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*“Our Youth – Our Future”*

### ATTACK ON AMERICA! UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA COUNCIL OF BISHOPS

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On Tuesday, 11 September 2001 – the Feast of the Beheading of the Holy Prophet and Baptist John – thousands of lives in New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania were suddenly and without warning cut short. Countless thousands of families like Rachel of old, mourn their children who were lost in the violence of devastating terrorist attacks on the most important institutions of our United States of America.

The events of this day have changed not only the skyline of a major city and the nerve center of our armed forces, but have forever altered the lives of all of us who have long taken for granted the freedoms, which we enjoy, paying little more than lip service to God and the principles upon which our nation was founded.

As Orthodox Christians of Ukrainian heritage we are horrified at this crisis moment, but we call upon all citizens of this great nation to bear witness to the Biblical promise of peace that passes all understanding and to act responsibly in response. We detest and condemn the attack - along with those who led and sponsored it – upon our country, its people and its institutions.

At the same time we commend to the loving embrace of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the souls of those who perished. We beseech Him to receive them into His Heavenly Kingdom and to give comfort to those who mourn and for whom there may seem to be no immediate comfort.

We, the hierarchs of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA offer our prayers for all who have been touched by this terrorist attack and call upon all our beloved clergy and faithful to do the same on a daily basis. We call upon you to respond to the call of local hospitals to donate blood and give whatever is necessary to assist those who are tending the wounded. In this, the darkest hour of our American history, we call upon all to “let your light shine before mankind, so that others who witness your good works, might glorify your Father in Heaven”. Pray for the victims, pray for survivors and pray for peace and love.

We direct all clergy of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church to:

- offer the attached prayer following the litany of fervent supplication of Divine Liturgy of Sunday, 16 September
- offer the Memorial Litany for the repose of the souls of all those murdered in this terrorist attack and
- offer a Moleben following Liturgy for the survivors and the family members of victims of this tragedy

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all during these difficult times.

In our Lord's All-encompassing Love,

+ CONSTANTINE, Metropolitan

+ ANTONY, Archbishop

+ VSEVOLOD, Archbishop

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### L.S.S.K. SCHOLARSHIPS - 2001 *“The Best and the Brightest”*

At the 54th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania the UOL awarded scholarships totaling \$6,300 to six Junior UOL members whose dedication to their Church and her League have distinguished them from their peers. Since the LSSK Scholarship Fund was established in 1975 in memory of Lynn Sawchuk and Sharon Kuzbyt, the UOL has awarded 98 scholarships totaling over \$104,850. Criteria considered by the Scholarship Committee includes: 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 the service to the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox League; academic performance in high school; involvement in extracurricular activities and high ethical and moral character.

**Alexis Oryhon**, of St. John's Junior Chapter in Johnson City, New York, has served as National President of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League in addition to her previous role as National Financial Secretary. In her local chapter she has served as president and vice president, is a church reader, member of the choir and a member of the dance group. Alexis is an avid member of the church basketball team, a pysanky writer and works at the children's games booth at the parish's annual festival. Her pastor says “Alexis makes an attempt to live her Christian faith daily. She exhibits strong leadership qualities and works well with others.” Her chapter advisor writes “(Alexis) is a shining example of an Orthodox Christian with her regular attendance at almost every church service offered.”

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*(2nd Row: Daria Pishko, Laryssa Sadoway, Jason Senedak, Alexis Orhyon, David Paunesku, and Kaatherine Tulley; 1st Row: James Sawchuk, Olga Sawchuk, Madeline Kuzbyt and Bill Kuzbyt. Not pictured: David Misko.*

***With Thy Saints give rest O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants who have fallen asleep.***

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## L.S.S.K. SCHOLARSHIPS - 2001

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### 2001 L.S.S.K. Scholarship Recipients

In high school, she was active in the student government serving as class president for four years, was Co-Editor of the Yearbook, Pep Club president, a high school cheerleader, a member of the choir and participant in school musicals. She was active in SADD, (Students Against Drunk driving) and served as a representative to the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC.

Alexis will be attending SUNY (State University of New York) at Oswego.

