THE ANNUAL U.O.L. CONVENTION:
A Junior Perspective
by Jordan Gladys

This year, on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, the beautiful city of Northampton and the hospitable members of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church welcomed the members of the 58th UOL Convention and the 44th Convention of the Jr. UOL. Although no official business sessions commenced immediately, Jr. and Sr. UOL members took care of some of their own personal business by strengthening old friendships and creating new ones as Northampton officially welcomed us at their Hospitality Night. Thursday came, and it was time to buckle down and get to work. After a peaceful Divine Liturgy and delicious brunch, the juniors and seniors broke to begin their first business sessions.

Jr. Business Session

After a fruitful day of sessions, the Convention body embarked on a trip down memory lane to the Northampton Community Center to dance the night away at the “Blast from the Past”. Although some of the juniors were, at times, unfamiliar with the music, they kicked off the dancing and got the energy flowing. Soon after, the seniors, inspired by the juniors great dance moves, began to outnumber them on the dance floor to show off some of their own moves. By the smiles and laughter, it was clearly evident that all who attended had a blast from the past, no matter their age!

“The Blast From the Past!”

Friday held more business sessions and a bounty of fruitful work and accomplishments. Because the UOL is composed of hardworking people who always leave time for a little fun, Thursday evening, the Convention body headed over to the Hungarian Hall for the “Ukrainian-American Idol Karaoke Kafe”. From Junior, Alex Carman’s performance of “Stop in the Name of Love” to the brilliant quintet of the 58th Convention Co-chairs and lovely ladies of the Convention Committee, once again it was clear to see how much everyone enjoyed themselves.

“Grandparents and Granddaughters”
Taras and Rosemary Pypiuk with Allison and Amanda

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Effective with the SEPTEMBER ISSUE of the UOL BULLETIN, the deadline for submitting material and pictures will be THE 1ST DAY OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE MONTH OF THE ISSUE.

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I hope your first chapter meetings and activities of the year were successful. I strongly encourage you to submit articles and pictures about your chapter to the U.O.L. Bulletin. Chapters across the country continue to do some amazing projects. Why not share the ideas?

New Chapter Handbooks were distributed to all chapters represented at the 58th Annual U.O.L. Convention and mailed to those who were not present. The material in this handbook can serve as invaluable information to your chapter. Be sure to review it thoroughly and use it as a tool to help guide you through the upcoming year.

The Senior and Junior National Executive Boards held their fall meeting September 16-18. The meeting was very productive and everyone is geared up for an exciting year. Special thanks must be given to the Ukrainian Orthodox League Chapters of St. Vladimir’s Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA for hosting this meeting. More information about upcoming U.O.L. programs can be found in future issues of the Bulletin.

The purpose of the National Executive Board is to assist the chapters in whatever way possible. In an effort to best serve our chapters, each chapter is assigned a National Executive Board liaison to remain in communication with you throughout the year and bring your needs to the National Executive Board. Do not hesitate to contact your chapter liaison or myself if we can assist you in any way possible.

Melanie Nakonachny, Lyndora, Minneapolis, Parma
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Linda Winters, Allentown, Minersville, Northampton
Emil Skocypec, Ambridge, Palos Park, Youngstown
Lynn Szafrański, Carnegie, Clifton, Maplewood

I hope that your chapter has submitted their 2005-2006 membership rosters, chapter dues and membership dues. The deadline for submission of these items was September 30th. If you have yet to submit any or all of these critical pieces of information, please be sure to submit them to Financial Secretary Oleh Bilynsky as soon as possible.

Please pray for those who lost everything when hurricane Katrina took the Gulf States by storm. Consider doing a fundraiser to assist the thousands who are still living without the most basic needs. As Orthodox Christians we are called to help the least fortunate “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.” (Matthew 25:40)

I remain your Christ,
Melanie A. Nakonachny
SPOTLIGHT A JUNIOR CHAPTER

Featuring...

PALOS PARK, IL

MEMBERSHIP...
16 members
7 officers, 1 senior advisor, and 1 Spiritual advisor

PROJECTS...
Throughout the past year, this busy chapter has...
* had several bake sales
* hosted Junior bowling and skating trips
* performed a St. Nicholas Day play
* sang Christmas carols at St. Nicholas’ Cathedral in Chicago

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE...
After sending delegates to convention, this lively chapter is rejuvenated and can’t wait to get started on this year’s projects!

FUN FACTS...
This extremely active chapter has always been very involved on a local and national level!
* The Palos Park chapter sent 11 delegates to the Palos convention, 9 delegates to the Parma convention, and 3 delegates to the Northampton Convention.
* Many Palos Juniors have enjoyed spending part of their summer at beautiful All Saints Camp for the Teenage Conference encampment.
* Also, this chapter was the proud recipient of the “Chapter of the Year” award in Philadelphia (2003) and the “Spirit Award” in Parma (2004)

This year has been another excellent year for this thriving junior chapter in Palos Park, and they are all eager for the coming year full of activities and fun!

