapel for Vespers. It was then time to get ready for the banquet. Once the banquet started the speeches and awards were then given out along with the presentations of the new executive boards. After dinner was over, the night continued with dancing and lots of excitement.

After an amazing evening, everyone woke up Sunday morning and attended Divine Liturgy led by His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony and many reverend fathers, deacons and seminarians. It was beautiful to be able to gather together to pray for the coming year. After the service the new executive boards were sworn into office in front of everyone. Everyone then proceeded to the hall for the farewell brunch and to say their goodbyes to friends.

On behalf of the entire Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League, I would like to thank the Hierarchs, V. Rev. Father Nakonachny, the Convention Chairpersons, and the entire parish of Saint Vladimir’s for the effort they put into this year’s convention. It was a huge success!
Meet the Members of the Junior National Executive Board

Kateryna Kocelko

Hello, my name is Kateryna Kocelko and I am President of the 2013-2014 Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League National Executive Board. I am very excited to be working on the board for the second year. I live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I attend Saint Vladimir’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church in South Side Pennsylvania. At Saint Vladimir’s, I sing in the church choir, attend church school, read the epistle and am treasurer of our junior chapter. I am also very active in church events such as festivals and fundraisers. I also have danced with Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble since I was three and now I teach the younger students.

This upcoming school year I will be a sophomore in high school. I attend Keystone Oaks High School. I have played flute in concert band since fourth grade and I am a dancer in our marching band. I have been active in my Girl Scout troop since first grade and I still am. I have competed in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science for the last three years. I am also a member of my school’s student senate and academic team. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my friends, being with family and attending Pittsburgh Steelers games. Every year since I was eight I have attended either Diocesan Church School Camp or Teenage Conference. I have also been a “Big Sister” to the Mommy and Me/Daddy and Me encampment. I hope to serve the Junior UOL and the Church with as much dedication and love as the presidents before me. Please pray for all of us as we set out to accomplish God’s will this year. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns throughout the year. If you need to contact me my email is kkcutie25@yahoo.com, I will try to respond as soon as possible. I pray that the Lord will guide us all on the right path this year.

Elizabeth Abrahamson

I am excited to be the new Corresponding Secretary for the national Jr. board, but nervous at the same time. I live in Riverside RI with my parents, 4 brothers, and 3 cats. I attend St Michael’s Ukrainian Orthodox church in Woonsocket RI, and I’ve sung in the church choir for just about the last 5 years. I also attend church school and aid in teaching the younger kids occasionally. I’m the current treasurer of my Jr UOL chapter.

I will be a sophomore in this upcoming school year at East Providence High School, so I’ve made it through my freshman year alive (insert sigh of relief here). I’m a total band geek, trying to learn every instrument I can and getting excited when marching band season draws near. I started out on trumpet in 5th grade, switched to French horn after Christmas in 8th grade, and have been playing percussion since about 7th grade (this past year I switched to percussion for school, and plan on switching back to French horn this upcoming year). I tend to mess around on the piano quite a lot at home, although I’ve never had proper lessons, and my band teacher taught me some notes on flute. Other than all that mumbo-jumbo, I like to hang out with old friends, new friends, and attend more music-related activities outside of school.

This past summer was the first time I attended the Teenage Conference and Mommy and Me / Daddy and Me camps in PA. It was literally the greatest experience of my life, and no doubt am I going to go again next year (and hopefully every year after that).

Well, that’s just a brief summary about me. If you want to know anything else about me and my music-filled life, feel free to email me any time: betsyna@gmail.com.

Sarah Hershey

My name is Sarah Hershey and I am very excited to be serving my second term on the National Executive Board as Financial Secretary. I attend Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Coatesville, PA. As Vice President of my local chapter, I am very active in the church. I also serve as the liaison between our Junior UOL chapter and our Church board. This year I will be a Junior at Oxford Area High School. I am on the varsity Cross Country and Track teams for my school. Running is something that I am very passionate about and I am hoping that my team will go far this year. Some of my other hobbies are reading and hanging out with my friends.

