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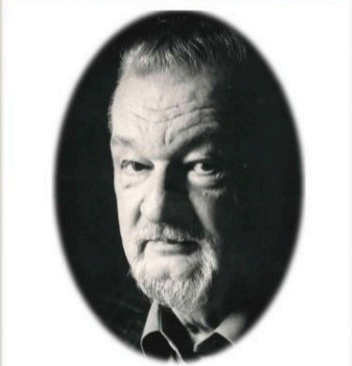


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ВІДІЙШОВ У ВІЧНІСТЬ
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**UCCA MOURNS
THE PASSING OF
LEONID RUDNYTZKY**



Д-р Леонід Рудницький
1935 - 2024

Virtual viewing - Friday 13 December

Virtual Funeral Service - Saturday 14 December

З великим сумом і жалем, Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки (УККА) повідомляє своїх членів та всю українсько-американську громаду що 8 грудня 2024 року, [упокоївся в Бозі](#) колишній член Крайової Екзекутиви УККА та колишній головний редактор українського квартальника УККА «The Ukrainian Quarterly», **д-р Леонід Рудницький**.

It is with great sorrow and regret that the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) informs its members and the entire Ukrainian American community that in the early hours of 8 December 2024, **Professor Leonid Rudnytzky**, former UCCA National Executive Board Member and former Editor-in-Chief of UCCA's The Ukrainian Quarterly, [passed away at the age of 89.](#)

Професор Рудницький народився 8 вересня 1935 р. у м. Львові в родині Івана Теодора Рудницького, юриста й офіцера Української Галицької Армії, та Юлії Рудницької (уродженої Лужницької). Під час Другої світової війни, родина Рудницьких втікла на Захід від наступаючих совєцьких військ у 1944 році. Через рік після смерті батька в 1951 році, у віці 16 років, Леонід емігрував з матір'ю до США. В 1958 році закінчив навчання в коледжі Ла Саль у м. Філадельфії. У 1960 році здобув ступінь магістра з Університеті Пенсільванії, а в 1965 році успішно захистив докторську дисертацію в [Українському вільному університеті](#) в Мюнхені.

Prof. Rudnytzky was born on 8 September 1935, in Lviv, Ukraine, into the family of Ivan Teodor Rudnytzky, a lawyer and an officer in the [Ukrainian Galician Army](#), and Yulia Rudnytzky (née Luzhnytsky.) The Rudnytzky family escaped from their homeland in 1944 prior to the Soviet forces re-occupying Ukrainian territory at the end of the Second World War. Following his father's death in 1951, at the age of 16, Leonid emigrated with his mother to the United States and in 1958 he completed his undergraduate studies at La Salle College (now University) in Philadelphia, PA. In 1960, he obtained a master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania and, in 1965, he successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at the [Ukrainian Free University](#) in Munich, West Germany.

У 1974 році проф. Рудницький став частиною першої групи вірних, зібраних [Блаженнішим Патріархом Кардиналом Йосифом Сліпим](#), на заснування [Релігійного Товариство Українців Католиків «Свята Софія» США](#), організації до якої проф. Рудницький присвятив понад 50 років свого життя, в тому числі на посаді Президента товариства з 2004 по 2018 рр. Також за рекомендацією Блаженнішого Йосифа Сліпого, проф. Рудницький був обраний директором філії [Українського католицького університету \(УКУ\)](#) у м. Філадельфії.

In 1974 Prof. Rudnytzky became part of the original group of faithful gathered by [His Beatitude Patriarch Cardinal Josyf Slipyj](#) at the founding of the [St. Sophia Religious Association of Ukrainian Catholics, U.S.A.](#), an organization to which he dedicated more than 50 years of his life, serving as President of the Association from 2004-2018. His Beatitude also appointed Prof. Rudnytzky as the director of the [Ukrainian Catholic University \(UCU\)](#) affiliate in Philadelphia (Elkins Park).

