



78th ANNUAL LUC CONVENTION

Hosted by North Anthracite Council
October 6, 7 and 8, 2017
Genetti Best Western Hotel and Conference Center
77 East Market Street - Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
570 823-6152

CONVENTION
THEME
DIAKONIA
SERVING
ONE'S
NEIGHBOR -
SERVING CHRIST



LUC ACTION

League of Ukrainian Catholics Summer 2017
Літа Українців Католиків Літо 2017



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
Street Address _____
City / State / Zip Code _____
Phone # _____ Email Address _____
Check one: ☐ Currently LUC Paid Member or ☐ Guest
Which Council? _____

CONVENTION EVENTS

Event	Cost	Number of Tickets	Total Cost
Registration (not optional)	\$15.00	_____	\$_____
Welcome Dinner Buffet	\$35.00	_____	\$_____
Saturday Breakfast	\$20.00	_____	\$_____
Festive Banquet	\$40.00	_____	\$_____
Entrée Choice: <input type="checkbox"/> Beef Chasseur <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Francaise <input type="checkbox"/> Orange Roughy			
Sunday Brunch	\$25.00	_____	\$_____
Total Amount Enclosed			\$_____

September 15 is the firm deadline for Registration and Payment for Events.

Please make checks out to: LUC Convention 2017 and mail to:

Michael Trusz
3 Marion Circle, Olyphant, PA 18447

Reminder: September 1st due date for Journal ads.
September 15th Registration is due.
September 15th Hotel Reservation is due.
Any questions phone 570 759-2824 or 570 489-1256

Conventioners to Visit the Myrrh Flowing Icon



Arrangements have been made with Father Mark Leasure, pastor of St. George Carpatho Rusyn Orthodox Church, Taylor PA [a suburb of Scranton] for Conventioners 2017 to experience the myrrh flowing icon of the Blessed Mother on Saturday afternoon, October 7. Known also as the "Kardiotissa", the sacred image drawn on wood has been exuding a fragrant myrrh for over three years and during this time has attracted thousands of pilgrims to the church. Transportation from the hotel to the church will be made available.

→ → → In the event anyone has not received information and registration form pertaining to the October Convention, please contact Janina "Yanka" Everett at 570 759-2824 ← ← ←

SISTER THOMAS HRYNEWICH, SSMI HONORED AS SHE CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS LIFE

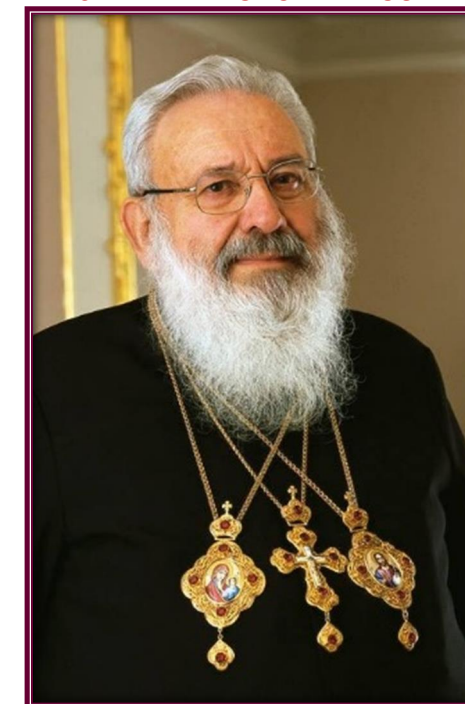


Pictured Left to Right: Back Row - Stephen Retkwa, Father Dan Troyan, Brother "Timmy", John Drozd; Front Row - Lori Retkwa, Kathy Notarfrancesco, Helen Fedoriw, Sister Thomas, Marion Hrubec, Sister Cecelia

On Saturday, August 5, 2017 a celebration of the Jubilees of several Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, brought members of the League of Ukrainian Catholics to St. Mary's Villa to celebrate with Sister Thomas Hrynewich, SSMI who was celebrating 75 years of religious life.

Those members present gathered around Sister as she was greeted by Marion Hrubec, National Board President. Sister Cecelia, SSMI presented the League's gift to Sister Thomas, who through her years as a Religious was a member of the League, a National Board officer and as the Archeparchial Director of the League of Ukrainian Catholics maintained our National Archives which are being preserved at the Library of the Stamford Eparchy.

ETERNAL MEMORY! ВІЧНА ПАМ'ЯТЬ! +CARDINAL LUBOMYR HUSAR



1933 ~ 2017

Greetings to Sister Thomas 75 years as a Sisters Servant - a Wonderful Milestone

My association and friendship with you goes back about 55 years as teacher, Principal at St. Mary's and as officers of the League of Ukrainian Catholics. The greatest time spent together was working with you as members of the League of Ukrainian Catholics National Board. Many of the members of the League can also recall their association and friendship shared with you over the years.

Members of the League have referred to you as "our rock", one who worked for and with the membership to move the organization forward in its work for our Ukrainian Catholic Church and parishes throughout the Eparchies. Your leadership and support gave us the resolution to continue our work.

You served as a member of the National Board for years and then as the Archeparchial Director for the League of Ukrainian Catholics. You were responsible for archiving LUC materials at the Chancery which we now have and they are being preserved at the Library of Stamford, for which we are very grateful to you.

On behalf of the membership of the League of Ukrainian Catholics of America, I Marion Hrubec as National Board President, would like to ask Sister Cecelia, our Corresponding Secretary, to come forward and present you with our gift to you from the League in appreciation and with our heartfelt "Thank You" for your support of our work and that of the Church.