* Look for SPOTLIGHT A JUNIOR CHAPTER in your next Bulletin Issue!

Christina Bohuslawsky, St. Vladimir Cathedral, Parma, Ohio, received a plaque at the Annual UOL Convention for her dedicated and devoted service to the Jr. UOL Executive Board. She had served as the National Recording Secretary. She is currently attending Ashland College.

Convention 2005 - Natasha Walewski and Zachary Kapeluck dressed for the Ball
Sunday's Hierarchical Divine Liturgy,
Nathan Haluszczak being tonsured a Subdeacon

On behalf of the Jr. UOL, I would like to thank Fr. Bazyl Zawierucha, the Sr. and Jr. Convention Chairs, all the members of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary parish, and the entire Convention body for making the 58th Annual UOL Convention in Northampton, PA one to remember! Congratulations on a job well done!

Juniors Enjoying the Dancing

LIFE IN Y-TOWN ‘05
Sts. Peter and Paul Jr. UOL, Youngstown, Ohio
by Ginny Ulbricht

This was a really busy and yet successful year for us at Sts. Peter & Paul Jr. UOL in Youngstown, Ohio. To begin the summer, we had annual election of officers and the officers for 2005-06 are:

President, Ginny Ulbricht;
Vice President, David Woloschak;
Treasurer, Nick Anderson;
Secretary, Krista Ulbricht;
Historians, Heather Pupa, Josh Auden, and David Korochensky;
Sergeant-At-Arms, Peter Anderson, and Reporter, Ginny Ulbricht

This year we had two participants go to DSCS as either a counselor or a staff aid. We also had one child go from our Sunday school; you may know her as “Kat AKA”, Katherine Anderson. We had several members attend this year’s the Teenage Conference. At “TC”, we created and placed our own Jr. UOL cross on the ‘hill of crosses’. Mike Walkowic, a member of our church, generously made the cross for our juniors. We had four juniors attend “Mommy and Me – Daddy and Me”, and we had seven members attend this year’s convention.

During the UOL Annual Convention, we received the Chapter of the Year Award, the Cultural Contest; and Marc Senedak received the Fr. Bukata Award. Mrs. Senedak, our Jr. Chapter Advisor, received the Metro J. Baran Award for outstanding service with the youth of our Church and UOL. We were impressed with the Northampton Convention—Good Job Northampton! Also, we wish good luck to the upcoming convention in Coatesville, PA.

After all the good byes at the convention, we had to go home. The Jr. UOL helped the Sr. UOL make the monthly (hopefully) stuffed cabbage sale. We helped on August 25-26 & 27 preparing the food and then on the 28th for the sale. We also sponsored a great bake sale at that time. In September both chapters got together to make pirohi for the Youth Ministry Benefit scheduled for October 8th.
**VERY REVEREND VOLODYMYR BUKATA AWARD- 2005 MARC SENEĐAK**

The Very Reverend Volodymyr Bukata Memorial Award for 2005 was presented to Marc Senedak during the 58th Annual U.O.L. Convention on July 30, 2005 at the U.O.L. Convention Banquet and Ball in Northampton, PA.

Marc is extremely active in his parish. Not only is he the Jr. U.O.L. Past Chapter President, he is also an altar server, sings in the choir, attends and teaches church school, assists in the preparation and distribution of church publications, and assists in the maintenance and decoration of church buildings. He maintains the parish socials and works for the parish catering services. This active member has been instrumental in initiating and organizing events for his local chapter such as raking autumn leaves, icon making, Children of Chernobyl Gift Campaign in the parish, parish toy drive, and several bake sales for worthy causes. In addition, Marc continues to grow culturally through his participation in many cultural activities; the mini “Culture Fest,” embroidery, pysanky making, Krashanky Paschal Easter eggs, and he is Ukrainian Dance certified.

He was a delegate to the 1st Youth Sober, and has been a delegate to the U.O.L. Convention for 4 years, and regularly attends Teenage Conference at All Saints Camp. This summer he also volunteered as a counselor at the Diocesan Church School Camp, also held at All Saints Camp. In addition, he was the chairperson of the 2005 Regional Jr. U.O.L. lock in.

His Spiritual Advisor noted that “Marc has a vital sense of balance, that is exemplified for all to emulate. His determination, drive, and energy is balanced with a deep spirituality and love of the Holy Orthodox Church.” Also, “An ease of interaction with people of all ages, especially young children and the elderly make Marc a favorite guest and addition to many parish activities.”

Marc’s Jr. U.O.L. Chapter Advisor states, “It is impossible for anyone encountering this young member to not be touched by his genuine spirit of Christian love and stewardship.”

