On November 17th, a cold but sunny day in New York City, two thousand Ukrainians gathered to commemorate the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Holodomor, the Artificial Famine in Ukraine. UOL members joined the multitude of Ukrainians who met in front of St. George’s Ukrainian Catholic Church in the Ukrainian village of New York City.

Daria Pishko Komichak organized UOL participation and served on the committee that organized the event. It is hard to estimate the number of UOL members who attended because the march stretched for approximately ten large city blocks along Third avenue. The procession went from the East Village to St. Patrick’s Cathedral which is located on 51st street.

UOL members from Parma, Carnegie, Philadelphia, Youngstown and Pittsburgh gathered at St. Sophia Seminary in South Bound Brook, on Friday evening before the march. That evening young adults had the opportunity to get to know our seminarians and also joined in evening prayers.

Saturday morning some UOL members met at Cooper Union to walk together as a group. UOL members from Carteret, Pittsburgh, Carnegie, Parma, Philadelphia, Youngstown, and Maplewood attended. Because the crowd was so large, it was difficult to work together as a group. His Eminence Archbishop Antony led the solemn march with clergy, the Ukrainian Ambassador to the US, Oleh Shamshur, and the Ukrainian Ambassador to the United Nations, Yuriy Sergeyev. Following the clergy were individuals carrying coffins representing the victims of the Holodomor. Among these individuals were several UOL members and our seminarians. Additionally, many UOL members carried banners and posters that portrayed images about the famine. When the procession reached St. Patrick’s Cathedral UOL members started singing Vichnaya Pamyat, “Memory Eternal” prior to entering the Cathedral.

It is estimated that three thousand Ukrainians joined in the prayer service. The memorial service was co-celebrated with clergy from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Ukrainian Catholic Church. The memorial service was followed by addresses from Hierarchs and dignitaries. One very poignant statement was made by Michael Sawkiw, Jr, the president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America. He spoke about the theme for this year “Ukraine remembers -- the world recognizes.” That is, the importance of Ukraine and Ukrainians to remember the tragedy of 1932-1933 and for the world to recognize the Holodomor. It is estimated that 10 million died as a result of the Holodomor, Stalin’s attempt to exterminate the Ukrainian nation.

His Eminence Archbishop Antony concluded the memorial service and spoke about the importance of remembering for to forget we might enable such an atrocity to happen again.

Following the service UOL members gathered together in the East Village Ukrainian Restaurant and had a family dinner. Approximately thirty UOL members joined together for dinner. (picture of group on page 7)
MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Oleh Bilynsky

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

I pray that you and your family had a blessed Nativity season and that the New Year brings you good health and prosperity. As we turn the page to a new year there are a number of UOL activities that everyone should be aware of.

The Christian Caregiving and Missions Commission is wrapping up the Tithing Program, and it is still not too late to make a contribution to this annual project. This year’s donations will benefit our Four Evangelists Mission in Bel Air, MD. Also, hopefully you will participate in our Souper Bowl Sunday project, which raises funds to benefit the St. Andrew Society’s soup kitchens in Ukraine. This project has raised more than $6,000 during the past two years, and if you have not yet participated please contribute to this worthy cause. Anyone wishing to contribute (to either project) should send donations directly to UOL Financial Secretary Pan Matka Linda Oryhon.

Now is also the time to make your donations to the UOL’s Annual Fund Drive and the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund (MJSF). Donations to the Annual Fund Drive will be used to support all of the UOL’s activities, such as (to name but a few) the UOL Bulletin, the Youth Commission’s activities with our Preteens, Juniors, and Young Adults, and the various projects of the Education Commission. Among other worthy causes, the MJSF helps support our seminarians and provides grants to clergy wishing to further their education.

Materials for the 2008 UOL Essay Contest will be in the mail shortly, and please encourage all parishioners (the contest is not limited to UOL members) to participate in this annual event. The essay topics are listed in this issue of the Bulletin. For additional information please contact UOL Essay Contest Chairwoman Shirley Skocypec.

