

## Welcome



Dear Friends,

Easter is the most important holiday for Christians throughout the world and especially for Rusyns. It is a celebration of God's greatest sacrifice through his Son, Jesus Christ. We are thankful during this time because Jesus gave us another chance to be good people. His death cleansed us from our sins and through this, brought us hope. Easter is also a good time to think about and enjoy all of our many blessings especially our family and friends.

May this Easter provide you new hope, happiness, prosperity and abundance, all received through God's divine grace, and may it linger in our hearts forever. "Christos Voskresel!"

Take care,

Maryann Sivak, C-RS National President  
[president@c-rs.org](mailto:president@c-rs.org)

*Thank you*

We are so grateful for the very generous donations from the **GCU** and **Dr. Hanich** towards the renovation of our Cultural Center! Thank you for your continued support and confidence in our organization.

## 2018 National Board Election - Call for Nominations

The 2018 Nominating Committee is currently seeking names of members in good standing to lead our organization as members of the National Board of Directors. When nominating a candidate, please include 3-4 sentences on what this member would bring to the nominated position; i.e. skills, talent, etc. All nominated members will be contacted by the committee regarding their willingness to appear on the ballot as a candidate. Please note, with the availability of various media sources, nominees can now live anywhere in the United States or Canada.

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11:59PM, 8 SEPTEMBER 2018. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Nominations may be submitted to the nominations committee by email at [membership@c-rs.org](mailto:membership@c-rs.org) (preferred), or postal mail to:

Carpatho-Rusyn Society, Attn: Nominations Committee  
915 Dickson Street  
Munhall, PA 15120-1929

\*Please account for delivery time when submitting through postal mail so it is received by the deadline. For email submissions, please use BOD Nomination in the subject line.

Nominees for the Board must:

- Be current in their dues payment,
- Be able to participate in monthly board meetings via teleconferencing or other media sources
- Have internet access and be comfortable communicating via email, teleconferencing, or other media sources,
- Be able to actively participate on assigned committee(s),
- Be able to fulfill their fiduciary duties to the organization,
- Be able to participate in any fundraising for the organization, and
- Be familiar with and comply with the C-RS By-Laws. (A link to the by-laws can be found on the home page of the C-RS website.)

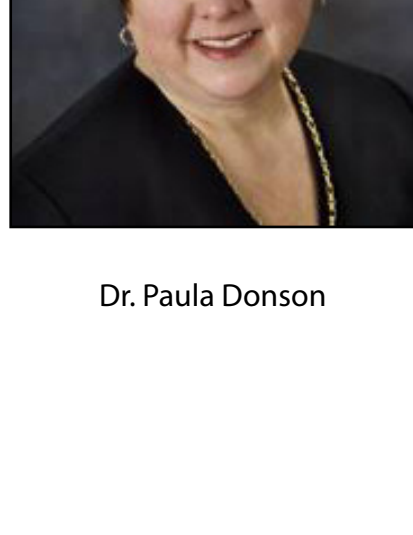
Nominations can be made for the following Board positions. Note, a nominee may be nominated for more than one position, and that nominee can confirm what position they may be interested when contacted by the committee.

- **President:** Chief executive officer of the organization, shall preside at all BOD meetings, represent the society as appropriate and have general supervision of and general management of the affairs of the organization.
- **Vice-President:** Exercises the powers and duties of the President when called on to do so.
- **Recording Secretary:** Takes official minutes of all meetings; maintains all corporate documents including meeting minutes, records and reports; provide notices and documentation as required by the by-laws or the Board.
- **Chief Financial Officer:** Generates and maintains financial records; oversees budgeting, accounting, and investments; pays bills and invoices; responsible for filing taxes; custodian of contracts and business records.
- **Chief Financial Administrator:** Deposits financial vehicles and non-financial valuable effects of the organization; maintains depository records; reports regularly to the board.
- **Chief Information Officer:** Oversees electronic membership records; supervises general mailings; helps the organization with its information technology needs.
- **Trustee (six positions):** Actively participates in day-to-day business of C-RS through fundraising and actively serves on board committees; audits the financial books annually.