**“YOUNG ADULTS THROW DOWN ANOTHER GOOD TIME”**

by Michael Nakonachny

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ADULT RETREAT - 2005**

The 7th Annual Memorial Day Weekend Young Adult Retreat was held May 27-30, 2005 at All Saints Camp in Embleton, PA. Over 20 people were in attendance this year with participants spanning from the east coast all the way to Winnipeg, Canada. The weekend was spiritually uplifting and was a great time for young adults to reconnect with their faith.

During the weekend a number of workshops were held dealing with the involvement of youth adults in the Church. When asked the question “Who can name at least 5 young adults who were once actively involved in the Church and are no longer around”, nearly everyone raised their hand. The group spent time discussing the excuses that are given and discussed what can be done to combat the issue of getting these young people to become more involved in the Church.

When workshops were not being held, the group spent time bonding with movies, board games, and board games. One of the highlights of the weekend, as always, was the traditional Iron Chef Cook-off. His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine cooked an outstanding classic Ham BBQ. Michael Nakonachny and company worked wonders in the kitchen with their made-to-order Quasadillas. When guest speaker, Father William Makarenko caught wind of the competition he immediately tossed his hat into the competition by making a Caesar salad with homemade dressing. None of these dishes could hold a match to the culinary skills of Youngstown’s own Marc Senedak who stole the competition with his BBQ ribs.

As Monday morning arrived, everyone got their things together and gathered for their last breakfast together. With the food eaten and the cars packed, everyone said their goodbyes and headed home with fond memories from the weekend.

**U.O.L. PRE-CONVENTION YOUNG ADULT DAYS**

Young Adults gathered together once again July 26-27 as young adults along with Junior U.O.L. members arriving early to the 58th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League convention to enjoy two days of fellowship and fun during U.O.L. Pre-Convention Young Adult Days.

The festivities began with the crew heading off to the Big Apple for a day of sightseeing. The two hour bus ride from Northampton, PA to New York City allowed a great amount of time for bonding. Upon arriving in NYC, the group hit the streets looking for some grub. After getting a quick bite to eat, the group headed to Times Square for a little bit of sightseeing and window shopping. The “Metro Card” allowed everyone to use the subway freely throughout the day as they traveled through the city. It was very moving to stop and pause at Ground Zero, to remember those who were lost on September 11th. The young adults then jumped back on the subway and headed uptown to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to cool off and see some of the amazing exhibits in the museum. They then went for a bite to eat at the country’s first pizzeria before heading back to Northampton.

The following day, Young Adults were on the road again, this time headed to Dorney Amusement Park. Although the weather was not too cooperative, it did ensure that the lines waiting for the rides were relatively short. We found ourselves riding the rides two or three times in a row, with little or no wait. The group picnicked on the park grounds for lunch before the heat became unbearable, when everyone headed over to the water park to go sliding into the cool and refreshing water. One of the highlights of the day was simply relaxing on the “Lazy River.”

**U.O.L. PRE-CONVENTION YOUNG ADULT DAYS - 2006**

Make plans now to attend next year’s Young Adult Activities. The Memorial Day Weekend Young Adult Retreat at All Saints Camp is already in the planning phase. Mark your calendars for May 26-29, 2006. Pre-Convent Young Adult Days will be held July 25-26 in Coatesville, PA. Plan on arriving early for a great time.

**YOUNG ADULTS SCHEDULE - 2006**

- **Memorial Day Young Adult Retreat – All Saints Camp**
  - Friday, May 26th: Meet at the U.O.L. office and travel to All Saints Camp by bus. Registration begins at 6:30 PM. Evening discussion and activities.
  - Saturday, May 27th: Breakfast at 6:30 AM. Morning discussion and activities. Late afternoon departure for Amusement Park. Evening discussion and activities.
  - Sunday, May 28th: Breakfast at 6:30 AM. Morning discussion and activities. Late afternoon departure for All Saints Camp. Evening discussion and activities.
  - **U.O.L. Pre-Convention Young Adult Days**
    - Monday, June 5th: Meet at the U.O.L. office and travel to Dorney Amusement Park. Registration begins at 6:30 PM. Evening discussion and activities.
    - Tuesday, June 6th: Breakfast at 6:30 AM. Morning discussion and activities. Late afternoon departure for All Saints Camp. Evening discussion and activities.

**Ukrainian Orthodox League, Alexus has been instrumental in the rapid growth of her chapter. She began as a member at large of the National Jr. U.O.L. until two years ago when she helped to reactivate the former Jr. U.O.L. Chapter in her parish. The Vice President of her Jr. U.O.L. Chapter said, “She always remembers her job and expresses the Ukrainian Christian attitude with everything she does.” Her advisor notes, “She truly exemplifies the U.O.L. motto “Dedicated to our church. Devoted to its Youth” through all of her efforts supporting our parish and Junior U.O.L. Her dedication is a fine example for our young U.O.L. members to follow.”**

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JUNIOR CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Sts. Peter and Paul Jr. UOL Chapter
Youngstown, OH

The Junior Chapter Achievement Award is presented to a Junior Chapter that has shown the greatest achievement in terms of accomplishing the aims and purposes of the UOL during the past year. It was presented to Sts. Peter and Paul Jr. UOL Chapter in Youngstown, OH during the 58th Annual UOL Convention on July 30, 2005 at the UOL Convention Banquet and Ball in Northampton, PA. The 14 enthusiastic chapter members are extremely active on a national, regional and local level.