As Great Lent will soon be upon us, it is now time to make your plans for attending the Lenten Retreats sponsored by the UOL. The first retreat will be held at All Saints Camp on April 4-6, and the second will be held at the St. Francis Retreat Center (in Bethlehem, Pa.) on April 11-13. Besides being spiritually enlightening, and allowing the participants to step away from their everyday lives and reflect on Pascha, these retreats are another opportunity for UOL members to come together as fellow members of our “UOL family.”

In a talk I gave at St. Vladimir’s in Philadelphia on the occasion of UOL Sunday, I expressed my personal opinion that the most significant aspect of the UOL is the sense of family created by the UOL. As a member of the Philadelphia chapter, I know there are other UOL members in Los Angeles, Palos Park or Boston (to name but a few chapters) with whom I feel a sense of family and belonging, as both UOL members and members of our Church. It is this aspect of the UOL, namely the uniting of all UOL members into one “UOL family,” no matter how far apart those members may be geographically, that to me is the greatest accomplishment of the UOL. It is this sense of family that keeps both the UOL, and indeed our Church, strong and vital.

In line with this, please plan on attending this year’s UOL Convention, which will be held in Johnson City, NY on July 30 - August 3. While the convention is important for discussing projects and setting goals for the next year, I feel its most important aspect is that it serves as a “family reunion” for UOL members. Just as any family misses even one member’s absence at a family reunion, any UOL member who does not attend the Convention will likely be sorely missed.

Lastly, the winter meeting of both the Junior and Senior National Executive Boards will be held in Johnson City, NY on February 2, and the spring meeting will be held in Maplewood, N.J. on June 7. As always, everyone is welcome and I encourage anyone who is in those areas, both Juniors and Seniors, to attend those meetings.

Yours in Christ,

Oleh V. Bilynsky
61st Annual UOL Convention

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ILLUMINES ALL*

Hosted by

St. John the Baptist Parish Johnson City, NY

The 61st Annual Convention Committee
Bulletin Correspondent on a recent fact-finding safari

August 1, 2008

I've spent the last month combing through the fastidiously-kept records of the Ukrainian Orthodox League trying to find any mention of a Convention theme involving our Friday night activity. After a full 72 hours of research in the UOL Room with only leftovers from Pushcha to eat and zero bathroom breaks, I've come to the following conclusion:

The Friday night “Rally with Friends” will be a once-in-a-lifetime historical occasion at a Convention, on par with the infamous 1990 New Britain Junior Sessions Paper Fight and The “Who Stole the Kishka” Incident of 1947.

This already-legendary event conjures up a historic pastime and local hobby synonymous with our area. The Southern Tier has a long and storied tradition of Hot Air Ballooning, even hosting a yearly Rally for high-altitude enthusiasts. Friday’s co-chairs BethAnne Harendza and Julie Marra have planned an event that will invoke the finest in Hot Air Ballooning, conjuring up the image of wearing a monocle and pocket-watch while conveying oneself upon the four winds at speeds in excess of five, maybe six miles-an-hour.

With a meatless pasta buffet consumed, the great local band Old Friends will entertain all for the rest of the evening. And by “entertain,” I mean “keep you out on the dance floor as they play amazing versions of your favorite songs.”

If all that wasn’t enough, we will also be running a Balloon Launch silent auction with the chance to win a Saturday morning actual Hot Air Balloon ride. Look for the advertisement elsewhere in this very issue of the Bulletin for more information.

And now for the Audience Participation section of our article…

We have one new rule when referring to our Convention in speech. When the words “Johnson City” are uttered, it is mandatory that the exclamation “WOO HOO!” immediately follow. Don’t ask me where this tradition started (although rumors swirl that it was during the recent Executive Board meeting in Allentown), but nonetheless it has swept the Southern Tier and indeed the world, becoming a fad with a longer shelf life than both sliced bread and the Internet. So, now you try:

JoshO Says: “Johnson City.”

The Faithful Reader Says: “WOO HOO!”