**David Paunesku** of Saints Peter and Paul Junior Chapter in Palos Park, Illinois served as National Recording/Corresponding Secretary of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League. On the local level, he is an active Junior UOL member, a member of the dance group and an alter server. His Spiritual Advisor writes, "David is a very dedicated young man, who is devoted to his Church in more ways than words can describe. . . .No matter what is asked of him, he is always ready and willing to lend a hand."

His high school activities included band, the National Honor Society, and the Spanish National Honor Society. He was a National Merit Finalist. His counselor writes "He is intellectually curious, demonstrating a love for learning that is seldom exhibited by young men his age. . . .His questioning mind, eagerness to tackle a challenge and willingness to help others are qualities that make him most deserving of the LSSK Scholarship."

David will be attending the University of Chicago.

**Laryssa Sadoway**, of St. Andrew's UOL Chapter in Boston, Massachusetts has served as President and Recording/Corresponding Secretary of the National Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League. In addition, she has previously served as - president and secretary of her local Junior Chapter. She has participated in the church choir, and served as a church reader and church school teacher. She is an active member of the Senior UOL at St. Andrew's and will serve as Junior Coordinator on the 55th Annual Convention Committee. Her Junior Advisor writes "(Laryssa's) faith and church are very important to her. Her enthusiasm for all things UOL related is contagious."

Laryssa recently completed her sophomore year at the University of Massachusetts—Amherst and is pursuing a degree in Music majoring in Music Education and Vocal Performance. She performs with the University Chorale, Chamber Choir, Vocal Jazz Ensemble in addition to her solo performances. Last year, she held an internship at the Community Music School of Springfield, working with the Springfield Children's Choir of Springfield, Massachusetts. Laryssa's Scholastic Advisor writes, "Laryssa is a very intelligent and a superb student who is very active in our department and in the Springfield community, especially with the children's chorus."

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## UOL PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*Daria A. Pishko*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

The year is well underway, beginning with our first National Executive Board Meeting on September 8th hosted by the Ss. Peter and Paul UOL Chapter, Youngstown, Ohio. The Board confirmed the following committee/commission appointments.

### COMMISSION CHAIRS

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UOL Room	Laryssa Sadoway
55th Annual Convention	Sandra Kondratiuk

The goals and objective for each committee and commission were set during the course of the meeting thus giving each Chair a clear chart to follow over the course of the year. The finalized goals and objectives will be published in the next UOL Bulletin.

I promised last month to update you on the Metropolitan Council Meeting that I attended in July. Items of interest include:

I am pleased to report that there has been much progress in the programs being directed by our Consistory over the last year as a result of the successful appointments of Natalie Kapeluck, as Director of the Office of Youth Ministry, Fr. Deacon Ihor Mahlay, as Director of the Office of Missions and Christian Care, V. Reverend William Diakiw, Vice President of the Consistory and Director of the Office of Publications, Fr. Deacon Joseph Kreta, Director of the Office of Religious Education, and Dr. Stephen Sivulich, Director of the Office of Development, and all of their numerous accomplishments. We know all of these officers very well, as they are current and in most cases life-long members of the UOL. All of these officers have spent the last year outreaching to the parishes to improve the communications between the parishes and the Consistory. The programs that they have spearheaded have been successful to date and we're looking for more progress in the future.

In addition to our progress here in the US, we're seeing many positive signs regarding the reunification of the church in Ukraine, largely due to the support and facilitation of our Hierarchs. We rejoice in this news and look forward to more positive developments.

Upcoming activities include a conference on Ukrainian Orthodoxy and the Environment that is the works under the direction of Father John Haluszczak and Father Robert Popichak—plus all of the workshops and activities planned for the upcoming Sobor.

Please be reminded—we have a monastery to be developed in Vineland, New Jersey, a new mausoleum that was built within the foundation of our St. Andrew's Memorial Church in South Bound Brook and completed last Spring, and a new Historical/Education Complex on the brink of initiation. There are plenty of areas that the UOL can serve as a great resource for all of these efforts. I hope that our members will first and foremost come to the Sobor to support the progress that has been initiated and that needs to be continued. Secondly, I hope our member chapters will seek an opportunity to support and assist our Consistory in these projects through donations, member attendance or by volunteering to host or help in many of the efforts necessary to make these projects a success. If any of these topics interests you, please contact me for further information.

