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Axios! Axios! Axios! Young Adult UOL Members Participate in Historic18th Sobor Father Daniel elected Bishop



The Young Adults of the UOL as well as the Clergy and Sobor delegates witnessed a historic event, the elevation of Hieromonk Daniel to Archimandrite and his presentation as candidate to the Holy Office of Bishop.

For the first time ever, over twenty young adults organized a Young Adult Assembly during the Sobor Weekend. Cathy Bucharew and Michael Nakonachny organized the activities.

At the Sobor Banquet, Second Vice President Jared Burgan presented a check in the amount of \$10,000, the donation from the UOL to the Historical and Education Complex in South Bound Brook, NJ.



The young adults arrived on Friday evening and attended the Famine Commemoration, including a solemn dinner where narrations about the Holodomor were read followed by a procession where Sobor participants walked from the Cultural Center to St. Andrew's Memorial Church holding candles. At the Memorial Church a Panakhyda was held in

memory of those killed by the Soviet Union during the Artificial Famine in Ukraine from 1932-1933.

Young adults attended vespers on Friday evening and Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning and sang all the responses at the services. During Lunch on Saturday the Young Adults greeted His Eminence Archbishop Antony on the 22nd Anniversary of his Episcopacy.



On Saturday the Young Adults saw the official proclamation "Axios! Axios Axios! He is Worthy!" in response to the resolution that Archimandrite Daniel be named a bishop of the church. This was particularly moving as many of the young adults have been on mission trips with Archimandrite Daniel and he currently serves as Spiritual Advisor to the National Executive Board.

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National Executive Board Meeting -- Allentown, Pennsylvania September 2007 submitted by Natalie Bilynsky

On the last weekend of September the National Executive Boards of the Junior and Senior UOL gathered in Allentown, Pennsylvania for the first meeting of the 2007-2008 year. Vera Muzychka, Senior Chapter President, hosted the Friday evening dinner and get-together. Board members were welcomed by chapter members and had an opportunity to socialize with members of the 2007 chapter of the year.

Saturday morning all board members celebrated the Akathist to Christ and the meeting started promptly following breakfast. At the Senior meeting many important topics were discussed. The Senior Board committed to raising the funds to purchase the appointments for the All Saints Camp Chapel. Funds have been raised for the icons, now fundraising will begin for the items needed to furnish the chapel and for the items needed to

celebrate Divine Liturgy.

The Senior Board also decided to donate \$10,000 to the Historical and E d u c a t i o n a l Complex in South Bound Brook, New Jersey. It was decided that this donation



would be presented at the Sobor Banquet.

Recommendations from the Convention regarding the Annual Fund Drive, Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund and Lynn Sawchuk Sharon Kuzbyt Fund will be implemented. Fund raising for the Annual Fund Drive will be in November. A goal of raising \$5000 was set for the Annual Fund Drive. MJSF fundraising will begin in January and LSSK fundraising will start in March.

Board members reviewed plans for upcoming retreats in Allentown and the All Saints Camp. The Lenten Retreat at All Saints Camp is scheduled for April 4-6, 2008. The retreat in Allentown will focus on the services of Holy Week and will be held at the St. Francis Retreat Center on April 11-13, 2008.

It was also reported that the Young Adults Committee planned Young Adult participation at the 18th Sobor. It was decided that Young Adult Pysh funds would be used to subsidize Young Adult participation in the Sobor. The Young Adults, headed by Michael Nakonachny, are to be commended for their initiative in planning this event.

Daria Pishko Komichak reported on the plans for the Holodomor March in New York City on November 17<sup>th</sup>. She reported that UOL members will meet at Cooper City Hall and walk together from the Ukrainian Village to St. Patrick's Cathedral for the Memorial Service. Daria is also coordinating a UOL gathering following the memorial service.

The Senior Board also discussed updating of the UOL Webpage and UOL Membership Brochures.

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\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ILLUMINES ALL\*

July 30 - August 3, 2008

Hosted by the Sr. and Jr. UOL Chapters of St. John the Baptist, Johnson City, NY

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# A special request from UOL Member Michel e Corba Kapel uck

Dear UOL Family and Friends,

Oleh Bilynsky

**UOL President** 

703 Pine Ridge Rd

As you may be aware, I was diagnosed with chronic kidney failure 11 years ago. If you did not already know this, I will explain a little bit about what has been going on with me and my health. In 1996 I was diagnosed with a kidney infection and hospitalized for six days. Within a year's time my kidney function dropped considerably and I found through various ultra sounds and MRIs that my right kidney had atrophied to the point of non-functioning. I have been under close watch with my nephrologist (kidney doctor) since then. We were able to stabilize my kidney function for a long time with the help of high blood pressure medication and lowering the sodium and protein in my diet.