This year I am the chairperson of the Culture and Education Committee again. I am looking forward to putting to work as many of the ideas as possible that were generated at convention. I also plan to attend Teenage Conference for the first time this coming summer. I am looking forward to meeting more amazing people and learning more about the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Christopher Holowko

My name is Christopher Holowko and I am the newly elected Vice President of the Junior National Executive Board. It is an honor to serve and I look forward to a productive and enriching year. My family and I are parishioners of Holy Ascension in Maplewood, NJ, the site of the 2010 convention and where 2020 Vision was established. Further, our Chapter will also be assisting with the 2014 convention in South Bound Brook. At my home parish, I serve as Vice-President of the Chapter; I have been an altar server for several years; attend Sunday school and help out as much as I can with other church functions. I have also attended All Saints Camp many times for Mommy/Daddy and Me, Church School Camp, Teenage Conference, and Family Fest. This year, I also served as a counselor aid during Mommy/Daddy and Me. Next year I hope to be a counselor in training at DCSC. Through Camp, I have met many great friends. If you have not attended Camp in the past, you should, for many reasons including the friends you will meet. Labor Day you will usually find me at Family Fest.

In school, I am a sophomore at Randolph High School, and when not engaged with my schoolwork, I actively participate in playing ice hockey for my school along with my older brother, Andrew. You may also know my oldest brother Nick, a past Board Member, and Erica my younger sister. I also spend a large amount of time participating in ice hockey playing for a club team. So between, Church, school, hockey and friends, life is active and fun.

I anticipate a very meaningful and productive year working on the Board this year, and being able to enjoy my time with the other members while focusing on the goals of the League. I also plan to learn from others. Along with holding the position of Vice President, I am also the Chairperson for the Information Technology Committee. In addition, I am also the liaison to the Philadelpha, PA; Maplewood, NJ; and Carteret, NJ chapters. Please email me through the UOL Web Site with any ideas or concerns. You will find many updates there during the year, and I will certainly be in touch with many of you.

Kira Kuzmenchuk

My name is Kira Kuzmenchuk and I am very excited to start my first year on the National Executive Board as Treasurer. I live in Coatesville, Pennsylvania with my parents and my brothers, Nick and Greg. I go to the Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Coatesville. I joined at the age of 2 and have been a member ever since. I participate in many things such as the Annual Fall Bazaar, being Secretary of my Jr. UOL chapter, attending church school, and much more.

This year I am going to be a sophomore at Coatesville Senior High School. I’ve been in band since 4th grade and play many instruments. My main instruments are keyboards, which I play in Marching Band and Indoor Drumline, and flute, which I play in the stands at football games and during concert season. In my spare time I like to swim, write, and watch my 2 favorite shows, “ Bones” and “Pretty Little Liars.”

I really look forward to the new and challenging experience of being on the Jr. National Board and learning more about my culture. If you have any questions feel free to contact me any time at jtfrease@uol. orthodoxxs.com.
Hello, my name is Katherine Anderson and I am the Recording Secretary of the 2013-2014 Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League National Executive Board. I am very excited to be working on the board this year! I am honored to have been selected by my peers to this important office. I live in Salem, Ohio with my parents and my two brothers. I attend Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Youngstown, Ohio. At my church I attend church school regularly, sing in the choir, and am the Vice-President of our Jr. chapter. I have been a member of the Jr. UOL for 5 years now and have held the offices of secretary and treasurer, as well. I am involved in helping with church events such as festivals, fundraisers and social events. I also dance in the Youngstown Area Ukrainian Dancers dance group of which I have been a member for three years. Before that, I had taken tap and ballet since I was 4 years old.

This school year I am a Junior at Salem Senior High School. At school, I play flute and piccolo in the band where I am section leader and squad leader. I am in the choir, Spanish Club, Pep Club, and I am a member of the Yearbook staff. I also play in the pep band. My hobbies include hanging out with friends, watching movies, singing and reading. Every year since I was eight, I have attended All Saints Camp. I have either been a nanny or staff aid at DCSC for the last 3 years, and for the last three years I have been a “Big Sister” at the “Mommy and me and Daddy and Me” encampment.

An afternoon program was held at the Pavilion showcaseing the campers attending DCSC and the Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and School of Carnegie, PA. All Saints Camp Manager, Eric Senedak, and ASC Maintenance Committee Chair, Michael Nakonachny, provided updates on the camp and its structures. One item that is in great need, besides your monetary support, is your support of time and labor. All Saints Camp structures and items continue to grow, however, many hands are needed to help maintain their beauty or help with improvements. Please consider helping out with the “labor” aspects of ASC as well as the financial support.

The All Saints Camp Committee would like to thank EVERYONE for attending and supporting the Anniversary Celebration. It was a wonderful day and we hope to see you at the camp again!
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Promoting the Orthodox Faith
Supporting the goals and missions of the Church
Developing the potential and active participation of our youth
Preserving our Ukrainian heritage and culture

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*Continuation of the Education Commission projects and services
*Ukrainian Cultural Projects
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*Foster the UOL motto: “Devoted to its Youth”

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