Until next month . . . I remain.

Yours in Christ's love,

Daria A. Pishko

## JR. UOL PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*John Meschisen*

Glory to Jesus Christ.

Greetings and Salutations!

I hope everyone is healthy and happy. September is usually the month that we JR's. Head back to school, however before we go back, the Jr. National Board held its first meeting in Palos Park, IL, on August 24-26.

We met early on Saturday morning for our official meeting. A few of the more major issues we discussed and/or did were: select area-chapters, pick our assignments, review the Jr. convention committee reports, discussed several prospective Jr. UOL chapters, and prepared for the Sobor.

Also, our dynamic duo of Corresponding Secretary, Anya Priestler, and Recording Secretary, Megan Beck, prepared a mailing for ELECTION REPORT FORMS. The forms should be completed and sent to Anya by October 15th. On another front, our Financial Secretary, Natalie Beck, will team-up with Palos Park's own Matt Most to create a new and exclusively only Jr. UOL webpage. This should be up and running before the New Year.

The rest of the weekend was spent shopping, playing beach football, watching low budget films and attending Divine Liturgy at Sts. Peter and Paul parish, Palos Park. Liturgy was followed by a scrumptious "Pancake Flip".

On behalf of the entire Jr. National Board, I would like to thank Sts. Peter and Paul parish for an unforgettable weekend, which I know I will not forget.

Until next month,

I will continue to remain, Through Christ,

Most Affectionately Yours,

John D. Meschisen



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2001-2002



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## ATTACK ON AMERICA! A Prayer..

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### UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF USA

The Church offers this prayer for the victims of the tragedy of September 11, 2001, as well as for our nation.

O Lord Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us.

Lord God, Lover of Mankind, bless our God-protected nation, the United States of America, and forgive those who hate and wrong us. Do good to those who do good and grant our brothers, sisters and all our people safety, health, salvation and eternal life. Visit the sick and heal them. Guide those in our armed forces; in our fire, police and rescue services; and in our government. Upon those who have asked us, unworthy though we are, to pray for them, have mercy. Remember our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the Lord and grant them rest where the light of Your Face shines. Remember those who bear fruit and do good works and grant them their petitions for health, safety, salvation and eternal life.

Remember us, O Lord, your humble, sinful and unworthy servants and enlighten our minds with the light of Your Knowledge and guide us in the way of your Commandments, through the prayers of our Most-Pure Lady, the Birth-giver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, and of all Your Saints, for You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen.



**Phillie's Basketball Team**



**Basketball MVP's**

## L.S.S.K. SCHOLARSHIPS - 2001

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Laryssa was elected to the National Executive Board of the Senior UOL at this convention and will serve as Corresponding Secretary for the ensuing year. She will return to the University of Massachusetts –Amherst in September to begin her junior year.

**Katherine Ann Tulley** is a member of the St. John's Junior UOL Chapter in Johnson City, New York. She has served as president and vice president of her local chapter. Her activities include participating in the church dance group, being a church reader and being an active participant in her community's Orthodox youth group. Her Senior Advisor writes, "(Katie) is dedicated and participates in every aspect of church life as a true Orthodox Christian."

In high school, Katie was treasurer of her graduating class, a member of the National Honor Society and graduated with honors. She's an accomplished musician, participating in both the marching band and symphony. Her advisor writes "Katie is an outstanding school citizen. She had strong leadership skills and uses them with diplomacy and respect. She is most thoughtful and caring and considers others in her plans. . . ."

Katie will attend Hartwick College.

**David Misko**, of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary UOL Chapter in Northampton, Pennsylvania, has served as president, vice-president, treasurer, and reporter of his local Junior Chapter. He was an altar server and was the head altar server for two years. His Spiritual Advisor writes "David has been a constant and reliable participant in the life of the Church. He has shown good ability as a leader of our small Junior Chapter." His Senior Advisor writes "David is a very thoughtful and compassionate person. He showed excellent leadership in keeping the chapter's functions on track. . . . Several of the projects completed would not have been, if David hadn't pulled everyone together."

