



Welcome



Dear Friends,

Our annual membership meeting will be held on Sunday, October 29 at 1 pm. Thank you to all who responded to the Board's request for member input. We value your comments and will work hard on those areas where you suggested improvements. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Munhall Cultural Center on the 29th.

In August, we hosted the GCU Board of Directors and Mayor of Munhall, Raymond Bodnar at an appreciation dinner. GCU President George Juba and National Director & Chairman of the Board Gregory Vladyka presented the C-RS with two large photos for display in the Center. One is the iconic image by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal of the flag raising on Iwo Jima. The other is a colored photo portrait of Sgt. Michael Strenk in his marine combat gear. Both photos are on loan to the Society.

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Appreciation Night at the Cultural Center

On Thursday, August 24, the C-RS hosted a community appreciation dinner at our Cultural Center in Munhall. Attendees included members of the C-RS Board of Directors, GCU Board of Directors and the Mayor of Munhall, Mr. Raymond Bodnar.

While enjoying lots of homemade traditional Rusyn dishes prepared by Maryann, attendees mingled and browsed the various exhibits throughout the Cultural Center. Mr. Bodnar presented the C-RS with a certificate recognizing the Carpatho-Rusyn Society for its achievements as a cultural member of the Steel Valley community. The GCU Board of Directors loaned the C-RS two photographs to be displayed at our center. Numerous guests noticed and complimented the recent upgrades to the building, including the new windows. We look forward to hosting more successful community events at the Cultural Center in the future!



C-RS Chapter Highlights

C-RS Eastern PA's 5th Annual Rusyn Genealogy and Heritage Conference

On Saturday, September 30, the Eastern PA Chapter of the C-RS had the pleasure of hosting a conference at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA. An enthusiastic audience of approximately 117 people was enthralled by four very informative speakers during the daylong history and culture conference. Chapter members were available to assist those who brought personal documents for interpretation and a basket raffle with Carpatho-Rusyn items from Transcarpathia was held. It was wonderful to see a few young attendees again this year. A few highlights from the day include:



Professor Paul Magosci signed new books especially for Bethany Somovsky. Professor Magosci's talk on the "Myths and Stereotypes of Carpatho-Rusyns" enumerated many examples from Mahanoy City to Mukachevo, which showed that not all Carpatho Rusyns were poor, uneducated and downtrodden.

C-RS National Board Trustee, Jean Armstrong Matthews, is flanked by Professor Magosci and C-RS president emeritus, John Righetti, who spoke on Carpatho-Rusyn Immigration. Both men are well known experts on Carpatho-Rusyn history and immigration.



Dr. Paula Donson introduced her book "This Kind of Courage." Her grandmother, Anna, escaped an arranged marriage during the pre-dawn hours of her wedding day to flee to a monastery for six months before her voyage to America. Full of spirit, determination and extreme courage to achieve her freedom in America she established a life that she had only dreamed about and became a role model for her children and grandchildren to achieve their dreams. Ironically, the boat left Germany September 30, 1913. Dr. Donson honored her grandmother at the conference which was also September 30, exactly 104 years later.

Father Joseph Bertha, an expert on Icons, educated us about "The Weeping Icon of Mariapoc", a Byzantine Catholic Icon which is now in St. Stephen's Dom in Vienna. The original home in Hungary is the spiritual center of faithful Greek Catholics from the Carpathian Basin. Thousands make pilgrimages to this shrine in Mariapoc.



Save the Dates

Sunday, October 15, Parma, OH

The C-RS Cleveland Chapter presents "Iconography," at 2 pm at the Parma-Snow Library, 2121 Snow Road, Parma, OH. Father Marek Visnovsky will present a program about the history and making of icons. Father Marek has painted over 600 icons and shrouds, which are venerated in churches and homes in Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Germany, Italy, Australia, Canada, Austria, India and the United States. Father Marek attended classes and started painting icons in 2000 during the completion of his studies at the seminary in Presov, Slovakia. In 2001 he studied iconography under the guidance of well-known iconographer Phil Zimmerman of New Florence, PA. He will use the knowledge he has amassed over the years to instruct many during classes and presentations to enlighten us about this beautiful art form. The program is open and free to all. Refreshments will be served. To register, visit the C-RS membership website or contact Marcia at 440.331.3856.