Doubtlessly, your neighbors will think you’ve just won the lottery or saved a ton on your car insurance when they hear you piercing the suburban silence with a guttural “WOO HOO”. But that’s ok; it’s none of their business.

In the next issue we will tackle the pivotal and momentous Saturday line-up with a guttural “WOO HOO”. But that’s ok; it’s none of their business.

Finally, I would like to mention a couple upcoming retreats. April 4-6 is a retreat at Bel Air, MD. Also, it is not too late to donate, just contact Emily Kominko. Also, a Super Bowl Sunday fundraiser project will be coming up to benefit soup kitchens in Ukraine. I hope it will be successful in helping out a great cause.

Coming up this year we have the Great Lent Gateway project. This joint project between the Jr. UOL and the Office of Youth Ministry is focusing on the items needed for the chapel at All Saints Camp. The chapel is being dedicated on June 22nd and I encourage everyone to be there if you can. It is a great event for our church and I am glad the Jr. UOL can help the chapel through this project.

Also this year, there will be the 2008 UOL Essay Contest. I hope participation will be very high this year. The essay contest is a great way for our youth to show their religious understanding. It also encourages the kids to look into and ask questions about their topic, helping them learn more about our faith.

Furthermore, we have our annual raffle. It is the biggest fundraiser the Jr. UOL has, so I hope that chapters will sell as many tickets as they can.

Another upcoming activity is the Bring-A-Friend-To-Church Day in February. This can be a fun way to share our orthodox faith with the people close to us.

Finally, I would like to mention a couple upcoming retreats. April 4-6 is a retreat at All Saints Camp. There is also a retreat the following weekend in Bethlehem, PA. I encourage everyone to attend these retreats because they are a perfect place to learn and have fun with fellow Ukrainian Orthodox Christians.

Yours in Christ,

Patrick Scannell
Jr. UOL President

MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Patrick Scannell

Christ is Born!

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is this time of year that we become thankful for all that the Lord has done for us. It is a good season to reflect on the past year, and see all that we have accomplished in it. We must also look forward to a new and exciting year ahead. I pray that everyone has a great 2008 and wish the best to all Jr. UOL Chapters and members.

I hope the Thanksgiving Tithing project was successful in helping the mission parish in Bel Air, MD. Also, it is not too late to donate, just contact Emily Kominko. Also, a Super Bowl Sunday fundraiser project will be coming up to benefit soup kitchens in Ukraine. I hope it will be successful in helping out a great cause.

The Ukrainian Orthodox League

Young Adults Committee

Winter Weekend Getaway

Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania

January 11-13, 2008

Come and Catch up With Old Friends and Make New Ones

Ski, Snowboard, Snowtube, Shop or just sit by the fire

The first 15 registrants will get free housing!

Questions?

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THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX LEAGUE

2008 UOL Convention Registration Fees

Senior Delegate/Guest: $200.
Clergy: $150.
Junior Delegate/Guest: $185.
Pre-Teen: $90.
Senior/Junior Weekend (Sat. and Sun.): $150.

A $10. discount will be applied to each fee if registered by June 15, 2008

Hotel registrations can be attained at holidayinnronsna.com
(607) 722-1212 or 800-HOLIDAY
NEWS FROM ST. VLADIMIR’S SENIOR CHAPTER
PHILADELPHIA, PA

Submitted by Jim Sawchuk

St. Vladimir’s Senior Chapter recently held the election of officers and for the up-coming year, they are: Janet Looby – President; Lynn Szafranski – Vice President; Andrea Swan – Secretary; Stephen Nemeth – Treasurer; Theodora Nemeth and Anne Bohen - Junior UOL Chapter Advisors; Jim Sawchuk – Reporter.

On Sunday, November 11, 2007, the chapter hosted the Pre-Advent Zapusty. The invited guest speaker was Dr. Neda Cvijetich, a daughter of the Serbian Orthodox Church. She spoke on the persecution of her Church and Ancestral Homeland.

St. Vladimir Senior Chapter up-coming events include: Sunday, January 20th, the blessing of the Ice Cross followed by a breakfast served in the Cathedral Hall and the Annual Malanka on Saturday, January 26th with DJ Al Shim.