For further details or with any questions please contact the committee at [membership@c-rs.org](mailto:membership@c-rs.org) or phone 412-567-3077 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours in Rusyn Unity,  
C-RS Nominations Committee

## The Anna Donson Memorial Scholarship



Dr. Paula Donson

The Anna Donson Memorial Scholarship will be offered once again to an outstanding Rusyn student attending Penn State College. Applicants can attend any of the Branch Campus locations or designated sites that offer courses for credit at Pennsylvania State University or its World Campus.

The \$1000 award was made possible by the generosity of Dr. Paula Donson in memory of her grandmother. The aim of the scholarship is to assist students from the Carpatho-Rusyn community who are affiliated with the Carpatho-Rusyn Society or who have family members that are members of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. The scholarship wishes to encourage the excellent contributions that our people can make to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and beyond the borders of the State. The scholarship also intends to accelerate the advancement of our young Carpatho-Rusyn population, expanding the development of our Carpatho-Rusyn citizens through higher education, and bringing new levels of learning to our community and to our people.

For further information: Please contact Sharon Jarow at [shangp@rcn.com](mailto:shangp@rcn.com) or by calling 610-759-2628.

## C-RS Chapter Event Highlights

### Dr. Magosci Addresses C-RS' Lake Michigan Chapter

The Lake Michigan Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society recently hosted Dr. Paul Robert Magosci in the Chicagoland area in the parish hall of St. Luke Orthodox Church in Palos Hills, Illinois.

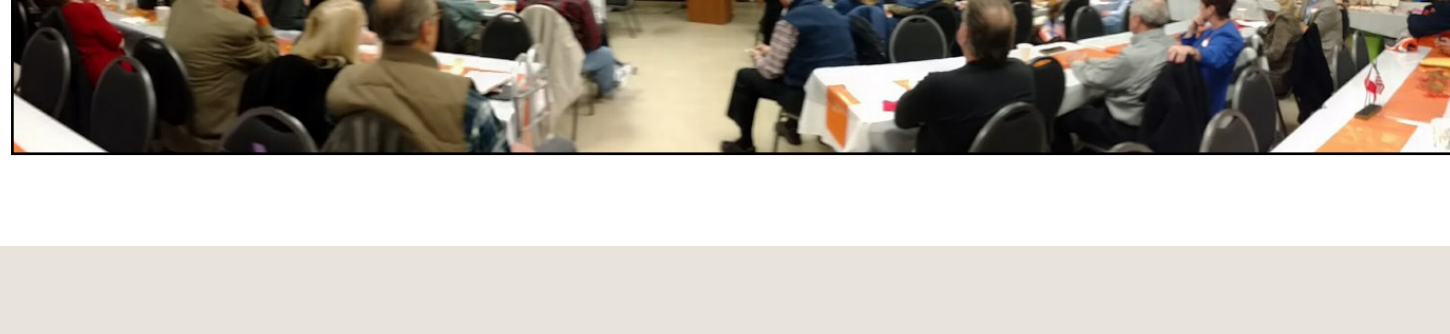
Dr. Magosci, a professor of History and Political Science at the University of Toronto, and prolific author of books, articles and publications, is a key contributing member of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. His topic was "Myths and Stereotypes in Carpatho-Rusyn History".



After his presentation he fielded many questions and signed copies of his books for the 50+ attendees. The presentation included information from his over 800 publications, most notably his latest book "With Their Backs to the Mountains, a History of Carpathian Rus' and Carpatho-Rusyns." Included in his well-illustrated presentation were observations of the Austro-Hungarian Empire (until 1918) and its treatment of non-Magyar cultures, schools and religion. At times, various Slavs did not have many opportunities until 1848 when rural peasants were given more rights.

He debunked the idea that our early immigrants were almost always poor or illiterate, and mentioned the instance of Paul J. Zatkovich, founding president of the Greek Catholic Union and first editor of the Amerikansky Russky Vestnik.

He also addressed the current situation in several European countries which recognize Rusyns as a distinct cultural group whose language is even taught in schools, and where it is not.



