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## 2012 U.O.L. LENTEN RETREAT - A HUGE SUCCESS!



For the last nine years UOL members and other faithful have gathered during Great Lent for the UOL Lenten Retreat. This year, on March 24th, 2012, clergy, UOL members and guests gathered in Bethlehem, PA for the Ninth Annual UOL Lenten Retreat to learn more about the Services of Great Lent. Faithful from Allentown, Carteret, Coatesville, Johnson City, Maplewood, Northampton, and Philadelphia gathered to learn more about their faith.

This year for the first time we gathered at a new retreat center, the St. Francis Center for Renewal. The Sisters who run the retreat center were kind and gentle women who went out of their way to make everyone comfortable. For the first time the retreat center was able to prepare Lenten meals that followed the guidelines of the Fast. The meals were delicious and allowed for a time for all retreat participants to gather together.

The participants were blessed to have His Grace Bishop Daniel attend and speak at the Retreat. The Retreat, entitled "Follow Me," encouraged participants to reflect on their Lenten journey.



Saturday morning started with morning prayers and a strict Lenten breakfast. His Grace Bishop Daniel was the first speaker and focused on St. Andrew's Canon. He also spoke later in the day on the commitment needed to be a Christian and focused on Holy Thursday. His Grace Bishop Daniel spoke about the commitment that each of us is called to make and the day to day challenges each individual faces in this journey.

The group gathered for a delicious lunch and returned in the afternoon for another inspiring talk. Father Myron spoke eloquently on the Prayer of St. Ephraim and helped those at the retreat understand the true beauty of this prayer. He reviewed the prayer line by line and explained the meaning of the prayer. He also explained that we are called to say the prayer daily.

During breaks the retreat participants gathered in the retreat center kitchen. It was a large kitchen that gave everyone the feeling of being at home. It was a wonderful way for everyone to get to know each other. This year we had participants who had been to all of the East Coast retreats and others who had come for the first time. This was, however, a record breaking year with sixty seven participants.

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**"Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity" (Psalm: 133:1)**

**65TH UOL CONVENTION  
ALLENTOWN, PA  
July 26-29, 2012**



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**ASK FR. HARVEY**  
**RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS**  
*Answered by Fr. John Harvey*

*There has been a lot of media focus on the big problem of bullies both in the school setting as well as in the workplace. If this seemingly growing menace is rife in schools and businesses, are there instances manifest in church life as well?*

Bullies and bullying show quite a widespread problem and there are instances of bullying that have caused emotional scars in my own childhood. The church has always been a hospital for sick souls in need of healing and refreshment and is intended as a therapeutic place. Both those ministering as priests and those serving in a supporting role, such as parish officers, should be loving and sensitive at all times, radiating the love of Christ. This is the ideal, but over the centuries many have abused their position causing dismay and spiritual trauma to those under their authority. The strictures of canon law had to be set to remediate overt situations when priests or bishops overstepped their bounds and oppressed individuals.

A local priest may act as a spiritual guide, but parishioners cannot be ordered to do anything. Advice may be given, but theirs is the choice and if need be consequences of their actions may be delineated. Pastoral restraint and infinite patience should be shown by clergy. In the story of the prodigal son, the inheritance was freely given by the father even though it was self-evident that it would be frittered away on wild living. The father was utterly patient as he yearned that the son would finally come to his senses and return. Here is an excellent pastoral example of dealing with a thorny situation. Our church also does not countenance the practice of "shepherding" by which ministers rule almost every domestic activity of their parishioners' lives. Another sort of bullying is the unequal treatment of one parishioner over another. This is often a factor when we consider why this parishioner has left the parish. People feel especially scarred when their own pastor has railed against them, humiliated them or otherwise caused spiritual or emotional pain.

Parish officers, as helpers in the parochial administration and ministry to members, must also radiate the love and patience of Christ. This is really a diaconal function, and dealing with parishioners always should show Christlike mercy and patience. How many instances over the years has one heard of parish officers who have run roughshod over priests. Subtle threats have cowed many a priest who fear that their continuing pastorate in a place or support of their family could be in jeopardy if they do not submit to demands. Parishioners too have had instances of bullying by their officers. Every parish has stories from the past which can easily be identified as instances of bullying. It is sad but many bullies do not recognize their activity as such. Abusing or misusing authority or public trust may to them seem just like part of what the job entails. Yes, priests and officers alike can easily overstep their authority on a spurt of heady power.

God expects those in the church to lead with humility. Pride is a noxious thing to Him, so those proud bullies who are terrors to poor suffering souls and scar individuals through their actions will reap due punishment in the end.

Let us pray that our pastors become discerning, but humble and learn how to therapeutically give to each what is needed in that instance. When we choose our parish officers let us select kind, understanding and thoroughly Christian individuals, who by their daily life have never exhibited bullying traits.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

*Martha X Misko*



I trust that your Lenten journey toward Holy Pascha has been peaceful and spiritually uplifting. I also pray that you enjoy a most blessed and joyous celebration of Christ's Resurrection!