David recently completed his freshman year at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where is majoring in Aeronautical Science. In high school, he received two letters in golf, and was active in PEACE, LEO and served as a Guidance Aid.

David will be returning to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in the Fall to begin his sophomore year.

**Jason Thomas Senedak** of Saints Peter and Paul Junior Chapter of Youngstown, Ohio has served as president of his local Junior Chapter for the last three years and was previously vice-president. He is an active choir member, church reader, and is an avid church school student as well as a church school teacher. He is a regular participant at Teenage Conference. He volunteers for various church functions such as cleaning of the votive candles and helping the parish caterers. He served as Chairman of his Chapter's Annual Junior UOL Lock-in. His Senior Advisor writes, "Jason is a fine young leader of our church and our Junior UOL . . . he exemplifies Christian values and morals. (Jason) is a very kind considerate and compassionate young man in this sometimes troubled world." His Spiritual Advisor writes, "Jason is a dedicated, hard-working and cheerful member of this parish community. At this young age, he already provides a worthy example of a life in Christ as an Orthodox. . . . his leadership abilities, and love of the Holy Orthodox Faith have made a great difference in the overall improvement, enthusiasm, and productivity of this chapter."

In high school, he was in the Key Club, Concert Choir, Latin Club, Drama Club and participated in Basketball and Outdoor Track. He lettered in Concert Choir and has received many awards in singing competitions.

Jason will attend Youngstown State University to pursue a degree in Education.

The Ukrainian Orthodox League and the LSSK Scholarship Committee would like to congratulate this year's recipients and wish them much success in their future endeavors.

Donations to support the LSSK Scholarship may be forwarded to:

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### **L.S.S.K. Scholarship Applications**

Scholarship applications for the 2002 will be available in March 2002 or may be downloaded from the UOL page of [www.uocofusa.org](http://www.uocofusa.org) website. Completed applications are due May 31, 2002. All former Junior UOL members entering into or enrolled in continuing education beyond high school graduation are encouraged to apply.

**Blessed are those who mourn for  
they shall be comforted.**

## 54TH CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



*"Waiting for the Boat"*

**Greg Misko (Bucknell University), Laryssa Sadoway  
(University of Massachusetts/Amherst),  
David Paunesku (University of Chicago)**

## FIRST U.O.L. TALENT SHOW



**Jim Sawchuk (aka David Letterman)**



**1st Place Winners**



*Jr. UOL Board Basketball Team*

## CARNEGIE SR. UOL NEWS

Our delegates to the exciting Philadelphia Convention included Fr. Stephen Repa, Pat Dorning and Elizabeth Mitchell, as well as UOL Executive Board members Dr. Stephen Sivulich and Natalie Kapeluck. Attending as guests were Cindy Haluszczak, Mr. and Mrs. William Haluszczak and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Bohdan Hryshchshyn. Chapter members are already excited about the 55th Convention being held in Boston next year.

Chapter President Michael Sally has returned from South America as a missionary with the OCMC building a seminary and doing missionary work in Curitiba.

We congratulate Bohdan Hryshchshyn upon receiving the Distinguished National Service Award for 2001 at the Convention and wish him many, many years to continue his good work with the League and the Church.

Stephen Haluszczak, staff member and Community Director at the Pittsburgh Council for International Visitors traveled to Ukraine with a delegation of ten professionals from various fields in the Pittsburgh Community. Their ten-day visit to Donetsk, Pittsburgh's sister city, was spent in a training program relative to their individual professions. Included in the group was Ukrainian Attorney, Michael Dawida, and a journalist from the Pittsburgh Tribune Review. Stephen spent an additional ten days visiting friends in Kyiv.