У 1985–1986, 1989–1990 проф. Рудницький був головою Міжнародного товариства ім. Івана Франка у США. Тривалий час обіймав посаду декана філологічного факультету і члена сенату Українського Вільного Університету в Мюнхені, а від вересня 1988 до 2004 року був його ректором. Протягом останніх 60 років, проф. Рудницький брав активну участь в [Науковому товаристві ім. Шевченка \(НТШ\)](#), в тому числі як голова (1990–2000) НТШ в Америці і як Президент Головної (Світової) Ради НТШ (1992–2006). У 2005 р. з нагоди його 70-ліття, нагороджений найвищою почесною нагородою НТШ в Україні – медаллю Михайла Грушевського.

From 1985-1986 and again from 1989-1990, he served as Chair of the Ivan Franko International Society in the United States. From 1996 to 1999 Prof. Rudnytsky was the Dean of the Faculty of Philology and from 1998 until 2004 he served as Rector of the Ukrainian Free University in Munich, Germany. Over the past 60 years, Prof. Rudnytsky has been actively involved in the Shevchenko Scientific Society (NTSh), including serving as President (1990–2000) of the [Shevchenko Scientific Society in the US](#) and as President of the World Council of the Shevchenko Scientific Society (1992–2006). In 2005, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, he was awarded the highest honorary award of the NTSh in Ukraine – the Mykhailo Hrushevsky Medal.

Серед численних нагород і визнань професор Рудницький отримав відзнаку Президента України за особистий внесок у розбудову Української держави в 1996 році, а також отримав орден Ярослава Мудрого IV ступеня в Києві, Україна в 2003 році. У 2004 році він став лицарем Суверенного Мальтійського Ордону.

Among his many awards and recognitions, Prof. Rudnytzky received the Award of the President of Ukraine in 1996 for his personal contribution to

the development of the Ukrainian state, and the Order of Yaroslav the Wise IV degree in 2003. In 2004, he became a Knight of the Sovereign Order of Malta.

УККА назавжди будемо вдячні за лідерство професора Рудницького як член нашої Крайової Екзекутиви, і як головний редактор українського кварталника УККА «The Ukrainian Quarterly», та його підвищення українсько-американської громади по цілому світі.

UCCA will forever be grateful for Prof. Rudnysky's leadership as part of UCCA's National Executive Board, and as Editor-in-Chief of UCCA's The Ukrainian Quarterly, as well promoting the Ukrainian American community around the world.

УККА висловлює найщиріші співчуття дружині Ірині, дітям Катерині, Ларисі та Миколі з їхніми родинами, членам родини, близьким друзям та всій українсько-американській громаді з приводу нашої втрати.

UCCA sends its sincerest condolences to his wife Irene, his children Kateryna, Larysa, and Nicholas with their families, their extended family members and close friends, and the entire Ukrainian American community for this great loss.

Вічна Йому Пам'ять!

Friday, 13 December 2024:

Viewing from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Parastas at 7:00pm

Fletcher-Nasevich Funeral Home

[9529 Bustleton Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19115](#)

For virtual participation on Friday, please use the following link **<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83384472905>**

Saturday 14 December 2024:

Brief viewing from 10:45am

Requiem Liturgy at 11:00am
Christ the King Ukrainian Catholic Church
[1629 W Cayuga St, Philadelphia, PA 19140](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1629+W+Cayuga+St,+Philadelphia,+PA+19140)

For virtual participation on Saturday, please use the following link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83796503725>

Saturday 14 December 2024:

Following the morning Requiem Liturgy, the Burial will take place at:
St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery
[438 Cedar Rd, Elkins Park, PA 19027](https://www.google.com/maps/place/438+Cedar+Rd,+Elkins+Park,+PA+19027)

Замість квітів пожертви можна зложити на

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, remembrances be made in the form of contributions to the following organizations:

St. Sophia Religious Association of Ukrainian Catholics, USA
7911 Whitewood Rd. Elkins Park, PA 19027

Support St. Sophia via PayPal

The Ukrainian Free University Foundation
136 Second Ave., New York, NY, 10003

Support UFUF via PayPal

The Shevchenko Scientific Society in Ukraine
532 Orioles Dr., Lehighton, Pa 18235

Christ the King Ukrainian Catholic Church
1629 W Cayuga St, Philadelphia, PA 19140



NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets call off 'ruSSian Heritage Night'



On [11 December 2024](#), less than 24 hours before faceoff, the [Columbus Blue Jackets](#) canceled a so-called “russian Heritage Night” planned for 12 December during a home game in Columbus, OH, against the visiting Washington Capitals. [Letters of protest](#) had been written to some 20 of the Blue Jackets’ corporate sponsors, the NHL’s top management and Ohio’s governor as part of an [advocacy campaign](#) lead by the [United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio \(UOO\)](#).