As we move toward the end of the 2012 UOL year, please mark your calendars and be aware of several UOL events –

- The UOL is again sponsoring the Annual UOL Essay Contest. The contest is open to all youth and adults of the UOC of the USA. Information and topics for each age group has been distributed to all parishes and is also available on the UOL Website and in this BULLETIN. Deadline for entries is May 30, 2012.
- The 2012 UOL Awards information has also been distributed to UOL chapter presidents and spiritual advisors. Besides nomination forms and information about the Protopresbyter Stephen Hallick Senior Recognition Award, the Metro J. Baran Award, and the Distinguished National Service Award, there is included in the mailing a form for the Annual Senior Chapter Report. It is a requirement that all chapters submit this Report so that the UOL is aware of each chapter's successes and activities. The submitted Reports are printed in the UOL Annual Report that is distributed at the Annual Convention. The deadline for all award nomination forms including the Annual Chapter Report is April 30, 2012.
- Join us in South Bound Brook, NJ, on St. Thomas Sunday weekend, April 21-22, 2012. Consider spending a couple of hours in assisting fellow UOL members, Senior and Junior, in collecting parking donations during the two day festival. Volunteers are needed to man the entrances of the parking lots at the Cultural Center and the Fisher House. A recommendation made by the Vocations and Clergy Committee and accepted by the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual UOL Convention was to have the UOL raise \$10,000 in three years to support professional staffing and curriculum resources for students of St. Sophia Seminary. Therefore the UOL has designated St. Sophia Seminary to be the recipient of the proceeds of the memorial ribbons which are collected along with the parking fees. For more information on volunteering, contact me at martha.misko@rcn.com.
- The Senior and Junior UOL National Executive Boards will be holding their Spring Meetings on April 28, 2012, in Allentown, PA. The UOL Chapters of St. Mary, Protection of the Holy Theotokos will host our meetings. Should you be in the area, please join us!
- It's not too early to make your plans for attending the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual UOL Convention in Allentown, PA, July 26-29, 2012. Information for Convention registration and a calendar of the events being planned are included in this BULLETIN. Come join us and encourage other parish members to attend to see how the UOL is "dedicated to our Church; devoted to our youth" and continuing to work toward our VISION FOR 2020!

I remain yours in Christ,  
Martha X. Misko  
UOL President

### Want to host the 2014 Convention?

At the 64<sup>th</sup> UOL Convention, there was discussion about hosting a mini-Convention in 2014. The plan for this event would be to sponsor the Convention as a long weekend, starting sessions on Friday and ending sessions on Saturday. There was discussion that this type of Convention could be hosted by a chapter or be sponsored by the National Executive Board at a Retreat Center.

The National Executive Board is looking into the possibility of a Retreat Center, however, we want to have all options fully explored. If your chapter would like to host a mini-Convention in 2014 please contact President Martha Misko as soon as possible.

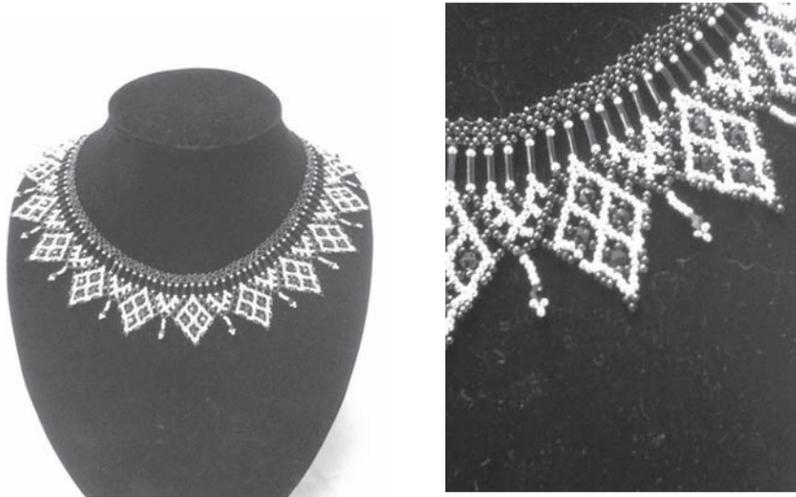
*"Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity."* (Psalm 133:1)

**65<sup>th</sup> Annual UOL Convention**

Hosted by

**The Protection of the Virgin Mary (Pokrova) Parish UOL Chapters  
Allentown, PA July 26-29, 2012**

A part of Saturday's festivities that hasn't been mentioned previously is a workshop where participants will learn how to make their very own beaded collar necklace. Sound enticing? If you weren't sold already by this introductory paragraph, feast your eyes upon these beauties:



With a little hard work you could be the proud owner of a beautiful beaded collar necklace, suitable for most, if not all, occasions. The best part: *you made it with your own hand.*



Gentlemen, feel free to participate in the workshop as your handiwork will double as a thoughtful gift for the special lady (ladies?) in your life! It'd be a huge step up from the gift card you bought last winter – don't think for one minute that your wife has forgotten about that *faux pas*...

**Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>** - The final day of the soon-to-be-legendary 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will conclude with a prayerful Archpastoral Divine Liturgy celebrated in our beautiful Protection of the Virgin Mary (Pokrova) Cathedral. If you haven't had a chance to

"Come and See" our new iconography previously, please take a moment to do so on Sunday. We hope that you won't know if you are in Heaven or on earth, paraphrasing the words of Prince Volodymyr's emissaries returning from the Hagia Sofia in Constantinople.

Before departing for home, please stay to fill your belly at our Bavarian-themed Farewell Brunch. Weather permitting, we'll be outside to enjoy the fine weather which will serve as a gorgeous backdrop to the heartfelt goodbyes being exchanged between one and all.

For more information, please visit our Convention website: <http://uol.orthodoxws.com/2012convention.html>. **To book a room at the rate of \$99. per night, please visit <http://www.lehighvalleyhotel.com/> or call (610) 866-5800.**

**65<sup>th</sup> Annual UOL Convention Allentown, PA July 26-29, 2012**

**PACKET PRICES:**

*(before June 15, 2012)*

Senior Delegate/Guest/Clergy \$195

Junior Delegate/Guest \$185

Pre-Junior \$100

*(after June 15, 2012)*

Senior Delegate/Guest/Clergy \$215

Junior Delegate/Guest \$205



**ATTENTION: SENIOR UOL CONVENTION**

GUESTS ONLY

SATURDAY JULY 28, 2012

BUS TRIP TO YUENGLING BREWERY

8:00 am air-conditioned bus leaves

10:00 Tour begins at the Brewery

Return trip stop at Cabela's

\$27.00 round trip (with box lunch)

Seats are limited

Please send your reservation and (nonrefundable) check payable to:  
65<sup>th</sup> UOL Convention

Sandy Ritter 3041 Ridon Ct. Bethlehem, PA 18020-1252

any questions? contact: [jzimmerman6597@gmail.com](mailto:jzimmerman6597@gmail.com).



**NEWS FROM THE  
JUNIOR UOL  
PRESIDENT**

**Gregory Markiw**

Christ is Risen!

It's hard to believe that we are celebrating Pascha already! It seems like just yesterday I was wishing you a blessed Nativity.

As I am sure you already know, the Convention is literally just around the corner. In three months we will be gathering in Allentown, PA, and I hope to see you there! However, there is still much to do. It is time to finalize your 2012 Great Lent Giveaway (GLG) donations. This year the money raised will go to help fund Junior UOL members who are participating in the High School Mission Trip to the OCMC headquarters in St. Augustine, Florida. The Great Lent Giveaway is an annual project done in conjunction with the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. On behalf of the Junior UOL and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support once again this year. If you have any questions regarding the 2012 Great Lent Giveaway please contact Recording Secretary Justina Mills at [jamills1994@comcast.net](mailto:jamills1994@comcast.net).

I also want to remind you that the annual Junior UOL Raffle Tickets are back and on sale now. The drawing will be held at the UOL Convention in July. It is very important that when you buy a raffle ticket (and I want to stress "WHEN you buy a raffle ticket") that all the information on the ticket stub needs to be completed. This makes it much easier to contact the winner! Please send your chapter's ticket stubs and payment to Treasurer Nick Holowko no later than May 1, 2012. If you have any questions concerning the raffle tickets, please contact Nick at [spiltmilk1222@aol.com](mailto:spiltmilk1222@aol.com).

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone about the Pysh Travel Grant. As we all know, the current condition of our economy might make it difficult to afford the costs involved in attending our annual conventions. For those Juniors who are interested in coming to the Convention, but may not have the financial means to do so, don't fret. The Pysh Travel Grant is designed to help relieve some of the stress, so that you too can participate in all of the fun activities. I strongly suggest that you consider applying for this grant. Applications must be submitted to me no later than April 21, 2012. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [marq2036@verizon.net](mailto:marq2036@verizon.net).

I am very excited for this year's Convention in Allentown, Pennsylvania. This is a time when we can all take a break from the daily routine and catch up with friends and have fun, while also serving God. I pray that you have good health and prosperity during this Paschal season and I hope to see you at the Convention.

Peace and love,  
Gregory Markiw  
Jr. UOL President

**PYSH TRAVEL GRANT**

If you are in need of financial assistance to attend the Annual Jr. UOL Convention in Allentown, PA, the Pysh Travel Grant is here to help!



A maximum of \$300 may be awarded in 3 grants per year to either a group or individual applicants.

Simply complete the application sent to your

chapter, or contact Gregory Markiw ([marq2036@verizon.net](mailto:marq2036@verizon.net)) for an additional application.

The deadline for applications is May 1, 2012.