Marion Hrubec

Dear Members & Friends of the LUC;

I hope all are enjoying the summer. Some of you are perhaps traveling to distant places while others are remaining close to home enjoying the local activities with family and friends.

By now you should have received your notice of the upcoming 78th Annual LUC Convention. Our host Council chose the theme of **“DIAKONIA: SERVING ONE’S NEIGHBOR – SERVING CHRIST”**.

I’m sure this word “Diakonia” is strange to many of you. If you ‘google’ the word spelled Diaconia or Diakonia, it is a Greek word that means ‘service among others’. It is a call to serve the poor and oppressed, a ministry or service done with a willing attitude. The word ‘Deacon’ is derived from this Greek word – a ‘Deacon’ serves.

Following the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church held in October 2016, our Patriarch Sviatoslav issued a Pastoral letter on behalf of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church entitled **“Serving One’s Neighbor – Diakonia in the Life of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church”** (UGCC). For those of you with access to a computer, you can find this entire document if you ‘google’ [St. Josaphat Eparchy.com](http://St.JosaphatEparchy.com) – [synodal letter](#), you will be able to read the entire document or you can go to news.ugcc.ua/en/articles/serving_one's_neighbor_diakonia_in_the_life_of_the_ugcc to view the official document from Ukraine. Patriarch Sviatoslav notes in his letter, *“as part of the ‘Vibrant Parish’ program we call upon every parish community this year to direct particular attention to diakonia as “an encounter with the living Christ.”* (see page 6 of Synodal letter).

The guest speaker at our convention will direct the talk during the Communion Breakfast on the theme of “Diakonia”, providing us with information as it relates to the writing of Patriarch Sviatoslav and our attention and responsibility to those in need. Patriarch Sviatoslav directs that established organizations be engaged in coordinated services to those in need (see page 5 of the Synodal letter).

We need to continue to make ourselves aware of the directives and the work of our Hierarchy, come to read and know that is taking place during these Synods and meetings, so that we can be knowledgeable members of the Body of Christ. Reading these letters and documents should also raise questions that could bring about good, open discussions at your monthly meetings to help us to understand our Church and Faith.

It is my hope that you will take advantage of the availability of information on the Patriarchal website, our four Eparchy websites, the websites of other Eparchies (Canadian) and any other of our religious orders sites. Accessing these sites will provide information beneficial to your understanding of current events of the Church and faith issues. These websites could also provide your groups with ideas for furthering your ‘Vibrant Parish’ program.

A list of websites is provided for your convenience, so that you may go to any of them, to help further your understanding of our Church, your place in this Church Family and perhaps enhancing your Faith in the Byzantine tradition.

I wish each of you fun in the sun as you bring your summer to a close and I hope to see you at Convention in October.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Marion C. Hrubec
National Board President

EXAMPLE OF “DIAKONIA” - SERVING ONE ANOTHER
This article was found on Facebook (Simple Life – Oct. 2016) -

Last week, a young Amish man named Steven Yoder was killed in a mill accident here in New Wilmington, Pa. Steven left behind a wife named Mary, and five children under the age of 13, and one on the way. I asked my Amish friend Teena what would happen to the

family. "How will they financially make it, since the Amish do not carry insurance?" Teena answered, "The church will take care of them." The church, in an Old-World Order Amish group, is the entire community. "We are the church! We will all pitch in and help her until her sons are grown and can financially support her. If everybody gives a little, she will have a lot".

Today, I stopped by Teena’s and she asked me what the weather is supposed to be like on Saturday. I said it was going to be cool, but dry. Teena said, "Good, because at least ten teams of men are going to Mary’s house to plow her fields, winterize her home and barn, get her a winters supply of coal (to heat her home) and wood (for her to cook with). The women are all going to cook and bake to help feed the men, who are taking care of Mary’s farm, and bring food for Mary to have enough all winter. I’m glad it will be nice for them."

This is community.
This is church.
When there is a need, it is taken care of. Not by a few, but by all.
Lord help us to be a better community and a better church.
Let our eyes see the needs.
Let our ears hear the cries.
Let our hands pitch in to do the dirty work.
Many hands make light work.
We all need each other.

Websites of Interest to Ukrainian Catholics

Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia

<http://ukrarcheparchy.us/>

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat at Parma

<http://stjosaphateparchy.com/>

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford

<http://www.stamforddio.org/>

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Nicholas at Chicago

<http://esnucc.org/>

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto, Canada

www.ucet.ca

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton, Canada

www.eeparchy.com

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster, Canada

www.neweparchy.ca

Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg, Canada

<http://archeparchy.ca/>

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of SS. Peter & Paul, Australia

<https://catholicukes.org.au>

Ukrainian Sisters of the Order of St. Basil

<http://www.stbasils.com/>

Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate

<http://ssmi-us.org/>

Ukrainian Catholic Church News

<http://news.ugccua/en/>

RISU - Religious Information Service of Ukraine

<http://risu.org.ua/en/index>

Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church - Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ

Патріарший Собор Воскресіння Христового у Києві

<http://kyivsobor.ugcc.org.ua/>

[Ukrainian language only]

“Alive Television” – “Живи телебачення” (Zhyve.TV)

<http://zhyve.tv/> [Ukrainian language only]

**Sisters of St. Basil the Great
Mission Trip to Ukraine – June 2017**



Sr. Ann with orphans, Anya, Evan, Alex and caregivers of the children at Lviv Orphanage #1



Anya and Evan and Alex at St. Georges’ in Lviv.

