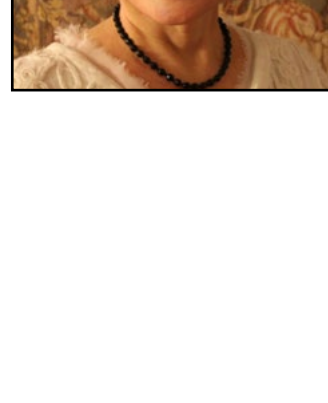




Welcome



Dear Friends,

Please join us as we get together for a brunch on September 10th at 11am at the GCU's Seven Oaks Country Club to honor our good friend John Schweich. The club is located at 132 Lisbon Road, Beaver, PA 15009. (<http://sevenoaksccl.com/>)

John serves on the C-RS board, is a historian and has been working with both our members and non-members. Through the years he has given us numerous fascinating presentations on parish histories.

Reservations must be made in advance, so please RSVP to me at 412.251.3083 or by email at president@crs.org by August 20, 2017.

The cost will be \$31/person. Please make your check payable to Carpatho-Rusyn Society and send it to 915 Dickson Street, Munhall, PA 15120 by August 25, 2017.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Maryann Sivak, C-RS National President
president@crs.org

C-RS Membership – Did You Know? (Part 3)

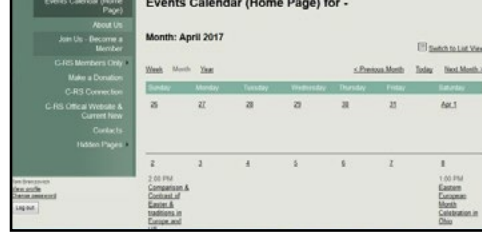
Courtesy of Tom Brenzovich

This is the third installment of a series of articles addressing the major features of the C-RS Membership Management System, providing insight and awareness into the "how to" instructions regarding the use of the system self-service features and encourage members to take full advantage of them.

The events management feature is another key component that comprises the overall membership system. The various events sponsored by the C-RS and its chapters and branches are posted on the events list page and calendar page by the designated events manager. The events management feature provides a wide range of functionality other than being just a repository for sponsored events. The following provides some insight into its capabilities:

- Posting events does not require knowledge of any programming language.
- Postings are accomplished by filling in the blanks on an event setup page and using the cut & paste feature to copy text from the original source document provided by the event sponsor.
- Access to posting events on the membership site can be given to any member as directed by the appropriate C-RS personnel, without having any special IT skills.
- Events are automatically posted to the events calendar page, which is also the home page.
- Events can be designated as public (viewed by all) or restricted (viewed by members only).
- Events can be set up so that attendees can register their planned attendance online.
- For online registrations, the event's designated point of contact can be notified with an automatic alert email.
- A record of registered attendees is maintained, and a list and/or report can be made available to the event's designated point of contact.
- Registrations can be restricted to a selected groups of members for special events.
- Guest (non-members) attending a public event can also register online.
- Contact information for guest attending a public event can be captured and used as a recruitment tool for potential new members.
- Event announcements and reminders can be set up to be emailed to recipients automatically on a pre-determined schedule. Three announcements can be sent to designated recipients and three reminders can be sent to registered attendee for a given event.
- Scheduled event announcements are done separately from the current broadcast announcements procedure.
- For events where a fee is required, those fees can be paid online using a PayPal account or credit card. However, before this feature can be utilized a policy statement needs to be established as to how fees would be processed between National and the event sponsor.

Members and visitors alike can view events posted on the membership site by going to the web address <https://carpathorusynsociety.wildapricot.org/> from their browser. This will put you on the events calendar page, which is also the designated home page. From here you can click on a given scheduled event date and you will be directed to the detailed event page for that event. The following images are examples of the calendar/home page and a detailed events page.



As you can see, the events module provides a wide assortment of benefits other than just being a repository for events. If you have not gone to the membership site, please take this opportunity and give it a try, <https://carpathorusynsociety.wildapricot.org/>, it does not hurt, its free, and it will allow you, the member, to keep in touch with the activities of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. Try it - you will like it!!