Up until now I was at a function level where I was doing okay. Recently, my nephrologist had told me that he thought it was time to have a kidney transplant evaluation due to some urine and blood test results he had received. So, Michael and I went to Allegheny General Hospital at the end of May and had several tests and meetings with some transplant surgeons. The results showed that my kidney function was at 20 percent, which means that I was placed on the active list for a transplant.

I am not yet on dialysis because my function has to drop to 15 percent before this occurs. With my age being 43, the doctors said it would be better for me to have a transplant and look for a living donor than to be on dialysis. Since I am still young (at least that's what the doctors tell me!) they do not recommend a cadaver donor as kidneys harvested from cadavers only last around 8-10 years. Living donor kidneys, however, can last as long as 20 years. Unfortunately, there is no national donor list for living kidney donors. It is up to me to find a living donor candidate. Of course, it's not an easy thing to have to do.

As you can imagine, this is an extremely uncomfortable and difficult position to be in. I do not want to put anybody on the spot or make them feel uncomfortable. After all, it's not like I'm asking them to fill out a job application to come and work for me – that would be easy! So, that is why I am writing this letter. If you or someone you know might want to be tested to see if you are a match, please let me know. My home phone is 412-276-6836.

The donor has to be healthy and between the ages of 18-65 (that rules out my children). A simple blood test is the first step to see if your blood type matches mine. Allegheny General Hospital has assigned me a Living Donor Coordinator who would explain all the other testing and donation procedures that are involved. There is a very informative web site you can go to if you are interested in becoming a donor: www.mayoclinic.org/kidney-transplant/livingdonor.html

I know this letter is one that you would not have expected to receive from me. Neither is it one that I thought I would ever be writing. So please, do not feel obligated to respond one way or the other. Organ donation is a very personal and extremely important decision that should not be entered into lightly.

Obviously, my resources to family and friends are limited, so anything you can do to spread the word and locate potential donors would be greatly appreciated. If this letter has reached you at an inappropriate or inconvenient time, I sincerely apologize.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and may God bless you!

Love,

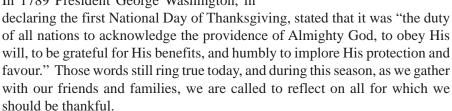
Michele Corba Kapeluck

# MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Oleh Bilynsky

Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Christu!

In 1789 President George Washington, in



In line with that, I would like to personally thank the St. Mary the Protectress U.O.L. Chapter in Allentown, PA (our UOL "Chapter of the Year") for hosting the fall Executive Board meeting on Sept. 29. As always, the Allentown chapter members were very hospitable, and went out of their way to ensure that all of our needs were taken care of. Thank you for being a shining example of Christian love and generosity.

I would also like to thank the members of the Sr. Executive Board for all of their hard work and efforts. Thanks to them we had a very productive fall meeting. Some of the results of that meeting include: approving the continuation of the UOL's fund raising efforts for the All Saints Camp Chapel, with the next phase being raising the funds needed to purchase all of the appointments for the Chapel; donating \$10,000 on behalf of the UOL to the UOC Historical and Educational Complex (made possible by the hugely successful 60th UOL Convention in Carnegie, for which we once again thank the Carnegie Sr. and Jr. UOL chapters); and approving a rescheduling of the 2009-2012 UOL Conventions (the new schedule is: 2008 - Johnson City, NY; 2009 - Youngstown, OH; 2010 - Maplewood, NJ; 2011 - Philadelphia, PA; and 2012 - Allentown, PA).

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our UOL members. As UOL Sunday is "right around the corner," it is an appropriate time to thank all UOL members for the time, hard work and efforts they have devoted to our Church and to the UOL. I always look forward to hearing, and reading in the *UOL Bulletin*, about all of your activities and accomplishments.

During this season we should be thankful for all that we have been blessed with, and in so doing we should also remember all who are less fortunate than ourselves. As such, I encourage all UOL members to contribute to the UOL's charitable programs, such as our "Thanksgiving Tithing" and "Souper Bowl Sunday" projects. I also encourage all Senior members to contribute to the Junior UOL's "Great Lent Giveaway" project.