Anya Spotts with cousin Evan Hancher



Sr. Ann Laszok and Sr. Joann Sosler head the annual Mission Trip to Ukraine to teach English and visit the orphanages in Lviv and surrounds. This year two grandchildren of Paul and Marie Hancher (South Anthracite Council) volunteered and joined in this Mission. Congratulations to the Sisters on this worthy and fruitful Mission and thank you to Evan Hancher and Anya Spotts. This Mission truly makes a difference in the lives that you touch.

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH LEAGUE /
LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS ARCHIVES**



We have spoken about having our UCYL/LUC organization materials preserved and held for future reference. Many of our members have provided their treasured memories of their years spent as members of both the UCYL/LUC. The Board also has accumulated boxes of materials from past officers and are now setting to task to file them properly.

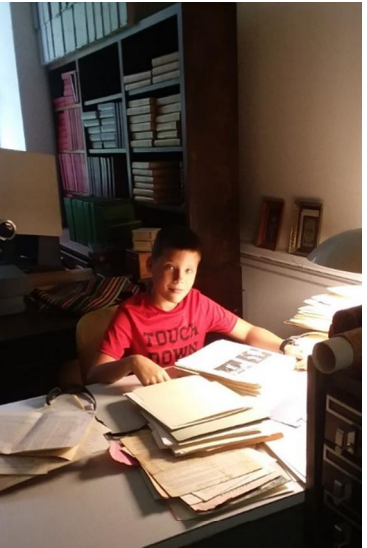
Last year Bishop Paul Chomnycky provided space in the Reference Library in Stamford, CT for the League to store their boxes of treasured documents and history. On several occasions Helen Fedoriw, Vice President and myself, have taken time to go through these boxes and try to sort out the documents as they are mixed – National Board files along with files from the Councils and Chapters.

We spent such a day in July sorting and refiling with the help of Marion’s great nephew Kyle who worked on chronologically sorting copies of the ACTIONS, while we delved into files from the 1950’s through some current documents. We still have cartons to go through in the coming months.

To further enhance our Archive files, we are asking the membership and perhaps individuals who were long time members that have some of these treasured items stored in their homes – Journal books, ACTION newsletters, correspondence, Convention memorabilia (tickets, badges, registration gifts etc.) that they would like to donate to our files. We would be so appreciative to have these treasures to enhance the information that we already have to provide enhancements to our history.

We were also shown files that are already archived from 1933 and on. These are original letters from UCYL officers to our Hierarchy as they developed the organization to what it is today.

Please search your “treasures” and perhaps ask older members of your parishes that if they have any UCYL/LUC memorabilia to consider donating to our archives. We would hate to see these treasures lost to some land fill.



Taste of Ukraine:
Helen Ewasko improves
on traditional Kapusta

July 07, 2010 09:11 AM
 Times-Tribune (Scranton, PA)

July 07--Just because a recipe's been in your family for decades doesn't mean it's set in stone and can't be improved upon.

Such is the case with Helen Ewasko's recipe for Kapusta, or Ukrainian Sweet and Sour Cabbage, a unique and very tasty side dish that's a must-have at Ewasko family holiday dinners and summertime barbecues alike.

The recipe took first-place honors in this week's Local Flavor: Recipes We Love contest. Mrs. Ewasko, a resident of Glenburn Township, received a \$75 gift certificate for Rossi's ShurSave Market in Old Forge.

A native of Ukraine -- she was 6 when her family fled the country at the end of World War II -- Mrs. Ewasko was actually taken by surprise with the news that her recipe had won the contest. Her husband of 50 years, Paul, sent it in on her behalf.

Kapusta -- it translates roughly to "cabbage" in Ukrainian -- originates on Mr. Ewasko's side of the family. His grandmother, Maria Papura, passed it on to his mother, Ann Ewasko, who then passed it on to her daughter-in-law.

In addition to cabbage, the dish has sauerkraut, tomatoes (diced, whole or crushed, they all work fine, Mrs. Ewasko said), ketchup, water, onions, salt, pepper and sugar. Over time, Mrs. Ewasko made the recipe her own by adding bacon and tomato soup to it.

"My mother-in-law didn't do that at first, but she started to after I did it," said Mrs. Ewasko, the mother of five children, Steven, Christine, Kathy, Lisa and Greg, and grandmother of four.

Once all the ingredients are combined, they simmer on low for a good 90 minutes to two hours, said Mrs. Ewasko, who first learned to cook in the kitchen of her mother, the late Maria Izak.

All that time on the stove produces a sublime final product. The sourness of the cabbage and sauerkraut melds perfectly with the sweetness of the sugar, the acidity of the tomatoes and the saltiness of the bacon.

A must-have at the Ewaskos' Christmas and Easter dinners, Kapusta goes terrifically with ham, pork and kielbasi, or kobasa, as the Ukrainians call it.

"And it's great with hot dogs. But it has to be all beef," said Mr. Ewasko who likes to tell the story about a friend of the family who couldn't stand cabbage but fell in love with Kapusta when he came over to the house for dinner one night.

The dish is also well known at the Ewaskos' church, St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Greek Catholic in Scranton, where Mrs. Ewasko's late father, the Rev. Bohdan Izak, was the pastor for many years. There, "when you think of Kapusta, you think of Helen's recipe," Mr. Ewasko said.

A specialist in all sorts of Eastern European cookery, Mrs. Ewasko's other notable dishes include borshch, holubchi, pyrohy, schnitzel and chicken paprikash. No stranger to cooking contests, five years ago she won "Country Living" magazine's national "Mom's Best Cake" contest for her Ukrainian Festive Walnut Torte.

