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LUC SPIRITUAL RETREAT 2021

A VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

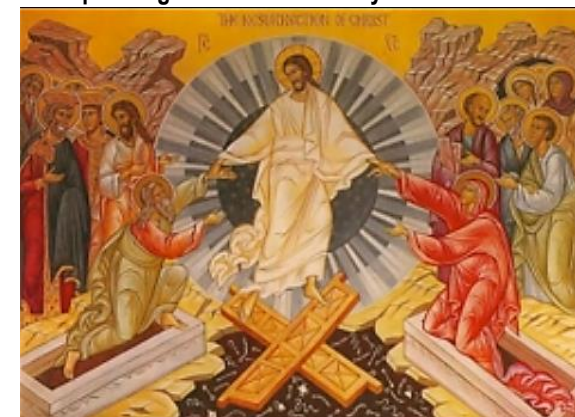


On March 13th, 2021 we, the League of Ukrainian Catholics, held our first ever virtual, interactive retreat titled "A Spiritual Journey into Great Lent" under the spiritual leadership of Most Reverend Bishop Bohdan Danylo. Just as Jesus traveled with his disciples, so did Bishop Bohdan, accompanied by his very capable teachers: Father Andriy Kelt and Father Deacon Anthony Dragani who both serve parishes in Revloc and Northern Cambria, PA. as well as Father Jason Charron serving in Carnegie, PA.

Pre pandemic Lenten retreats were held in peaceful, holy places such as St. Mary's Retreat House in Sloatsburg, New York. Here the stage is already set; our worldly distractions are replaced by God's Holy presence and by those who serve Him. This year our over 200 retreat participants were home, whereas you know, distractions are king. We were stretched out between 20 states and 3 countries. Could we possibly transform our virtual Zoom world into a spiritual space and be in the loving presence of our Lord? This was the challenge for LUC's Spiritual Journey into Great Lent.

As everyone gathered into our 'Zoom room', we were gently reminded this is neither a conference nor a meeting, but a retreat. Our pastoral guests are neither speakers nor presenters. They are spiritual guides, illuminating our path with their unique insight and wisdom. Cell phones and televisions were replaced by favorite icons, some lit candles, some blessed themselves with Holy water, each creating their own personal retreat house, far from each other yet close together. V. Rev. Father Marijan Procyk, National Spiritual Director, then launched our first Virtual Spiritual Retreat.

Bishop Bohdan began our journey with his introductory presentation 'Understanding the Journey: What is Lent Really?' This provided exceptional explanations of the spiritual meaning of Great Lent through the beauty of icons. Not only did we gain a deeper understanding of Lent, we also gained a keener insight of the messages imbedded in icons as well as in stichiras.



Father Andriy Kelt took us on another path of our journey by "Discovering Our Souls Desire".

What is it that our souls are searching for? What is the best thing you can do with our life? What brings us most happiness in our relationships? How do we recognise opportunities to nurture our relationship with God? Lot's of thought provoking questions with insightful, meaningful answers.

Father Deacon Anthony Dragani led us through "Navigating a Journey of Obstacles". His excellent presentation provided us with valuable insight and concrete examples of the challenges inherent in a meaningful Lenten journey. By examining the desert experience, he gave us a keener insight of the spiritual challenges we face during this time. Deacon Anthony also provided us with some 'tools'; not only useful for dealing with obstacles during Lent but just as valuable throughout our life. Father Jason Charron's presentation "A Father's Embrace: The Power of Forgiveness" was truly moving on so many levels; spiritual, emotional and intellectual. He

took the age-old biblical lesson of the Prodigal Son and presented it under a new light. By providing the cultural context of this familiar parable, Father Jason added an important element which is normally overlooked. His description provided depth, dimension and clarity needed to understand the spiritual significance of the details and ultimately, the true power of forgiveness.

The retreat ended with some questions, answers, sharing and lots of well-deserved compliments and valuable feedback for our Spiritual Guides and our Retreat. We made new friends and hopefully some new members.

