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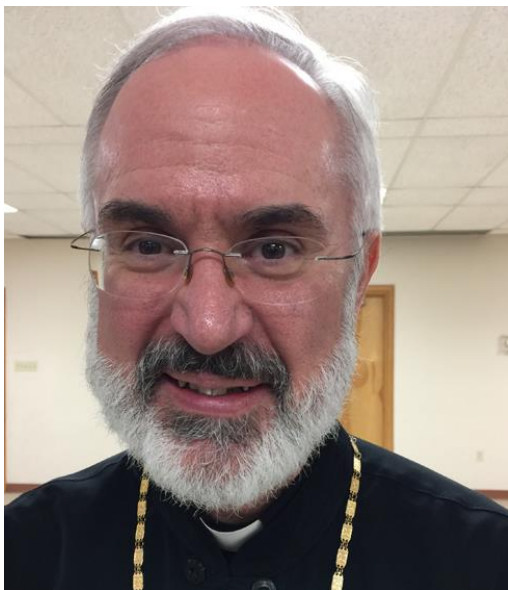
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Jan 22nd 2019 Meeting

The Tomos, Autocephaly and the Orthodox Church in Ukraine

Fr. Maxym Lysack spoke on the topic, 'The Tomos, Autocephaly and the Orthodox Church in Ukraine'. Fr. Lysack is Assistant Professor of Theology and Director of Eastern Christian Studies at Saint Paul University. He is also the Pastor at the Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church in Ottawa. Fr. Lysack began his presentation by outlining the structure of the family of fifteen Orthodox Churches.



Fr. Maxym Lysack – our January speaker

He clarified the various terms heard in the current discussions on the Orthodox Church of Ukraine. He explained 'autocephaly' that is, the independence of a local Orthodox Church in communion with all other Orthodox Churches.

He also explained the 'Tomos' as the document signed by the Patriarch of Constantinople regarding the change in status of an Orthodox Church to full independent status.

Fr. Lysack provided a short summary of the history of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine from 1918 and outlined the recent status of the three Orthodox Churches in Ukraine. The present Orthodox Church of Ukraine is now faced with a number of challenges – to form one united Church; to avoid provocations that may lead to violence; the need to reorganize; to encourage the participation of the laity in the Church; to evangelize the population that includes about 25%-30% who are not members of any religious community.

Church property is considered as state property and rented long-term by the state to the Church. According to the present structure, there are no Orthodox Church of Ukraine parishes outside of Ukraine, and therefore, none in Canada. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer period.

Upcoming Conferences/Meetings

Nashi Predky 2019 Webinars

The Nashi Predky Ukrainian Family History Group will be presenting a series of 4 genealogy webinars in 2019. This includes a June 29 presentation by our UGG-NCR group on "Ukrainian-Canadian Genealogy".

For more information about the webinars and how to register, please visit:

<https://www.ukrhec.org/family-history-group>

*Alberta Genealogical Society 2019 Conference
April 26-28, Edmonton*

Set aside your weekend of 26-28 April 2019, as the Alberta Genealogical Society (AGS) will host another provincial conference celebrating the human story — *Images Through Time*. Every person has a unique narrative built on experiences that shaped who they are. Come join us and enjoy an exhilarating three-days as speakers instill the ability within us to reminisce, discover lost lives and preserve forgotten histories.

With approximately 300-plus attendees from across Western Canada and Northwestern U.S., learn about emerging technology, social media, DNA, enhancing research techniques and more. See official website for precise hours and agenda:

<http://www.abgenealogy.ca/2019-ags-conference-images-through-time>

Initiative Begins to Digitally Preserve Ontario's Historical Vernon Directories

The Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) and Library and Archives Canada (LAC) are working with FamilySearch International to digitize the historical Vernon directories for the province of Ontario. The initiative will begin immediately to preserve and make the directories freely searchable online for family historians, researchers, and Canadians.

Vernon directories were published yearly, by city, from the 1890s to 2014, except for 2010, when the company's ownership changed. They cover most of Ontario, including Toronto. The term "Vernon directories" is derived from the name of the publisher. The initiative will encompass an estimated 1,875 directories. The nonprofit organization FamilySearch became a logical partner, namely due to its optical character recognition scanning technology that will make every word searchable.

OGS approached LAC for the project because LAC holds one of the biggest collections of Vernon directories in Ontario. In addition to

providing access to its collection, LAC will be hosting the digitization project. The directories are a rich resource for researchers because they list the names of local residents, their spouses, addresses, and sometimes even an individual's title or position held at work. This project will allow OGS and LAC to offer a very complete collection of directories for Ontario.

Community Events

February 28, Thursday 7:30 pm

UCPBA Ottawa Annual Ivan Franko Lecture

in Partnership with Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa presents Paul Robert Magocsi, the Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Toronto. Paul will be speaking on his book "On Becoming a Ukrainianist", on the history of Ukrainian studies in North America in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. University of Ottawa in Room FSS 4007. Information: michael@michaelkostiuk.com (613) 324-5409

March 2, Saturday 4:00 pm.

Family Pyrohy Night

Knights of Columbus and Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada Family Pyrohy Night. Vespers at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm. Tickets adults \$ 20.00, youth 7-17 \$ 10.00, children 6 & under free.

To purchase tickets contact Mike Jaz (613) 830-7781, Paul Kozak (613) 224-3551, Simon Harchun (613) 304-0507. St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Crescent.

March 2, Saturday 6:00 pm.

Ottawa Karaoke Pub Night

911 Carling Avenue. Doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets: Adults \$20, Students \$15. To purchase tickets contact LUC Ottawa at ottawaluc@gmail.com