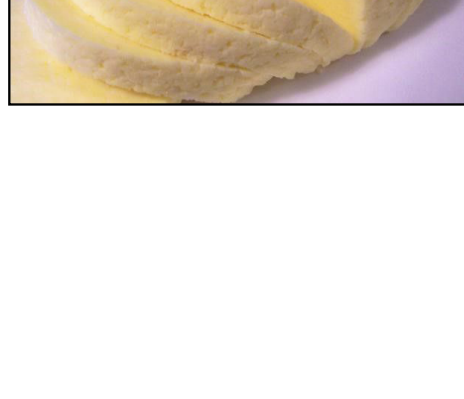
## Rusyn Hrutka (Easter Cheese)

### Ingredients:

1 dozen eggs  
1 quart whole milk - no substitutions  
1-2 tablespoons honey  
1 dash salt  
1/4 teaspoon vanilla (optional)

### Directions:

1. Beat all ingredients well.
2. Pour into a large saucepan and cook very slowly over low heat (stirring often) until it looks kind of like cottage cheese and liquid/curds start to separate.
3. Pour the mixture into a round colander or a strainer lined with cheese cloth and form into a ball.
4. Hang up over a sink and let drip. Drain for about 3 hours.
5. Chill at least 8-10 hours or overnight.
6. Can serve cold, room temperature or warm.



## Save the Dates

### Sunday, March 18, Uniontown, PA

Participate in the 13th Annual EggStravaganza and experience the Rusyn tradition from 12-5 pm at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church Social Hall, 201 E. Main Street, Uniontown PA 15401. Egg artists will demonstrate, display and sell eggs, Easter crafts, basket covers and other Rusyn items will be available for sale. For more information, please call 724-438-6027.



### Sunday, March 18, Parma, OH

Join the C-RS Cleveland for a Meet and Greet with Bishop Milan Lach, SJ from 2-4 pm at the Parma Snow Library, 2121 Snow Road, Parma, OH. Have you met the new Bishop? Join us as Bishop Milan Lach, SJ tells us a little about himself, growing up in Slovakia and what he thinks of life in the US. You will have an opportunity to ask questions. Light refreshments will be served.



### Saturday, March 24, Wayne, NJ

The C-RS New Jersey Chapter hosts "Father Jozef Murgas: The Forgotten Man of Radio" presented by Dr. Thomas M. Check at 1:30 pm at Wayne Public Library, 461 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ 07470.



In the late 19th and early 20th centuries the Wilkes-Barre, PA area in the Anthracite coal region of northeastern Pennsylvania served as a melting pot where many immigrants came in search of a job and a new life for themselves and their families. It was here that a young Roman Catholic priest from Slovakia came not only to lead a new congregation, but to eventually lead the way to the development of wireless communications.

Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. For further information about the program, please send an e-mail to [crsnewjersey@gmail.com](mailto:crsnewjersey@gmail.com) or call Dorothy Bogner at (201) 891-4151.

### Saturday, March 24, Seattle, WA

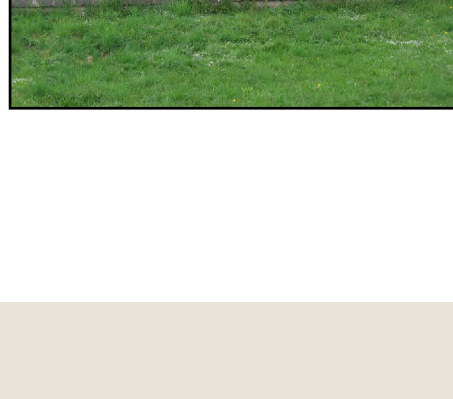
The C-RS Pacific Northwest Branch invites one and all to a Pysanky making workshop from 1:30-4 pm at the Highland Park Improvement Club, West Seattle, 1116 SW Holden St, Seattle WA 98106. Learn the art and the history of Pysanky and make your own to take home!



All materials will be provided and all ages are welcome. Light refreshments. Adults \$8, children \$5. To RSVP and register online go to C-RS Events Page.

### Sunday, March 25, Pittsburgh, PA

A life-long expert on the Battle of Dukla Pass, Bill Tarkulich will discuss the breadth of the revered, crucial, protracted, and bloody chapter in Slovaks' confrontation with Nazi control toward World War II. This includes intended strategy, unintended political and social results, personalities, local citizenry. The presentation will take place from 2-4 pm at Wesley W. Posvar Hall, 230 S. Bouquet St. Pittsburgh, PA 15260.



Mr. Tarkulich has published several papers on Rusyn family history, homeland history, and genealogy research methods for most families in Slovakia. Many of his methods have become de-facto standards for research in Slovakia in general and the Carpathian Mountains and border lands specifically.

**News contributions are welcome!**  
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