Elizabeth Mitchell, Chapter Reporter

## LSSK DONATIONS FROM 54TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

- \$200 Mr. & Mrs. William Kuzbyt, Lake Hiawatha, NJ
- \$100 Holy Ascension Senior UOL Chapter, Clifton, NJ
- \$100 Mrs. Stephanie Mehler, Demerest, NJ
- \$50 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Burgan, Clifton, NJ
- \$25 Richard Jendras, Bayonne, NJ
- \$20 Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Chichik, Clifton, NJ
- \$20 Mr. & Mrs. John Piropato, Franklin Lake, NJ
- \$10 Mrs. Marion Jendras, Bayonne, NJ
- \$10 Mr. Gary Markovich, Clifton, NJ
- \$10 Mrs. Stella Bauer, Saddle Brook, NJ
- \$55 Mrs. Eugenia Arson, Passaic, NJ, in memory of Frank Bauer, John Chimel and the mother of Mrs. Michael Heretz and the mother of Jerry Burgan
- \$50 Mr. & Mrs. William Kuzbyt, Lake Hiawatha, NJ, in memory of John Chimel
- \$25 Mr. & Mrs. William Kuzbyt, Lake Hiawatha, NJ, in memory of Frank Bauer
- \$25 Mr. & Mrs. William Kuzbyt, Lake Hiawatha, NJ, in memory of the mother of Jerry Burgan
- \$25 Richard Jendras, Bayonne, NJ, in honor of William Kuzbyt's 75th Birthday
- \$25 Mrs. Marion Jendras, Bayonne, NJ, in honor of William Kuzbyt's 75th Birthday
- \$50 Mrs. Stephanie Mehler, Demerest, NJ, in honor of William Kuzbyt's 75th Birthday
- \$25 Helen & Mary Chimel, Hillsdale, NJ, in honor of William Kuzbyt's 75th Birthday

## THE NATIONAL FLAG OF UKRAINE

*Elizabeth Mitchell, Staff Writer*

The flag of Ukraine has not always been blue and yellow as we know it today (also referred to as azure blue and gold). Because Ukraine suffered a history of oppression, foreign governments in power ruled on the shape and the colors. The Ukrainian national flag has a history beginning with the Princely Era in the 13th century. There were many variations of flags and colors used in the historical periods beginning with the Hetman State and found in the Lviv Chronicle of the 17th century. Along with blue, often in combination with yellow, the favorite colors of the Kozak State crimson and red were used.

The heraldic conception of national colors that had been passed down from ancient times had been lost. Instead, blue was justified as being the color of the sky and yellow the color of wheat.

A controversy then arose between the advocates of the yellow/blue and those of the blue/yellow. A resolution on June 27, 1917 of the Ukrainian National Council stated that until the emblems were defined, the blue and yellow would be the colors of the Ukrainian National flag.

Following World War I, the Ukrainian National Rada on March 22, 1918 adopted the blue and yellow flag as the Ukrainian National State Flag. Finally, a resolution of the Ukrainian National Rada (in exile) of June 27, 1949 ruled that the state flag of the Ukrainian National Republic would consist of two equal stripes—blue on the top and yellow on the bottom.

"When Ukraine declared independence from the USSR on August 24, 1991, the MP's celebrated the event by carrying a huge blue and yellow flag through the hall of Parliament." (Ukrainian Weekly, 1996)

A proud moment for Ukrainians occurred in February, 1994 when our national flag was televised around the world proclaiming Oksana Baiul a gold medal winner in figure skating at the Winter Olympics held in Lillehammer, Norway.

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Ukraine's independence, let us remember those who gave their lives so that today the blue and yellow flies over a free and independent Ukraine.

Sources: UKRAINE: A CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA -  
"The State and National Flag of Ukraine."

Internet: FLAGS OF THE WORLD: Ukraine: "History of the Flag":  
UKRAINE: "Provincial Litigation"

## NATIONAL SENIOR UOL EXECUTIVE BOARD



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*"Today we say to those who master-minded this cruel plot, and to those who carried it out, that the spirit of this nation will not be defeated by their twisted and diabolical schemes." (New York Times: Rev. Billy Graham)*

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

## MISSIONS TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA

*Reflections by Mike Sally*

### ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER (OCMC) BRAZIL MISSION TEAM

When we gathered at St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, NY, we all had individual expectations about the trip. We were told that the most of the time would be working on the construction of the seminary in the city of Curitiba in Southern Brazil. Hearing about mission trips to other countries, we supposed hearing about past missions experiences, would quell our fears about the forth-coming trip. I tried not to expect too much, or too little. I only knew that I wanted to be the best Orthodox Christian I could be in order to be a good example to those we would meet in Brazil.