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In the afternoon the retreat participants were inspired by the words of Mother Raphaela who spoke about the Journey of Great Lent. Mother Raphaela spoke about her path to monastic life and the day to day monastic responsibilities. After her talk the participants were able to ask Mother Raphaela questions and a lively discussion ensued. Following the speakers the retreat participants were able to test their knowledge with some puzzles and games that focused on the retreat topics. The puzzles



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*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far to the Annual Fund Drive which includes UOL Projects, the Lynn Sawchuk - Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship Fund and the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund! The following is a list of contributions made so far to our fund Drive.

#### UOL Projects

Helen Kasprzyk  
Dareen and Michael Jogan  
Martha and Michael Misko  
Rev. and Pani Matka John R. Nakonachny  
Peter and Karen Konchak - In Memory of Marie Senyshyn  
Dennis and Alexandra Ritter  
John W. Roditski  
Charissa Sheptak  
SR UOL, Philadelphia, PA  
SR UOL, Carteret, NJ - In Honor of His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine on the 40th Anniversary of his consecration to the Episcopacy  
Andrew Serray  
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ritter  
Olga Senedak - In Memory of Charles Senedak  
Catherine Shaffer - In Memory of George Shaffer  
Irene Pashesnik  
Irene Carman  
Jane K. Yavarow

#### LSSK

Martha and Michael Misko  
Peter and Karen Konchak - In Memory of Lynn Sawchuk  
John W. Roditski  
Rose Boykas  
Daria Pishko & Michael Komichak  
SR UOL, Philadelphia, PA  
SR UOL, Carteret, NJ - In Honor of His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine on the 40th Anniversary of his consecration to the Episcopacy  
Catherine Shaffer - In Memory of George Shaffer  
Irene Pashesnik  
Irene Carman

#### MJSF

Dareen and Michael Jogan  
Martha and Michael Misko  
Peter and Karen Konchak - In Memory of Fr. Frank Estocin  
John W. Roditski  
Cornelia Yavarow  
Daria Pishko & Michael Komichak  
SR UOL, Philadelphia, PA  
SR UOL, Carteret, NJ - In Honor of His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine on the 40th Anniversary of his consecration to the Episcopacy  
Irene Pashesnik  
Irene Carman

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*



*The All Saints Camp Committee  
is honored to announce that*

***His Beatitude Metropolitan Constantine***

*will begin the celebration of  
the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of his consecration into the  
Episcopacy of  
our Holy Ukrainian  
Orthodox Church  
of USA  
by  
celebrating the Divine Liturgy  
at St. Thomas Chapel.*

*All Saints Camp  
at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2012.  
in conjunction with the Camp Open House.*

*Immediately after the Divine Liturgy, a "camp lunch,"  
honoring His Beatitude, will be held for all attendees,  
followed by a "Be a Camper for a Day" Program.*

*Everyone is invited to participate in this  
joyous and memorable event.*

*For further information, please contact  
Christine Mills [cmills63@comcast.net](mailto:cmills63@comcast.net)*

*or Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny [nackos3201@gmail.com](mailto:nackos3201@gmail.com)*

#### Pre- Junior Program

At the National Executive Board the "Pre-Junior" Program was discussed. The ages of Pre-Junior UOL Convention participants will be 7-9 years of age. As in previous Conventions, juniors between the ages of 10 and 18 years will attend Junior Convention sessions. Convention attendees younger than 7 years old will be the responsibility of the parents. Children must be between the ages of 7 and 9 to participate in the pre-junior program.

Beth Harendza of Johnson City, New York is the Pre-Junior Coordinator. She will be planning the programming for the Pre-Juniors who attend the Convention. In the coming months you will be receiving registration forms from the Allentown Convention Committee. As part of the registration packet, there will be forms specifically for Juniors and Pre-Juniors. These include chaperone and medical forms for Juniors and Pre-Juniors. Please encourage all of your Juniors and Pre-Juniors to attend the Convention.

**UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH CAMPING PROGRAMS**

**MAKE NEW MEMORIES!**

**2012 FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT!**

Applications and information available at [www.uocyouth.org](http://www.uocyouth.org), [uocyouth@aol.com](mailto:uocyouth@aol.com) or 412-279-1076  
Early Bird Registration Deadline May 15, 2012 (TC and DCSC) - June 1, 2012 (MMDM)  
Scholarships Available.

Diocesan Church School Camp June 24-July 7 Youth ages 9-13 Staff ages 16 +	Teenage Conference July 8 - 21 Teenagers 13-18 Staff ages 20	Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me July 30 - August 3 Children ages 4-8 and parent Staff 14+
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**Souper Bowl Sunday at  
Sts. Peter & Paul –  
Palos Park, IL  
Submitted by  
Fr. Vasyl Sendeha and  
Dr. Harry Oryhon**



On February 5<sup>th</sup>, “Super Bowl Sunday,” our chapter and parish participated in the “Souper Bowl” event for the St. Andrew’s Society – soup kitchens for the elderly in Ukraine.