Yours in Rusyn Unity,

Tom Brenzovich

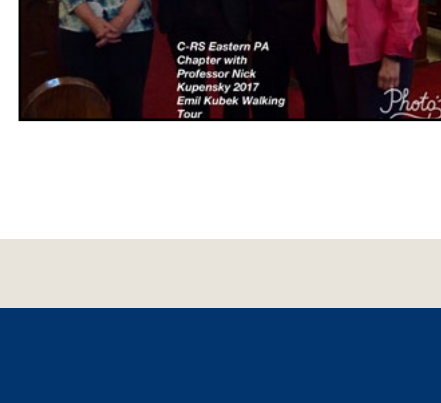
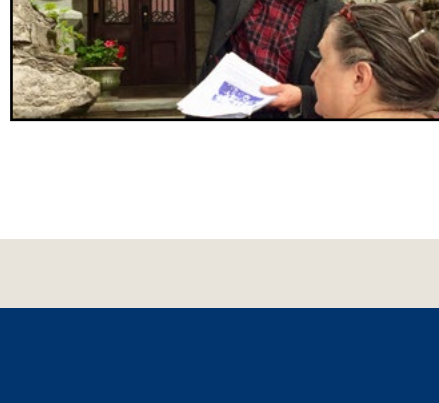
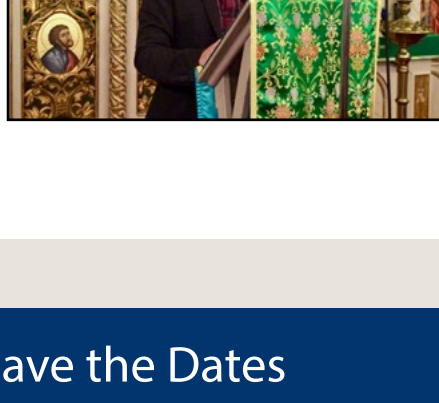
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Chapter Event Highlights

C-RS Eastern Pennsylvania

"The Life and Work of Father Emil Kubek" was the topic of a walking tour and lecture presented by Professor Nick Kupensky at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Mahanoy City, PA. The event was sponsored by the Eastern PA Chapter of the C-RS on June 17, 2017.

From 1904-1940 Mahanoy City was home to one of the most prolific Carpatho-Rusyn writers, Father Kubek. He was one of the first Carpatho-Rusyn writers to make sense of the effects of urban mining life on Carpatho-Rusyn Americans. In the summer of 2015, Nick Kupensky created the Emil Kubek Project to re-establish Father Kubek's importance. To learn more, visit <https://kubekproject.wordpress.com/>.



Save the Dates

Sunday, July 16, Harrisburg, PA

As in years past, the Carpatho-Rusyn Society will be present at St. Ann's Slavic American Festival. The Festival will be held at St. Ann's Byzantine Catholic Church, 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA, on Sunday, July 16, 2017 from noon to 9 pm. It's a fantastic festival with delicious homemade ethnic foods, bingo, basket raffle and all Eastern European Gift Shop. Something for everyone and the while music plays with dancing, singing and much laughter. Come and enjoy this great festival with your family and stop by and say "hi." The event is free and the public is invited.



Sunday, July 23, Cleveland, OH

The C-RS Cleveland chapter presents "Dining with Duchnovich." Sunday, July 23 from 12-2 pm at the Cleveland Cultural Garden - Rusin Garden, 930 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44108. Bring your picnic basket lunch and a blanket and enjoy the music of Tom Katrenich. Our little garden has been steadily improving in the past few years, thanks to the help of more volunteers. We have plenty of shade and ample parking along East Blvd, as we will be using the upper garden.



Saturday, August 5, Higganum, CT

The C-RS New England branch presents the 103rd Thalerhof Commemoration Day from 10am - 6pm on the grounds of the Carpathian Institute, 185 Old County Road, Higganum, CT 06441-4446. On Thalerhof day, we commemorate the tens of thousands of East Slavic men, women and children who suffered, lost their health or died in relation to their internment in the Austro-Hungarian internment camp at Thalerhof in World War I. We will also remember those who were injured or killed in or around the Carpathian Region from 1912-1952.



The event will include discussion regarding the activities of the Eastern C-RS New England branch, a Panachida/Parastas Service (Eastern Orthodox remembrance prayers for the departed), and kermesh (picnic) with food, music, singing and camaraderie! All are welcome. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, kids under 6 are free. OR, in lieu of a monetary donation, bring some food to share!

Saturday, August 19, Atlanta, GA

An Andy Warhol exhibition of over 250 prints will be on display at the High Museum of Art. A docent led tour will begin at 10 am. Lunch and fellowship will follow at the Twelve Eighty farm to fork restaurant at the museum. Reservations are necessary. For more information contact: Barb at bkrusing@comcast.net or Bonnie at bb@c-rs.org.