We were so blessed with every aspect of the Retreat. In total 154 people registered online through our website prior to the event. Zoom recorded 223 attendees. Once the retreat ended, we posted the recording on our website: Leagueofukrainiancatholics.org so others could benefit from it. In March alone, the retreat recording on our website brought us 831 views from 13 countries. Obviously, that

would have been impossible through a locally held venue. It goes without saying that having a retreat in a Holy place is best, but when you have to be creative and use other means, our virtual space can become a place to gather spiritually under the right conditions.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our pastoral guests, Bishop Bohdan Danylo, Father Andriy Kelt, Father Jason Charron and Father Deacon Anthony Dragani, for all their time and enthusiasm preparing a meaningful Lenten journey for us. Thank you to our dear National Board Spiritual Director, our spiritual anchor and so much more. Thank you to all who spread the word, especially our eparchies, parishes, and Sisters. Thank you to all who took part in our 'Spiritual Journey into Great Lent' whether it was via Zoom or through our website.



I am constantly reminded by Blessed Carlos Acutis, who was a young teen with a fervent love for God. He shared his love for Eucharistic miracles through the internet and reached people all over the world. His love and work continues to reach and teach people long after his death. Carlos was beatified the same day we had our first virtual event, the 'Unconventional Convention' last year on 10/10/2020. He is indeed a source of inspiration. (Sophia Shchur) Blessed Carlos Acutis...pray for us. LUC: Let Us Care



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April 14, 2021

Mrs. Sophia Shchur, President
League of Ukrainian Catholics
32 Normandy Rd.
Yonkers, New York 10701

Dear Sophia

Christ is Risen!

I congratulate the League of Ukrainian Catholics on organizing the Lenten Retreat entitled *A Spiritual Journey Into the Great Lent*.

I am privileged that you asked me to take part in this event. Thank you very much for your kind words and the gift.

I hope this online retreat is a good example of how we can reach our faithful and members of the League of Ukrainian Catholics in the future.

May our Lord bless all of you!

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo
St. Josaphat Eparchy in Parma



Metropolitan Borys Gudziak and Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM celebrating 50 Anniversary of Bishop Basil Losten on May 25, 2021 in Stamford.



Dear Bishop Basil H. Losten

*The League of Ukrainian Catholics of America
Congratulates You on Your 50th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination*

We Sincerely Thank You For Your

*Exceptional Pastoral Leadership
Embracing Support of The League of Ukrainian Catholics
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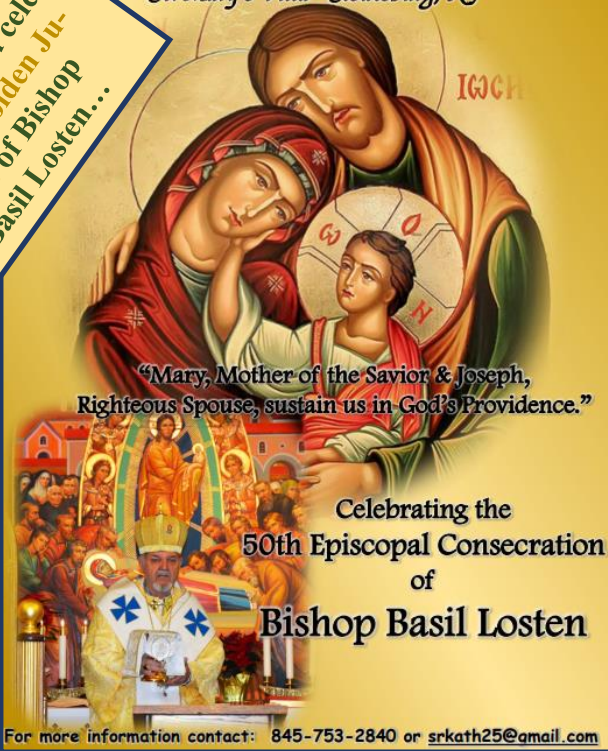
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August 14-15, 2021

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MONEY MATTERS

New Dues

Our membership dues have been \$5 per year for more than most of us can recall. Our income was mostly generated from our annual convention with its fund-raising opportunities. As you know, we have been unable have our convention last year and this, due to restrictions imposed by the pandemic. However, our operating expenses are not on hold. The cost for publishing and mailing our newsletter, LUC ACTION has gone up each year. On March 22, 2021 our board members voted unanimously to modify our annual dues as noted below. Membership dues for renewing members will still be at the same rate as last year, so please renew now. The new dues for current (renewing) members will go into effect January 1, 2022. For new people applying for membership, the dues go into effect as of the publication of this newsletter.

Beginning July 1, 2021

New Individual Member: \$10 annual dues

New Family Membership: \$15 annually, includes husband, wife and their children under 16.

Benefactor: Voluntary annual dues of \$25 or more receives benefactor status.