Ten great chefs - parishioners prepared their best recipes. The selections were Ukrainian Borscht – Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, New Orleans

Gumbo – Howard Brooks, Cabbage w/ Pork – Gayle Woloschak, Stuffed Pepper – Janet Ganske, Italian Wedding Soup – Andrea Manson, Cauliflower/Fennel Puree w/ Bacon – Harry Oryhon, Baba Lidia’s Green Borscht – George Cepynsky, Vegetable – Karoline O’Neil, Chili – Noreen Neswick, and Chicken Tomato Rice – Lydia Cepynsky. Bob and Pat Lewandowski donated several loaves of great rye and wheat bread.

Anatol and Kathy Bilyk coordinated the event bringing all the necessary



supplies, the bowls, spoons, and Super Bowl decorations. They did all the set up, got all the soups piping hot and helped with the clean-up. Other parishioners also brought breads and sweets.

It was only a donation of \$10.00 which bought the bowl and then you could feast on all the soups as many times as desired. WOW – this was a winner.

We collected \$875.00 and plan to send St. Andrew’s Society a check for \$1000.00 for their terrific project of feeding the hungry in Ukraine.



*My pastor has gotten so excited telling us about the relics of some saint which is in the altar of our church. What really is the relevance of such things in the 21st century? I know that in the Middle Ages there was a lot of traffic in relics and I believe even wars were fought over possessing them. Presently some Roman Catholic churches are divesting themselves of relics, so what is their great importance to us?*

From the days of the earliest Christian martyrs, their bones were collected from the place of their martyrdom and given due reverence. All Christians are buried with due honour as well, for this human flesh had been baptized into Christ and fed on Him in the Mystery of Communion. The martyrs and those who have been acclaimed as saints are quite special to us. Not only were they especially close friends of Christ, many dying for His sake, but often their relics have been a source of miracles and healings. In this past century, to cite one instance alone, the oil streaming from the body of St. Nektarios of Aegina has wrought the healing from cancer of innumerable people throughout the world.

Let us reflect for the moment on a purely secular consideration. We value antiques or things with specific historical associations. One only has to look at the popularity of the Antiques Road Show to understand the value of mementos. A woman has correspondence to a relative from Ulysses S. Grant as well as his ceremonial sword. The meaningful historical associations that tie a known event with a memento and having a traceable documentation over a period of time is called provenance. Such associations increase the value of the item from just something of a certain verifiable age to something with specific meaning, tied to places, persons and events.

Returning to the consideration of relics, I have in my possession a relic of St. Barbara the Great Martyr. Not only do we know the history of this well known martyr, but this relic has a known provenance as well. When Christendom came to Rus-Ukraine, relics were sent to the new church from Constantinople, so that this new entity of Christians would have a vital connection to the martyred saints of old. As our church spread to this continent, a portion of these relics came to be used in antimensia on our altars. This provenance ties them not only to the historical person of a great saint of our church, but there is an intriguing historical path from Constantinople of a millenium ago to our altar here in America today. I can feel this chip of bone and reflect on all the history involved. Here is a bit of a great saint, a known friend of Christ, whose intercession before the throne of God, I do implore.

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**65th UOL CONVENTION REGISTRATION July 26-29, 2012  
Hosted by St. Mary, Protection of the Holy Theotokos  
Sr & Jr UOL Chapters-Allentown, PA**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone: Day:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Evening:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter/City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Packet Prices (before June 15, 2012)**  
Senior Delegate/Guest/Clergy \$195 Junior Delegate/Guest \$185  
Pre-Junior \$100

**(after June 15, 2012)**  
Senior Delegate/Guest/Clergy \$215 Junior Delegate/Guest \$205

**Make checks payable to: 65th UOL Convention**  
**Mail completed form with payment to:**  
**Panimatka Linda Oryhon 623 Jennings Street, Endicott, NY 13760**  
**email: frmyron@ptd.net 607.785.4438**

**Hotel Registration:** Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, PA. Call 610.866.5800  
www.lehighvalleyhotel.com to reserve your room by June 15 at the convention rate of \$99/room/night +tax. Complimentary breakfast included. Rate is available 2 days before and after the convention.