However, we learned very early in the trip that even our most general expectations would not necessarily come true. We were told during our orientation at St. Basil's Academy that the construction of the seminary was ahead of schedule and that we would not be doing much work on it. That ruffled us a bit! Now, we asked, what will we do? One member of our group, Jimmy Nakos, who had been to Albania for a mission trip in the past, told us not to worry about what we would be doing. Our job was to go and do whatever Bishop Jeremiah would tell us to do because that is what the people and the church in Brazil need.

One question we were told to keep in mind while on this mission trip was: "What is God teaching us?" This question came up frequently, especially during the first week, when we traveling throughout Curitiba site seeing and



*The OCMC Brazil Mission Team*

touring the seminary. In answer to a question about our helping with the construction of the seminary, Bishop Jeremiah said: "No, no, no, the building will get finished, but you are here to enjoy Brazil and relax."

Well, what is God teaching me?, I asked. I wrote in my journal: "Patience, understanding, and possibly He is giving us a rest for everything we will have to do later in the trip." I didn't know at that time how right I was.

At this point, we perceived that there had to be more to the mission work "thing" than manual labor. The Bishop had a plan that needed to be followed in order for us to accomplish his plans for the mission team.

At the end of the first week, we met with the members of St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the small community of Palmital which is located about a five-hour drive in the rolling hills west of Curitiba. Since most of our mission team members were between the ages of 18 to 30, we were able to quickly make a special bond with the youth of the churches. In Palmital we played a game of soccer in a nearby field that was inhabited by a cow (that played defense for us), some chickens and a very large pig. Later that day we helped clean up the local cemetery by picking up garbage and pulling weeds.

But something seemed to be missing. Even though we had gotten our way. That is, we got our hands dirty pulling weeds and now we had pictures to show to those at home that our trip to Brazil was worth it. But we still felt that we needed to focus more on the long-term benefits of our presence here. While most of us were cleaning the cemetery, Zen Kozy, the wise man of our team, was speaking to the elders of the church about their lives and the lives of their fathers, brothers and cousins before them, reviving the Ukrainian language within their community and, I believe, having a much more lasting effect on the Brazilians. This was the example that we needed to follow. By the next week the weeds would grow back, but the words spoken by Zen will, I am confident, find their way to the very souls of the Brazilians.

[Next Issue: WEEK 2 - OCMC Brazil Mission Trip]

## RELIGION: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

*By Fr. John W. Harvey*

**Q.** As long as I can remember, there have always been flowers on our altar. Holiday times like Christmas and Pascha, with banks of Easter lilies and poinsettias, it sometimes seemed that the Priest was in the middle of a jungle. Now we can only have flowers on pedestal stands BEHIND the altar. Don't take me for being combative, I can take change, but please give me the reasoning behind this, please.

**A.** Many of our churches had massive altars, some even with shelves piled up at the back. Let's face it, much of this comes from the hazy Greek Catholic roots in our past and does not properly express our theology. The altar is where the Liturgy takes place and the focus is supposed to be on the Eucharistic vessels that are there. All extraneous matter, which includes books, flowers or whatever is to be kept off this place where the consecration of the gifts takes place. The antimimension, Gospel Book, communion cloth and spoon and the hand cross as well as candles are usually found on the altar along with the tabernacle for the reserved sacrament for the sick.

Anything else besides what is actually used for the Liturgy amounts to clutter and takes attention away from the all important action taking place. Flowers on stands behind may embellish and point out a season, like Christmas, but they are not competing for attention as when they are on the altar itself.

**Q.** A young man recently asked me: "If I look at just a little bit of pornography on the Internet every day, do you think it will become a problem?"

**A.** The insidious working of pornography on a male mind can be devastating. The easy availability of such "stuff" on the Internet, and the relative privacy in which such "stuff" can be viewed is a trap that swallows the spiritually unwary. Curiosity, if fed with pornography, spurs on to more and an ever-increasing appetite quickly becomes established, often ending in obsessions. This little taste of forbidden fruits skews normal sexual interest and expectations in marriage. There are so many tricks the mind plays to justify such viewing that a good many people have so suppressed their consciences that they see nothing sinful in this. Deliberately stirring up lustful thoughts and encouraging erotic fantasies is playing into Satan's hand. The spurious idea that this is an educational tool is self-delusion that can be soul destroying.