Locally, the chapter members are active in the church choir, as altar servers, as church readers, attending and teaching church school, participating in the essay contest, Ukrainian dancing, carving, and other cultural activities such as making pysanky, paschy, pyrohy, and halupski. These members have replaced the worn Communion and Confession pew cards, made "Religious Quiet Kiddie Kits", and hosted a thank you dinner for all parishioners in appreciation for all of the support they receive. Also, this chapter has been involved with the community Rescue Mission and Homeless shelter, and this past year have donated over $800.

Regionally, this chapter hosts Youth Choir rehearsals, participates in many All Saints Camp clean-up projects and overnight Lock-ins full of Faith, Fellowship and Fun!

Nationally, this active chapter, sent the maximum of 2 delegates to the 1st Youth Sober, sent 7 members to the UOL All Saints Camp retreat weekend, sent 8 campers to Teenage Conference, sent 3 volunteers to work at All Sain's Camp this summer, and donated $1,400 to the Jr. UOL Carnegie Relief fund Mission Project!

Although these projects may seem overwhelming for one chapter to accomplish, this is simply a small sample of the plethora of projects and good works this outgoing chapter has completed this year. Their spiritual advisor notes "Their ministry efforts and support have touched many lives both in the parish family and larger community around the church." Their Junior UOL advisor proudly states, "With a keen contagious interest, the members have committed themselves to our rich Ukrainian culture, heritage and history, bringing about a renewed interest to the youth of our church. On a whole, they have dedicated themselves to our church, devoted themselves to its parish members and through the love of their faith they are a constant and vital part of our parish." This exemplary Junior UOL chapter from Youngstown, OH has shown outstanding achievement this past year as they constantly strive toward their chapter's personal motto, "give of oneself in small ways."

SENIOR U.O.L. CHAPTER NEWS
Sts. Peter & Paul Chapter, Youngstown, Ohio
by Elaine Ulbricht

At the Annual UOL Convention, one of our members, Diane Senedak, was honored with the Metro J. Baran Award. Our congratulations and best wishes to her.

Our new chapter officers are: PRESIDENT, Stephanie Woloschak; VICE PRESIDENT, Kevin Thomas; SECRETARY, Robin Thomas; TREASURER, Martha Woloschak; CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, Joe Novicky.

We’ve already started our year by sponsoring a holupie and halusky take-out fund raiser. On October 8th, our Youth Ministry will sponsor their yearly ‘Fr. Olynyk Scholarship Dance’, dinner and silent auction.

We also extend congratulations to all those who were honored at this year’s convention.

FLOOD EFFORTS IN CARNEGIE
Natasha Walewski, Jr. Chapter Reporter

Last years Hurricane Ivan devastated Carnegie. Its flooding waters took over most of western PA. There was around 9 feet of water in our church school, downstairs of our hall and the basement to the rectory. Although the hurricane of 2004 made a huge impact on what happened in our church, we have pulled together and are still working hard to restore our church.

Jr. Chapter Members Help With Flood Clean-Up

The week after the flood came, many members from our church, including many of us juniors, and even those who did not belong to our church, were there to help. We were still able to hold Divine Liturgy every Sunday and even had our church school classes and weekly coffee hour, although they both took place in the upstairs of the hall. Within a few months, the downstairs of our hall was useable. Although the plaster is peeling and it is not close to what it used to be, we do use it for coffee hour, meetings, cooking, and so much more.

We have come so far in one year. The members of our parish have been working so hard to make our church everything it used to be, and more. We have formed several committees to help guide the work being done. This year the children of our parish will also be in their regular church school rooms, which take place in the downstairs of our church. Although it is not yet finished down there, it will be good to have our classrooms back. The juniors and children are also doing anything they can to aid in the flood relief. Not long after the flood, we were in the church helping with cleaning-up and many of us also helped with the scraping of the plaster off the walls.

Two years ago, at our 100th anniversary, we never would have thought that there would be a flood in Carnegie, but with the help of God we are overcoming our challenges. There are nothing but good things to come with the restoration of our church. I pray that God will help us in the continuation of our flood efforts and that we will succeed in all that we do as a parish.

Thank You For Your Prayers and Support

Thank you all for your thoughts and prays the past year. I know that what we do here in Carnegie will surely be the start of our next great 100 years as a parish. Our junior chapter continues to assist in all aspects of parish life while we help with the restoration efforts, and we are excited about hosting the 60th UOL Convention in 2007
MEET THE JR. UOL EXECUTIVE BOARD

JORDAN GLADYS, Vice President

From a fabulous convention--I look forward to an extremely productive year!