Will Pre-Junior attend our Pre-Junior program? Yes No  
Are/Were you an Altar Server? Currently Former  
If yes, will you bring vestments? Yes No

**Banquet Choices:**  
**Chicken Seafood Vegetarian Child (under 13)**  
**\* Please list any food allergies or dietary restrictions:**

**Any questions, contact: Convention Co-Chairs:**  
**Dennis Ritter 610.865.6870 Christine Zimmerman 610.282.4170**

**2012 UOL Convention - Plan to enjoy local attractions**

*Whether you have already decided to come to the UOL Convention in Allentown or if you are still undecided, the following may be of interest to you:*

**Check these out:** [www.DiscoverLehighValley.com](http://www.DiscoverLehighValley.com)  
[www.facebook.com/LehighValley,PA](http://www.facebook.com/LehighValley,PA)  
[www.allentownpa.gov](http://www.allentownpa.gov)

**Book reservations:** Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, PA  
[www.lehighvalleyhotel.com](http://www.lehighvalleyhotel.com) 610.866.5800

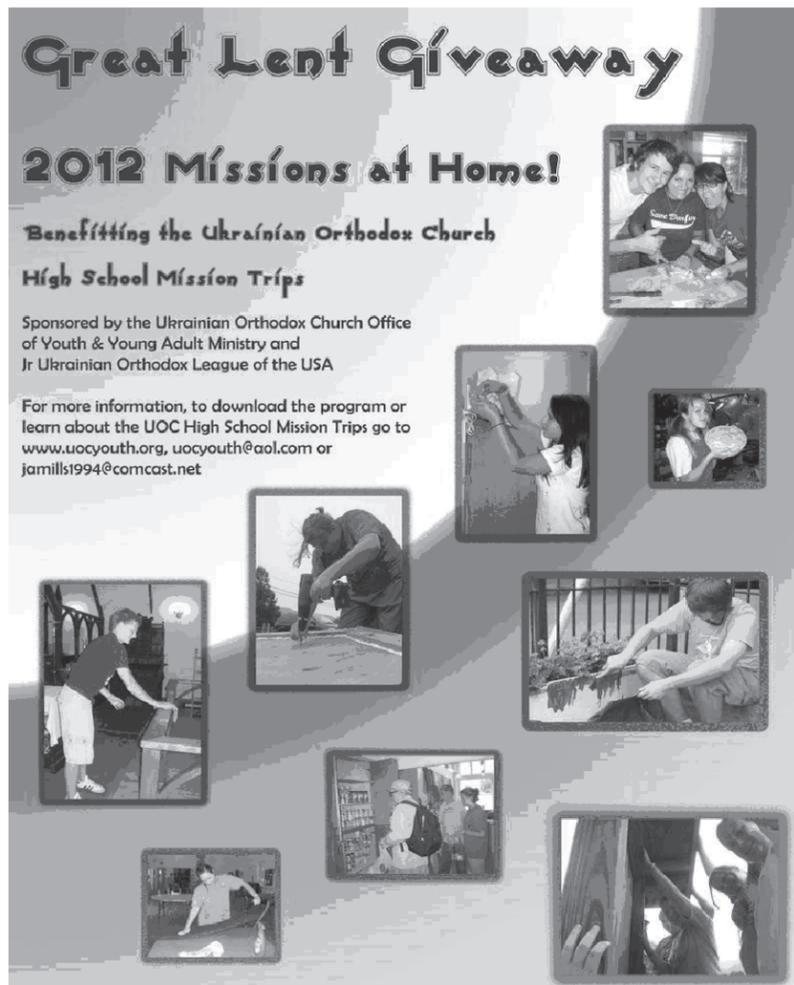
**Favorite Attractions:**

- Dorney Amusement Park:** [dorneypark.com](http://dorneypark.com) 1.800.FUNTIME
- Historic Bethlehem :** [www.HistoricBethlehem.org](http://www.HistoricBethlehem.org) 1.800.360.TOUR
- Allentown Art Museum:** [www.allentownartmuseum.org](http://www.allentownartmuseum.org)  
610.432.4333
- Lehigh Valley Zoo (Trexler Game Preserve):** [www.lvzoo.org](http://www.lvzoo.org)  
610.799.4171
- Crayola Crayon Factory:** [www.crayolafactory.com](http://www.crayolafactory.com) 610.515.8000
- National Canal Museum/Canal Boat Ride:** [www.canals.org](http://www.canals.org)  
610.515.8000
- Bushkill Falls “The Niagara of PA”:** [www.visitbushkillfalls.com](http://www.visitbushkillfalls.com)  
570.588.6682
- DaVinci Science Center (Hands on activities for all ages):**[www.davinci-center.org](http://www.davinci-center.org) 484.664.1002
- Shoppes at the Sands Resort Bethlehem:** [www.PaSands.com](http://www.PaSands.com)  
877.SANDS77 (484.777.7777)
- Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Baseball:** [www.ironpigsbaseball.com](http://www.ironpigsbaseball.com)  
610.841.PIGS (7447) Iron Pigs play at home Tuesday-Friday July 24-27

## 2012 Great Lent Giveaway Submitted by Gregory Markiw

With the blessing of the Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA we would like to announce that the 2012 Great Lent Giveaway will benefit the Ukrainian Orthodox Church High School Mission Trip. In 2003, our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church began providing short term missionary experiences for teenagers!

These life-transformative trips are a unique opportunity for the teenagers of the church to serve others as Christ did. The 2011 Jr. UOL Convention



Body chose to support these trips by initiating a grant to aid trip participants financially. The Consistory Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry is working with the Jr. UOL through the Great Lent Giveaway to bring together all youth of the church to realize this goal as well as educating our youth about Orthodox mission work.

