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 way during the Sunrise Service. For the first time ever, over twenty young adults organized a Young Adult Assembly during the Sobor Weekend. Cathy Bachurew and Michael Nakomachny organized the activities.

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 Myzyhka, 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.

On 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 Educational 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 is 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 Nakomachny, 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 17th. 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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Dear UOL Family and Friends,

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 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 Issusu Christu!

In 1789 President George Washington, in declaring the first National Day of Thanksgiving, stated that it was “the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favour.” Those words still ring true today, and during this season, as we gather with our friends and families, we are called to reflect on all for which we should be thankful.

In line with that, I would like to personally thank the St. Mary the Protectress U.O.L. Chapter in Allentown, PA (our U.O.L. “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 U.O.L’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 U.O.L. to the UOC Historical and Educational Complex (made possible by the hugely successful 60th U.O.L Convention in Carnegie, for which we once again thank the Carnegie Sr. and Jr. U.O.L chapters); and approving a rescheduling of the 2009-2012 U.O.L 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 U.O.L members. As U.O.L Sunday is “right around the corner,” it is an appropriate time to thank all U.O.L members for the time, hard work and efforts they have devoted to our Church and to the U.O.L. I always look forward to hearing, and reading in the U.O.L 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 U.O.L members to contribute to the U.O.L’s charitable programs, such as our “Thanksgiving Tithing” and “Souper Bowl Sunday” projects. I also encourage all Senior members to contribute to the Junior U.O.L’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
July 31, 2008

Thursday! Thursday! Thursday!

If the 61st 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 18th 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

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)

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 September 29. The meeting was held jointly with the Senior Executive Board and graciously hosted by the Senior and Junior UOL Chapters in Allentown. I thank all those who helped us in Allentown. They made our stay wonderful. In this meeting we decided on some exciting new plans for the website. We plan to update it soon with new photos and adding other information. If you have not been to the site you can check it out. You can find it off of www.uocofusa.org.

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 30th. 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

IF YOU HAVE NOT SUBMITTED UOL DUES--

SENIOR 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

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 Dukiw. 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.
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 “Soupers 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 Forte, Vice-President; Adam Hatala, Treasurer; Olenna Zbarsky, 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 60th 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 Anthony, 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 Mata Linda Orshyn, 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 Chubyszky from Eastern Ukraine. Although the authorship was mistakenly ascribed to Taras Shevchenko, Verbytsky 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, “Sche 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 all-out 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.

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 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.

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.

Monday morning campers 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!
Most sincere thanks go out to the following donors for their generosity:

**Archangel Gabriel** - Michael & Daria Komichak

**St. James Zebedee** - Harry, Yvonne, Jeremy, Adrienne (Morrow), Alicia (Wright) & Tim Oryhon

**Shrine to the Theotokos** - John Holowko and children, Nicholas, Andrew, Christopher & Erica

**St. Matthew** - Senior UOL National Executive Board

**St. Mark** - Bill & Madeline Kuzbyt

**Creation of Sun, Moon, Stars** - St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Parma, OH

**Creation of Birds/Fish** - St. Peter & St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Carnegie, PA

**Theotokos** - Vera Muzychka

**St. Michael** - Michael & Daria Komichak

**Saints Camp** announces the completion of the first phase of fundraising for the project. Thanks to the generous dona-
tions of the Reverend Fa-
thers, delegates and guests to the 18th Sobor, which was held in South Bound Brook, NJ from October 3rd - 7th, with the enthusiastic encour-
agement of His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine, enough money was collected to sponsor the last available of the 70 icons that would become recognized as the beautiful swan and seen as the highly desired duckling, it must be noted that this creature was sorely derided. In the end, it was sent to far off Alaska to observe 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 (Fyrntko) was shown to be an effective and sensitive missionary with a life marked by humility and palpable holiness. What happened to the buffoon who never would amount to anything?

One of my classmates was an older man, already with silver in his hair. When he was ordained an archpriest, his bumbling about the language was so bad, often going about in the wrong direction, was a cause for many a derisive chuckle. He was sent to far off Alaska to observe 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 (Fyrntko) was shown to be an effective and sensitive missionary with a life marked by humility and palpable holiness. What happened to the buffoon who never would 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 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 Victoriaville, 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 theologian 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 pooch-poo 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 names. The African people recognized a man who had come to be one with them and as he played out, humble Fr. Eko would 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 peers. 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 so ugly that the other birds never paid any attention. 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 18th 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.

Item #02B   Altar Coverings $600.00 Vestment Fabric, trimmed & buttoned, with overlaying fringed cloth.

Item #04B   Tetrapod Covering $450.00 Vestment Fabric, trimmed & buttoned, overlaying fringed cloth.

Item #06B   Table of Oblation Covering $350.00 Vestment Fabric, trimmed & buttoned

Item #08B   Sacristy Table Covering $350.00 Vestment Fabric, trimmed & buttoned

Item #010B   Lectern by altar for books $325.00

Item #012B   Icon Stand $325.00

Item #014B, #015B, #016B, #017B, #018B, #019B $350.00 ea 6 sets of Altar Boys' Robes

Item #020B, #021B, #022B, #023B, #024B, #025B $90.00 ea 6 Wooden Candle Holders for use by Altar Boys

Item #026B   Candle Stand for wooden candles $ 75.00

Items #028B & #029B   2 Processional Banners price to be determined

Item #030B   Wooden 7-Candle Stand for Altar price to be determined

Items #037B, #038B, #039B, #040B, #041B, #042B $325.00 ea 6 Upholstered Benches

Item #043B   Nativity Icon over the Table of Oblation $850.00

Item #044B   Liturgical Service Books $600.00

Item #045B, #046B   2 Sets of Wooden Candle Holders $60.00 ea

Item #048B   Red Cloths for Communion (1 dozen) $30.00

Item #049B   3 Stainless Steel bowls for proskia, washing hands, etc. $75.00

Item #050B   Chandelier (5 foot diameter) price to be determined

Multiple Donors are Requested for a Year’s Supply of:

Item #051B   Incense $70.00

Item #052B   Charcoal Briquettes $45.00

Item #053B   Candles (1000) $190.00

Donations to cover the cost of the items may be made in installments, with final payment due in March 2008.

Please contact Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny to confirm availability of any specific item.

General Fund

Please do not feel that it is necessary to commit to any particular item in order to make a donation. There is also an immediate need for donations to the General Fund! EVERY GIFT, no matter the size, is greatly appreciated, and will be acknowledged in the same spirit it is given...to the Glory of God and His Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church!

Furnishing sponsorship and general fund donations may be sent directly to Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny, 3201 Marioncliff Drive, Parma, Ohio 44134.

For additional information, please contact: Irene Carman (315) 785-9089 Diane Senedak (330) 792-6699 iccrph@twcny @dksenny@aol.com

Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny (440) 885-1509 nackos3201@aol.com

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 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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