Clergy and Religious: complimentary.

For Renewing members, the dues structure above goes into effect January 1, 2022.

I think you would agree, a \$10 annual membership is still a great deal.

Since the National Board bears financial responsibility for our organization, all membership dues collected will be forwarded to National Board treasurer for National Board operating expense account.

Please use the form in this newsletter to renew your membership. We are currently creating an on-line application and renewal for those members who prefer to use this method.

We thank all our members in advance for paying their due on time. We are especially grateful to our benefactors who are able to share their blessings with our organization.

Cut Expenses Not Trees

Anyone ever having to make their finances work, knows that expenses need special attention. One of our biggest expenses is our beautiful LUC ACTION. It is indeed one of our valuable assets, but the cost of paper, publishing and mailing has increased. We know for many, there is nothing like having a fresh copy of LUC ACTION arriving in our mailbox. We would like to hear from our members wishing to get their issue of LUC ACTION delivered by e-mail. Less trees to cut, less expensive inks, less publishing and mailing costs. You still will have all the latest information which you can save electronically instead of filling up your desk or file cabinet. Please send us an e-mail if you could help us cut costs by getting your issues electronically:

contact@leagueofukrainiancatholics.org

Thank you!

Also:

Some older LUC Action newsletters (as well as newest ones) are on LUC Web page under the title:

ACTION NEWSLETTER.



In May 2021. Sophia M. Williams receives her First Holy Communion.

LUC Benefactors

Recognizing our LUC 2021 Benefactors, God Bless Everyone!

Sophia Shchur, Yonkers NY ----- Niagara Frontier Council
V. Rev. Marijan Procyk, Buffalo NY -- Niagara Frontier Council
Jurij Holinej, Montrose PA ----- Independent
Dr Lillian Misko-Coury, Arnold PA ----- Western PA Council
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Editorial Comments:

If you have any comments, suggestions, ideas or improvements for the LUC Action, please email us at:

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(Fr. Marijan - For LUC)

Or write c/o: Elaine Nowadly,
140 Royal Coach Rd., W. Seneca, NY 14224

We have calculated that the cost per Action issue is about \$1.00-\$2.00 depending how many pages (1-3 ledger size). This includes printing costs, paper, envelopes, and mailing.

The members of the Niagara Frontier Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics put it together at no cost.

Members of the National Board proofread it.

Thanks are extended to all!

To keep the Action at the quality in color, any monetary donations to cover the costs would be greatly appreciated. Donations could be made to "LUC Action" and sent to the address above.

The tentative date for the next issue of the LUC Action is at the beginning of the Fall.

Please have any information to us by August 24, 2021.

+Stefan Tutka



Stefan Tutka, 96 years of age, passed into eternal life on Sunday, May 2 – Julian Calendar Easter - at Regional Hospital of Scranton. His wife of 54 years, Paraskevia “Peg” Tutka, died in December of 2008. Born in Perlivitsi, Ukraine, he was the son of the late John and Mary Tutka. He was educated in Ukraine and migrated to America at as a young man settling in Scranton. Stefan was employed by the former A & P Bakery and retired from Harper and Row Publishers where he was associated with Teamsters Local 229. He was a member of Scranton’s St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. Vladimir Choir, the Ekumen Chorale of Olyphant and was a long-standing member of the League of Ukrainian Catholics. Stefan volunteered for numerous St. Vladimir Church fundraising events and especially with the pierogi team. He was blessed with a beautiful singing voice often performing as soloist during Divine Liturgies. He enjoyed music tremendously and rendered many an uplifting Ukrainian folksong for his numerous friends. He loved nature and was known as quite the gardener.

Stefan was a loving husband, father and grandfather who always placed family first. He is survived by two sons, Peter Tutka and wife Cathie of Apex, North Carolina and John Tutka of Scranton; two grandchildren Thaddeus and Melanie Tutka; one brother Jacob Tutka in Ukraine, along with nieces and nephews. He was also predeceased by a brother, Nicholas Tutka.

Divine Liturgy was celebrated on Monday May 10 by the Rev. Myron Myronyuk, pastor of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, Scranton, PA. Interment followed in the parish cemetery.

May +Stefan’s memory be eternal! Вічна Пам’ять!