From the [UOO press release](#):

The United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio, in partnership with the Ukrainian Cultural Association of Ohio and the Congress Committee of America, are pleased that the Columbus Blue Jackets ultimately made the right decision to cancel russian Heritage Night. We sincerely thank the corporate sponsors and individuals who raised their concerns and contributed to this outcome.

The sponsoring organization, the russian Heritage Network, appears to lack a genuine presence in Ohio. Its stated mission involves leveraging soft power to advance the economic interests of the russian Federation and enhance its global influence.

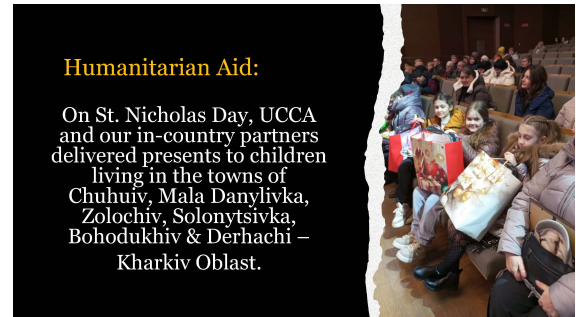
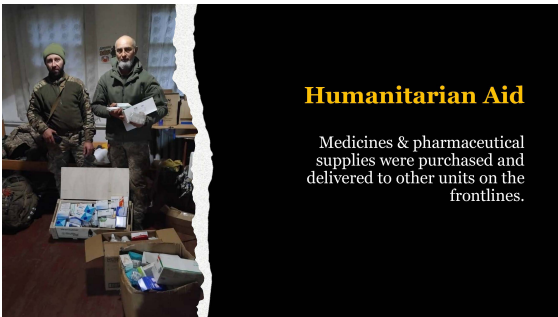
This situation serves as a critical teaching moment. We call on the Columbus Blue Jackets, the NHL, and all corporations to exercise greater diligence and responsibility when considering partnerships. It is

essential to ensure that such affiliations do not unintentionally align with organizations pursuing hidden or potentially harmful agendas.

Слава Україні! Героям слава!



UCCA's Humanitarian Aid



[Download UCCA's 123rd Humanitarian Aid Report \(PDF\)](#)

[Download UCCA's 124th Humanitarian Aid Report \(PDF\)](#)

UCCA thanks our generous charitable donors who have enabled the delivery of nearly \$50 million USD in humanitarian aid and non-lethal assistance through UCCA and our partners. But Ukraine's 7.5 million children and their families remain at risk this Winter. Please donate today to help keep Ukrainians fed, clothed, and healthy.

Thanks to the generosity of the Ukrainian American community and the general public, each donation, large or small, to UCCA's [#SupportUkraine](#) campaign has made an impact. We thank YOU for all that you continue to do to support Ukraine!

During this Holiday Season of giving, UCCA hopes it can count on your **continued generous support**, and help enable us to continue providing what is necessary to keep Ukrainians prepared for the unexpected. In addition to UCCA's 2024 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest award from the charity rating organization Candid, all of [UCCA's "War Aid Updates"](#) and "Special Mission Reports" can be reviewed at [UCCA.org](https://ucca.org).

Donate to #SupportUkraine Today!

Review All of UCCA's Humanitarian Aid Reports

Your checks are also welcome!
Mail to:

UCCA
203 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10003

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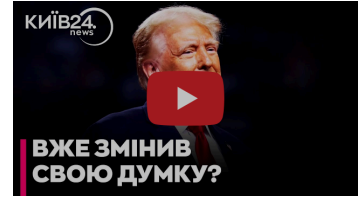
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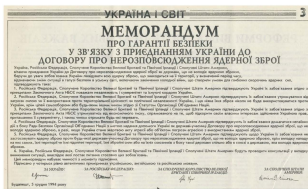
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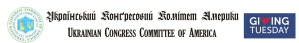


30 Years On - The Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances



When the Soviet Union ceased to exist, Ukraine controlled the third largest nuclear arsenal in the world, with more nuclear weapons than China, France, and the United Kingdom combined. With the encouragement of the United States, the people of Ukraine voluntarily rid the world of its stockpile of nuclear warheads, and in the process, ensured that those weapons would not end up in the hands of a rogue nation state or a radicalized terror cell.