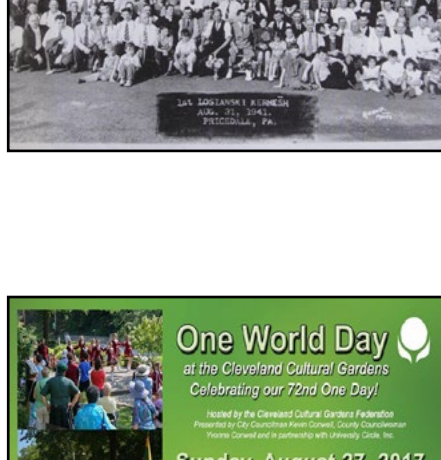
Saturday, August 26, Boardman, OH

The C-RS Youngstown/Warren/Sharon will be hosting a Carpatho-Rusyn Vatra from 12 - 8 pm at Infant of Prague Church grounds, 7754 South Avenue, Boardman, OH, 44512. Admission is free and all are welcome. The day will be filled with food, music, genealogy, sales tables and more. Liturgy will be held at 6pm. Don't miss the best food of its kind on this side of the Atlantic!



Saturday, August 26 and Sunday, August 27th, Belle Vernon, PA

A two day Lemko heritage event will take place on Saturday, August 26th and Sunday, August 27th from 12 - 6 pm at the Rusyn Club Pricedale, 221 Leighty Street, Belle Vernon, PA, 15012. Saturday consists of a Lemko Genealogy Day. Please bring any genealogical information that you wish to share or research. Light lunch will nourish the genealogists!



Losie Kermesh will take place on Sunday from 12 - 6, which is an informal picnic/celebration of Lemko descendants representing villages from the northern slope of the Carpathian Mountains in present-day southeastern Poland and formerly (until 1918) the province of Galicia, Austro-Hungarian Empire. All are welcome to bring a covered dish to share!

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/LosieKermesh/> or contact Rox Vanguard at 412.771.0474 or rox.vanguard@gmail.com.

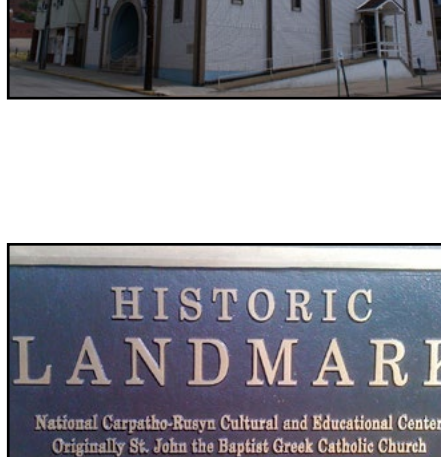
Sunday, August 27, Cleveland, OH

The C-RS Cleveland chapter will once again participate in One World Day festivities from 11-7 pm at the Cleveland Cultural Gardens, Rusin Garden, 930 East Blvd, Cleveland OH 44108. Come join us in the Parade of Flags and all the ethnic entertainment that takes place throughout the day. A naturalization ceremony will welcome new citizens. Whether you come to help at our table or just come for the entertainment, we can assure a good time and that you will learn something new about other cultures.



Saturday, Sept 2 and Sunday, Sept 3, McKeesport, PA

Take part in the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Holy Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church, 330 Shaw Avenue, McKeesport, PA. This church is under the jurisdiction of the Russian Church Outside of Russia. His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion and His Grace Bishop Nicholas will concelebrate an All-Night Vigil on Saturday at 5 p.m. and Divine Liturgy Sunday beginning 9 a.m. Fr. Dimitri Ermakov is rector of the church.



Grand Banquet (cost \$50, under 17, \$25) will begin at 2 p.m. at Stratigos Banquet Centre, 131 Colonial Manor Road, North Huntingdon. Entertainment will be provided by St. Nicholas Balalaika Orchestra from Mogadore, Ohio.

For Reservations: Matushka Natasha Ermakov (412.469.8879), Diane Tomkowitz (412.751.5724), Marion Temple (412.678.6393) Deadline: Sunday, August 6, 2107. A special block of rooms has been reserved for those needing overnight accommodations at SpringHill Suites or Comfort Inn, both in West Mifflin.

Sunday, Sept 17, Parma, OH

Presentation by John Righetti and Maria Sivestri on the Vistula Operation, Parma-Snow Library, 2121 Snow Road, Parma, OH. Free and all are welcome! For more information, call 440.331.3856.



Saturday, Sept 30, Wilkes Barre, PA

Mark your calendars today. The Eastern PA Chapter is once again hosting a superb day long Rusyn Heritage Conference. The Conference highlighting prominent, outstanding Rusyn speakers will be held on Saturday, September 30, at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA. This is definitely a conference not to be missed. Information will follow as plans are finalized. Contact person for conference, Sharon Jarrow, shangp@rcn.com. 610.759.2628.



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 downtown. 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 paulm@comcast.net.



Sunday, October 22, Shelton, CT

The C-RS New England proudly sponsors a lecture "The Trials and Tribulations of Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky" by Very Rev. Ivan Kaszacak, 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@snet.net.

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