+Eva Kowtalo



Eva Kowtalo (nee Kobak), born on March 2, 1920 in Ukraine, passed away at the age of 101, on Sunday, May 30, 2021. She was the beloved wife of the late Steven Kowtalo, who passed away 1992. Devoted mother of Peter (Linda) Kowtalo. Loving grandmother of Andrew (Lori) Kowtalo. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was a member of Ukrainian National Women’s League (CYA) and the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC).

Funeral Liturgy was at Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Buffalo, NY. Burial followed at Saint Matthew’s Cemetery, West Seneca, New York.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends. May she rest in peace. “Rest eternal grant her, O Lord. May she sing with the seraphim and cherubim around the Throne of God.” (Thomas W.)

Eva was proud of her roots but said that she is so happy to be here in America, thanking her faith for longevity.

Attended the church every Sunday until the pandemic, when she was already one hundred years young. She is a great example to follow in Christ’s footsteps to obtain Everlasting Life.

May +Eva’s memory be eternal! Вічна Пам’ять!

+Nadia Biloskirka



Nadia Biloskirka, 97, of Scranton, PA passed on June 3, 2021. She was the wife of the late Nicholas Biloskirka for 57 years, who was the former Cantor for 47 years at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church. Born in Pohrebysche, Ukraine on February 24, 1924 to the late Mackar and Horpinna Juchimenko. Nadia lived through the famine caused by Russian policies in 1932-33 known as the “Holodomor”. At age 17 she was sent to Germany to work as a forced laborer through the remainder of the war. She married her beloved Nicholas in 1945 and her continued journey took her, Nicholas and their young son to Tunisia and then to the United States in 1952. The family settled in Scranton, PA in 1953. Nadia was a full time mother. She loved flowers and was an avid gardener. She was an active member of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, a member of the Blessed Virgin Mary Guild and the League of Ukrainian Catholics. She is survived by: her son, Boris Biloskirka and wife Debra of Arizona; daughter Martha Sophia Biloskirka and husband Kenneth DiGiuseppe of Connecticut; Maria Roxolana Biloskirka of Massachusetts; four grandchildren; three great grandsons; a sister, Sonia Sytniuk and nieces and nephews in Ukraine. She was predeceased by two brothers: Peter and Vladimir Juchimenko; and son-in-law, Peter L. Conley. Divine Liturgy was celebrated on Wednesday, June 9th by the Rev. Fr. Myron Myronyuk at St. Vladimir Ukr. Cath. Church, Scranton, PA. Interment followed at St. Vladimir Ukr. Cath. Cemetery, Kane Street, Scranton.

May +Nadia’s memory be eternal! Вічна Пам’ять!

+John Menio



John Menio of North Catasauqua, died on December 6, 2020, St. Nicholas Day. John was the husband of Jennie (Boruch) Menio. On August 3rd of this year, they celebrated 68 years of marriage. Born on September 2, 1923 in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Nicholas and Julia (Huczko) Menio. John was a member of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Northampton, PA.

John served his country with the 511 Parachute Infantry Regiment, 11th Airborne Division in the South Pacific Theater. He was the proud recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. John owned and operated Mr. John’s Beauty Salon for 43 years until retiring in 1986.

May +John’s memory be eternal! Вічна Пам’ять!

John’s wife, Jennie Menio writes:

“I was 93 years old on April 8, 2021 and I was very active in the Lehigh Valley League of Ukrainian Catholic in the years 1949 - 1952. We had a very active council at that time. Now we don’t have the youth and no counsel is formed.

In the years when the Lehigh Valley Council existed we had a very large young group and we had many good memories of the good times we had, and all the nice people we met - many marriages were made with the members - good memories. I wish you good luck and success with the new LUC.”

Jennie Menio (St John Paul II Council)

THE 2021 SEASON OF PILGRIMAGES, PARISH PICNICS AND FESTIVALS BEGINS

After a rather solemn and subdued 2020, we all look forward to a 2021 summer for some post pandemic fun in the sun. Traditionally, the long lazy days of summer favor picnics, festivals, good food, seeing friends and fun activities. This season is off to a good start



Bishop. A. Rabi, Fr. D. Troyan, “Timmy” dried out, and the temperatures moderated. The vendors and guests enjoyed being out of doors. Not being a slacker, “Timmy” donned his volunteer T-shirt and commenced being the official greeter of everyone who stopped by, including Bishop Andriy Rabi.