The 2012 High School Mission Trip will be to St. Augustine, FL to work with the Orthodox Christian Mission Center and give aid to the poor in the local community.

Any monies collected may be sent to: Consistory Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry PO Box 869 Carnegie, PA 15106. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon at uocyouth@aol.com or Jr. UOL representative Justina Mills at jamills194@comcast.net.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK AT ALL SAINTS CAMP?

All Saints Camp is currently looking for kitchen and maintenance staff for the upcoming 2012 camping season. We are looking for dedicated people to apply for all kitchen and all maintenance staff positions. This is a great opportunity to make some extra money over the summer and also to help your church! If you would like more information please call or text Eric Senedak at 412-390-8261 or email him at allsaintscampmanager@gmail.com before May 1, 2012.

**The Jr. UOL Hoodie/Sweatshirt are still available for only \$25.00  
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## FREE SENIOR CONVENTION PACKET

If your parish does not have a chapter of the Ukrainian Orthodox League, then this is the deal for you! The UOL National Executive Board has agreed to sponsor the convention registration packet for a single member of your parish to attend this year's 65th Annual UOL convention, July 26-29, 2012 in Allentown, PA. This offer will be extended to the first 10 people who respond.

### *"Why is attendance at the Annual UOL convention important?"*

You can form new relationships, and share ideas and common interests. Joining efforts at conventions helps on many levels to help a bigger cause. Are you part of the bigger picture? The UOL of the USA has initiated and accomplished many wonderful projects. We have raised funds to help St. Andrew's Soup Kitchens in Ukraine, Orphanages in Ukraine, our All Saints Camp and new Chapel, mission parishes and many other worthy causes. Each project could not have been done without the wisdom and strength provided by its members throughout the USA. The UOL convention will help you gain enthusiasm, empathy and love from those who live far away, and enlighten your spirituality as we pray together.

Please encourage your members to attend the convention and take the opportunity for a family vacation, see the East Coast, or visit friends. Do not delay, for you or for one of your parishioners, to be one of the first 10 lucky people to respond to this amazing offer.

Please call/email Pam Scannell 607-760-1671 wscannell@stny.rr.com with any questions regarding chapter development or the convention. We look forward to seeing you in Allentown.

## St. John the Baptist Senior UOL Johnson City, NY News Submitted by Pam Scannell

Our Book Club Pot Luck Discussion meals continue with reading "Great Lent" by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann. All are welcome even if you have not read the book. We gather to listen and learn from the enlightening discussions. It's wonderful to share a family meal and spend time with each other.

After one of our Presanctified Liturgies we held an agape meal and had a free will donation to benefit our Puhachiv and Znamyanka Orphanages in Ukraine. We also invited our neighboring Ukrainian Catholic church to join us in worship and fellowship. It was very successful and well attended. The Lenten meal was delicious.

Our church flood relief efforts continue as we helped our parish council work together to repair and reassemble our church basement after the flooding. Work parties were held and little by little the walls were repaired and replaced and the carpet installed. Inventories were taken of all damaged church school supplies and other artifacts that were in our church basement. It is wonderful that our children are back in their classrooms, and we are able to use our church basement again for all our needs.

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are an annual tradition and one that the group looks forward to each year. This year the puzzles did seem to be a little more difficult, but fun just the same.

Before dinner the retreat participants were able to ask a panel of clergy any questions that they had. There were questions about the fasting guidelines, also there were questions about the Sundays of Great Lent. The retreat participants joined for dinner and enjoyed a delicious meal.

Following dinner the retreat participants gathered at a local Orthodox cathedral for Vespers. It was a beautiful, spiritually uplifting day.

2012 UOL Essay Contest

Pre-K and Kindergarten:

Draw a picture of what you think the Lord's house looks like.

Grades 1 and 2:

Draw a picture of a dwelling (house) Christ may have lived in and write 2-5 sentences about how he lived.

Grades 3 and 4:

Write 5 to 8 sentences explaining who your brothers and sisters in Christ are and how you know.

Grades 5 and 6:

Write 50 to 75 words explaining how children lived during Christ's life time, how is it different from how you live?

Grades 7 and 8:

Write 80 to 125 words explaining how your belief in Christ's teaching helps you to not give in to peer pressure.

Grades 9 and 10:

Write 125 to 200 words explaining the feeling you get when you are with your brothers and sisters in Christ and why you feel that way.

Grades 11 and 12:

Write 250 to 500 words explaining how your brothers and sisters in Christ have helped you through a particularly difficult time in your life.