Still, Mrs. Ewasko remains modest about her talents in the kitchen.

"I'm not what you would call a 'gourmet' cook," she said.

Maybe not. But you don't have to be a gourmet to be a really good cook.

Contact the writer:
 jmcauliffe@timeshamrock.com

Helen Ewasko's
Ukrainian Sweet and Sour Kapusta Recipe

Makes 12 servings

1 medium (or two small) head cabbage
 1 28 ounce can sauerkraut
 1 28 ounce can crushed tomatoes
 1 10 ounce can tomato soup [preferably Campbell's]
 1/2 cup water
 4 medium onions
 6 strips bacon
 1/3 cup ketchup
 Salt, pepper and sugar to taste

Remove core and slice cabbage into medium strips. Chop onions.

In seven-quart pot, fry bacon until crisp. Remove bacon and place on small plate. Add chopped onions to the remaining bacon fat in pot and saute until soft and transparent. Add cabbage to the onions and saute until cabbage is slightly cooked. Drain sauerkraut in colander, rinsing thoroughly with water. Squeeze liquid from sauerkraut and place in pot with cabbage. Mix together. Add crumpled bacon along with tomatoes, tomato soup and water. Mix everything thoroughly, adding salt, pepper and sugar as needed. Bring to a slight boil, mixing frequently.

Cover pot, turn heat down to low and simmer lightly for 90 minutes to two hours. Stir often to avoid burning and continue adding water if the liquid becomes low. When almost cooked, add ketchup and again mix thoroughly. Taste to see if it needs more sugar, pepper or salt.

Wonderful with kobasa or on a hotdog or as a side dish especially with pork.

Thursday, June 22nd - Convention Mailing Day



More than 400 envelopes were prepared by North Anthracite Council members containing basic Convention information, registration form, meal choices, Journal ad form and raffle tickets. Please consider attending. (see the back of this "LUC Action")



Get well soon, Sister Olga

Sr. Olga, National Board Religious Director had knee replacement surgery and currently in rehab in St. Basil the Great, Jenkintown, PA, mother house for the Sisters of St. Basil the Great. Her recovery is coming along very well. We wish her well and that she is "up and running" soon!

Mnohaya Lita, Katie!



Seated: Joanne Serafin, Katie's niece and our dear Katie
 Standing: Janina "Yanka" Everett and Maria Szpynda

North Anthracite Council's Highly Respected Lady - Catherine "Katie" Eckhart - Celebrated her 93rd Birthday on Friday, June 23rd

A Welcome Visit



On July 25, 2017, Father Ray and Presbytera Joanne Palko of Niagara Frontier paid a visit to Catherine "Katie" Eckhart at her residence at Elmcroft Senior Living Community of Berwick PA. Needless to say, they were delighted to spend time together and share warm memories.

From 63 Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg
August 12-13



+Helen Nazarek



North Anthracite Council member +Helen Nazarek, of West Pittston, Pennsylvania passed away peacefully at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and returned home to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on April 4, 2017.

Helen was born on February 16, 1926 in Wilkes-Barre to the late John Morykon and Ann Lohiosky Morykon.

She was preceded in death by her late husband, Steven Nazarek, who passed away on July 23, 2016; and former spouse, Metro Hollock, of Mountain Top, who departed this earth in December of 1976. Helen was educated in Wilkes-Barre area schools before seeking a career in the garment industry that spanned 45 years. She became an expert seamstress working in many Wyoming Valley clothing factories before assuming a supervisory position at Leslie Fay in Plains Township.

In her private life, Helen attended numerous Ukrainian functions and festivals with her husband, Steve. Together, they were members of the choir of Edwardsville's St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and became proud members of the North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics back when it was known as the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League. Vichnaya Pamyat!

+Madeline Mitulinsky



Here is a photo of Madeline and her Aunt Anne Sekula. This was taken at the Feast of Jordan water blessing.

Madeline was born on May 24, 1950 and passed away on Monday, April 10, 2017.

Madeline was a resident of New York at the time of passing.

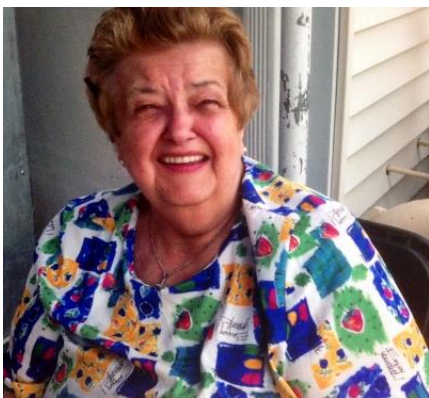
Madeline attended local schools and went on to earn an Associate's Degree in Nursing from Niagara Community College with an RN Degree.

A Funeral Liturgy took place on Monday April 17th 10 AM at Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God Church, 2715 Ferry Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY., with Father Raymond Palko officiating. Burial Following in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lewiston, NY.

She was known as a sweet, caring, dedicated nurse, and on May 5, 1995 "Mittens" received an "Excellence in Practice and Commitment" award for her ongoing contributions, dedication, and commitment to Professional Nursing Practice.

+Emily Shchur

Soulmates together again.



Our dearest Mom & Dad, Baba & Dido, Emily & Walter (who died in 2008) were reunited again in spirit Thursday, July 27th, 2017.

