



CARPATHO-RUSYN SOCIETY

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

**“On the Brink of Death:
Andrii Karabelesh’s Notes from a Concentration Camp”
By Nick Kupensky, Ph.D.**

Saturday, April 6th, 2019 at 1:30 PM

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 285 French Hill Rd., Wayne, NJ 07470



Andrii Karabelesh (1906-1964) was the most prolific Carpatho-Rusyn writer of the early 20th century, but his promising literary career was cut short by the death and destruction of World War II. After establishing himself as a rising star in the First Czechoslovak Republic, the young bard of the Carpathians was taken prisoner by the Nazis at the start of the war and spent the next seven years in concentration camps, including Buchenwald, Mauthausen-Gusen, and Sachsenhausen. Dr. Nick Kupensky (Bowdoin College) will bring to life Karabelesh's harrowing journey (from his activity in the Czechoslovak underground to his miraculous escape during a prisoner's rebellion) and explore the aesthetics of Karabelesh's poems, written in captivity, that celebrate the beauty of the Carpathians amidst the horrors of the camps.

Nick Kupensky is the Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Russian at Bowdoin College and the Vice President of the Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center. He completed his Ph.D. in Slavic Languages and Literatures from Yale University, where he defended his doctoral dissertation "The Soviet Industrial Sublime: The Awe and Fear of Dneprostoi, 1927-1932."

Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

For further information about the program, please send an e-mail to crsnewjersey@gmail.com or call Dorothy Bognar at (201) 891-4151.

For further information about the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, visit their web site at <http://www.carpathorusynsociety.org>

Directions: Take Route 46 to the Riverview Drive Exit in the direction of Wayne. Continue on Riverview Drive past the traffic light at Valley Road. Riverview Drive becomes French Hill Rd. Proceed 0.6 mi. to the Church. Turn left into the Church parking lot.

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