18 years and over:

This year's convention theme is "Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity." What do you do to help the younger generation wrap this feeling around themselves? (up to 1000 words)

CONTEST GUIDELINES AND RULES

- 1. Entries must be postmarked by May 30th, 2012. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 30TH 2012.
2. NO NAMES ON THE FRONT OF ANY ENTRY.
3. All entries must include the following information: Participant's first and last name, age, grade, and the name and address of participant's parish, including city and state.
4. Drawings no larger than 12" x 18" and NO name on the front of drawing. Please attach a COVER PAGE or use the BACK of the drawing for the information listed above.
5. Written entries must be on 8 1/2" x 11" papers. 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 Theresa Linck
8 Carina Dr.
Milltown, NJ 08850

Please direct any questions to Theresa Linck at:
tiz0430@optimum.net.



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When relics of St. John Chrysostom were placed in the altar of St. Thomas Chapel at our All Saints Camp, I felt a shiver of excitement. As the Archbishop carried these relics around the church in procession, I helped to hold up the Bishop's arms carrying these precious remnants of the saint. At the moment, the significance was overwhelming. Here we are bearing up in procession, a man, a friend of God, whose history is so well known, whose writings I have read and whose Liturgy we serve most often. In a way, there was a presence, an experience of a connection with the saint that was palpable and meaningful.

In history there may have been moments when relics took on an importance way out of context, but taken in the view expressed above, relics have a perennial significance in our church. That some of our Roman Catholic friends are now divesting themselves of relics or distancing themselves from such, is sad. We continue to revere the proven friends of Christ and ask their intercession before God for us. If one can cherish the pen with which a president signed a certain important bill and it becomes a valued memento, so much more so the relic of a saint, preserved by the church for centuries.



Advertisement for All Saints Camp featuring 'Something for Everyone at All Saints Camp!' and listing various events like Family Fun, Family Fest, Retreats, and EnCampments! with contact information.

COMMEMORATIVE YEARBOOK ADVERTISING CONTRACT
Deadline: May 1, 2012

Table with pricing for advertising: FULL PAGE (\$160.00), HALF PAGE (\$100.00), QUARTER PAGE (\$85.00), EIGHTH PAGE/BUSINESS CARD (\$50.00), PATRON (\$10.00).

AD SET-UP FEE (for not "Camera Ready" ads): \$10.00 additional

"Camera Ready" refers to those ads submitted via e-mail attachment in Microsoft Word format and that require no further layout work.

Photographs will not be returned. The Yearbook will be printed in black and white. Reproduction quality cannot be guaranteed, however, material submitted in black and white will result in higher quality ads.

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Ad Co-Chairs: Paul Andreas (302) 325-1180 & Nikolai Fartuch (610) 434-3206

Make checks payable to: "65th UOL Convention"

Copy may be submitted via e-mail to: and8424@gis.net

# The Ukrainian Orthodox League Young Adult Memorial Day Weekend Retreat



May 25-28, 2012

All Saints Camp  
Emlenton, PA

All high school seniors to those  
aged 39 or under are invited  
to attend!

For more information contact:

Emily Kominko (216) 387-0491 [kominkea@gmail.com](mailto:kominkea@gmail.com)

Kira Senedak (412) 496-4811  
[ksenedak@gmail.com](mailto:ksenedak@gmail.com)

This weekend is guaranteed to be  
spiritually uplifting, relaxing and  
tons of fun



**Registration is only \$35.00**

Make plans now to attend!

Lynn Sawchuk-Sharon Kuzbyt Scholarship Applications  
are available for download at [www.uol.orthodoxws.com/lssk.html](http://www.uol.orthodoxws.com/lssk.html)

Completed Applications are due May 31, 2012 and should be mailed  
to: Alexis M. Oryhon 406 Odell Avenue Endicott, NY 13760  
For more information contact: [amoryhon@gmail.com](mailto:amoryhon@gmail.com)

**All former Junior UOL members entering into or enrolled in  
continuing education within five years of high school graduation  
are encouraged to apply.**

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### ALL SAINTS CAMP OPEN HOUSE

MAY 5, 2012

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:30 AM Clergy assemble at the NEW clergy cabin
- 9:50 AM Clergy process to St. Thomas Chapel
- 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Beatitude  
Metropolitan Constantine
- 12:00 PM Picnic Lunch at the Dining Hall
- 1:00 PM Afternoon On-going events
  - \* Tours of All Saints Camp, St. Thomas Chapel, & newly  
renovated facilities - ASC volunteers will be available to  
provide tours and answer any questions.
  - \* Be a "Camper for an Afternoon" Activities - DCSC and  
TC volunteers will be available to provide encampment activities  
and answer any questions.
- 5:00 PM Evening Bonfire, including a weiner roast, S'mores  
and singing!



Although it is not necessary,  
the All Saints Camp Committee asks that you  
contact either  
Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakynachny at  
[nackos3201@gmail.com](mailto:nackos3201@gmail.com)/440-885-1509  
or  
Christine Mills at  
[cmills63@comcast.net](mailto:cmills63@comcast.net)/412-716-0562  
if you plan to attend so that  
the committee can have the necessary  
supplies on hand for both the meals and activities  
or to answer any questions.