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#GIVING TUESDAY™

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The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is referred to as Giving Tuesday, when donations to charity are encouraged as a part of the holiday season.

As a nonprofit organization, UCCA relies heavily on our donors for support, and we hope you will donate as generously as you can this #GivingTuesday, 3 December 2024.

If you believe, as we do, that a democratic Ukraine, whole and free, is in the national security interests of the United States, that the United States should live up to its public and binding security guarantees to Ukraine, then please support our educational, humanitarian and advocacy initiatives that spotlight Ukrainian heritage in America.

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Holodomor Then, Genocide Now, Justice... When?



On 23 November 2024, Ukrainian Americans once again gathered inside historic St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City for an ecumenical requiem service in memory of the innocent victims of the Holodomor, Stalin's Famine-Genocide of Ukrainians in 1932-33.

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Are you receiving UNIS' Action Alerts?

SAVE-THE-DATE: February 2025 Ukrainian Days in Washington, DC

Ukrainian National Information Service: unis@ukrainian.org
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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

SAVE THE DATE - "Ukrainian Days" in February 2025

The first #StandWithUkraine "Ukrainian Days" advocacy fete for 2025 will be held in-person in Washington, DC from February 24-25, 2025.

Sponsored by the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS), the Washington, DC public affairs bureau of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), this advocacy event remains an important endeavor for the Ukrainian American community to meet with their elected officials, especially with new members of the incoming 119th Congress who were elected on November 5, 2024.

The goal of the two-day in-person event from February 24-25, 2025 is to continue the advocacy of pressing issues such as expanding sanctions against Russia (in particular Russian banks and third party sanctions evaders), designation of Russia as a State Sponsor of Terrorism, awareness of Russia's war crimes including the abduction of Ukrainian children, and, to thank elected officials for their support of Ukraine. The Ukrainian Days advocacy event will also commemorate the 3rd anniversary of Russia's brutal and unprovoked genocidal war against Ukraine!

As in previous advocacy events, an evening virtual briefing session will be held prior to the two-day in-person fete and briefing notes will be distributed to all Ukrainian Days participants. Additional information and details will be provided promptly.

INVITATION: Holodomor in the Arts - December 18, 2024

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Dear Friends!

On behalf of Ambassador of Ukraine to the USA Oksana Markarova let us invite you to a book discussion entitled, "The Holodomor: Stalin's Secret Genocide," which will be held at 3pm on Wednesday, December 18, at Ukraine House in Washington, DC (1154 Holodomor RD, NW).

Andrea Chaluska, writer and producer of Mr. Jones (directed by renowned filmmaker Agnieszka Holland) and the author of the book *Shadow of Stalin: The Story of Mr. Jones*, and Michael Sawka, Jr., President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) and Chair of the U.S. Committee for Ukrainian Holodomor Genocide Awareness, will discuss how cinema, art, and literature can raise global awareness of the Holodomor, and explore its significance in the context of Russia's ongoing genocidal violence against Ukraine.

Don't miss this important event, register by December 16, 2024 by writing to svp@ucca.org

In the *Shadow of Stalin: The Story of Mr. Jones* will be available for purchase at the event.

We are looking forward to your attendance.

Invitation | Twenty-First Annual Lipset Lecture: Serhii Plokhii on "David vs. Goliath: Democracy and Autocracy in the Russo-Ukrainian War"

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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

AN INVITATION WEBINAR: DAVID VS. GOLIATH – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

In cooperation with the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and the Embassy of Canada, below please find an invitation for the Seymour Lipset lecture series "Democracy in the World." The webinar, entitled "David vs. Goliath," will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 5:00pm EST and will feature remarks by Prof. Serhii Plokhii, Director of the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI). The lecture series will prove to be quite interesting and informative.

Please register at the link below and join in the discussion with Prof. Plokhii.

Should you have questions or comments, please contact the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) at: unis@ucca.org.

Michael Sawka, Jr.
President
Ukrainian Congress Committee of America
and
Director

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