I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with family and friends, and as we prepare for St. Philip's Fast and the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I also wish each and every one of you a peaceful Advent.

Yours in Christ, Oleh V. Bilynsky

# Board Meeting -- (continued from page 1)

The Junior Board decided to designate their fundraising for the Great Lent Giveaway to the appointments for the All Saints Camp Chapel. The Junior Board also finalized the membership brochures that were distributed at the 18th Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.



Following the Board meeting, both Junior and Senior Boards sang responses for Vespers. That evening board members enjoyed a beautiful fall evening at the Zimmerman house. With a full barbecue and delicious appetizers Board members had the opportunity to get to know

each other and the members of the Allentown chapter better. Sunday morning Board members participated in Divine Liturgy with parishioners of the Allentown Parish and enjoyed a lively coffee hour with the parish. Given the wonderful hospitality provided by all members of the chapter it is quite clear why they are the chapter of the year.



#### 61st Annual UOL Convention

Hosted by St. John the Baptist Parish, Johnson City, NY submitted by Mystery Writer

(who will be revealed at the end of the article)



Downtown Binghamton nestled at the confluence of the Susquehanna and Chenango Rivers

### July 31, 2008

# Thursday! Thursday! Thursday!

If the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual UOL Convention was a metaphor for a delicious sandwich, Thursday would be freshly carved roast beef served with horseradish mayonnaise, lettuce and Swiss cheese. And while that sounds pretty amazing, we assure you that the gastronomic delights of our "A Taste of the Southern Tier" event will far surpass the aforementioned meal, symbolic or not.

Our special guest at "A Taste of the Southern Tier" (besides you, of course) will be a local standard: Spiedies. Though this local sensation has been hyped mercilessly in this space over the last few issues, it's time to define it once and for all, with a little help from your friends at the online encyclopedia Wikipedia.

(Note: any stomach rumblings or hunger pains are strictly intentional)

"The **Spiedie** is a dish local to Greater Binghamton in the Southern Tier of New York State, and somewhat more broadly known and enjoyed throughout Central New York State. **Spiedies** consist of cubes of **chicken** and **pork**, but it may also be made from **lamb**, **veal**, **venison** or **beef**. The meat cubes are marinated overnight or longer in a special **Spiedie** marinade, and then grilled carefully on spits over a charcoal pit. The freshly prepared cubes are served on **soft Italian bread** or a **submarine roll**, wood skewer and all, and then drizzled with fresh marinade." (From wikipedia.org)

These lovingly prepared **Spiedies** will be the focal point of a relaxing picnic on the 18<sup>th</sup> floor observation deck of the State Office Building in downtown Binghamton, which is within walking distance from the hotel.

And if all that stimulation wasn't enough, we will immediately segue into an evening of **dancing** and **trivia** (with prizes!) after dinner. A DJ will be spinning tunes guaranteed to make the young and the young-at-heart shake their bones long into the summer night. Thanks to Phyllis Hatala this evening will be a hit!

We'll be back next issue with even more details on how **NOT** to miss out on this incredible week in the Southern Tier. Now if you'll excuse me, all this talk of **Spiedies** and metaphorical sandwiches has me **starving**!

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua M. Oryhon

61st Annual Convention Committee *Bulletin* Correspondent, Poet Laureate and Brother of Alexis

# IF YOU HAVE NOT SUBMITTED UOL DUES--

SENI OR UOL DUES (\$20 per member) should be submitted to Pani Matka Linda Oryhon 623 Jennings St. Endicott, NY 13760

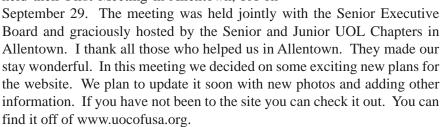
JUNIOR UOL DUES (\$5 per member) should be submitted to David Koroczynsky 936 Wilkinson Ave. Youngstown, OH 44509

# MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Patrick Scannell

Glory to Jesus Christ!

The Junior U.O.L. National Executive Board held their First Meeting in Allentown, PA on



Also at this meeting we decided to distribute 200 Jr. UOL brochures at the Sobor. The Sobor only happens once every three years, and is a great place to spread the news about the Jr. UOL. These brochures can help teach people all about the Jr. UOL and try to gain more membership.

Winter is approaching so I have a few reminders to Jr. UOL Chapters. The deadline for dues and rosters was September 30<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you get them in to Financial Secretary, David Koroczynsky, if you have not already. Also, election report forms should be in already. If your chapter has not yet sent them, please do so to Corresponding Secretary, Natasha Walewski, as soon as possible.