If you are viewing such material more than once, you already have a definite problem.

**"Whatever you do, do all for  
the glory of God"**

*(1 Corinthians 10:31)*

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## ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS – 2001

The UOL Essay Contest attracted 209 entries from 22 parishes. Judges for the contest included: Donna LaCocca, River Forest, IL; Betty Gula, Princeton, NJ; and Steffie Tybor, Somerset, NJ.

### ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS:

**GRADE 5 – CHRISTINE WACHNOWSKY**, Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Carnegie, PA

"I think Thanksgiving Day is a day to give thanks to the Lord for what He gave to us and what He has done for us. The pilgrims gave thanks for making it to Plymouth Rock, for making it through the long winter, and for having the Indians help in learning how to survive off the land.

We give thanks for having our families, friends, the world in which we live in, the food that we have to eat and God's love for us. That is why I think we celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

**GRADE 5 – PATRICK SCANNELL** – St. John's Church, Johnson City, NY.

"Thanksgiving Day is about being thankful for all of the blessings that God has given you. It also makes you realize how much God helped the Pilgrims by getting them to America safely, helping them make friends with the Indians, and helping them survive the winter. It is a day where God wants you to be with your family and spend time with them. On Thanksgiving, you should remember how much God has done for you."

**GRADE 6 – JULIA NARY**, St. Andrew's Church, Boston, MA.

"When I think of my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving always comes to mind. We all enjoy the juicy turkey and tasty stuffing, but deep down we all favor getting together with our friends and family, and sharing what we have been thankful for this past year.

Thanksgiving is a time where we all thank God for putting us on this earth and granting us a great life. We also thank Him for keeping us healthy and letting us have family and friends to accompany us. These reasons are the true meaning of Thanksgiving, and that is why we all enjoy it."

**GRADE 6 – MARK MESCHISEN** – St. Michael Church, Woonsocket, RI.

"I think Thanksgiving Day is about giving thanks to the Lord, our God, for all the blessings he gives us. I also think that everyday can be Thanksgiving Day. We should give thanks to the Lord everyday of the year, not just one day a year.

We also, don't have to wait for a special holiday to give thanks to the Lord. We should do it every day in our daily prayers. "Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 5:20)

**GRADE 6 – OKSANA MAHLAY** – St. Vladimir's Church, Parma, OH.

"What do you think of Thanksgiving Day is all about?"

Thanksgiving is a time for giving thanks to God. We follow the example set by the Pilgrims on that first Thanksgiving Day, when they gave thanks to God for all that they had gotten. We should give thanks to God for everything that we had received. Once a year to get together as a family, both religious and related family to thank God that we are together and for the blessings we received through the year."

**GRADE 8 – TAISA PRIESTER** – St. Andrew's Church, Boston, MA.

"Love each other," Jesus said. This seems so simple and easy, yet it can be one of the most difficult struggles of life. When Jesus said this, He did not mean love only those who love you. He meant love equally your family, your friends, and even your enemies—everyone means every human. It is not easy to love every one, love is complicated. However, life isn't easy and you must stretch and try to accomplish Jesus' words, no matter how hard they may be.

Love is never easy, but you must not give up. Love makes people happy, so by loving everyone, you add joy to everyone's lives. It is not easy to love those who lie, those who kill, those who steal, yet as Jesus said, we must "love each other."