This year I will be a senior at Watertown High School. I am involved in my school’s Varsity swimming and lacrosse teams, Key Club, National Honor Society, Interact, Student council and then Secretary of the Class of 2006. In my Ukrainian community I am a dancer with the Odessa dance ensemble and a graduate of Enida Shkola Ukrainian School in Syracuse.

I am excited to be serving again as President, and thrilled to be working with many of the same hardworking and enthusiastic board members. I also welcome our newest member, Lara, to the board. I know this group of young leaders will be working hard to accomplish the great ideas that were brainstormed in sessions at our very productive 44th Jr. UOL Convention.

A goal we had this past year was to have effective communication between the board and the local chapters and members-at-large. This will continue to be our goal as we strive to communicate with chapters even more frequently. So, please keep us informed about your Chapter’s accomplishments! With everyone’s enthusiasm high from a fabulous convention—I look forward to an extremely productive year!

JORDAN GLADYS, Vice President

My name is Jordan Gladys and I am honored to serve you, once again, as the Vice President of the Jr. UOL National Executive Board. This year, I am a senior at Woodland Hills High School where I am co-captain of Girls’ Varsity soccer team, play lacrosse, and am also involved in the French Club and National Honor Society. I live in Pittsburgh, PA with my mom, dad, and younger sister and attend St. Vladimir’s UOC on the Southside of Pittsburgh. I am currently Vice President of our local Jr. UOL Chapter, and I am extremely proud of all our members for the hard work that they do.

When I’m not busy with school, sports, or the Jr. UOL, I enjoy hanging out with my friends, snowboarding, and going to the shows of my favorite bands. However, the two things that play an integral part in my life during the summer…they are camp and the UOL Convention. For the entire year, I look forward to when I can finally go to TC at my favorite place in the world—All Saints Camp. There, I can see all of my friends and grow in my Orthodox faith. After camp, and a little bit of laundry, I enjoy heading to the Annual UOL Convention (wherever it may be), where not only do I get to see my friends, but also participate in making important decisions involving the youth of our church. I love being a part of this organization because of the many things it has and can accomplish.

This year I plan to create closer bonds between all Jr. UOL Chapters and the Executive Board and also to help smaller and distant chapters feel more closely tied to the board and my area chapters. Also I am hoping to visit my area chapters at least once this year. This will not let anyone down. My main goal is to keep in touch with as many UOL members as I can, especially the board and my area chapters. Also I am hoping to visit my area chapters at least once this year. There is much excitement for this year, and all I can do is agree, that it will be a magnificent year!

DANIEL McNULTY, Corresponding Secretary

Hello, my name is Daniel McNulty. I am returning as Corresponding Secretary on the Jr. UOL National Executive Board. I live in Media, Pennsylvania with my Father, Mother, and brother.

I am a member of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox church in Philadelphia, PA, where I am now the vice president of St. Vladimir’s Jr. UOL chapter. I also sing in the choir at church and the school church regularly.

This year is my senior year at Penncrest High School where I will play varsity lacrosse in the spring and in the winter I will swim and dive on the varsity team. I will be in the advanced music programs in my school, marching in the school band and singing in the choir.

In addition to a number of school activities and the Jr. UOL, I like to play my guitar which I am really not good at and I love to listen to music. I enjoy hanging out with my friends going to the movies, snowboarding in the Poconos, and going to concerts.

This year I will take over the education committee along with the website. I hope to accomplish as much as I did last year. I have high hopes for this year’s executive board and I know that it will accomplish as much or more than last year.

MARK MESCHISEN, Financial Secretary

Hello my fellow Orthodox Christians, I am Mark Meschisen and it is again my great honor to be the Financial Secretary for the Jr. UOL National Board for 2005-2006. I am from the quaint parish in Woonsocket, RI known as St. Michael’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church, which manages to hold on to a proficient chapter even though we have enough youth to keep it going. Those few have done the work of many more to do all that they can for the Glory of God. We do much for our parish and community, with only the thought of doing more. We do not have quite the cultural resources of some of our fellow parishes, and we are trying to revive our Ukrainian dance group, which sad to say, was not in action through much of our time in our church. But to dust off an old saying, “where there is a will, there is a way”.

Now even though I attend church in Rhode Island, I live in the Massachusetts town of North Attleboro. I attend North Attleboro High School and will be entering my junior year. I participate in all of my school’s Track and Field programs that “run” year round. I have lived in North Attleboro all of my life, and currently am living with my outstanding mother Janice Meschisen. I have two older sisters, Missy who is happily married and has one beautiful and healthy one year old boy, Tyler James. My other sister is Karen who was the Recording/Corresponding Secretary back when it was one job. She is engaged and the wedding is planned for next summer. I also have one older brother who is in college, former Jr. UOL president John Meschisen.