As we approach the holiday season I pray that the joint Senior/Junior Christian Caregiving and Missions Committee will have a successful Tithing Project. I encourage every parish to participate in this great project. Furthermore, I pray that all chapters have a great holiday season, and wonderful St. Nicholas Day festivities.

Yours in Christ, Patrick Scannell

# (continued from page 1) Young Adult Sobor Assembly



Saturday evening the UOL invited the seminarians to a special Young Adult dinner at a local restaurant. It was wonderful for our newest seminarians to learn new words from the menu and our UOL'ers learning the Ukrainian words for broccoli and llama (in case you wanted to know, llama is also llama in Ukrainian). After dinner all young adults attended the viewing of the extended Mission Trip video prepared by Adam Kennedy.

Sunday morning, UOL young adults and UOL Sobor delegate Melanie

Nakonachny as well as Jared Burgan (Second Vice-President) were part of the procession to greet the hierarchs. It was an honor to be present for the recognition of Fr. William Diakiw. He was awarded the Icon Untouched By Hands for his service to the Church. It was wonderful for our young adults to see the recognition of Fr. Bill, a true



UOL role model who has always been Dedicated to our Church and Devoted to its Youth.

The farewell brunch with over four tables of UOL Young Adults and Juniors was truly inspiring for all Sobor delegates. It is our hope that the Young Adult Assembly at the Sobor will continue to flourish.

## St. Vladimir's Parma, Ohio Submitted by Fr. John Nakonachny



On Sunday, September 16, 2007, to mark the beginning of the new school year, the youth of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Parma, Ohio, participated in the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the clergy presented Certificates of Participation to all the children who participated in the Annual UOL Essay Contest.

# Youngstown Junior UOL -- The Great Joy of Love submitted by Rob Kline

The Jr. UOL of Sts. Peter and Paul in Youngstown, Ohio have done many great things over the course of the year. For Christmas we had set up two trees and placed precious angels with the name of loved ones on it. We encouraged parishioners to sponsor angels and raised funds for the chapter. In February, we sponsored a "Souper Bowl Sunday" and raised \$350 that was donated to the St. Andrews Society (supporting mission work in Ukraine). Later in the month, we hosted our annual Lock-in. This year the Lock-in highlights included a strongman who performed feats of strength. We also went bowling as a large group. We were thrilled that His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine attended the Lock-in and spoke to us.

This year we also baked Paschas for the shut-ins of the parish. In addition to preparing them for the shut-ins we also sold many in the parish. As part of our missionary work we visited and decorated a local nursing home for Valentine's and President's Day. As part of our annual tradition for Easter we handed out red-dyed eggs. On Memorial Day, we went to the church cemetery and cleaned graves. We cleaned many graves and used over 17 bags of mulch. To end our busy year we sponsored a Thank You Breakfast for the Graduates of our parish, making cheese soufflé for the event. We also sponsored the refurbishing of the Diskos. Finally, on July 1st we welcomed Father John Harvey into our parish and gave him a gift certificate to welcome him to Youngstown.

# Johnson City Junior Chapter News submitted by Cassidy Sullivan



The members of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church Junior U.O.L. have been very busy. We recently held elections and our new officers are: Patrick Scannell, President; William Ferrante, Vice-President; Adam Hatala, Treasurer; Olenka Zharsky, Secretary; Cassidy Sullivan, Reporter; and Mikayla Klym, Reporter.

Our most recent fundraiser was a car wash. We all put a lot of effort into it and were pleased with its success.

We are also participating in community projects. Some of our members have volunteered to help out at a local soup kitchen and some of us also helped out at our local Buddy Walk, which promotes acceptance and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome.

# **Thanksgiving Tithing Project to Benefit**

#### Four Evangelists Mission Parish in Bel Air, MD

The delegates of the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual U.O.L. Convention reinforced the need for the organization and its membership to serve the less fortunate. They set a specific goal to sponsor at least three projects to help individuals in

need. The first of these projects allows you as Ukrainian Orthodox League members and chapters to help your brothers and sisters at Four Evangelists Mission in Bel Air, MD.

Four Evangelists was established in 2002 after seeing the need to organize an Orthodox Church in the Harford County, Maryland area. With a blessing given by His Eminence Archbishop Antony, Fr Gregory Czumak graciously accepted the call to start this mission. On September



8, 2002 Fr Gregory and other faithful celebrated Four Evangelists' first Divine Liturgy at the John Carroll School. Since then Four Evangelists has been diligently serving the northern Maryland area.