Recent Philadelphia UOL Reunion - Joseph and Pauline Podgurski visit with Olga Sawchuk and Jeannie Karbiwnyk

Holy Ascension Senior UOL and Junior UOL Maplewood

Submitted by Lynne Gulak, Secretary, Senior UOL

It was a windy cold day on November 17th when the members of the Senior and Junior UOL gathered in New York City at 3rd Avenue and 7th Street at St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church for the Holodomor March commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Artificial Famine in Ukraine. The march proceeded up 3rd Avenue and ended at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

The members participated in the 3 mile walk by carrying coffins and signs depicting the starvation that caused the death of 10 million innocent victims through a deliberate Soviet policy.

The UOL members traveled from different areas in New Jersey to join those participating in the march who came from great distances to support this commemorative event. The walk culminated in a Solemn Requiem Service at St. Patrick’s Cathedral with more than 2000 people in attendance.

Maplewood UOL Members at St. Patrick’s Cathedral: 1st Row: Oksana Shevchuk; Lynne Gulak; Pani Matka Lidia Hucul, Vice President, Senior UOL; Khrystyna Chorniy, President, Junior UOL; Luba Chorniy; Olena Gapon.

2nd Row: Halya Shevchuk; Daria Pishko-Komichak, Secretary for the Holodomor March; Mickey Komichak, Co-Chair of the National UOL Convention 2010; Daria Gapon; Dan Gulak, President, Senior UOL; Aleksandra Hucul, Co-Chair of the National UOL Convention 2010; Fr. Oleh Hucul, Pastor Holy Ascension, Maplewood; Bohdan Chorniy.

Saint Vladimir’s U.O.L. Chapter and Parish
Parma, Ohio

Prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Submitted by Melanie Nakonachny, Chapter Vice President

St. Vladimir’s Senior Ukrainian Orthodox League Chapter in Parma, Ohio has been extremely busy preparing for Christmas, and the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! These preparations began in early November with a chapter meeting.

Thanksgiving was filled with excitement as five new friends, seminarians from Saint Sophia’s Seminary in South Bound Brook, New Jersey, visited the parish. During the visit they enjoyed their first Thanksgiving in the United States, visited the zoo, toured Orthodox parishes in the area, participated in a parish young adult event and even helped bake for the chapter’s upcoming Cookie Walk.

During their visit the chapter sponsored a Young Adult Evening. During this event the seminarians and parish young adults attended Great Vespers together, enjoyed dinner and played pool.

After the sad departure of our new friends Vasyl, Vasyl, Andriy, Ivan and Mykhaylo the chapter jumped back to business preparing for their Annual Christmas Craft Fair which was held December 2nd. Crafters purchased tables where their wares were sold and the chapter sold traditional Ukrainian food. Funds from this project will be used to help sustain the chapter throughout the year and to send members to the 61st Annual U.O.L. Convention.

The following week, December 9th, St. Vladimir’s Chapter held a Cookie Walk with the proceeds of this event being donated directly to the parish.

The Christmas season will also include a Parish Family Night, Young Adult Night, Christmas Caroling to nursing homes, decorating the parish Christmas trees, and the chapter’s annual Sviata Vechera.

Because of the chapter’s busy holiday schedule, they had to postpone their U.O.L. Sunday Celebration for Sunday, January 13, 2008. On this date chapter members and friends will gather at a local restaurant to celebrate all that they have accomplished since their founding and what will be accomplished in the future.

The chapter is looking forward to the New Year and the many exciting activities that they have planned.
November Events in Palos Park

It seems that come November we all pick up an even faster pace of life ahead of the holidays. We all are extremely busy in today’s world – both parents working, children in school and participating in numerous extra curricular activities. And often we don’t care to even try and slow down and make time for family. These days it has become a challenge, to have family quality time.

That’s why we at Sts. Peter and Paul parish in Palos Park, before the hustle and the bustle of the holiday season, devoted the month of November to family.

