



## Welcome



Dear Friends,

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let us recall how it began. The holiday we know today started with Anna Jarvis, who was born May 1, 1864 in Webster, WV.

Poor health and sanitation conditions were prevalent in many areas at that time. Her mother, Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis, lost 8 of her 11 children due to illness. As a result, Ann organized social action clubs to provide medicine and nursing for the sick.

Later, Civil War soldiers –north and south- would bivouac in a park near the Jarvis home. Mrs. Jarvis would go out and help tend the soldiers' wounds. Her "Mothers Friendship Clubs" instructed women on how to care for their children as well as the soldiers of both sides. As a result, thousands joined her efforts.

In 1865, when daughter Anna was one year old, the Jarvis family moved four miles away to Grafton, WV. After graduating high school and the Augusta Female Academy, Anna taught school. Her mother taught Sunday school at the Andrews Methodist Church on Main Street.

When Anna was 12 she had overheard her mother praying that she hoped someday someone would found a day honoring the mothers of the world. Anna never forgot that prayer. At her mother's grave service in 1905, she promised "By the grace of God, you shall have that Mother's Day!"

In 1908, she led a tribute to her mother and all mothers at Andrews Methodist Church. The next year a Mother's Day service was held in Philadelphia. Anna and her supporters began writing hundreds of letters to powerful people nationwide. By 1911 forty-five states, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Canada and Mexico celebrated Mother's Day.

Anna Jarvis became a friend of President Woodrow Wilson who, in 1914, declared Mother's Day a national holiday to be celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

The Grafton church where Anna had celebrated the first Mother's Day in 1908 was named the International Mother's Day Shrine.

So, dear Moms for all you have done and all you are, we love you. Happy Mother's Day!

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## The Anna Donson Memorial Scholarship

The Anna Donson Memorial Scholarship Committee has met to finalize the application process of this generous scholarship offered by Dr. Paula Donson in memory of her grandmother. The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize and provide financial assistance to outstanding students who are attending The Pennsylvania State University or any of its branches as candidates for a degree in the College of Education or any of the Colleges of Science or Engineering. Each scholarship of \$1000 shall be awarded for one year to the selected recipient. The gift amount is \$5,000.



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 Society provides its members with a shared community that is based on our collective experience of immigration from Eastern Europe to the United States. The scholarship wishes to recognize the excellent contributions that our people have made 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.

As soon as completed an application form including all requirements for eligibility will be posted on the Carpatho-Rusyn Society website of <https://carpathorusynsociety.wildapricot.org> or from Sharon Pohanish Jarro, Carpatho-Rusyn Society Education Committee Chair, at [shangp@rcn.com](mailto:shangp@rcn.com)

## Miss World Rusin Competition



Angelika Hlinka (18) will be proudly representing the United States in the Miss World Rusin competition taking place on May 27th in Svidnik, Slovakia. Angelika lives in Manhattan, NY and is currently attending The Fashion Institute of Technology. Her father and maternal grandfather (Dido) are originally from Litmanova Slovakia, Her maternal grandmother (Baba) is originally from Kamienka Slovakia (Kamjunka).

From the time that Angelika was young, her American-born mother stressed the importance of learning the Rusin language and keeping the customs and traditions alive. Angelika makes frequent trips to Slovakia to visit family and considers Litmanova and Kamjunka her second homes.

Angelika is very excited to travel to Svidnik to represent the Rusins in America and said, "I am very proud of where we come from and I want to let people know even though a lot of Rusins left Slovakia to come live in America we never let go of our traditions and customs."

More information about Angelika and the Miss World Rusin competition will be included in the next edition of the New Rusyn Times. [Click to register your vote for Angelika](#). Find her name and then click "like."

## Save the Dates

### Saturday, June 3, Burton, OH

The Cleveland Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society is sponsoring a Vatra (outdoor festival) on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 12-8 pm on the grounds of the Shrine of Mariapoch located on 17486 Mumford Road, Burton, Oh and just north of Route 422. There will be ethnic food, music, children's activities, genealogy information and help, C-RS items for sale and a liturgy in Old Slavonic at 4 pm. A bonfire will take place around 7 pm. Admission is \$3 for adults. For more information or to volunteer, call 330-441-2057 or 440-823-7697. Visit the [C-RS Facebook](#) page for the full event schedule!



