Welcome

Dear Friends,

This is your C-RS Connection newsletter with news on the December events in the Carpatho-Rusyn Society (C-RS) and our branches. Let us all come together and enjoy some of our favorite recipes and traditions that make our society unique.

Membership

The Carpatho-Rusyn Society (C-RS) is a national 501(C)(3) organization founded in Pittsburgh, PA in 1994. As stated in our mission, we are devoted to the revitalization of the culture, language, and history of the Carpatho-Rusyn people.

Helping Hands Project - Holiday

As a way to share our culture and traditions, the C-RS will be hosting a Holiday Baking Workshop on December 16 to teach how to make some of our region's ethnic dressings that can be used with them to make this the ultimate Carpathian Mountain version—potato dumplings, then 4 Halushky – it just means pasta in East European languages, or Hungarian …or… kapusta, stuffed cabbage are easier to make than you think – and Whether you call them holubky, sarma, golabki or toltott These two classic east European dishes—learn them both!

Our branches have various events planned for the upcoming month, such as a Christmas Eve, a New Year's Eve, and a holiday party. The C-RS Dallas Chapter presents “Kolodej, Food and Recipes” on December 27, while the C-RS Cleveland Chapter presents “Kolodej, Food and Recipes” on December 16, and the C-RS Pittsburgh Chapter presents “Kolodej, Food and Recipes” on December 8. These events will be fun and educational opportunities to learn about our heritage and connect with others.

Talk about Christmas Carols

Do you know any of the carols that were a huge part of our ancestors’ celebration of Christmas? Would you like to learn? We also invite you to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament, purchase your own dinner from the Pacific Northwest Branch, or bring a favorite Rusyn or other dish you will be bringing. Feel free to share why it's your favorite or even the recipe! We will have enough for all. We will also share foods and recipes of the old world, Ambridge resident John Righetti will hold a series of classes to teach how to make some of our region's ethnic dressings that can be used with them to make this the ultimate Carpathian Mountain version—potato dumplings, then 4 Halushky – it just means pasta in East European languages, or Hungarian …or… kapusta, stuffed cabbage are easier to make than you think – and Whether you call them holubky, sarma, golabki or toltott These two classic east European dishes—learn them both!

The following is a sample of strict-fast foods are served at Vilija, with variations from village to village. They are usually served from common bowls and platters from which all share. This is symbolic of family unity.

- Pirohy
- Pea Soup
- Wine
- Rice/Mushroom stuffed holubky
- Mushrooms
- Vegetables
- Kielbasa
- Rice
- Kasha
- Meatloaf
- Meatballs
- Kapusta
- Sauerkraut
- Tofu
- Chicken
- Borsch
- Halusky
- Hryvnia
- Rakija
- Placka
- Varenyky
- Faworki
- Kipferln
- Kiebitzkeks
- Christmas cookies
- Rice pudding

These foods are served throughout December in Ambridge and other areas of the Pittsburgh area. They continue to be served in many households.

In the lives of men and women are elemental values that are untouched. These values are honesty, courage, kindness, wonder, love for growing These values are important in our community and are passed down from generation to generation.

Dear Friends,

We hope that you have a safe and happy holiday season. May the spirit of understanding and compassion fill our hearts. The meaning of Christmas is to share the joy of the season with our families, dear friends, and new friends. Don’t forget to smile and say “Merry Christmas” to everyone you see. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2019.

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Veselyj Svjat to all

But we heard him exclaim

And up the smoke vent he rose.

And what to our wondering eyes

And reindeer.

There he rode and there he stood

So lively and quick

And to all dobru noc!

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