Seminarian Bohdan Vasylyv (recipient of LUC Burse), Sr. Evhenia Prusnay, Sr. Maria Kelly, Provincial

Local vendors set up tables laden with their treasures ready for bargain-hunters and even the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God, Mother Provincial Sr. Maria Kelly and Sr. Evhenia Prusnay, got into the swing of things with their own booth of religious items free-for-the-asking (icons, holy cards, books, rosaries) and a prayer list. Nostrils were tantalized by the delicious aroma of Ukrainian favorites - kielbasy, kapusta, hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill. Indoors were pierogies, halupky, halushki and a variety of desserts, all packaged and ready to go.

This summer and fall show your support for our local parishes. Time to get in your car and drive out to see how other Ukrainian parishes, near and not-so-near, are celebrating. Marion Hrubec, President of Garden State Council and St. Nicholas Chapter-Passaic, NJ and Helen Fedoriw, National Board Vice President did just that and were not disappointed!

Mark your calendars and save the following dates: July 25th - The 87th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day - St. Nicholas Church picnic grounds in Primrose (just outside Minersville, PA). Sponsored by the 12 parishes and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery, PA. August 14th -15th – The 67th Annual Holy Dormition Pilgrimage, St. Mary’s Villa, Sloatsburg, NY. Sponsored by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. October 3rd - The Pilgrimage to the Mother of God, Jenkintown, PA. Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Basil the Great.

Lori Retkwa Retirement



The St. Nicholas Chapter, Passaic, NJ, celebrated a post pandemic happy occasion one Sunday morning after Divine Liturgy with a champagne toast and delicious brunch. On June 4 Lori Retkwa completed 33 years of service at Valley Hospital, Ridgewood, NJ, and officially RETIRED from public service. This day has been long awaited and well deserved.

Lori is a wife, mother, grandmother, a parish Catechist and a devoted volunteer for any and all parish events, an LUC member and a Lay Associate of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate.

Now she will have more time to devote to all these activities, and more importantly she will be joining her recently retired husband, Steve, in new and ever-changing adventures with their grandchildren, and in traveling.

Wishing Lori and Steve many happy days in this next chapter of their lives together! God Bless them both with good health and happiness, and MNOHAYA LITA !



Rev. Andriy Dudkevych, pastor at St Nicholas-Passaic, Steve Retkwa, Sr Eliane Ilnitski, SSMI, Lydia Celuch, Lori Retkwa, Linda Mykeityn, Sr. Cecelia Sworin, SSMI, Jerome Mykiety, Helen Fedoriw, Marion Hrubec

Photo on top: Lori Retkwa cuts the cherry cheesecake

Thanks are extended to the contributors of the articles:

Sophia Shchur, Marion Hrubec, Paul Ewasko, Yanka Everett, Helen Fedoriw, Elaine Nowadly, Nadia Marc, Andriana Yemchuk

ALL COUNCILS, MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS

We are looking for some articles from you as well as the pictures from your council activities. We will try and print any photo that is of good quality. Thank you!

Please supply your articles for the fall issue. Thank you!

The Largest Easter Egg in the World Needs Help!



During the 10th International Hutsul festival, Director Yaroslava Tkachuk first came up with the idea of a museum in the shape of a pysanka, local artists Vasyl Andrushko and Myroslav Yasynskyi brought the idea to life. The museum is not only shaped like

an egg (14 m in height and 10 m in diameter), but parts of the exterior of and inside of the dome are painted to resemble a pysanka. September 23, 2020 marked exactly 20 years since the Museum of Easter Egg Painting in Kolomyia (Ukraine) was built.