### Saturday, June 3, Hillsborough, NJ

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey, is pleased to announce that it is sponsoring a genealogy and history conference as a part of its centennial celebration entitled, "Honoring our Ancestors." The event will take place on Saturday June 3 and registration begins at 8:30 am at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 1900 Brooks Blvd, Hillsborough NJ 08844.

Come learn how to begin doing your genealogy from the experts and enjoy presentations from knowledgeable guest speakers! Seating is very limited, so pre-registration is recommended. For more information, contact Kathryn and Tom Peters at 908-253-8147.



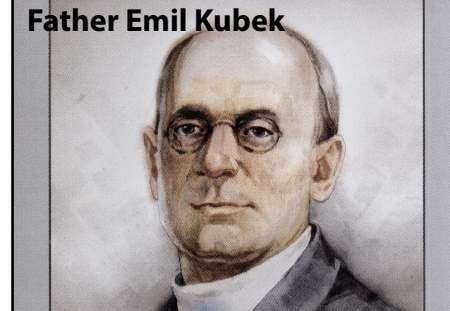
### Saturday, June 10, Pittsburgh, PA

C-RS group member, Slavjane Folk Ensemble, will hold their 41st annual concert on Saturday June 10, 2017. This year's concert will be a dinner/theater event held entirely at St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church banquet hall, located at 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, PA 15120. Doors open at 5 pm, and the concert starts at 6 pm. Enjoy an evening with Slavjane as they present music, songs and dances from Slovenia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Carpatho-Rus'. Delicious ethnic food such as pirohy, halusky, and holubky will be available for purchase as well as various baked goods and a cash bar. Reception music will be provided by the popular Orkestar Zabava. For more information, please contact Dean Poloka at 412-877-9351, or email [dean.poloka@gmail.com](mailto:dean.poloka@gmail.com).



### Saturday, June 17, Mahanoy City, PA

Professor Nick Kupensky (Ph.D., Yale University, 2017) is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Comparative Humanities at Bucknell University and the Vice President of the Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center. His noted research involves a project in the Digital and Public Humanities dedicated to the life and work of the Rusyn-American writer [Emil Kubek](#). Sponsored by the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, Eastern PA Chapter, Professor Kupensky will present a lecture on Father Emil Kubek at St. Mary's Ruthenian Church in Mahanoy City, 621 W. Mahanoy Avenue, Mahanoy City, PA 17948 on June 17, 2017. The program will begin at 1 pm at St. Mary's Church with a lecture by Professor Kupensky followed by a walking tour of Mahanoy City and ending with a 4PM mass at the church. For further information contact Chuck Schneider at [cfsomni@aol.com](mailto:cfsomni@aol.com).



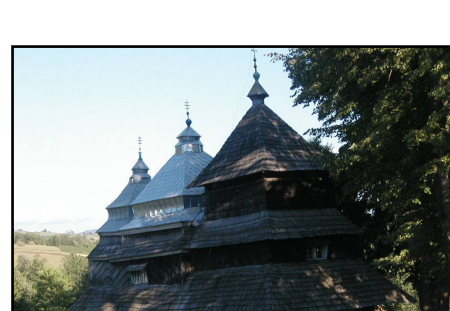
### Saturday, June 17, Youngstown, OH

"Simply Slavic," the festival created specifically to celebrate Youngstown's Slavic community, will take place on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from Noon to Midnight on Federal Plaza East in Downtown Youngstown. The C-RS Youngstown/Warren/Sharon will be participating. The event will include live music, folk dance performances, homemade food, children's learning areas, educational exhibits, workshops, and ethnic vendors. A full day of entertainment and education is planned. Admission is \$4.00. Children 12 years old and younger will be admitted free of charge. For more information, visit <http://www.simplyslavic.org/>.



### Saturday, July 15, Center Valley, PA

"Carpatho- Rusyn Wooden Churches of Eastern Europe." Presentation on July 15, 2017 from 10am - 12:30pm at Penn State Lehigh Valley Campus, 2809 Saucon Valley Rd, Center Valley, PA 18034. Dr. Michele Parvensky will present a riveting presentation on her ongoing research over the past 20 years of the wooden churches. Her pictures highlight the architecture and profound beauty of these churches. As the date becomes closer more details will follow. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Sharon Jarro at 610-759-2628 or email [shangp@rcn.com](mailto:shangp@rcn.com).



### 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.



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