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### **Jan 24 2017 Meeting**

*'Modern Ukraine's Greatest Churchman, Andrey Sheptytsky: Genealogy, Achievements and Controversies'*

Fr. Peter Galadza spoke on "Modern Ukraine's Greatest Churchman, Andrey Sheptytsky: Genealogy, Achievements and Controversies". Fr. Galadza spoke about the life and church career of Met. Andrey Sheptytsky (1865-1944) beginning with a short history of his family whose noble origins date to the early medieval period in western Ukraine.

Members of the Sheptytsky family were prominent in the political and religious life of Halychyna for generations and acquired many of the characteristics of the Polish nobility in the last centuries, for example, they became members of the Roman Catholic Church and spoke French at home



*Fr. Peter Galadza – presenter at our Jan 2017 meeting*

Andrey Sheptytsky returned to the Church of his ancestors and became Archbishop of the Greek Catholic Church in Halychyna. In this position, he visited the pioneer Ukrainian communities in

Canada twice, in 1910 and after the First World War.

He corresponded with the Greek Catholic clergy in Canada and provided guidance and advice. Because of his position as leader of the Church and as Exarch, he was drawn into the controversial politics in western Ukraine during the First and Second World Wars. He provided shelter for Jews persecuted by the Nazis during the Second World War and, for his life and good works, plans were made to declare him as a Saint.

### **Some Information about Ukrainian Pioneer Families:**

Interview with Bill Harasym about his parents:

[http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/sgc-cms/histoires\\_de\\_chez\\_nous-community\\_memories/pm\\_v2.php?id=story\\_line&lg=English&fl=0&ex=464&sl=5516&pos=1](http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/sgc-cms/histoires_de_chez_nous-community_memories/pm_v2.php?id=story_line&lg=English&fl=0&ex=464&sl=5516&pos=1)

Wasył and Mary Unguran, Canadian Pioneers 1910-2010

<https://unguranhistor.wordpress.com/laura-story/>

Ships that transported Alberta's Ukrainian Settlers Prior to 1915

[https://sites.ualberta.ca/~ukrville/Family\\_History\\_Portal/finding\\_aids/ship%20list%20by%20ship.pdf](https://sites.ualberta.ca/~ukrville/Family_History_Portal/finding_aids/ship%20list%20by%20ship.pdf)

WikiTree Family Histories (includes some Ukrainian family names)

<https://www.wikitree.com/indexes/person/M/>

### **In case of the need to cancel meetings**

There have been weather warnings in recent months and it was suggested that the UGG develop some procedures for members to follow in the event that a meeting must be cancelled on short notice. Among our main concerns are conditions created by severe weather that complicate driving both to and from our meeting and which may place unnecessary risk on many of our members.

These procedures would also cover other situations which would necessitate cancelling a meeting. For example, some conditions beyond our control may include local power outages especially at the Church Hall, road closures, unavailability of the speaker for personal reasons and local emergencies.

**PROCEDURE:** Starting with our next season in September 2017, all members are requested to check either their email or the UGG website on or after 3:00PM on the day of the meeting to verify that the meeting will be held as scheduled. Whenever a meeting is at risk of being cancelled, the UGG will send out a cautionary notice by e-mail to all who are on our contact list outlining the situation. Updates will be sent as conditions evolve. However, if it is obvious that conditions will not improve after 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, then a notice will be sent cancelling the meeting. Members who do not have access to e-mail and have inquiries about the holding of meetings are encouraged to contact Myron Momryk at (613) 731-1870

### **Next Meeting:**

March 28, Tuesday 7:30 pm.

The topic by Slavco Demchinsky is '*Lost Folk Art in Ukrainian-Canadian Cemeteries*'.

### **Community Events**

*March 1, Wednesday. 7 pm.*

Next meeting of the UCWL (Ottawa) Ukrainian embroidery group that meets the first Wednesday of each month in the church hall of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine. Bring your embroidery project and come for an evening of stitching and socializing. No pre-registration required.

For additional information, contact Christine Habrowych (613) 731-1870 or Luba Mycio-Mommers (613) 299-1659..

*March 10-15. Friday-Wednesday.*

Film "*Bitter Harvest*" at the Bytowne Cinema. Showtimes given: Friday, March 10, 6:45pm; Saturday, March 11, 9:15pm ; Sunday, March 12, 6:35pm; Monday, March 13, 3:45pm; Tuesday, March 14, 9:20pm; Wednesday, March 15, 6:55pm.

<http://www.bytowne.ca/movie/bitter-harvest>  
Story of the Holodomor, the genocidal famine engineered by Joseph Stalin in Ukraine. Directed by George Mendeluk, the film is an action-packed, dramatic tale of love and the importance of family..

*March 22, Wednesday 7.30-10.00 pm.*

The Annual Ivan Franko Lecture: Prof. Bohdan Kordan, University of Saskatchewan, will make a presentation on his new book 'Enemy Aliens: Canada, the Great War, and the Enemy Alien Experience' about the internment experience in Canada during the First World War. University of Ottawa, Desmarais Bldg, Rm 12102