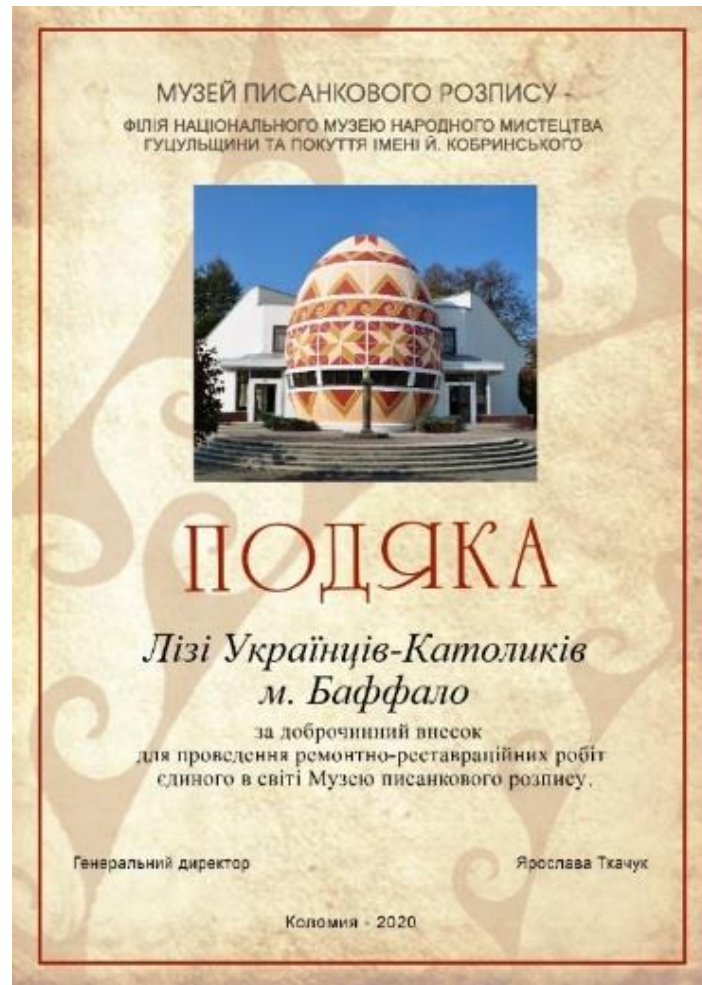
Sadly, the majestic Pysanka was built in a record short time, by construction standards, in just 90 days! Every year, the museum had to carry out repairs on its own. However, now the problem of overhaul has become more acute.

Last year, the museum developed a design and cost estimate for external and internal overhaul and arrangement of the museum area. Deputies of Ivano-Frankivsk region decided to provide almost 7 million UAH. (\$ 100 thousand) for the overhaul of the premises. However, due to the global pandemic, this action was never carried through.

"Saving the Museum". Under this slogan, Kolomyia united businessmen, well-known public and cultural figures of the region, artists, writers, doctors, who set out to raise as much money as possible on their own. The museum has become a center of intercultural unity and dialogue of artists, scientists, diplomats and international tourism. Today, more than 12,000 Easter eggs are stored here, which is the largest collection in the world. Thanks to the selfless professional work of the director, in 2007 the Museum of Easter Egg Painting became a participant of the All-Ukrainian action "7 Wonders of Ukraine" and received a special award in the nomination "Outstanding Monument of Modern Ukraine". In 2017, the world's most famous travel site TRIPADVISOR awarded the museum with a Certificate of Excellence, which was awarded to the museum for its high tourist rating. At the end of 2018, the museum became a partner of the project "Creation of a virtual museum of intangible cultural heritage of Ukraine."

Guardianship of such facilities is evidence of the national maturity of the people. Therefore, all concerned Ukrainians scattered around the world can also join in the restoration and salvation of the world's only Pysanka Museum - the most recognizable symbol of

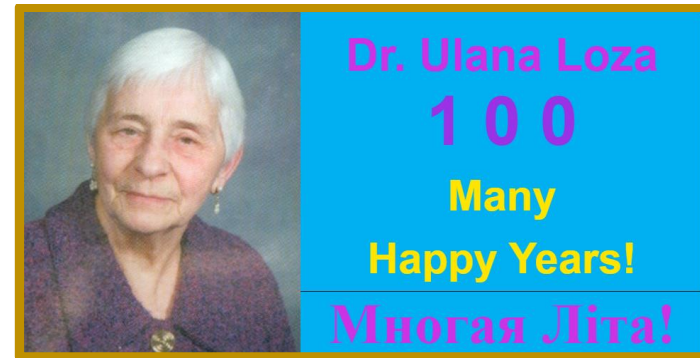
Ukraine far beyond its borders. Every penny invested by us in the cultural and artistic heritage strengthens us more and more as a Nation worthy of a place among the cultural peoples of the world!



The League of Ukrainian Catholics, Niagara Frontier Council coordinated a collection in the Buffalo, NY area for the Museum of Pysanka in the city of Kolomyia, Ukraine. The Museum is in desperate need of repair. In late 2020 and the beginning of 2021 our council collected \$3,500.00 for the restoration of the Museum. All those who donated, received a certificate in recognition of their donation. The certificate given to the Niagara Frontier Council is found in this article. On it this is written:

"Museum of Easter Egg Painting - Branch of the National Museum of Folk Art of Hutsulshchyna and Pokuttia named after J. Kobrynsky - IN THANKSGIVING - to League of Ukrainian Catholics - for the charitable contribution for the repair and restoration works of the world's only Easter Egg Painting Museum - Yaroslava Tkachuk, Director General - Kolomyia, 2020."