### Attack on America – Terrorist Tragedy

Submit names of individuals who were directly involved in the Attack on America...for publication in the November Issue of the UOL BULLETIN.  
Editor, UOL BULLETIN, 206 Christopher Cir.,  
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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2001

You are invited to become a member! Your membership will help support the UOL mission and UOL projects. Please support your local chapter in compiling their roster for the coming year. If you do not have a local chapter, then please submit the following information today:

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Parma/W-PA Basketball Team

## YOUNG ADULTS CORNER

The Young Adults of the UOL have had a very high-octane summer! The YA's kicked off the summer with the Memorial Day Weekend at All Saints Camp. The 25 participants, during the service aspect of the weekend, were able to stain eight new bunk beds for the cabins, remove some super-sized shrubbery from the front of the Millennium Cultural Center and scrub down over 200 chairs for the coming summers events. His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine visited with us once again as did the Spiritual Father for the weekend Fr. Myron Oryhon. His Beatitude and Fr. Myron went head-to-head in our second annual Iron Chef Cook-Off. Our Metropolitan took the safe route and stuck with his classic chili; while Fr. Myron took a daring turn by grilling a New York favorite—Speedies. The contest for the coveted golden spatula resulted in a tie! The participants also enjoyed lectures on the theme "Relationships in 2001 for Orthodox Young Adults". The weekend concluded with a high powered going away party for our Brazilian Seminarians Sandro Maldonado and Ivan Tchopko. We all danced the night away and reminisced about the last four years with our friends.

As July approached so did the YA Days at the UOL Convention. The YA's participated in an uproarious and amazingly cool Philly Phlash Photography Scavenger Hunt (which was very creatively formulated by Dave and Lisa Sembrot). Two teams raced across downtown Philadelphia – deciphering clues and taking pictures of the Historical Philly locations. Teams gained bonus points for how many teams' members were in a shot, creativity and use of colonial dressed city workers. The battle was fierce and only one point stood between the winning team of Kathy Bailly, Anna Mark, Alicia Oryhon and Keith Snyder and the runner up team (which will remain nameless to protect the innocent).

The Fun in the Sun at the UOL Convention did not end with the Scavenger Hunt. Many College Students participated in the First College Day on Saturday of the Convention. The students went rock climbing at the Philly Rock Gym. Much physical exertion took place and some believed they wouldn't make it to the banquet and ball. However, it was all-good in the end and a wonderful time was had by all at the B & B.

### CLASS OF 2001 WELCOME TO YOUNG ADULTS:

Maria Carman	Alexis Oryhon	Lee Erickson
David Paunesku	Lindsey Korda	James Roshannon
AJ Nary	Jason Senedak	

If we have forgotten anyone, please let us know at YA Committee, 1810 Sidney Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203 and we will include their names!

## UPCOMING YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS FOR 2001-2002

<b>NOVEMBER 2-4, 2001</b>	<b>YA RETREAT</b> – Sloatsburg, NY. Register by October 19, 2001
<b>FEBRUARY 15-17, 2002</b>	<b>COLLEGE SKI WEEKEND.</b> Register by January 15, 2002
<b>MARCH 15-17, 2002</b>	<b>UOL LENTEN RETREAT</b> – South Bound Brook, NJ. Register by March 1, 2002
<b>MAY 24-27, 2002</b>	<b>YA MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND</b> – All Saints Camp. Register by May 10, 2002
<b>JULY 15-16, 2002</b>	<b>YA DAYS – UOL CONVENTION</b> – Boston, MA. Register by July 1, 2002
<b>JULY 20, 2002</b>	<b>COLLEGE DAY AT UOL CONVENTION</b>



55th UOL Convention Committee



## UOL TRIBUTE FUND FACT SHEET WHAT IS IT?

The UOL Tribute Fund provides you with the unique opportunity to congratulate, celebrate, and commemorate special people and occasions while supporting the mission of the UOL, and its many projects which benefit our youth and Church. Acknowledge a job well done; say thank you; or get well; extend birthday or anniversary wishes; remember, applaud, congratulate or celebrate any occasion; as well as honor the memory of a relative, friend, co-worker or other by making a tax-deductible contribution to the UOL Tribute Fund.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Simply fill out the information on the donation form, enclose your check and mail to the address on the bottom of the form, or just send the information on a sheet of paper.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THE HONOREE!

The group, person or relative of the person you honor or remember will receive an acknowledgement card stating that you made a donation to the Fund. The amount will be kept confidential. The donor will also receive an acknowledgement card. Your name, the person you are honoring or remembering and the occasion will be printed in next issue of the UOL BULLETIN.

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