On November 10th, our Sr. UOL chapter sponsored a “Family Day,” an afternoon of spiritual renewal in the Orthodox Faith. The event featured a guest speaker known to many – Mother Gabriella, abbess of the Holy Dormition Orthodox Monastery in Rives Junction, MI.

Over 60 people and children, including many from neighboring Orthodox parishes, gathered for this uplifting afternoon. While children participated in the arts and crafts activities and made beautiful icon ornaments, Mother Gabriella led an inspirational discussion on “How to Become a Saint.” This event was truly spiritually uplifting and was completed by a candlelight Vesper Service and a pizza dinner.

During the months of October and November the Church School children worked on a project “Letters of Love to Our Troops.” Dozens of colored pictures and thank you cards and letters were mailed to:

A Recovering American Soldier
C/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20017

We encourage everyone to write a card or two and make our troops feel special.

Once again the Jr. UOL Chapter sponsored the annual DCFS Christmas Gift Drive to benefit the underprivileged children in the Chicago area. We are all blown away by the terrific response by our parishioners to this project. The gifts were distributed to the children on December 1st.

On November 9-11, 2007, Krysten Beck, a member of the Sr. UOL Chapter, participated in the 36 hour annual dance marathon at the Indiana University, where she continues her education. Krystyn’s personal fundraising goal of $400 was exceeded thanks to many contributors including parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul. IU/DM (Indiana University Dance Marathon) raised $1,041,197.20 which will be used to help kids who suffer from infectious diseases at the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

We conclude our busy month with serving a delightful meal on Thanksgiving Day to the homeless at Saint Stanislaus Soup Kitchen in the Chicago Loop. Amidst many volunteers we are always happy to see our children who help us sort and pack care packages for the guests of the soup kitchen.

We thank everyone for their participation in these wonderful projects and for making a difference!

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John the Baptist Sr. and Jr. UOL News

Both our Sr. and Jr. UOL chapters try and plan several of our activities together to promote fellowship and give our juniors an experience they may not otherwise be able to do on their own. Most recently our juniors made cards for our shut-ins and we took them to visit four of these parishioners after our Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving Day. In the picture of us with Paul Chebiniak we are all smiling after our very nice visit with Paul. He recently had a hip replacement and was in a rehabilitative facility to improve his mobility. Paul Chebiniak was a past National UOL Executive Board President. Several days after Thanksgiving Paul was able to return home to complete his recovery. Great job Paul on a lot of hard work!!

Another joint project is volunteering to serve food and clean up at a local food kitchen. Our senior chapter initiated the service and our juniors are encouraged to join us on a monthly basis. This has been a very rewarding experience.

Our chapter has, of course, been busy planning the 61st UOL Convention and can’t wait for your arrival. We have also raised money through a Pampered Chef party for the All Saints Camp chapel and for a literacy program at our local jail. We provided cake and coffee for a tour group that was visiting area churches, helped our juniors with their carwash, and promoted the Thanksgiving Tithing Caregiving and Missions project.

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Ukrainian National Emblem – The Trident

Submitted by Elizabeth Mitchell, Sr. Staff Writer

The attributes of a sovereign state are a national coat of arms, flag and anthem. During the independence of the Ukrainian National Republic, from 1915-1921, the following national emblems were adopted: the coat of arms (the Golden Trident of Prince Volodymyr on a blue field); the yellow and blue flag; and the national anthem “Sche ne vnesla Ukraina” (Ukraine Lives On).

One of the family symbols of Prince Volodymyr (981-1015) was the “tryzub” or trident, which he impressed on his gold and silver coins when he became the Grand Prince of Kiev. The emblem soon became the insignia of the princely line of Kiev and was stamped on the bricks used to build churches and a monastery, as well as various materials and objects. This suggests that the people perceived the trident not only as the family insignia of the princes, but as a national state symbol.

The “tryzub” is to be held with great esteem protected from mutilation, for it represents the coat of arms of Ukraine, just as the eagle is a part of the great seal of the United States. It also represents the coat of arms of Ukraine, just as the eagle is a part of the great seal of the United States.