We received notification that the funds we collected from caring people, were immediately used to begin repairing the facade of the museum. If someone did not have chance to donate, and wanted to do so, Checks can be written to "LUC Niagara Frontier Council" with the footnote "for Pysanka Museum". Thank you for your generosity!



As a resident of Cheektowaga, N.Y., Dr. Ulana Loza celebrated her 100th Birthday on June 11, 2021. Born in her native Ukraine, she fled her village to escape an advancing army of Soviet Soldiers in 1944.

After completing her Medical Degree in Germany, Dr. Loza emigrated to the U.S. in 1950, and settled in Buffalo, with her husband, Michael Loza. While raising their two children (Roman and Borys) she taught and performed research in Microbiology at University of Buffalo's School of Medicine before retiring in 1986. She is active in Buffalo's Ukrainian Community and is a parishioner at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Buffalo, NY and a member of the League of Ukrainian Catholics, Niagara Frontier Council. To her seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, she is affectionately known as "Babcia". Her entire family wished her a wonderful 100th Birthday and looked forward to celebrating with her on this great occasion. The Niagara Frontier Council along with all members of the League of Ukrainian Catholics wish Dr. Ulana Loza Many Happy Years - Na Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH "With a Father's Heart"

December 8, 2020 ~ December 8, 2021

On December 8, 2020 Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Letter on the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. With a Father's Heart is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph". The following prayer is part of the Apostolic letter.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary paced her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil.



On Monday, June 14, 2021 during the Provincial Chapter in Jesus, Lover of Humanity Province in Fox Chase Manor, PA, USA there was elected a new leadership team.

Congratulations to a newly elected Provincial Superior Sr. Joann Sosler, OSBM and Provincial Counsellors: Sr. Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, Vicar, Sr. Clement Bartholomew, OSBM, Sr. Teodora Kopyn, OSBM.

Sr. Teodora Kopyn was a previous recipient of the Burse Award.

Graduates of "Ridna Shkola"

In the spirit of doing something for others, especially the youth in the Buffalo area, on Sunday, June 6th the League of Ukrainian Catholics Niagara Frontier Council, honored three graduates: Marko Kasiyan, Sophia Nazarevych, and Taras Vdoviuk, of "Ridna Shkola" Buffalo with a festive graduation luncheon for their families and friends. The day began with Liturgy for the children. Next was the graduation ceremony and program the children took part in. The afternoon concluded with lunch consisting of breaded pork chops and chicken marsala provided by Michelle's Café. It was delicious. Desserts were provided by the parents of Ridna Shkola. As a note, Marko and his family are LUC members.

Congratulations to the graduates on completing their ten years of hard work!



Members of LUC National Board, V. Rev. Marijan Procyk, Spiritual Director, Maria LaPaglia, Nadia Marc and Elaine Nowadly and other members of the Niagara Frontier Council, Anna Melnyk, Gloria Grega Long, Ann Serediuk, and Michelle Michalow, joined with graduates Marko Kasiyan, Sophia Nazarevych and Taras Vdoviuk to check out the graduation cake and desserts.

A Thank You note to the President of St. Sophia Religious Association of Ukr. Catholics, Dr. I. Ivankovych

Dear Iryna,

On behalf of the League of Ukrainian Catholics, please accept our sincerest thanks for inviting us to participate in the premier documentary film «Андрей Шептицький Актуальне».

With our resources, we were able to send out over 600 email invitations, post on several Facebook pages, our website and our Eparchial website (Eparchy of Stamford). Additionally, the information was distributed through parish bulletins. We hope this contributed at least partially, to the 227 online participants tonight.

I hope this can serve as a modest yet meaningful start in building a collegiate relationship between our Ukrainian Catholic organizations for the good of our Church and our faithful.

May you be blessed with good health and may you always be surrounded with people who support your work as President of St. Sophia Religious Association of Ukrainian Catholics.

With sincerest best wishes,
Sophia Shchur
President, League of Ukrainian Catholics of America

The video is on our website and can be viewed here:
<https://leagueofukrainiancatholics.org/metropolitan-andrey-sheptytsky/>