As some of you may know my father, John Stephen Meschisen died of leukemia in 1994. I hope that my youth and ambition bring an extra step to the great board this year, which will not let anyone down. My main goal is to keep in touch with as many UOL members as I can, especially the board and my area chapters. Also I am hoping to visit my area chapters at least once this year. There is much excitement for this year, and I can do is agree, that it will be a magnificent year!

LARA HALUSZCZAK, Recording Secretary

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Hi! My name is Lara Haluszczak. This past summer at the 58th Annual UOL Convention in Northampton, I was elected Recording Secretary of the Jr. UOL National Executive Board. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I will be a junior at Shaler Area High School, located in the northern section of Pittsburgh, PA. I am currently a member of our school’s French and National Honor Societies. Besides many school activities, I am also a member of the Kiev Ukrainian Dance Ensemble. I’ve been a member of the Jr. UOL for about six years, and currently serve as the president of our local Jr. UOL chapter at St. Vladimir’s Southside, Pittsburgh. In my free time, I enjoy playing the piano, watching movies and various sports, and spending time with friends.

A major part of my life is in my family. My parents are Fr. John & Pani-Matka Anna Haluszczak. I have an older sister, Kira, and an older brother, Nathan; you may recognize Nathan from his being tonsured a subdeacon at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Convention. Some of you also may know my Dido, Walter Zebel, last seen driving the tractor for the hayrides at ASC.

Although I keep myself busy with activities at home, I enjoy traveling all over the country to participate in regional and national activities of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church. This past summer I attended Teenage Conference at All Saints Camp, the 58th UOL Convention in Northampton, volunteered as a “Big Sister” at Mommy & Me/ Daddy & Me Camp, and attended the High School Mission trip to Raphael House in San Francisco, California. All were exciting, fun, and rewarding experiences that I will never forget!

I am thrilled to serve you as Recording Secretary, and I hope to accomplish several goals while on the board this year. Some of my goals are to complete and distribute the minutes from each meeting as soon as possible, keep in contact with my liaison chapters, attend as many local chapter and Jr. UOL activities as possible, and accomplish the goals and recommendations of my committee (Membership and Chapter Development) that you, the Jr. UOL Convention body, decided on. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve you and my church this coming year!

MARK MESCHISEN, President

KATYA CARMAN,  President

Hi! My name is Katya Carman. I am the Jr. UOL President for 2005-2006. As a member of St. Luke’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Syracuse, NY I sing in the choir and teach Church school. Since there are not many youth that are old enough for the Jr. UOL, we are not fortunate enough to have a chapter in my parish, but hopefully someday we will, however, in the meantime I have become involved in the UOL by being a member-at-large. This will continue to be our goal for many of the same hardworking and enthusiastic board members. I also welcome our newest member, Lara, to the board. I know this group of young leaders will be working hard to accomplish the great ideas that were brainstormed in sessions at our very productive 44th Jr. UOL Convention.

A goal we had this past year was to have effective communication between the board and the local chapters and members-at-large. This will continue to be our goal as we strive to communicate with chapters even more frequently. So, please keep us informed about your Chapter’s accomplishments! With everyone’s enthusiasm high from a fabulous convention—I look forward to an extremely productive year!

This year I will take over the education committee along with the website. I hope to accomplish as much as I did last year. I have high hopes for this year’s executive board and I know that it will accomplish as much or more than last year.

Mark Meschisen, Lara Haluszczak, Daniel McNulty, Katya Carman, Jordan Gladys, and Matt Bohen

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The UOL awarded scholarships totaling $4,900 to four junior UOL members at the 58th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention in Northampton, Pennsylvania whose dedication to their Church and their 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 115 scholarships totaling over $126,450.

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 established in 1975, in memory of Lynn Sawchuk and Sharon Kuzbyt, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and the Ukrainian Orthodox League; academic performance in high school; involvement in extracurricular activities and high ethical and moral character.

LSSK SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS – 2005

Christina M. V. Bohuslawsky of St. Vladimir’s Junior UOL Chapter of Parma, OH, has served as President and Vice President of her local Junior UOL Chapter. She has also served at the National Recording Secretary for the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League for the 2004-2005 fiscal year and Junior Co-chair of the 57th Annual U.O.L. Convention. She has organized and led a variety of community service projects for her chapter such as organizing the Boarding Project, provided school supplies for needy children, delivering Paschal baskets to the parish shut-ins and serving lunch at St. Herman’s House of Hospitality. On the parish level, she has organized and participated in weekly sessions of painting the St. Sophia, Faith, Hope and Love Youth room, served sandwiches to parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting, went Christmas caroling to parish shut-ins, worked at the coat room for the parish banquet hall and organized the Junior UOL table for the Spring and Fall Craft fairs. The vice president of her chapter writes – “Christina has dedicated much of her time to the UOL and to the Church. Her efforts have resulted in a stronger and more active Junior UOL in our parish.” Her Pastor writes – “Christina is a spirit-led, enthusiastic, team-oriented person. Her faith, love and dedication serve to make the parish welcoming – an example for all young parishioners.” Her Junior Advisor writes – “Christy’s first priority is the Church. During Divine Liturgies, Vespers and additional services you will almost never fail to find Christy in attendance, usually singing in the choir. In a society where spiritual life usually takes a backseat to extracurricular activities, the Orthodox Faith is her first commitment.”