Emily Shchur (Szczur) of Yonkers, NY passed into eternal life peacefully, surrounded and supported by her family and pastor Kiril Angelov. Emily, known to all as Millie, was born in Ebensee, Austria to Katharina Meindl and Adolf Keller.

She was an adventuresome and spirited young woman. As a teenager she bicycled from her hometown in the Austrian Alps to Rome, Italy to get a Papal Blessing prior to embarking on a life changing job. That being accomplished, she set off to the U.K. by herself, on a work contract in post-war England.

She was indeed blessed as it was in England that she literally met the man in her dreams, Wolodymyr (Water) Szczur who wound up in England after release from POW-DP camp. Interestingly enough, they did not share a common language yet somehow they communicated, fell in love and committed their lives to each other. They were married November 3rd 1951 just 2 days before her 21st birthday. The marriage ceremony took place in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Todmorden, Lancashire by a Ukrainian Catholic priest, Father Hawryluk. There they raised a family, having 5 children, 4 surviving. They worked alternating shifts in factories as weavers. She attended Calder College and learned English fluently and simultaneously learned Ukrainian. It was in Todmorden that they built their family while also building a strong, vibrant, engaged Ukrainian community with their friends. Millie embraced Ukrainian culture and made it her own. In 1964, in another adventuresome move, they immigrated to the USA.

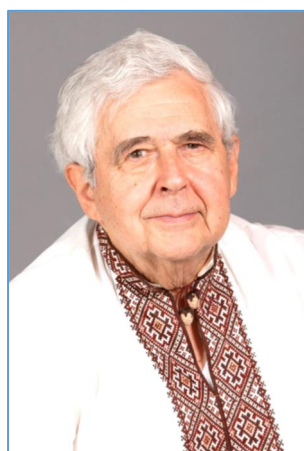
Millie was strong in her faith, never forgetting to say her prayers before going to bed. She always prayed for her husband, her children and grandchildren, her family in Austria, Walter's family in Ukraine and the dear friends they left behind in England. Together they were parishioners of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church. She was a member then president of the Mother's Guild at Michael's Ukrainian Catholic School and later became a member and president of the Golden Agers organization, serving as the 'Sunshine Girl' visiting the sick and hospitalized parishioners, even though she did not have a car to get around. In her later years, she dedicated herself to taking care of Walter until his passing in 2008.

Millie was known for her sense of humor, sharp wit, and her shoot-from-the-hip responses. She was honest and never minced words, you know exactly where you stood with Millie. She loved a lively discussion as well as a passionate argument. She could spot a dishonest person a mile away and could figure people out on her first encounter. If you crossed her you would suffer consequences. Millie was fiercely independent, strong and brave. She had a heart of gold and was very generous to those needing help. She loved to make you laugh and found humor in life's situations no matter how difficult it got. The challenges she endured and the courage she displayed this year are a testament to her strength, tenacity and spirit. Thank you to all who have kept her in their prayers.

Rest in Peace. Вічна'я пам'ят. Ruhe in Frieden.

+Andrew Diakun

(January 17, 1927 – June 11, 2017)



Our father Andrew Diakun was called home to our Lord at the age of 90. Many knew him as a dedicated life-long parishioner of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church and from his leadership roles in many Ukrainian organizations. Some knew him through his 60 years of practicing law or through his proud military career and work with Veterans organizations.

Our father wore many hats. To us, the most important ones he wore were that of husband, father and grandfather. He used to say that he

was "just a man from the village." By that, he meant a small village in Western Ukraine, perhaps to imply he was a simple man. Uncomplicated. But he was far from that.

He was born on in Cheektowaga, New York. He graduated as valedictorian of Sloan High School at the age of 16 and went on to Canisius College. At 18, he enlisted in the US Army and because of his fluency in multiple languages (Ukrainian, Russian, German, Polish) was sent to Germany with the US Counter-Intelligence Corps at the end of WWII. He returned to finish college and earn a law degree from the University at Buffalo.

He met his wife, our dear mother the late Gertrud Knopp, in 1954 aboard a ship crossing the Atlantic. They married in 1956 and had us, their four children. They were married more than 60 years and during that time, they travelled the world, often with close friends. He practiced law and was a lead trial attorney with Allstate Insurance Company. He had a thriving private practice, including much pro-bono work. He accepted as payment what people could give, be it a bushel of plums or—perhaps his favorite payment—homemade holubtsi. He proudly served his country and continued his military career, serving as the commanding officer of the 402nd Civil Affairs Company. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Our father was a devout Catholic and an active member of the Ukrainian community, helping new immigrants in the Buffalo area. He served as the long-standing President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (Buffalo Branch), and the Chairman of the Board of the Ukrainian Federal Credit Union (Dnipro). He was also Judge Advocate for the Ukrainian American Veterans (Post 23) and Veterans of Foreign Wars (Post 6245). Throughout his life, he defended and worked for the freedom and independence of Ukraine. He traveled to Ukraine, only after the country had declared its independence. This trip became one of his most cherished memories.

Our father would never turn down a request for help.

He had a keen intelligence, a dry humor, and an appreciation for fine food and fine wine. His family fondly recalls his five-minute voicemails about the excellent meal he had just eaten. He loved nothing better than attending St. Nicholas church on Sunday and enjoying afterwards a delicious Ukrainian lunch or a church picnic. He relished a good political discussion (some might call it argument), where he always took the position of devil's advocate with a twinkle in his eye.

Andrew Diakun was a remarkable man. He lived a full life. He was devoted to his family. He was dedicated to his friends and Church. We hope his legacy will live on in the hearts of those who loved him. Eternal memory! Vichnaya Pamiat'!