Condensed from: Ukraine a Concise Encyclopedia

We are proud to announce the Balloon Rally Silent Auction at the Johnson City Convention in 2008! Two lucky people will have the chance to take an early-morning hot air balloon ride on Saturday overlooking the beautiful Southern Tier and surrounding lands. The bidding starts at $175. - start saving your money now!!
WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE ...

The Fundraising Committee to Furnish the Chapel at All Saints Camp would like to extend its most sincere thanks to the many generous parishes and individuals who responded so favorably and positively to our plea for sponsorship of furnishings necessary for the soon-to-be dedicated chapel.

Among them are:
- Pittsburgh Deaconery
- St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Carneri, NJ - Chapel Change
- St. John’s Senior U.O.L., Johnson City, NY
- St. Vladimir’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Ambridge, PA
- St. Vladimir’s Senior U.O.L., Ambridge, PA
- Junior National Executive Board of the U.O.L.
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- Rev. Z. Zharsky

Still available for sponsorship are the following items:

**Item #02B** - [Cost]
Vestment Fabric, trimmed & buttoned, with overlaying fringed cloth.

**Item #04B** - [Cost]
Vestment Fabric, trimmed & buttoned, overlaying fringed cloth.

**Item #06B** - [Cost]
Table of Oblation Covering
Vestment Fabric, trimmed & buttoned

**Item #08B** - [Cost]
Sacristry Table Covering
Vestment Fabric, trimmed & buttoned

**Item #010B** - [Cost]
Lectern by altar for books
Poplar, 45° angle top, 42” high at the bottom of slanted top

**Item #012B** - [Cost]
Icon Stand
Poplar, 45° angle top, 36” high at the bottom of slanted top

**Items #017B, #018B, #019B** - [Cost ea]
3 sets of Altar Boys’ Robes

**Item #020B, #021B, #022B, #023B, #024B, #025B** - [Cost ea]
6 Wooden Candle Holders for use by Altar Boys

**Item #026B** - [Cost]
Candle Stand for wooden candles

**Items #028B & #029B** - [Cost]
2 Processional Banners
Price to be determined

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Price to be determined

**Items #037B, 038B, #039B, #040B, #041B, #042B** - [Cost ea]
6 Upholstered Benches

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**Item #050B** - [Cost]
Chandeliers

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

- **Item #015B** - Incense $ 70.00
- **Item #052B** - Charcoal Briquettes $ 45.00
- **Item #053B** - Candles (1000) $190.00

Please contact: Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny at (440) 885-1505 or via e-mail at nakcos32201@aol.com to confirm availability of any specific item.

MJSF SCHOLARSHIPS

One of the most cherished features of the Ukrainian Orthodox League and our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA has been the education of our clergy. We have long considered rigorous practical and academic preparation essential for the pastors of local parish communities of the Church.

In various ways, throughout the years, we have worked to support their education and training. Today, that tradition continues through scholarships made available through the Office of Vocations and Clergy Support Commission (formerly the Clergy Candidate Commission) of the Ukrainian Orthodox League for those preparing for the Holy Priesthood of our Holy Church.

The Clergy Candidate Commission was organized in 1964 for the purpose of encouraging and assisting young men toward the goal of priesthood. The Commission Chair is responsible for the administration of the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund, which is used to award scholarships and continuing education grants to seminarians and clergy of our Church. This Commission works closely with the Rector and the Office of Vocations of Saint Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary to promote vocation programs and activities. It is also responsible for notifying and encouraging chapters to honor their Spiritual Advisors on Priests’ Sunday.

The Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund (MJSF) was established by the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA (UOL) in honor of Metropolitan John Theodorovich, the first Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA (UOC). The first MJSF scholarship was awarded in 1966.

The purpose of the MJSF scholarships is to provide scholarships and loans to seminarians preparing to enter the priesthood in the UOC, and grants to Clergy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA for continuing education. Monies are collected annually for the fund from the faithful of the UOC, the UOL and friends, and deposited in the MJSF Restricted Savings Account of the UOL.