Tuesday, October 17, Pittsburgh PA

C-RS involvement in the 16th Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International Genealogical /Cultural Conference, 8 am - 11 am at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Pittsburgh International Airport, 1111 Airport Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15231. The conference theme will be "Industry and Our Immigrant Ancestors" and speakers will include international, national and local experts. Conference activities also include lively cultural programs including music, dance, folk art and folk dress as well as guided historic tours, on-site access to genealogical resources, and much more. For more information, contact PaulMJCzech@comcast.net or visit www.cgsi.org Registration information is available.



Wednesday, October 18, Pittsburgh, PA

A Rusyn Historical Bus Tour of Pittsburgh will take place from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and will depart from and return to the Hyatt Regency Hotel Pittsburgh International Airport. The tour price of \$60 per person includes deluxe motor coach, guide fees, lunch, driver tip and admissions. Tour stops include the childhood home of Rusyn-American artist Andy Warhol, the section of Pittsburgh called "Ruska Dolyna" (Rusyn Valley) including the spectacular St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, where Warhol was baptized and raised, the first Rusyn cathedral in America, the C-RS Cultural Center, and more! For more information, contact Paul Makousky at PaulMJCzech@comcast.net.



Sunday, October 22, Shelton, CT

The C-RS New England Branch, The American Russian Citizens Club of Shelton and The Lemko Association of the USA proudly sponsor a lecture "The Trials and Tribulations of Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky" by Very Rev. Ivan Kaszczak, PhD at the American Russian Citizens Club, 330 Howe Avenue, Shelton, CT from 3-5 pm.



The first forty years of immigration of the Slavic-Eastern Christians from the western slopes of the Carpathian Mountains were far from stable. Soter Ortynsky was consecrated as Bishop to shepherd these "Ruthenian" Christians. However, this was far from a simple assignment due to jurisdictional and ethnic turmoil.

Admission to the lecture is free and refreshments will be available. For more information, contact Paul Best at 860.345.7997 or merida@net.net.



Thursday, October 26, Cleveland, OH

The C-RS Cleveland Chapter is very pleased to announce their Carpatho-Rusyn Day celebration at Cleveland City Hall Rotunda, 601 Lakeside Avenue E, Cleveland, OH 44114 from 5:30-7pm. The guest speaker is Ohio Senator Michael Skindell, whose nationality is Ruthenian (another name for Carpatho-Rusyn) His family is from Romania.



Proclamations, speakers, refreshments and music will be available for those that attend this historic occasion. For more information contact 440.331.3856, 330.727.2790 or email mbenko@prodigy.net. Save the date and mark your calendar!



Saturday, October 28, Plano, TX

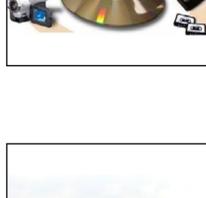
The C-RS Dallas presents "Read and Write Rusyn" on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 1-4 pm at the Environmental Education Center, 4116 Plano Parkway, Plano, TX, 75093. Lee Ann Slavik Erder, president of Carpatho-Rusyn Society: Dallas Chapter, will present the language of the Rusyn people, the Cyrillic alphabet, and basic words/phrases.



The event also includes an "Alphabet Potluck Lunch." Please bring a dish to share that begins with the letter of your last name. Free admission - Donations accepted.

Sunday, October 29, Munhall, PA

C-RS Annual National Meeting, 1 pm at the Carpatho-Rusyn Cultural and Educational Center, 915 Dickson St, Munhall, PA 15120. **Please mark your calendars!**



Sunday, November 5, Little Falls, NJ

The C-RS New Jersey presents their Heritage Celebration Dinner from 12:30 to 5 pm at Russian Hall, 4-6 Woodhull Ave., Little Falls, NJ. The event will include the presentation of the John Mihalasky Award to C-RS Chief Financial Officer, Rich Laychock, ethnic food and entertainment, a historical and genealogical exhibit by Kathryn and Tom Peters and a basket raffle. For more information, contact Jim Huratiak at 267.421.3210.