Chapters and individual members are being called upon to save the receipts for all expenses that they incur in preparing for Thanksgiving Day – food, tablecloths, centerpieces – and donate 10% of the amount spent to the Four Evangelists Mission. Junior and Senior U.O.L. Chapters are also requested to also make a donation to this worthwhile cause.

All donations should be made out to the Ukrainian Orthodox League and sent to Financial Secretary, *Pani Matka Linda Oryhon*, 623 *Jennings St.*, *Endicott*, *NY 13760*. One check will be presented to the Four Evangelists Mission on behalf of all our membership.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we hope that you will take a moment to give thanks to our Lord for all that He has given us. We are called upon to baptize all nations and one way this is done is through the establishment of and support for our mission parishes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jared Burgan (jaredburgan@gmail.com) or Emily Kominko (cutelilcheesebal@aol.com).

## Ukrainian National Anthem

# Elizabeth Mitchell, Senior Staff Writer

The national anthem of Ukraine is "Sche ne vmerla Ukraina" (Ukraine Lives On). Reverend Mykhailo Verbytsky, composer of many Ukrainian songs, recognized the need for a national anthem at the first Ukrainian Concert in Peremyshl (Western Ukraine) in 1863. In the same year, a poem "Sche ne vmerla Ukraina" appeared in a Lviv magazine. Its author was Pavlo Chubynsky from Eastern Ukraine. Although the authorship was mistakenly ascribed to Taras Shevchenko, Verbutsky was so impressed by the simplicity and yet strong patriotic appeal of the poem, he immediately set it to music.

The popularity of the song spread throughout the country, and in 1864 it was performed at a Ukrainian theater in Lviv. In 1917, "Shche ne vmerla Ukraina" became the rallying song of the Ukrainian revolution and was officially adopted as the national anthem of the Ukrainian republic.

Some of our readers may remember when our national anthem was heard throughout the world via television from the Olympics as a young Ukrainian Ice Figure Skater, Oksana Baiul, received a Gold Medal for her outstanding performance. A magic moment to remember.

Article 20 of the Ukrainian Constitution designated Verbytsky's music as the National Anthem in Ukraine on June 28, 1996. On March 6, 2003 the Parliament of Ukraine (Verkhovna Rada) adopted a modification to the original words. This change from "Ukraine has not perished," to "Ukraine's glory has not perished," was made to remove the concept of Ukraine perishing as a nation.

Ukrainian National Anthem as modified by the Verkhovna Rada (2003)

Ukraine's glory has not perished, nor freedom,
Upon us, fellow – Ukrainians, fate shall smile once more.
Our enemies will vanish, like dew in the morning sun,
And we too shall rule, brothers, in a free land of our own
We'll lay down our souls and bodies to attain our freedom,
And we'll show that we, brothers, are of the Cossack nation.



# FAMILY FEST 2007 - A HUGE SUCCESS!

There is no better way to end the summer than to spend it with family and friends at All Saints Camp. This year we had record-breaking attendance with over one hundred and thirty participants who ranged in age from three months to seventy five years in age. Multiple UOL chapters and parishes were represented with individuals from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois, Ohio and New York.



On Friday evening individuals dined together and then settled into cabins and the Millennium Building. Saturday morning started with morning prayers followed by a delicious and hearty breakfast.

Campers participated in an allout kick-ball tournament that continued for fourteen innings, not because of any tie-breakers but more from the joy of playing the game. The kick-

ball players and fans worked up an appetite and the kitchen staff did a wonderful job feeding the near capacity dining hall. With so many individuals there for meals, Camp Manager Stephen Sheptak and his staff are to be commended for

doing a great job.



Following lunch campers enjoyed a variety of activities. Some frolicked at the pool, while others organized games on the field or walked around the grounds. Also, a large group joined Michael Kapeluck and Fr. Deacon Ihor Mahlay for a tour of the chapel. Michael explained the icons in the chapel and described positions of icons within the chapel.

Saturday evening included choir rehearsal, vespers and dinner. After dinner campers enjoyed the camp fire with a sing-along and making s'mores. Others enjoyed the variety of tournaments, including the



Name Game, and the annual dominoes tournament. John Holowko, who earned a plaque for his 2006 dominoes victory, was dethroned as champion by John Howe. A scrabble tournament ended with Chris Burgan the victor.

