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Seasons Greetings Message from Dr. Maureen Flaherty

Few will argue that 2020 has been a challenging year. Depending upon life circumstances, perhaps not the most for some folks; however, “different” could be an adjective we all might share. The CUCS began the year in a very cold January with a new PhD student from Ukraine, Mariana Hasiak, in our midst. She ended up staying a few extra months, captive by COVID. Now safe at home in Lviv, she is continuing her study on how institutions of higher education can support veterans in their re-integration into civilian life.

The CUCS was fortunate, despite the lockdown, to continue to work virtually, with the able admin support of Ms. Tammy De Jong, the creative energies of loyal volunteer, Ivan Zovnych and each member of our volunteer policy council. Thank you! Fulfilling the mandate of our new management structure, we were able to hold a search and from a group of excellent candidates hired Ms. Yuliia Ivaniuk as the CUCS new Coordinator. The Centre’s future is bright with this new leadership and the ongoing work of this core group of volunteers and the support of the Faculty of Arts Admin Hub and St. Andrew’s College.

As 2020 comes to a close, and my tenure as Acting Director of the CUCS ends, with much gratitude I would like to also thank the folks of St. Andrew’s College, particularly Fr. Roman Bozyk, Dobr. Genia Bozyk and Ms. Solomiya Shavala for their tremendous support and warmth over the last two years. Thank you also to the larger community for your welcoming of this Ukrainian at heart. Even as we find new and creative ways to celebrate and appreciate our lives and each other, I wish you all the joys and hope that this season brings. З Новим роком та Різдвом Христовим!

LECTURE

ST NICHOLAS DAY IN UKRAINIAN
CANADIAN CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Rt. Rev. Dr. Roman Bozyk – Dean of Theology, St. Andrew’s College
Ms. Myroslava Pidhirnyj – Ukrainian Community Leader in Manitoba

This presentation explores the history of St. Nicholas Day in Ukrainian Canadian religious and cultural tradition. The evolution of the holiday and customs will be explored.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 16, 2020
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CST
Find the Zoom link on the UM Events Calendar

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Christmas Message from the CUCS Coordinator

I am excited to be joining the Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies and the St. Andrew’s College as the CUCS Coordinator. Dr. Maureen Flaherty has been an exceptional Director and I am looking forward to building on her accomplishments. I have started working for the Centre during my first year in Canada back in October 2016 as an international student pursuing a Master’s Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies and ever since I have been deeply passionate about the Centre’s mission of creating, preserving and communicating knowledge related to Ukrainian Canadian culture and scholarship. I am looking forward to bringing my experience gained from serving in various roles within the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba and my own new ideas to this position.

We are excited to launch our Virtual 2020-2021 lecture series, which will commence on December 16th and feature Rt. Rev. Dr. Roman Bozyk and Ms. Myroslava Pidhirnyj’s exploration of the St. Nicholas Day in Ukrainian Canadian Christmas Tradition. Also, we will continue to work with Dr. Maureen Flaherty on her research project: “Collecting Canadian Ukrainians’ Stories”, developing new courses and a lot more that will be shared with you shortly. If you have not had a chance, please follow us on our social media.

I would also like to welcome Mr. Harshiv Bagha, the Centre’s new Assistant to the Coordinator to the team and thank Ms. Tammy De Jong for her stellar work and wish her all the best with her new units.

Finally, I would like to express deep gratitude to the Centre’s donors, past directors, Policy Council, volunteers and St. Andrew’s College Board of Directors and staff for the continuous support and contributions to the Centre. The CUCS team would like to wish everyone a joyful and safe holiday season and all the best in the new year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!