Saturday, November 11, Cleveland, OH

The C-RS Cleveland chapter presents a workshop "Converting Many Forms of Media to Digital Format" including 8mm, Super 8, VHS, Pictures, Slides, Documents to PDF and more. The session will take place at 2 pm at the South Euclid Library. As you know, if you don't update your media, it quickly becomes obsolete and machines needed to view the various forms disappear. What better way to jump start conversations about your ancestors than to show/share a digital copy of an old film or slides from days gone by. (Think gifts - Christmas is only a few months away!)



Space is limited, so it would be wise to register for this event on the C-RS membership website or by calling Marcia at 440.331.3856 or Barb at 440.349.1374.

Saturday, November 11, Asheville, NC

The C-RS in Southern Chapters will be hosting an event from 1:30 - 3:30 pm at Cornerstone Restaurant, 102 Tunnel Road. Meet, greet and eat with other Rusyns in the area! For more information, contact Bonnie Burke at bb@c-rs.org.



Sunday, November 12, Palos Hills, IL

C-RS Lake Michigan chapter proudly presents Dr. Paul Robert Magosci speaking on "Myths and Stereotypes in Carpatho-Rusyn History" from 2 - 4 pm at St. Luke Orthodox Church, 10700 So. Kean Avenue, Palos Hills, IL 60435. Dr. Magosci will be signing his latest book available for purchase, "With their Backs to the Mountains - A History of Carpathian Rus' and Carpatho-Rusyns."



All are welcome and the event is free. Refreshments will be served. Reservations are requested - email Arlene a-gardiner@sbcglobal.net or call Ken 708.288.5815.

Wednesday, November 15, Wilkes-Barre, PA

C-RS Eastern PA hosts "Andy and the Rusyns." Dr. Elaine Rusinko (University of Maryland, Baltimore County), will be a guest presenter at the Warhol Wednesday Lecture Series at 4:30 p.m. at Wilkes University, Karambelas Center, Room 135, 141 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA.



Pennsylvania artist Andy Warhol changed how we view art. Inspired by pop culture, Warhol's imagery defined a new age of fine art and influenced society to, in turn, be a creator of pop culture. The art exhibition examines the artist's inspiration, process and wide influence to both fine and commercial art. For more information, call 570-408-4325.

Saturday, November 18, Schuylkill Haven, PA

C-RS Eastern PA presents "Tales of Gubi" a lecture by Dr. Nicole Andel and Dr. Harold Aurand from 1-3 pm at Penn State Schuylkill County campus. (Room to be announced) The event is free and open to all. Learn more about the Christmas folklore of the Carpatho-Rusyns! For more information, contact Sharon Jarrow at shangp@rcn.com.



Saturday, December 2, Woodstock, GA

Join the C-RS Southern chapters for a "Traditional Rusyn Christmas Season" program covering the period between November 15 thru January 6, 10 - 12:30, St. Elizabeth Social Hall, 2263 E. Cherokee Dr, Woodstock, GA. Includes a St. Nicholas children's program for ages 5-12 and traditional Rusyn Christmas carols. For more information, contact Bonnie Burke at bb@c-rs.org.



Saturday, December 9, Charlotte, NC

Find out how pagan customs became Christian customs among the Carpatho-Rusyns! The C-RS Southern Chapters is hosting a program followed by lunch from 11 - 1pm at the Hickory Tavern Meeting Room, 9010 Harris Corners Pkwy, Charlotte, NC. For more information, contact Bonnie Burke at bb@c-rs.org.



Saturday, January 13, Burr Ridge, IL

The Carpatho-Rusyn Society Lake Michigan Chapter will host a "Rusyn New Year Potluck Lunch" at St. Peter and St. Paul Orthodox Church, 6980 So. County Line Road, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. Bring your favorite traditional Rusyn dishes - entrees, vegetables or desserts. Doors open at noon, and lunch starts at 1 pm. Please RSVP by January 10 to Ken Cuprison at kencuprison@gmail.com or Arlene Gardiner at a-gardiner@sbcglobal.net.

News contributions are welcome!
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