The Family of Andrew Diakun

+Lorraine Szczublewski

(July 28, 1941 - June 25, 2017)



Lorraine with daughters Karen, Susan, and grandson, John Paul

"When I think of my mom, the first things that come to my mind without hesitation, would be her deep and abiding love for her family and her church. These are the two focal points from which my mom drew her strength and her way of life. She loved my dad, my sister and I, and her dearest grandson, John Paul, more than life itself. What brought my mom her greatest joy was being around her family. She was an only child, but came from a very large family. My Ukrainian grandfather was one of eleven children, and combined with my grandmother's side of the family, mom had over a dozen aunts and uncles as well as over 30 first cousins. Needless to say, holidays were always celebrated on a large scale, full of Ukrainian customs and traditions upon which my mother was raised, and by which both my mom and dad raised each of us. This church in which we gather today to celebrate her life was built largely in part by my mom and dad who served alongside a committee of dedicated church members, who worked tirelessly to make Kenmore the new home for St. John's parish. In 1981, I was part of the first group of children to receive their sacrament of solemn, holy communion in this church. These walls were more than just pillars of wood to my mom, they housed countless memories of all we have accomplished in our parish family and within our faith. These walls depict not only the goodness of God but the love and faith in which we were raised. These walls and this iconostas represent devotion and hard work to a parish in which my mom and dad served for nearly 50 years. After my parents were married in 1965, my mom had no trouble convincing my dad, a polish Roman Catholic, to share their lives and raise their family in this Ukrainian Catholic church. They loved this parish and more importantly, they cherished the people of this church which became an extension of our family growing up... for which we are truly blessed.

My mom found her professional niche in teaching, something she did exceedingly well for over 27 years. Her years of service would have been longer, if she had not taken 12 years off from teaching to raise my sister, Karen, and later, me. Something she was so thankful to be able to do, while my dad worked longer hours to provide for our family. My mom obtained her Bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1963 from Buffalo State College, and later received her Master's degree in special education. She spent her summers tutoring students in reading and writing, and she always taught me:

"People might treat you as less than you are, but if you always treat people as better than they are, I guarantee you that they will always exceed your expectations and even surprise you."

Daughter, Susan A. Szczublewski

Festival and Picnic Season A Time to See Friends, Enjoy Food and Have Fun!



Seated: Paul Hancher; Standing left to right: Marion Hrubec, Father Dan Troyan, Marie Hancher and Jeannie Kost



Marion Hrubec, Helen Fedoriw and Sister Ann Busowski.
Provincila Superior Sisters of St. Basil the Great, Fox Chase PA

Recently, Holy Ghost parish of West Easton, PA held their parish picnic. This annual event draws local parishioners, friends and LUC'ers from near and far. Festivities began with a Divine Liturgy celebrated by pastor, Fr. Dan Troyan, followed by the opening ceremonies under the glorious sunshine of the parish grounds. The smell of delicious traditional Ukrainian and BBQ foods mingled with the sounds of a lively polka band. National Board President Marion Hrubec, Helen Fedoriw, and Jeannie Kost of Garden State Council and Paul and Marie Hancher of South Anthracite Council stopped by to partake of the festivities. Basilian Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski joined in the fun. Never ones to pass up a good polka, Marie and Jeannie even hit the dance floor for a spin along with other guests. Moral of the story: Don't pass up an opportunity to attend our Ukrainian parish festivals and picnic this season - you never know who and what you will encounter!

Reported by Helen Fedoriw

Laughing is the best medicine

The little wooden Ukrainian church in the village needed an exterior painting so a few parishioners took to the task. They finished three sides when one of the men noticed that there wouldn't be enough paint to complete the job. Another of the volunteers suggested they thin the paint down enough to cover the last wall and all agreed.

No sooner had they finished when a thunderstorm arose bringing heavy rain and high winds. Once the storm had passed, the men were shocked to see that the storm washed away the paint on the fourth wall.

A volunteer cried out: "What are we to do now?" Suddenly a voice from the heavens announced: "Repaint and thin no more!"

MEETING OF NATIONAL BOARD OF THE LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS

The National Board of the League of Ukrainian Catholics met on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 in Wilkes-Barre PA. The group convened at the Genetti Best Western Hotel and Conference Center which will be the primary site of the upcoming National Convention set for the weekend of October 6 to 8.

The morning session focused on reviewing and meeting the League's Constitution purposes, revisiting its mission; discussion on more active participation within the parishes and protopresbyterates (deaneries) and need to visit parishes; providing needed support of clergy and religious; the ACTION newsletter as well as membership. Following lunch the members discussed the upcoming Convention including the theme "Diakonia: Serving One's Neighbor - Serving Christ", media announcements, invitations, speakers, workshops, overall weekend schedule, etc.



Pictured left to right: Father Paul Wolensky, North Anthracite Council Spiritual Director; Father Marijan Procyk, National Spiritual Director; Dorothy Jamula, North Anthracite Council President; and Paul Ewasko, National Publicity Director. Standing: Helen Fedoriw, National VicePresident; Janina "Yanka" Everett, National Membership Director; Maria LaPaglia, National Convention Procedures Director; Nadia Marc, National Recording Secretary; Elaine Nowadly, National Treasurer; and Marion Hrubec, National President. Photographer was Father Daniel Troyan, Spiritual Director. Several board members were unable to attend due to professional and personal commitments.