Sunday morning Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Fr. John Nakonachny, Fr. John Haluszczak. and Fr. Deacon Ihor Mahlay. The Divine Liturgy was historic

for it was most likely the last Divine Liturgy to be celebrated in the pavilion, as next season Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in the chapel. Following the group picture, everyone enjoyed a large brunch.



Over thirty five individuals, including adults and children, canoed from All Saints Camp to Emlenton along the Allegheny river. While some paddled along the river that beautiful Saturday afternoon, others enjoyed time at the pool or

relaxing at the main lodge.



Sunday evening a memorial service was celebrated for Debra Burgan of blessed memory and for all individuals who dedicated their time to All Saints Camp and have fallen asleep in the Lord.

Fr. Paisius McGrath spoke to the campers about his acceptance of the Holy Orthodox Faith. Sunday evening included a camp fire and continuation of board games and tournaments.

M o n d a y m o r n i n g c a m p e r s gathered for morning prayers, cleaned cabins and prepared to return home. Special thanks to the chairperson for the event, Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny, who



planned an outstanding family fest!

### 18th Sobor Delegates Contribute to the Completion of Phase One of the All Saints Camp Chapel Project

It is with sincere gratitude that the Committee to Furnish the Chapel at All



Saints Camp announces the completion of the first phase of fundraising for the project. Thanks to the generous donations of the Reverend Fathers, delegates and guests to the 18th Sobor, which was held in South Bound Brook, NJ from October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, with the enthusiastic encouragement of His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine,

enough money was collected to sponsor the last available of the 70 icons that will adorn the chapel – the Creation Icon of the Fall.

Most sincere thanks go out to the following donors for their generosity:

#### 4 Main Icon Panels

Christ - Anonymous Theotokos - Anonymous

Deacon Door - Rev. John Nakonachny, Pani Matka Mary Anne, Melanie & Michael Deacon Door - St. Demetrius Junior & Senior UOL Chapters, Carteret, NJ

#### **Royal Door Icons**

Archangel Gabriel - Michael & Dareen Jogan St. Matthew - Walter & Raissa Bratkiv St. Luke - Geofrey & Helen Greenleaf

Theotokos - Vera Muzvchka St. Mark - Walter & Raissa Bratkiv St. John - Walter & Raissa Bratkiv

# **Twelve Apostles**

St. Andrew - The Kalinik Family St. Bartholomew - Holy Ascension Senior UOL, Maplewood, NJ St. John - Natalie Jaresko, Ihor Figlus & Family

St. James Alphaeus - The Sally Family St. Matthew - St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Boston, MA

St. James Zebedee - Harry, Yvonne, Jeremy, Adrienne (Morrow), Alicia (Wright) & Tim Oryhon St. Peter - Walter & Nina Samijlenko

St. Jude (Thaddeus) - Anonymous St. Philip - Walter & Nina Samijlenko St. Simon - Sts. Peter & Paul Junior UOL, Youngstown, OH

St. Thomas - Irene, Katya, Alex, Maria & Nick Carman St. Paul - Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Youngstown, OH

Christ Enthroned - Archbishop Antony

Mystical Supper - The Kalinik Family

#### **Eight Archangels**

Archangel Michael - Michael & Daria Komichak Archangel Gabriel - St. Vladimir's Senior UOL, Parma, OH Archangel Raphael - Rosalind Kurch Archangel Salathiel - Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Lyndora, PA Archangel Jeremiel - Oleh & Natalie Bilynsky Archangel Jegudiel - Hieromonk Daniel Zelinsky Archangel Barachiel - Stephen & Dolores Wachnowsky Archangel Uriel - Robert E. Sheptak

# **Seraphim Panels** Michael G. & Lydia Dobronos

St. Vladimir's Junior UOL & Altar Boys' Society, Parma, OH

Christ in Majesty - Walter & Raissa Bratkiv

Theotokos - St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA

# **Ranks of Saints**

Old Testament Saints - Michael & Daria Komichak Male Saints - Very Rev. James & Pani Matka Maria Norton Female Saints - Dr. Rebecca Druash McNulty

Saints of Ukraine - St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Southfield, MI

## Four Evangelists

St. Matthew - Senior UOL National Executive Board St. Luke - Oleh & Natalie Bilynsky

St. Mark - Bill & Madeline Kuzbyt St. John - The Lesky Family

## **Creation Icons**

Creation of Light - Junior UOL National Executive Board Separation of the Waters - Sts. Peter & Paul Senior UOL, Carnegie, PA Creation of Dry Land / Plants - Parishioners & Friends of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Parma, OH