Marc Senedek of Saints Peter & Paul Junior Chapter in Youngstown, Ohio, has served as President, Reporter and Historian of his local Junior UOL Chapter. He has also served at the National Recording Secretary for the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League for the 2004-2005 fiscal year and Junior Co-chair of the 57th Annual U.O.L. Convention. He has organized and led a variety of community service projects for his chapter such as organizing the Boarding Project, provided school supplies for needy children, delivering Paschal baskets to the parish shut-ins and serving lunch at St. Herman’s House of Hospitality. On the parish level, he has organized and participated in weekly sessions of painting the St. Sophia, Faith, Hope and Love Youth room, served sandwiches to parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting, went Christmas caroling to parish shut-ins, worked at the coat room for the parish banquet hall and organized the Junior UOL table for the Spring and Fall Craft fairs. The vice president of his chapter writes – “Marc’s desire to learn, to serve and to grow in Christ’s Holy Church is a delight to see in a younger. His scholastic advisor writes – “Marc is a hard working, compassionate, caring and honorable individual.”

Marc will attend Youngstown State University in September.

Aleksandra Hucul of Holy Ascension Junior UOL Chapter in Maplewood, New Jersey has served as President of her Junior UOL since its reactivation in the year 2001. Since she was a parish priest’s assistant, she has served as an assistant Church School teacher and church reader and is a regular worker at all parish dinners and activities. Her Junior Advisor writes – “We are a small parish with a small group of active youth. It is largely through the efforts, patience and dedication of Aleksandra that our Junior Chapter exists. . . . Aleksandra truly exemplifies the UOLO Motto ‘Dedicated to our Church – Devoted to its youth’ through her efforts supporting our parish and Junior UOL in this year and in years prior. Her dedication is a fine example for our young UOL members to follow.”

Alekandra’s recommendation from a spiritual advisor was written by her religious instructor at St. Andrew’s since her father serves as her chapter’s Spiritual Advisor. He writes – “As one who has had the opportunity to observe Aleksandra, I can state without reservation that she is a young woman of strong and compassionate character, an attentive and eager student, one who strives for quality and excellence and a person who was raised in an atmosphere of prayer and spiritual discipline. . . . Aleksandra demonstrates the will to learn and engage herself in an academic environment of theological and humanitarian levels.”

In high school, Aleksandra was a member of the Spanish Honor Society, Concert and Symphonic Orchestras, SADD, and the Pro-Life Club. Her scholastic advisor writes – “Aleksandra displays a mature and enthusiastic zest for learning. In both written and oral presentations, she consistently reflects a sense of pride and a desire to reach beyond the expected level of achievement.”

Aleksandra will attend Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ in the fall.

Meghan E. Scannell, of St. John’s Junior UOL Chapter of Johnson City, NY, has served as President of her local church. She participates in her church choir, local Ukrainian dance ensemble, is a church reader and has worked with the church catering service. Her chapter president writes – “Meghan shows enthusiasm for her faith by attending services other than Sundays and supports the activities of our other church organizations.” Her chapter advisor writes “Meghan has the natural ability to be a leader. The young church group look up to her and respect her advice.”

Meghan will attend Ithaca College in the fall.

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

LSSK SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Please remember, donations to support the LSSK Scholarship are accepted at any time and may be forwarded to:

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS – 2006

Scholarship applications for the 2006 UOL Convention in March 2006 or may be downloaded from the UOL page of www.uocofusa.org website. Competed applications are due May 31, 2006. All former Junior UOL members entering into or enrolled in continuing education beyond high school graduation are encouraged to apply.
As the UOL Convention comes to a close and its members return to the Ukrainian Orthodox parishes of the USA, it is time for each member to reflect upon the question: "Who are we?" A dear friend and convert of Orthodox Christianity recently said to me, "the Orthodox are America's most counter-cultural Christian religion." As I thought about our role in American society, I was convinced that our greatest threat is conformity and dilution, so that we don't appear to be different from everyone else. But the truth is that we are uniquely different and in order to survive, we must preserve our Faith, our moral code and our culture intact.