Support the Future Spiritual Leaders of our Holy Church!

Please, complete the enclosed envelope and mail to:

UOL
PO Box 402
South Bound Brook, NJ 08880

Christian Caregiving and Missions Commission
Help Make a Difference
Souper Bowl Sunday Collection
Hold a collection in a soup bowl on Sunday, February 3rd to benefit St. Andrew’s Society, Soup Kitchens in Ukraine

Forward donations to:
U.O.L. Financial Secretary
Pani Matka Linda Oryhon
600 Jennings St
Endcott, NY 13760

Please make check payable to “Ukrainian Orthodox League”

Questions? Please contact Christian Caregiving and Missions
Chairpeople: Jared Burgan, jaredburgan@gmail.com
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UOL EDUCATION COMMISSION ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST
"The Light of Christ Illumines All"

Preschool/Kindergarten
Draw a picture of candle light shining on “You”.

Grades 1 and 2 (2 sentences and a picture)
Candles are lit in church, tell who you would light a candle for and why?

Grades 3 and 4 (3 or 4 sentences, a picture can also be included)
When is the first time you received the “Light of Christ?”

Grades 5 and 6 (50 words)
What do candles or hanging lamps, in front of icons, remind us of?

Grades 7 and 8 (75 to 100 words)
What does your “being the “Light of Christ” mean in your association with your parents, family and friends?

Grades 9 and 10 (250 Words)
Describe how you best exemplify the “Light of Christ” in the life of others.

Grades 11 and 12 (250 to 500 words)
The Gospel, in many places, speaks of the “Light of Christ”; how is that exemplified in the Gospel read on Meat Fare Sunday?

Ages 18 and over (500 to 800 words)
What would you do to help your parish grow in the “Light of Christ?”

CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Entries must be postmarked by May 30th, 2008. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE.

2. NO NAMES ON THE FRONT OF ANY ENTRY.

3. All entries must include the following information:
Participant’s first and last name, grade and age, name and address of parish including city and state.

4. Drawings no larger than 12 X 18 and NO names on front of drawings. Please attach a COVER PAGE or use the back of the drawing for the information listed above.

5. Written entries must be on 8 ½” x 11” paper. Include a cover page with the identifying information listed above. Entries for 9th grade and above must be typed or printed.

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED FOR CONTENT, CREATIVITY AND NEATNESS.

Mail Entries to:
UOL Essay Contest
c/o Shirley Skocypec
135 Davidson Avenue
Somerset, NJ 08873-1358

UOL members gathered for dinner in New York City East Village following Holodomor Commemoration.

What better way to show your sweetheart how much you really care for them than by spending $10.00 on a limited edition “I❤️UOL” t-shirt! Forget all the sweatshop-produced teddy bears, trans-fatty chocolates, and gasoline-guzzling weekend get-aways. The “I❤️UOL” t-shirt is the absolute tops in Valentine’s Day gifts – we think it has something to do with the huge red heart. Best of all, the proceeds go to our National UOL, so everyone gets a little love!

17th Annual Y-town Junior Lock-In

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
Youngstown, Ohio

President’s Day Weekend
February 17-18, 2008

Ages 13 and up
(College Students and Young Adults welcome!)

For more details contact:
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Jesus Remember me, when You enter into Your Kingdom.
The Ukrainian Orthodox League Lenten Retreat
April 4-6, 2008

“Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother”
-Prayer of Saint Ephraim

ALL SAINTS CAMP MILLENNIUM BUILDING
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Retreat Speakers include:
His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine
V. Rev. John Haluszczak
V. Rev. John Nakonachny

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Celebrate the New Year with a Traditional Malanka

St. Vladimir’s, Parma, Ohio
Saturday, January 12, 2008
In St. Vladimir’s Grand Hall
Immediately following 6:00 vespers
Contact 216-661-5646

St. John’s, Johnson City, New York
Saturday, January 12, 2008
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7:00
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