Creation of Sun, Moon, Stars - St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Southfield MI

Creation of Birds/Fish - St. Peter & St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Carnegie, PA Creation of Animals / Man - Emil & Shirley Skocypec Day of Rest - Daniel & Lynne Gulak

Creation of Eve - Olia Stepowyj Coffey The Fall - Reverend Fathers, Delegates & Guests to the 18th Sobor

## Shrines in the Four Corners of the Nave

Shrine to the Patron Saint - St. Vladimir's Brotherhood, Parma, OH Shrine to St. Nicholas - The Tschaikowsky Family Shrine to Christ - St. Vladimir's Senior UOL, Philadelphia, PA Shrine to the Theotokos - John Holowko and children, Nicholas, Andrew, Christopher & Erica

## **Dormition Icon Panel - Nina Coker**

## Nave Icons

St. John the Baptist - St. John's Senior UOL, Sharon, PA St. Constantine & St. Helen - Deacon Nikolay Shapoval Three Hierarchs - Mrs. Anna Kappler Sophia, Faith, Hope & Love - The Carman Family St. Volodymyr & St. Olha - Helen, Catherine & Mary Zebel, Rev. John & Pani Matka Ann Haluszczak, Kira, Nathan & Lara St. Nina - Nina Aust

St. Job of Pochaiev - Tom & Diane Senedak, Jason, Eric & Marc St. Patrick - St. John the Baptist Junior UOL, Johnson City, NY Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus - St. Vladimir's Junior UOL, Pittsburgh, PA St. Mary Magdalene - Anonymous

St. Dimitri of Rostov - Michael Andrec & Natalka Honcharenko St. Andrew of Crete - Mrs. Dorothy A. Korey

We are also thankful for the many General Fund donations that we continue to receive. A list of these donors will appear at a later date. Anyone wishing to contribute may send their donations to Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny, 3201 Marioncliff Drive, Parma, Ohio 44134. All Saints Sunday, June 22, 2008 has been set for the dedication of the chapel. Mark your calendars and organize fellow parishioners and friends to travel to Emlenton, PA for this joyous celebration.

 $\texttt{0} \bullet \texttt{0} \bullet$ BY THEIR FRUITS YOU WILL KNOW THEM Fr. John W. Harvey, Sts. Peter & Paul, Youngstown, Ohio

Being a priest for over thirty years can give one some insight and true perspective, IF one always tries to be observant and learn from situations that have been experienced. Herein lies a cautionary and a morality tale about our rash judgements of one another when based solely on initial surface impressions.

At St. Vladimir's Seminary, so many years ago, I met many students who are now priests in various jurisdictions. At the time, many seemed pegged for greatness in service to the church and high expectations arose among hierarchs, faculty and fellow students alike. Of these, some were like super novas and shone with brilliance for a bit and then spectacularly crashed or abruptly faded from the priesthood. This phenomenon, characterized by a momentary "flash in the pan" exercise of priestly service, bears out an example given by Jesus. He contrasted a young man who promised to do a certain work, but never, in fact, did so with another who balked initially, but shouldered all the work in the end. The important thing is that one produced fruit in due season while the other reneged on his promise. To the outside world, initially, one seemed compliant and promised much and the other appeared that he would amount to nothing. A rash and surface judgment can prove quite in error, for only with time it is that the true worth of a man and his service is borne out.

One of my classmates was an older man, already with silver in his hair. When he was ordained as a deacon, his bumbling about the altar, often going about censing in the wrong direction, was a cause for many a derisive chuckle. He was sent to far off Alaska to obscure rural places, where certainly he could not do much harm. Over the years, contrary to initial judgment, he appeared at the forefront of those who worked for revival of the Orthodox Church in Alaska and championed the needs of the native peoples there. By the time of his death, Fr. Innocent (Fryntzko) was shown to be an effective and sensitive missionary with a life marked by humility and palpable holiness. What happened to the buffoon who would never amount to anything?

Another classmate was a convert of Germanic stock, solid in belief and character, but otherwise not a star in theology. At his ordination, priests standing around the altar whispered among themselves: "why are we even here, doesn't the bishop know that Jack is so lackluster that this will all prove to be a mistake." He was sent to do mission work, because the considered opinion was that he might cause harm to old existing parishes. Working, often in stark poverty, this maligned and underestimated priest founded, from scratch, missions in San Antonio, TX, Colorado Springs, CO and Victorville, CA. As was his nature, once a mission grew to the size it could support a priest, he moved on to the next impossible challenge of founding a new mission elsewhere, from nothing. Even in death, his achievements of a lifetime were barely recognized, yet three solid parishes were proof of the fruit of his labors, and this quite evident before God and man.