2017 Szpynda Family Reunion in Berwick PA.



Left to right: Kristina Everett Williams, Mary Ezzyk, Maria Szpynda, John Naradko, Janina "Yanka" Szpynda Everett and Bohdan Szpynda

25 Years - Monsignor Paul Iwachiw Scholarship



Twenty-five years ago, in June of 1992, I was honored to become the very first recipient of the Monsignor Paul Iwachiw scholarship, sponsored by the Niagara Frontier League of Ukrainian Catholics. I wish I could say that I had the pleasure of knowing Monsignor Paul, but I was only 11 years old when he retired as pastor of St. Nicholas Parish back in 1985, and my family and I were parishioners of St.

John the Baptist parish in Kenmore, NY. What I can tell you for certain is that of all the scholarships I received in my senior year of high school, this is the only one I clearly remember because it held a special significance for me. This scholarship represented not only a piece of my faith but it also specifically honored a god loving man who devoted his entire life to our Ukrainian Catholic Rite. Over the years, I have been blessed to learn more about "the man behind this scholarship". A priest for more than 56 years, Monsignor Iwachiw was pastor of St. Nicholas from 1963 to 1985 when he retired due to failing health. Since then he had resided at and served as chaplain of St. Joseph's Home, operated by the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate in Sloatsburg, NY. Ordained in Rome in 1936, Monsignor Iwachiw served in Ukraine, Poland, Germany and Italy, until 1946, when he came to the United States. After serving in Philadelphia for a short time, he was assigned to teach philosophy and serve as rector of the Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Stamford, Connecticut until 1955. After which, he served as parish priest to a congregation in Cohoes, NY until he became pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Buffalo, NY.

The only time I ever met Monsignor Iwachiw was at the groundbreaking ceremony for the building of the new St. John's parish in Kenmore, NY back in 1981. Father Laptuta introduced me to him, after the service in which I greeted Bishop Basil Losten, who was present for the consecration along with several other clergy. What struck me most about Monsignor Paul was the kindness in his eyes, the way in which he blessed me with his hands upon my head, and especially the way he smiled when he told me how important children were for the future of our Ukrainian Catholic churches in the United States. I remember thinking that I held a special role in my own church, even as a young child of 7 years of age, and it became instilled in me to always remain an active and vigilant member of the Ukrainian Catholic community in which I was raised. The same community in which I continue to raise my own son, John Paul, who carries on the special traditions of our faith and serves as altar boy in St. Nicholas parish. I may not have known Monsignor Iwachiw, aside from our chance encounter which left his impression on me, but I do believe that the legacy of his scholarship continues to live on in myself and all other recipients who have been honored to receive this award. In currently serving as committee chair for the Monsignor Paul Iwachiw scholarship, it is my hope that future recipients of this award will also carry on the legacy of his love and devotion to our Ukrainian Catholic Rite, by likewise choosing to one day raise their own families in the culture and traditions that will inherently promise to keep the future of our Ukrainian Catholic churches and community alive for many more years to come.

By: Susan A. Szczublewski,
Niagara Frontier LUC



Fr. Marijan Procyk and Elaine Nowadly with Christine Stasiuk, this year recipient of Msgr. Paul Iwachiw Scholarship

Holy Bees



Fr. Ryszard S. Biernat, (chancellor of bishop of Buffalo, Most Rev. Richard J. Malone), visiting briefly one of LUC Meetings after successfully taking care of the bees in our church walls.



Avid beekeeper Fr. Ryszard. Anybody wants to purchase good honey?

Good Samaritan Project in Buffalo Area



Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky "Christ carries our crosses"

This year, as we celebrate the 100-year Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, we strive to share kindness and love within our community, and should likewise desire to achieve the same level of perfection achieved by the three children in Fatima. One of the ways this can be done is by helping those who are less fortunate in our parishes and around the world by performing acts of charity that demonstrate Christian love.

The Good Samaritan Project in Buffalo area became a continuation of the 2012-13 fundraiser, where St. Nicholas Church collected funds to assist the Lindenhurst, New York parish that was impacted by Hurricane Sandy. In 2013-14, the Ukrainian Catholic community of our Buffalo-Niagara area, conducted a Good Samaritan raffle to assist those in need. During our first year's attempt, we raised \$15,900 to help those in need. In March of 2014, over \$9,700 was raised for Ukraine and sent through ZUDAK. In 2014-15, \$3,000 was raised for the Seminary and orphanage in Ukraine. In 2016, \$3,616.11 was sent to Martha Charon (ailing child of priest) and \$500 to help an orphanage in Ukraine. This year we sent \$1,000 to an orphanage in Ukraine and \$1,000 to help the needs of someone within our community. It is the goal of our local parishes in the Buffalo-Niagara area to keep this annual Good Samaritan Project alive through the Year 2020, as part of the Vibrant Parish Vision 2020. We hope the good Lord will continue to guide our endeavors through the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The members of the League of Ukrainian Catholics, Niagara Frontier Council are instrumental for the success of our project.

Let us always be mindful of the words Jesus spoke: "What you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me" (Matthew 25:40). We are simply asking all of our Buffalo-Niagara area families to open their doors wide to Christ by helping those less fortunate, always remembering the great example of Good Samaritan – Christ himself.

NEWLY ENTHRONED BISHOP FOR THE EPARCHY OF CHICAGO - MOST REV. VENEDYKT CONGRATULATIONS - MNOHAYA LITA!



Most Reverend Bishop Venedykt (Aleksiychuk), bishop of Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Chicago (born January 16, 1968 in Borshchivka, Kostopil Raion, Rivne Oblast, Ukraine). Became Auxiliary bishop of Lviv on September 5, 2010; became bishop of Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Chicago on April 20, 2017. Enthroned as 5th Bishop of Chicago June 29, 2017 by Patriarch Sviatoslav.