First of all, we are members of the Body of Christ, the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of the First Constance, 2,000 years ago. No church has a daily, weekly, and festal cycle of services as does the Orthodox Church. We must actively engage ourselves in the Hours, Matins, Vespers, Compline, and Divine Liturgies. In this context, we must have more people willing to step up and commit to become aware of the many services that can be found in the Orthodox Church. The sign of the cross with three fingers, veneration of the Korovai, and presenting the Korovai to the bishop when he visits our church are examples of the unique customs, which have embellished the Orthodox Faith. For those of us of Orthodox Christian origin, who we are is not just a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, the founder and head of our church, who gave authority to the Apostles, who in turn ordained the first bishops and first churches. By meditating upon the Holy Scriptures and writings of the Holy Fathers, we are blessed with the unique opportunity to serve God in spirit and in truth. But this also means that we have a serious responsibility to carry out Christ's mission on earth as his disciples. Our Faith is a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, the founder and head of our church, who said, "No one comes to the Father except through Me." In following Christ, we become an uncommon and different people.

The Orthodox Faith is not a religious category, but a total way of life. It involves our whole being in the daily struggle against sin and the Evil One in an attempt to achieve communion with God. From conception to the grave, the individual soul is confronted with the choices of good and evil as we make our way from this land of the dying to the land of the living. But Orthodox Christianity has given us the care of gifts to live this life in holiness and truth. Everything in life can be a Holy Mystery filled with the Spirit of God through Grace.

By meditating upon the Holy Scriptures and writings of the Holy Fathers, by partaking in the Divine Services with the prayers of the Apostles, by praying through the traditional services of the Holy Spirit, and by living the Holy Tradition we maintain a living continuity with the Apostolic Church. No church is so blessed that it can exist without its inheritance, that have sustained our Faith for 2,000 years. No church has a daily, weekly, and festal cycle of services as does the Orthodox Church. We must actively engage ourselves in the Hours, Matins, Vespers, Compline, and Divine Liturgies. In this context, we must have more people willing to step up and commit to become readers, subdeacons, deacons, monks and nuns. In addition, we must relentlessly preserve the services as they have been handed down, without complaining about their length or frequency or seeking to reduce their content to conform to others. Our services do not have too many "Lord, have mercy," our most common and sacred prayer.

Secondly, we need to cherish the expression of our Faith which defines us as Orthodox Christians. The sign of the cross with three fingers, veneration of the Holy Cross, and Relics, the burning of incense, prayers during the Canon of Andrew of Crete and St. Ephraim's Prayer, standing during services, the Procession, and Holy Eucharist, are some of the ways Orthodox live a life in communion with God through Christ everyday.

Next, we must be keenly aware that we are a hierarchical church and that Christ gave authority to the Apostles, who in turn ordained the first bishops and priests of the Church. These spiritual leaders sustain our Faith and guide us in the ethical and moral dilemmas of our time. To them we must give respect and obedience. The issues in this amoral society, from abortion, homosexuality, divorce, euthanasia, cloning, and stem cell research need to be clarified and defined in a truly Christian context.

Finally, our Orthodox Faith is lived out in a particular cultural milieu. We are citizens of the USA and most of us speak English as our first language. But Orthodoxy has blended the customs of many different nations into its living Faith, Aleuts and Arabs, Ethiopians and Greeks, Japanese and Ukrainians all have unique customs, which have embellished the Orthodox Faith. For those of us of Ukrainian descent, we offer some of these customs to American Orthodoxy. Putting embroidered rushniks around holy icons, blessing Paschal baskets, carving frozen ice crosses on Theophany, bringing fruits to church on the Transfiguration, and presenting the korovai to the bishop when he visits our church are examples of Ukrainian traditions which need to be preserved and shared with the other Orthodox traditions.

Above all, we Orthodox of North America, must stand unshakable and united in the profession of our Faith, realizing that we have the True Faith, and although we are different from the majority around us, we can be a beacon of light and hope. We Are Different!
ALL SAINTS U.O.C. CAMP
All Saints Camp Chapel Construction Begins!
by Stephen R. Sheptak, Camp Director

The All Saints Camp Committee is pleased to announce that
the construction of the Chapel at All Saints Camp has begun!
DATELINE: March 19, 2005 – Groundbreaking for the Chapel
during the UOL Lenten Retreat at All Saints Camp.
DATELINE: August 19-25, 2005 – Forms for the footer were
built and concrete was poured.
DATELINE: August 30, 2005 – Concrete block delivered to the
site.

All Saints Chapel Construction Site

It is the hope of the All Saints Committee that the Chapel will be on site and
erected by the end of this construction season—barring any unforeseen obstacles. This
longtime dream of past and present volunteers, staff, campers, counselors, and fami-
lies that have been touched by the good works done through our Ukrainian Orthodox
Church's Camping Programs and its Youth Ministry Program is a reality, thanks to the
generous gift given to the All Saints Camp from our anonymous benefactor.

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

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“National UOL Historical Material Needed”

• Historical records and materials
• Records from past National UOL Officers
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