My last example is of Archimandrite Fr. Johannes Eko, who most recently reposed in the Lord. An American Finn and convert to Orthodoxy, he was an English language teacher at the Seminary in Nairobi, Kenya. After some years he was ordained to the priesthood and became the spiritual director of the seminary and spiritual father to a majority of the native African clergy. Working in parishes and with seminarians, this humble man became one with so many diverse tribes, knowing intimately their languages, customs and taboos. Being well-read in Orthodoxy, yet lacking any formal Orthodox seminary education, there were always some who would pooh-pooh the man merely as Charles, the old English teacher. A succession of bishops utilized him as a ghost writer for speeches and to rewrite their erudite theological tomes published under their own names. The African people recognized a man who had come to be one with them and as history plays out, humble Fr. Johannes will be revealed as one of the underpinnings of the highly successful Orthodox missions in Africa and Kenya in particular.

What is the lesson in all of this? Initial judgment of a person is often erroneous and just a considered guess. The measure of a man is indeed the ultimate fruit of his labors, which is often ONLY revealed over a good length of time. Transferring this revelation to our own real life situation, then let us be careful not to judge one another rashly, especially one's priest. In the latter case, let us give our pastor the benefit of the doubt and be supportive of him. As all are subject to temptation and human weakness, let us support our clergy with our prayers and with loving co-operation so that the best in their service be brought out. Remembering the fairy tale of Hans Christian Anderson about the ugly duckling, it must be noted that this creature was sorely derided. In the end, it would become recognized as the beautiful swan and seen as the highly desired one. Yes, life has important lessons to be learned, if we are only discerning enough to see them and are wise enough to apply them to our own unique situation.

# Phase II of the All Saints Camp Chapel Project Gets Underway

The second phase of the All Saints Camp Chapel project was introduced at the 18<sup>th</sup> Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. All Sobor delegates and guests were presented with a list of items that will be needed to furnish the chapel. The items selected were those most essential to serving the various services at the Camp. Many generous donations and pledges were made during the Sobor, somewhat reducing the list of essentials. Still available are the items listed below.

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### Initiating an Internal Membership Drive submitted by Natalie Bilynsky

When we plan membership drives we typically look at an increase in the number of members within the UOL, but we can also grow by increasing the commitment that each member has to the UOL. That is, as each individual member increases his or her involvement in the church we can make incredible strides and accomplish much. As we strive and work for the UOL, we can increase our dedication to the church and devote ourselves to the youth of our church. Instead of planning a membership drive where we increase the number of members, we can also plan a membership drive that is internal, where we make an assessment of our talents and vow to work harder for our church and UOL.

Part of this assessment involves the review of what we have done recently for our Church and the UOL. Are we using our talents for work in the Church and the UOL? Have we placed other commitments, work or clubs above the Church? Have we worked to be a shining light and example of Christ? As we dedicate our resources to work for the Church do we approach each of these tasks as a calling, a vocation, as we work for the Church and her League?

As I think of the focus that we should have in our work, I think of the words of Martin Luther King Jr. when he spoke about the Measure of a Man. He described finding one's calling and devoting oneself "with all of the strength and power in his being. He should do it as if God Almighty called him at this particular moment in history to do it. He should seek to do his job so well that the living, the dead, or the unborn could not do it better. No matter how small one thinks his life's work in terms of the norms of the world and the so-called big jobs, he must realize that it has cosmic significance if he is serving humanity and doing the will of God. To carry this to one extreme, if it falls your lot to be a street sweeper, sweep streets as Raphael painted pictures, sweep streets as Michelangelo carved marble, sweep streets as Beethoven composed music, sweep streets as Shakespeare wrote poetry. Sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will have to pause and say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who swept his job well.'"

So we are called to work for the Lord, the Church and Her League, as if called by God Almighty at this moment to do so. In many ways an internal membership commitment can have the greatest impact, for we have the increased

commitment of individual members and the impact that this commitment has on others. When our light shines so that others see our works, we are an example and our commitment is an inspiration to others. When we work for the Church with joy in our hearts, and do tasks with the knowledge that it is for the good of the Church, we are models of Christ's Love.



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