Many
Happy
Years!

Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Andriy Rabyi, auxiliary Ukrainian Catholic bishop of Philadelphia, will be held in Lviv

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia announced that newly nominated Auxiliary Bishop Andriy Rabyi will be ordained by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk during the Opening Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the Synod of Bishops to take place on Sunday, September 3rd, 2017 in St. George Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Lviv, Ukraine at 11 a.m. Co-consecrators will be Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan of Philadelphia and Bishop David Motiuk, Eparch of Edmonton Eparchy.

The newly ordained Bishop Andriy Rabyi will be formally welcomed in the Ukrainian Catholic Metropolia of Philadelphia with his celebrating a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia on Sunday, September 24th, 2017 at 3 p.m. Na mnohaya I blahaya Lita!

(RISU - Religious Information Service of Ukraine)



From the Archives...

Here is interesting article from 1935 after the Second Congress (Convention) in New York City. It is relevant now as it was over 80 years ago.

What can we do now? How can we be more active? How to increase our membership? What can we do at this moment in time to make our Ukrainian Catholic League more vibrant?

"Appeal to the Youth"

This article was published in 1935

"Fifty years have I waited for this thing to happen".

Incredible as this statement seems, it is true. The Ukrainian immigration in America has waited for about fifty years for the First Congress of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth. Fifty years is a long time to wait, but the waiting was not in vain; for August 19, 1933 the Congress that can boast of the most outstanding outcome was held in Chicago, Ill.

At the first congress of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth, the first union of Ukrainian American and Canadian Catholic Organizations was realized--the Ukrainian Catholic League was formed.

Great responsibilities lie on this League, the work is enormous, but not discouraging. Two years has this league toiled, but not without results. With the help of his excellency, the most Reverend Bishop Bohachevsky, the Reverend Fathers, and all the Ukrainian Catholic people, the League has drawn many new clubs into its ranks. It has organized clubs where there were none, sent forth into the world its official organ the Ukrainian Youth, and called the Second Congress which was held on the 13th and 14th of July, 1935, in New York City.

It is not necessary to write about the Second Congress, as most likely all of you know all about it either from your presence, the newspaper reports, or the reports of your friends who attended it.

Now the Congress is over and we are on the threshold of a new term with new officers. The Executive Committee is doing its best for the welfare of the League; are you doing your part? The progress of the League depends upon your cooperation, upon your interest in the work of the League, upon your willingness to put your energy to work for the benefit of this great cooperative enterprise.

There is much to be done, but neither is there energy lacking; all we need is the will. Are we lacking in this? Are we not willing to work for the two greatest things possible--are we not willing to work for God and for our country? Will we be left behind? Will we disappoint our parents after they have waited fifty years for the organization of our great League?

Let us show them what we can do. Let us answer the above questions not by words but deeds. Let us make sure that the club we belong to is a member of the League. Let us organize clubs where there are none and then ascertain that they join the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League. Gather subscriptions for the Ukrainian Youth, but before going anywhere subscribers. Write to the headquarters telling them of your work and your needs and they will act accordingly.

Remember the old adage "where there's a will, there's a way". Remember the fifty years our parents have waited for this organization of ours and work so as to enable them to say at the end of the third year of the existence of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League; "We have waited fifty years but not in vain, for now we can die knowing that our faith will live on and our country will soon be independent.

By Foreign Language Press Survey

http://flps.newberry.org/article/5425703_0655/

Another article from 1935. It is called "A Suggestion" by Anna Chopek. Is it still relevant today?

I came from the place in Bosnia, where I grew up and did not really know, who I am, yet I spoke a language that later I learnt it was called Ukrainian. When I came to the States, I found out that many of Ukrainians do not speak Ukrainian, but consider themselves of Ukrainian descent. I found that very interesting. Would it be time to start the way of understanding each other, being here or in Ukraine.

"A Suggestion"

Article published in 1935

I wonder how many of our "Youth Clubs" conduct their meetings in the Ukrainian language. I doubt whether there are a very great many that do. The reason why they do not is perhaps that many of the young members are not able to speak Ukrainian good enough to conduct a meeting. Then again, they use English so much during the course of the day that Ukrainian just doesn't come naturally to them, and they continue to speak English wherever they meet.

Since our "Youth Clubs" are organized in order to keep all our Ukrainian youth together, so that they might not lose sight of the fact that they are Ukrainians, would it be asking too much if we asked the Youth to conduct their meetings (or at least some of them) in the Ukrainian language? We should not be ashamed to converse in a language as beautiful as ours, but rather we should be proud that we are able to speak a language other than English.

If we say we can't speak well, and therefore do not speak at all in Ukrainian, how will we ever learn to use our language proficiently? The more we use our language, the better speakers of it will we become.

If the Ukrainian Youth's League should consider formulating rules or by-laws for the management of its member clubs in order to have some uniformity among them, may I suggest that one of the rules be that each club conduct some of its meetings in the Ukrainian language.

By Anna Chopek, Mattapan, Mass.

http://www.ukrweekly.com/archive/pdf1/1935/The_Ukrainian_Weekly_1935-32.pdf

What I can say is that knowledge of a few different languages helped me tremendously wherever I went. And reading the books in those languages were definitely a great blessing. (Fr. M. Procyk)



HE WHO COULD PLEASE EVERYONE – HASN'T BEEN BORN YET!